

# 2-the Zine

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Thank you to everyone who contributed, to everyone who is reading, and to everyone who is listening. - Foxwarren

**SECOND STRINGER**  
**BY TIM KASHER**

YOU HAD A LOVE YOU'D NEVER LEAVE  
AND THEN THEY MADE YOU SECOND STRING  
YOU TRIED AND FAILED TO MAKE A CASE  
THAT YOU WERE WORTHY OF FIRST PLACE

SPENT AND SPURNED, YOU HUNG YOUR HEAD  
AND SWORE YOU'D NEVER LOVE AGAIN  
AND SWORE YOU'D NEVER TREAT PEOPLE  
LIKE SECOND CLASS, SECOND FIDDLE

BUT FATE CONSPIRED TO TWIST YOUR ARM  
YOU FELL FOR MY INFLATED CHARM  
BUT FATE CAN BE FATEFULLY WRONG;  
YOU'RE SECOND STRINGING ME ALONG  
QUIT SECOND STRINGING ME ALONG

I DON'T WANT TO BE YOUR SECOND STRING  
ALWAYS GONNA BE THE SECOND BILLING

THE WINTER HIT, WE CUDDLED UP  
WE DID WHAT NATURE ASKS OF US  
THE SUMMER DUMPED A BUNDLED JOY  
AND NOW THE HOUSE IS FILLED WITH TOYS

HE SLEEPS BETWEEN US EVERY NIGHT  
AND WHAT AN ENDLESS APPETITE  
TREATED LIKE THE NEWBORN KING  
LIKE HE'S THE GREAT SECOND COMING

YOU NEVER GAVE A SECOND THOUGHT  
TO SQUEEZE ME IN THE FAMILY PLOT  
I'VE DUG MY GRAVE WHERE I DON'T BELONG-  
STILL SECOND STRINGING ME ALONG

WHEN YOU MARRIED ME, DID YOU KNOW FOR SURE?  
DID YOU SECOND GUESS UP TO THE ALTAR?  
SO MANY SECOND CHANCES LEFT UNEXPLORED...  
THEY COULD STILL BE YOUR FUTURE

I LOST THE HOUSE, I SEE MY SON  
THE SECOND WEEK OF EVERY MONTH  
GOT MY ROOM BACK AT MY MOM'S-  
NO SECOND STRINGING ME ALONG

NO SECOND STRINGING ME ALONG





two boys

yesterday  
an electric scooter  
carrying two boys  
zoomed past me  
as i hobbled  
down the sidewalk  
'free child for sale'  
the larger boy proclaimed  
the smaller boy wasn't happy  
nor was he for sale  
'take me back  
or i'm telling dad'  
he stated as he began  
to walk back  
leaving the larger boy  
and scooter  
and pursuing his freedom  
'shouldn't you kids be  
watching tv?'  
i wondered









