

**HOPE**

Yup! Round and round just says it all. It's time to let the drama go. You just keep playing out the same story. It's a self-control issue really, dangerous in people your age.

**PANDORA**

What's wrong with my age?

**HOPE**

Nothing. It's just that you were, what, about 18-19 when you came here? You've been here for a few thousand years; that makes you....

**PANDORA**

*Interrupting/snippy*

All right, never mind, I get your point.

**HOPE**

Guilt and shame are paralyzing emotions. Fear, paralyzes at best and at worst, it leads to even more chaos and violence. You have to get a grip on yourself. Remember what you started with. You came into this world with curiosity. Guilt, shame and fear aren't gifts. Curiosity is. So is creativity. So is hope. Now that the evils have been let loose, why don't you just take the top off the box?

**PANDORA**

*Shocked*

I cannot! There might be even worse things left. I would never do harm on purpose. I just had no idea. I never meant harm to anyone, I just wanted to know.

**HOPE**

Those who have fallen or been sucked into the world of Methamphetamine, would probably say that the worst of the evils have finally seeped out. The worst of your fears has manifested. It is as bad as you think, but it's also the last. It's time to take the top off the box. To let the light in; It's time to rebuild.

**PANDORA**

You mean it's empty?

**HOPE**

No, it's not empty. I'm still in the box. I was on the bottom all the time, trapped under all those evils. But now they're loose. It's done. It's over. There is no point in being afraid that it might happen, or could happen. It's happened. Now, it's time to release me, as well.

*Pandora cautiously lifts the lid off the box*

It's OK. You can let the light in now. You needed to release your fear to find me.

**PANDORA**

*Reaching into the box, she pulls out a card. On it is the word: HOPE*

Hope. And, there you are.

**HOPE**

Yes. And now here I am. From this moment on, we build on the power of love, not the love of power. And now, we begin again.