



ANNIE JUMP AND THE LIBRARY OF HEAVEN by Reina Hardy

DR. JUMP: I know you're mad at me. And I can even understand why you're mad at me. If you have anything to say you should feel free to say it to my face.

I know you prefer that I keep my work on the internet and out of the public space. If the communication, in its nature, had not necessitated public participation- And I would say I'm sorry, but I cannot be sorry. I will not be sorry should it happen that in three days... well... it's simply too important. And I want you to know this has nothing to do with our previous discussion about my medications. That isn't something you have to worry about. You're my daughter. No one is going to take you away.

Do you know what bugs me about lithium?

I mean ONE of the things that bugs me.

It's SO OLD.

Only three elements were created in the big bang. Hydrogen. Helium. And just the tiniest bit of lithium. Everything else - from carbon to iron to gold- had to be cooked up epochs later, in the hearts of stars.

And yet lithium - one of the three oldest things in the universe - is something we put inside this -

(He taps his own skull.)

Really. It's barbaric. It's like doing brain surgery with a large rock.

Of course I'm taking them, Annie! Have a little faith in me.

Three days. And I'll prove it to you. We're not alone.