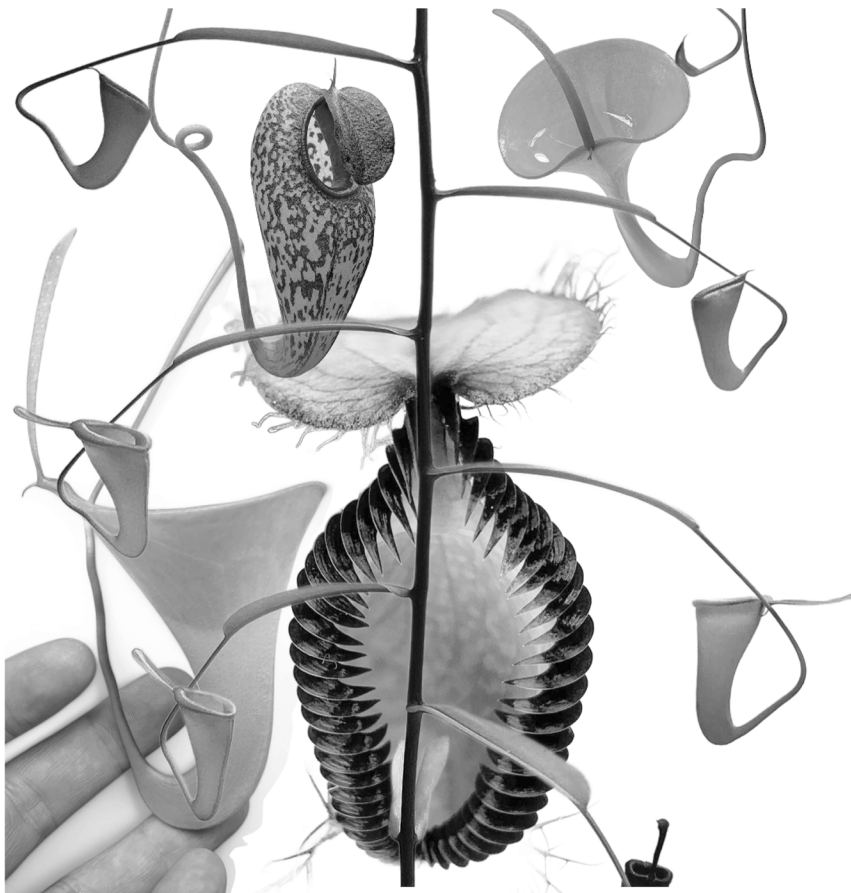






two months

listening to  
a girl tell  
a story about  
her roommate  
throwing a piece  
of spaghetti  
against the wall  
and leaving it  
for two months  
makes me grateful  
for the passing  
of time



*Nepenthes* are a group of carnivorous pitcher plants from Southeast Asia. They use their pitchers to lure and trap insects, and digest them in order to obtain the nutrients needed for survival.

In the wild, *Nepenthes* are under constant threat of habitat loss, and many populations have been decimated due to poaching. Thankfully, there are plant nurseries that specialize in cloning rare and sought after species, reducing pressure on the wild populations.

*Nepenthes* are dioecious meaning each plant is male or female. Part of my enjoyment of the hobby comes from trying to source a pair of plants, and then flowering them to produce seed. It can take many years, and even decades to flower them, and I've collaborated on producing seeds of some critically endangered species. *Nepenthes* can also be hybridized, crossing different species to come up with new and unique plants.

While they're not the easiest plants to cultivate, when it's -40C outside in the dead of winter and the Saskatchewan wind is howling, I especially enjoy the small, tropical oasis waiting for me in the basement.

Predatory Plants on the Prairies by Avery Kissick











## 12 hour bread

1 loaf

1 tsp active dry yeast  
1 tsp honey or maple syrup  
4 cups of white flour  
approx. 3 cups of warm water  
pinch of salt

### Instructions:

In a bowl add yeast, honey and one cup of warm water. Let sit for 10 minutes. The yeast should bloom creating a thin layer of foam.

Add flour, salt and gradually add water making sweeps around the bowl with a rubber spatula-pulling the dough and folding into the middle. Add water until it can be rounded in the center of the bowl but settles flat within seconds. It is a wet dough.

Line the sides of the bowl with a bit of oil. Cover the bowl and place in the fridge overnight (up to 24 hours).

Prepare a 9 inch bread pan or a dutch oven with parchment. If you don't have parchment, you can coat with butter or oil and dust flour over it.

Fold the dough into the pan and set to proof for an hour. If your oven can't proof, find a warm place.

*by a heat or in the sink with some warm water around the pan.*

Preheat oven to 400 F. Once the dough has risen, bake for 45 mins to an hour. If you use a dutch oven, place the lid on for 30 mins. Uncover for the remainder of the bake.

The top should be a deep golden brown.

Let fully cool before slicing.



Chicken Soup  
6-8 large servings

whole chicken (fresh or frozen)  
2 carrots  
1 small rutabaga (or 3 potatoes)  
2 onions  
2 cups frozen peas  
¼ cup butter or olive oil  
1 Tbsp garlic  
1 Tbsp thyme  
2 tsp dill  
1 tsp turmeric (for colour)  
1 Tbsp honey or maple syrup eh  
1 lemon  
salt



Instructions:

Cook chicken in a slow cooker with approx. 8-12 cups of water for 8-12 hours.

*If you don't have a slow cooker, you can use an element or induction stove on low or set your oven to 200F. Cook for at least 4 hours.*

Remove chicken from stock and put aside to cool. Bring stock to a simmer on the stove or in your cooker. Add a generous amount of salt.

Dice onions and fry in a separate pan with butter, garlic and more salt. Once browned, transfer to stock pot

Peel and chop carrots and rutabaga. Add to pot.

Add thyme, dill, turmeric, honey.

Squeeze lemon and add.

*optional: finely grate ½ the lemon peel*

Debone chicken, chop and add to pot. Once carrots and rutabaga are soft, turn off heat, add frozen peas and serve.

