

## HOMECOMING PRINCESS

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Leslie had one of those big tooth smiles that makes you want to find a van and coax her in and drive her to the ends of the earth and stay there with her.

She was attracted to smart bad-boy types, maybe because her father had some bad boy (alcoholic, divorced mom and remarried), maybe because living in the suburbs was like breathing in a plastic bag, maybe because being middle class in 1965 meant having to deal with the Vietnam War, how wrong it was, and how she and every other middle-class kid was culpable. She had an older brother who'd already served time in the brig; he wouldn't fight.

Leslie's mom said that when she was little she had a good sense of humor and was "feisty." Besides her older brother, she had two younger siblings, adopted Korean War orphans. The family went to church, went camping and hiking (they lived right near Eaton Canyon Park), and sometimes drove to the beach. Dad was an auctioneer and mom taught at the church school, even though she preferred just being a mom. Leslie put up with high school--Monrovia High, ten miles from where she was born--a smart kid who did just enough schoolwork to keep a low profile. She was more into doing than studying: Camp Fire girls, Future Teachers, church choir, band (tuba), Job's Daughters, student government, and homecoming princess, twice.

Leslie: "I liked winning, and I always won."

She was fourteen when her parents divorced; she survived but missed her dad and got a boyfriend, Bobby Mackey, who'd been expelled from high school. Beatlemania was getting old, and drugs were around, LSD and pot, so she got into that--and school got even lamer. She lost

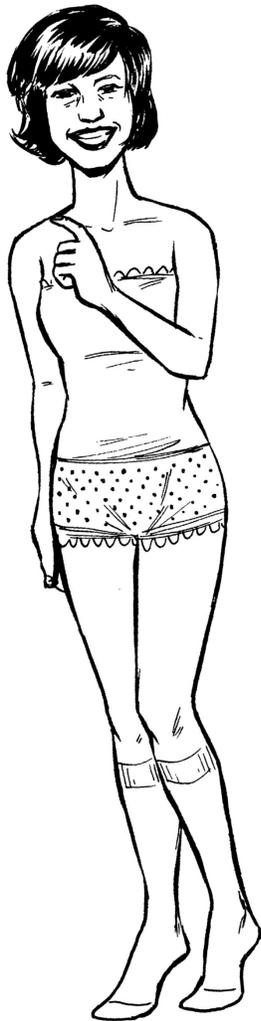
interest in books and needlework, got pregnant and had an abortion, which was not an uplifting experience, and moved in with her father after graduation. She started thinking maybe she should be a nun--a Catholic one. Then she and Bobby got involved in the Self-Realization Fellowship, which taught enlightenment through meditation, yoga, and celibacy. The SRF needed a secretary, so she went to secretary school and learned to type sixty words a minute, and take shorthand at 160 words a minute.

Bobby: "A beautiful human being, great self-image, socially active. She was aggressive. She knew what she wanted, and she got it."

Ok, so I'm putting notes on these images, to tell you about them and why I picked them. You can make them your own by cutting them out.



Leslie was the homecoming princess two years running.



I was hoping Sungyoon would make Leslie hotter. But Sungyoon did capture something quite sad, didn't she? The all-American girl? I guess the idea was to have one doll where Leslie was 14 or so—to show how close to childhood she was when all this happened.



Oh, color yourself!

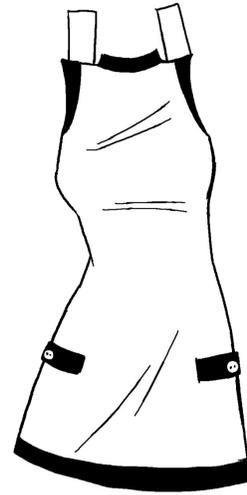
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1968, JUNE + JULY