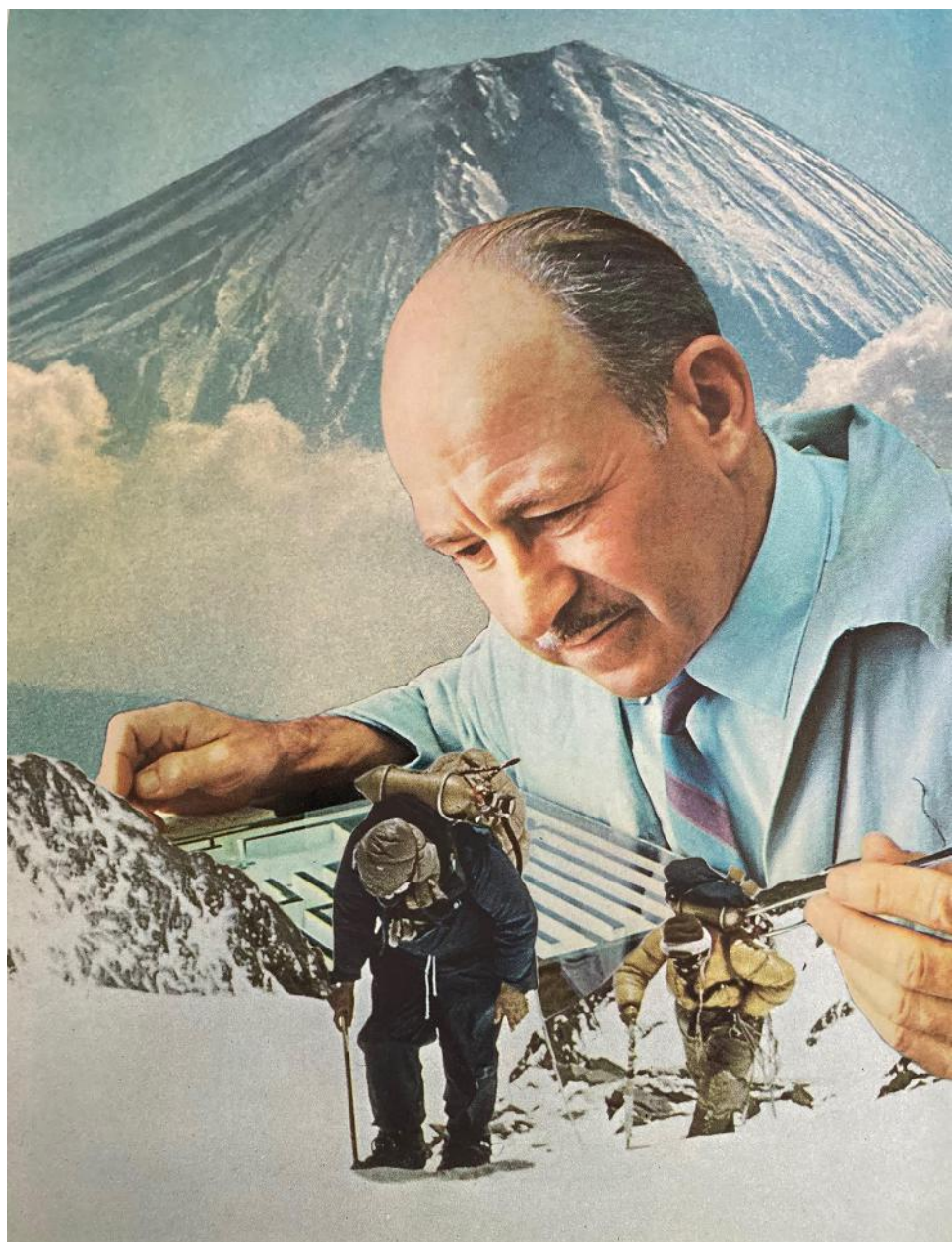
Variations:

Instead of thyme and dill, add a handful of cilantro and 1 Tblsp of chili crisp or 1 tsp of chili flakes. Add lime instead of lemon.

And/or

Slow cook a thumb of fresh ginger with the whole chicken.









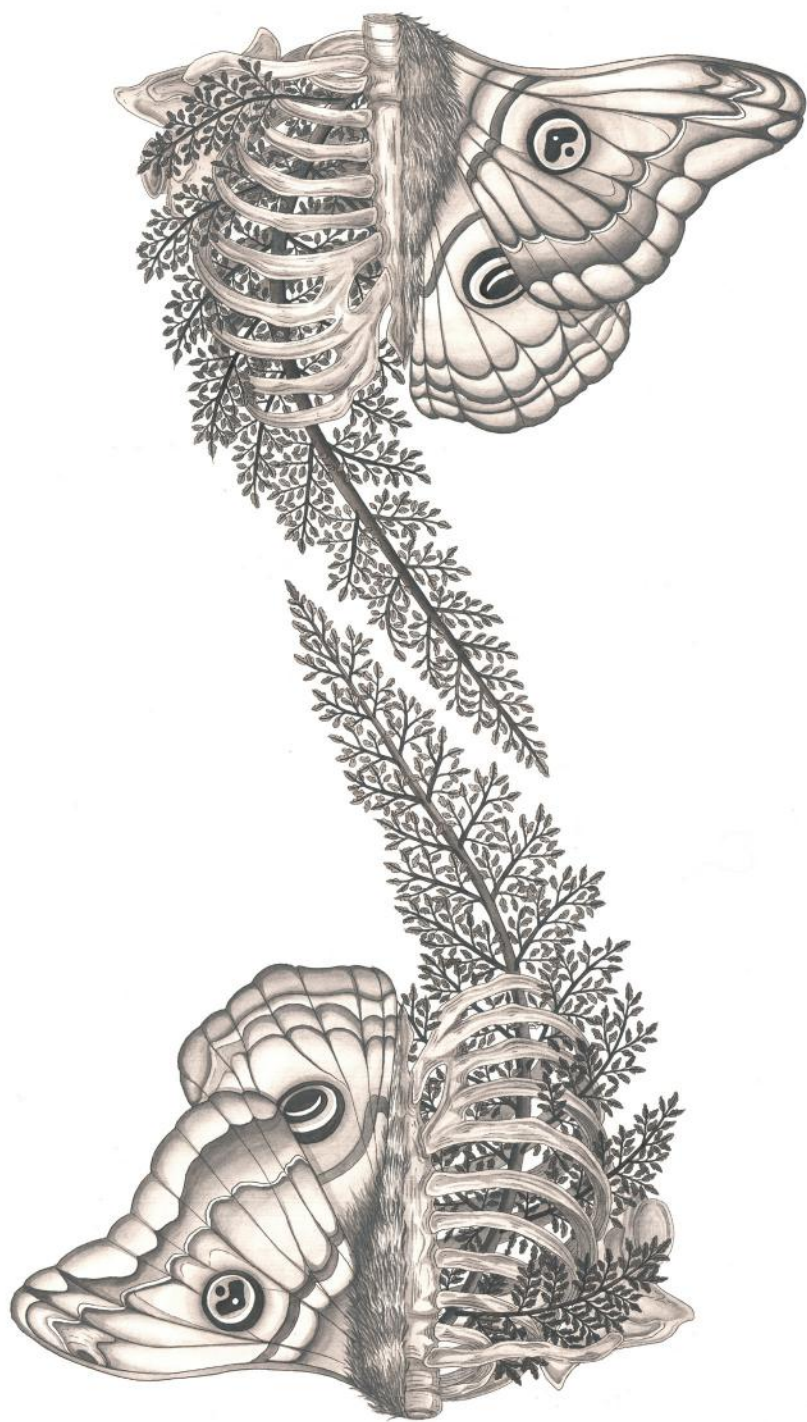
**THE TOTAL**  
**BY MORGAN NAGLER**

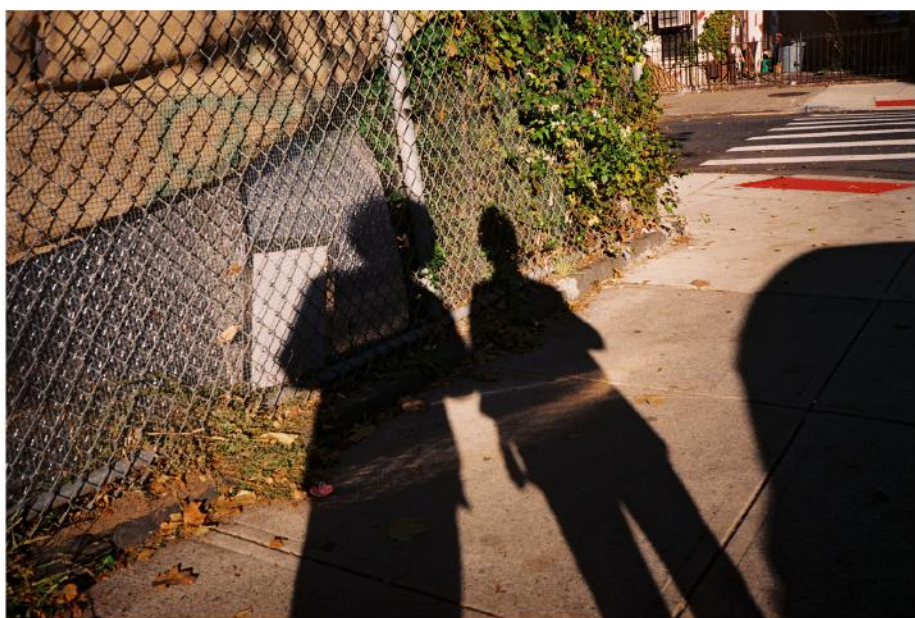
2 TIMES  
SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH  
BUT HOPE  
IS A BITCH  
SHE INSISTS  
SHE PERSISTS  
HANDCUFFS AROUND YOUR WRISTS  
SHE WISHES SO HARD  
THAT TRUTH WOULD TAKE THE PLACE  
OF YOUR WISH