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06/03) Andy Warhol is shot in his studio in NYC. He survives. 04) Four hundred graduating students walk out on Commencement Day ceremonies at Columbia University. Over a thousand police officers are present; many are disguised in graduation robes. Seven million students will protest on US campuses in 1968. 05) The titular track from Johnny Cash's May LP release, Live at Folsom Prison, is pulled from radio play with the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, due to the line "I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die." 08) James Earl Ray is arrested as the suspected gunman in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 12) Theatrical release of Rosemary's Baby, directed by Roman Polanski. 14) In connection to draft protests, Dr. Benjamin Spock and four others are convicted on conspiracy charges. 16) Parisian police reclaim the Sorbonne University. In May, a student strike led to a general strike of ten million. 19) On Juneteenth, the celebratory date for the end of slavery in the United States, the Libre Community of artists is founded on 360 acres in Colorado; in Washington, to commemorate the date, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s associates and other organizers direct fifty thousand marchers on the National Mall. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, is the keynote speaker. 21) In Booneville, California, Susan "Sadie" Atkins is one of five arrested in a narcotics raid. Ten days later, she's released, re-arrested, and re-jailed. 24) Authorities dismantle "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington. 24) Montreal's Saint Jean Baptiste parade erupts in violence. 29) "Tip-Toe Thru' the Tulips" by Tiny Tim peaks at number seventeen on the US charts.

Prom or homecoming princess.



This outfit fits on the 14-year-old Leslie doll and the 17+ Leslie doll.

Leslie mastered speed typing at secretary school.



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07/01) Publication of the thirty-two-page statement "Toward a Female Liberation Movement" by Beverly Jones and Judith Brown. The text begins with a "shattered" layout of text snippets. One example: "Turn on the electricity and see her glow. It's American Woman, 1968. She's better than a robot: she's self-programming." 01) The Boys Town Choir appears as a part of the "National in the Rockies" convention. An album of a Tokyo performance is in the works and the album Christmas with the Everly Brothers and the Boys Town Choir is scheduled for rerelease. A national organization and an international paradigm of the orphanage, the Boys Town of this period will be plagued by accusations of abuse and pedophilia. In later recollections, Manson will describe routine rapes in state care; in 1952 he was charged with having sodomized another boy. 07) The Realist publishes "The Yippies are Going to Chicago," an essay by Abbie Hoffman. 08) Donald John Trump, the son of New York Real Estate baron, Frederick Christ Trump Sr., is classified as 1-A in the US military draft. Trump had been classified 1-A before, in 1966, but was subsequently granted a student deferment, 2-S; Trump's 1968 status change is the result of his graduation, with a Bachelor in Science in Economics, from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at University of Pennsylvania. The 1-A classification indicates "available for service," and makes likely a tour of service in Vietnam. 11) LP release of Waiting for the Sun by The Doors. 15) For three consecutive nights, club-swinging police march through the Haight Ashbury district of San Francisco. Since the Summer of Love, 1967, the neighborhood has festered. 17) A coup d'état topples the government of Iraq, which will lead to Saddam Hussein's appointment as Vice Chairman of Iraq's Revolutionary Council. 17) In Chicago, Operation Breadbasket boycotts A&P Supermarkets, a dominant US supermarket chain. Breadbasket, nationally led by Jesse Jackson, champions fair labor practices and the equitable distribution of food. 18) LP release of Anthem of the Sun by the

Grateful Dead. 23) Five-day race riot in Cleveland, Ohio. 24) At the Newport Folk Festival, Arlo Guthrie records "Alice's Restaurant," which he performed for the first time at the festival the previous year. 25) The birth-control pill is condemned by Pope Paul VI. 27) A three-day race riot begins in Gary, Indiana. 28) In response to police brutality, the American Indian Movement (AIM) is born. 30) The cigarette Virginia Slims market tests the advertising campaign "You've Come a Long Way, Baby."

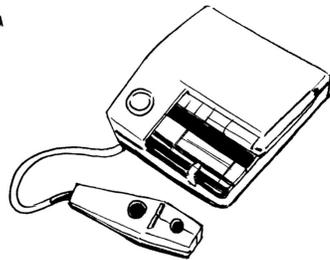


This is a pre-hippy look. Hmm, like 1965 to 1967, the year Leslie graduated from high school.

A little more Be-In right here.



Here's some office paraphernalia to show you how shitty a life as a secretary was looking.



Fumbling around with a dictaphone for the next forty years was not in keeping with the philosophy of 1968.

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