2 TIMES  
IS ENOUGH  
YOU HAVE THE TOTAL  
IT'S 2  
TWICE YOU GAVE THE BENEFIT OF DOUBT  
WHEN TWICE YOU KNEW  
2 TIMES - LE SIGH  
IS THE PUDDING OF PROOF

THE POWER OF 2!  
1 STANDS ALONE

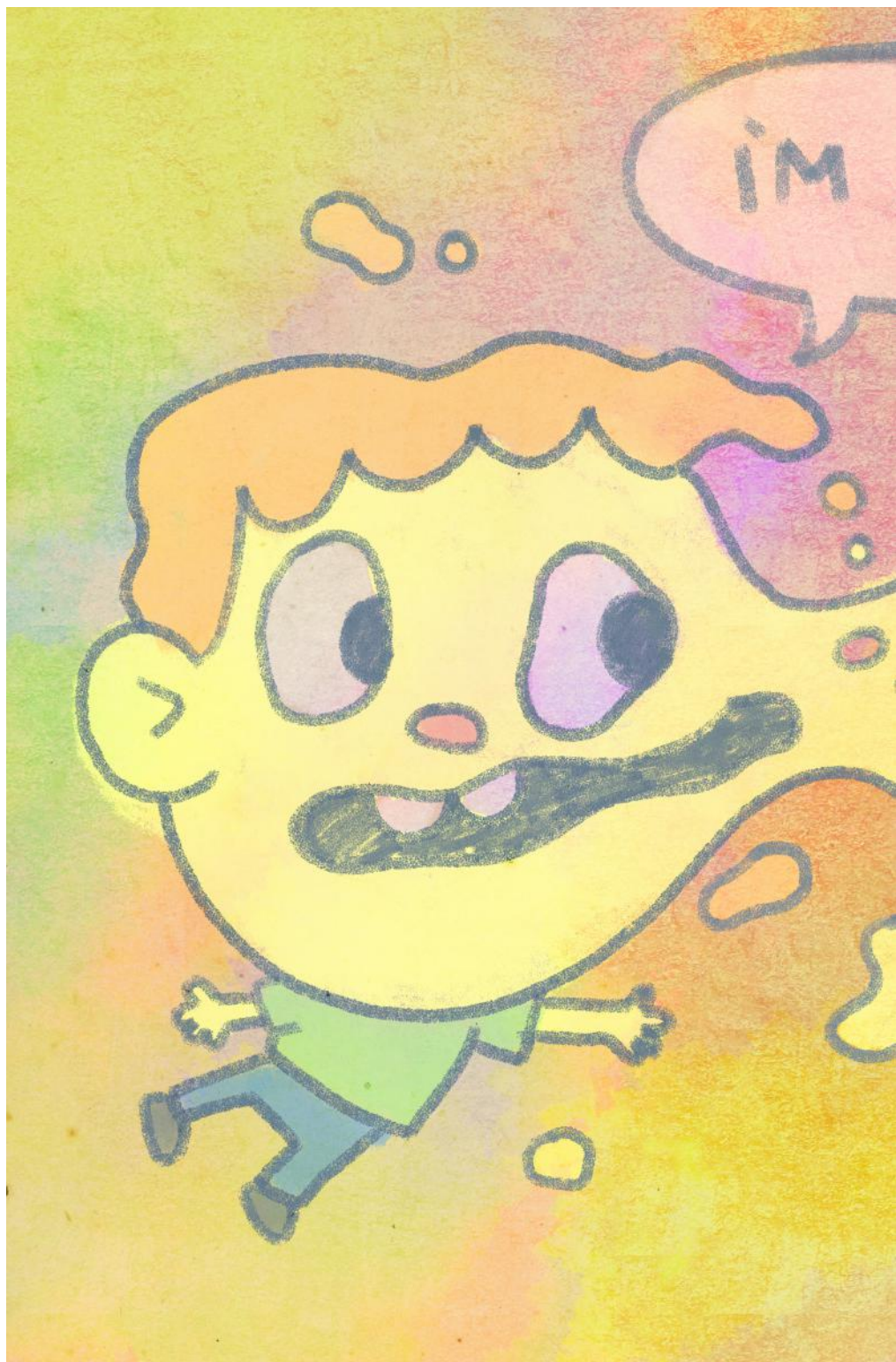
BE LIKE THE SUN  
IN THE ALASKAN WINTER  
BEHIND THE CLOUDS  
BUT THERE, THEY SAY  
KEEP SHINING  
EXTEND A RAY TO THE COLD  
KEEP BUYING  
INTO THE PROMISES YOU WERE SOLD  
I WANT 2  
I SAY  
AND I AM, BUT I KNOW  
I DON'T HAVE 2  
I'M ONLY 1 WHEN IT'S SAID AND DONE  
1 IN SEARCH OF THE GLORY OF 2  
FOR 2 IS A NUMBER TO BEHOLD



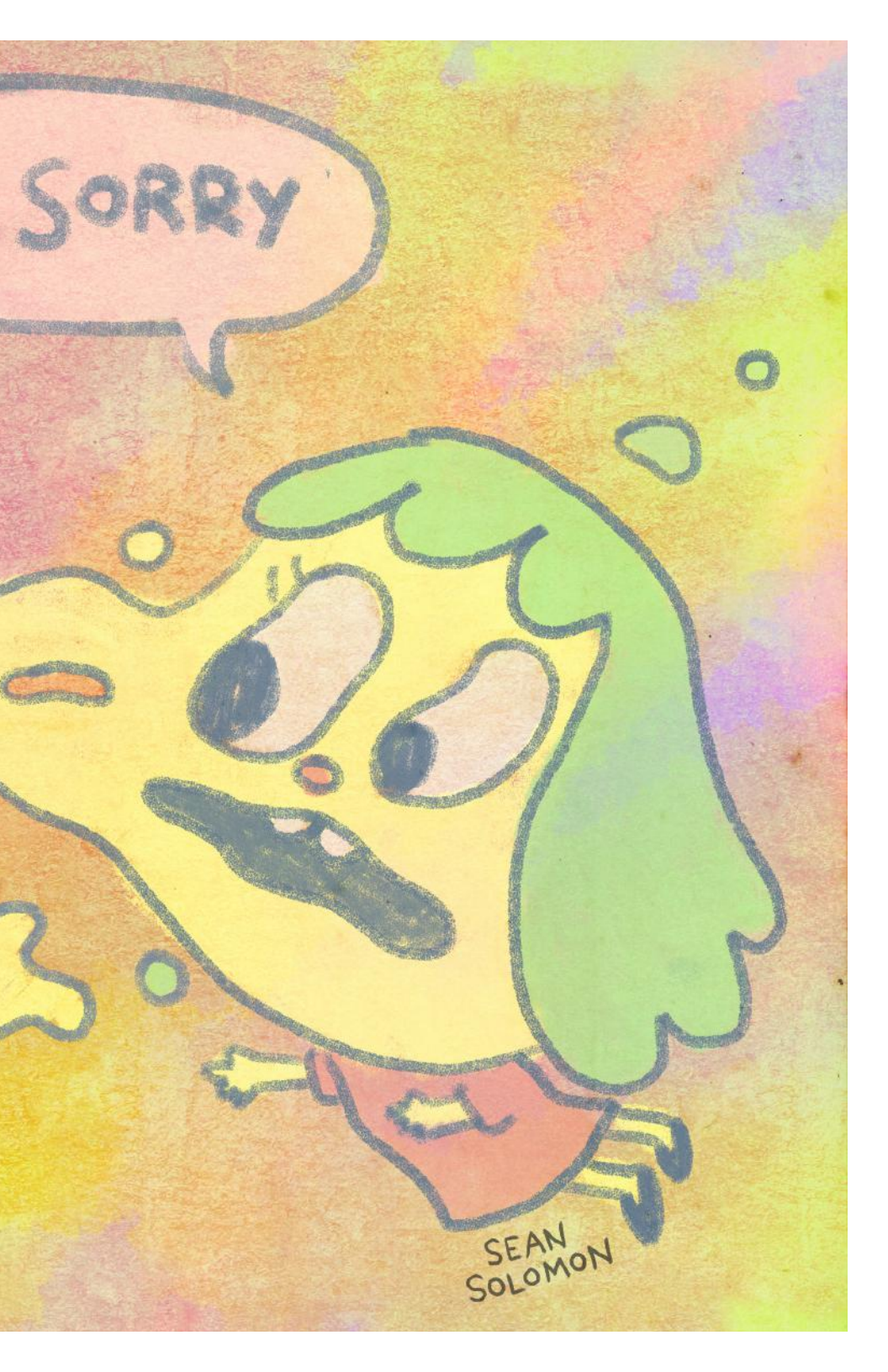


Two Lucky by Helado Negro









SORRY

SEAN  
SOLOMON

## **We brought the bat to hit dingers or: Second night in the van**

I paid the stay at this hotel for three nights. On my second night the shower curtain fell down the rod broke and woke me up and scared the hell out of me. First night when I arrived I had to have housekeeping show up and change the sheets because they clearly had not been changed from the visitors before me there was a long hair I am there and there were crumbs and food in the bed it was disgusting so obviously my first impression wasn't good the floors although there is linoleum they haven't been mopped or clean for at least months when I got there the first thing I did I had to mop the floor then when they found out  
-Gloria, Pebble Beach, USA

check the online interactive real estate crime data map  
on a scale of Electric Blue to a possible Midnight Blue  
it's only shaded Sea Lavender

The next thing I see is an arm reaching in through the window and reaching to unlock the door. The window was open when we checked in and we left it open with the idea that we would close it when we got ready to go out. I thought Jose had forgotten his key so I gave the arm a light Karate chop. With that the arm pushed the blind open and there was a stranger. He said he was looking for his beach towel. I either pushed his arm out the window or did real Karate chop. He said I am sorry and took off.  
-Maria E. J., San Diego CA

we might be the ones accidentally stumbling into other  
peoples' rooms  
this second option is 20 minutes from downtown  
\$200 cheaper.

This place is disgusting... Also the staff were clueless and the environment was dangerous. Outside lights don't come on until well after dark and the people who haunt the place seem like druggies. The rooms are ok but they bathroom was nasty. Save yourself a trip to the ER due to a knife wound and stay elsewhere.  
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Avishek C, Irvine CA

wasn't sure your hotel roommate was breathing, but  
then he was  
gotta give the band naloxone training  
we'll be the ones smoking  
drugs soft as they are  
outside the motel entrance  
you thought only fifth-graders said druggies  
gulp a second king-can toss it on pile of empties

Wow officially the worst hotel I have ever stayed in, and i have stayed in a large number and only staying because nothing available for 20 miles. Not sure if I would be safer and more comfortable in my truck. 0 stars, who ever graded this place a 2 star hotel was either smoking and been long addicted to crack, or was paid a lot of money to lie.

-rich A., Sacramento CA

take rich A.'s single star Yelp review seriously and instead book the \$200/night hotel in Vallejo CA seven stoned white dudes in a van and trailer we're not in a band, I promise start your own Expedia review in the morning for a 20% discount coupon:

Slept in the van with a baseball bat, streetlamp in my eyes, baseball glove as a pillow. Got there night-of and the cops were dropping someone off and getting them a room. All sorts of shady people smoking out front. Front desk lady seemed to be high on a stimulant. A few used towels under the sink.

sip coconut water take an advil  
what is a hangover but society's reminder that you are loved  
or at least less hated  
delete try a second time:

Complementary, well-lit parking. Extra pillows provided. Additional government-supplied security presence. Convenient smoking area with seating. Interesting and talkative overnight staff. Extra towels provided.

delete  
opt out of the coupon  
instead give Thumbs Down to Jason S's recently posted review  
get in the van drive to the next one

This place has nice remodeled rooms but customer service is rude people smoking at all hours no working vending machines and if you try to ask for a late check out because of daylight savings they said no  
- Jason S., Santee USA

## **Solid Sound**

pull into Iroquois Travel Plaza at sunrise  
the band smokes tobacco, fill the van with regular  
buy Keebler's Cheese & Peanut Butter crackers,  
Vitamin Water

This is the BEST water you can drink, the purest  
water, you will never find better, try it you will love it !  
-Nalla Hamel, Hartford CT

make it to festival grounds;  
former factory of printed textiles  
then electronics for the A-bomb, now art gallery  
cross-load onto golf carts  
check band into Holiday Inn

locate Artist Hospitality granola bars and red  
delicious apples  
shake hands with guy who books the bands  
force thousands inside, thunderstorm and falling water  
sip the free boozy kombucha instead of the IPA

I haul water for a living I have tasted all the waters  
I have hauled. Sand Springs is by far the best water  
I have ever tasted  
-Rick Lamori, Pittsfield MA

fill water bottle from a cooler poised on an artistic wall  
Since 1882  
Sand Springs Natural Spring Water  
Bottled at the source from the  
Natural thermal springs treasured by  
Native Americans centuries ago

gulp  
start contemplating the implications but gotta  
load-out into golf cart  
cross-load into trailer

The water just tastes great all the time and I like that  
it's local! I am also very happy with their new bottles  
and, as always, the delivery guy is helpful and brings my  
water right into my kitchen. Now that's service!  
-Stephanie Calabro, North Adams, MA

get obliterated at The Mohawk  
drunk-consider how naming travel plazas, bars  
after a People  
pilfering Sand Springs Natural Spring water  
is thanking the non-consenting parched  
get to sleep at 2am before fully grasping  
or gasping

wake up to watch  
Jon shovel pizza  
carry 22 beer, brewed from cool mountain spring that  
never freezes, in a ripped box down the hill  
to the van







## Van for Sale

2002 Chevy Express 15-Passenger  
3500 Extended Wheelbase  
200,000km, recent tune up, good working shape  
\$10,500 o.b.o.

Van cruise control in good working order. Van electronics functioning well.

Van's yellow flashing occupancy/emergency light installed atop still functional with custom-installed switch.

When at Kamloops Days Inn breakfast room, puckering down apple juice, flashing van occupancy light can really make the boys laugh. Occupancy light used when transporting female inmates to and from federal correctional centres in Saskatchewan, and to transport male bandmates south of the Highway of Tears to a gig in British Columbia.

Van engine received regular maintenance, idles smoothly.

Van previously used to escort a mission trip youth group through the border of Mexico to build schools. When crossing the border having forgotten to print visa papers for 7 people, van will idle without inviting suspicion. Van proven able to easily escort drug-smelly, former mission-tripper rural boy-band across strained borders without paperwork, leaving behind fears of detention centres or broken families. Van able to maintain iron disposition when driving past what are certainly detention rooms

Van benches fit three wide, could use a shampoo job.

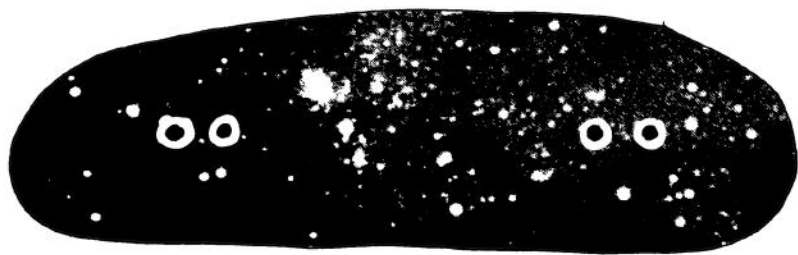
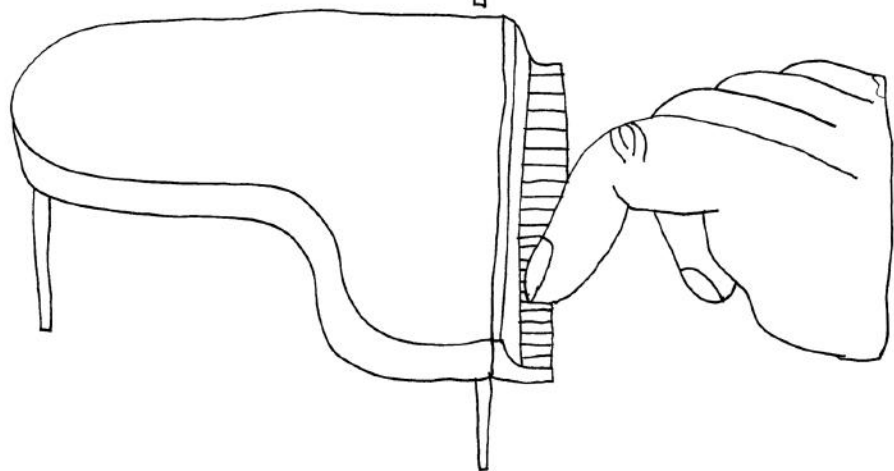
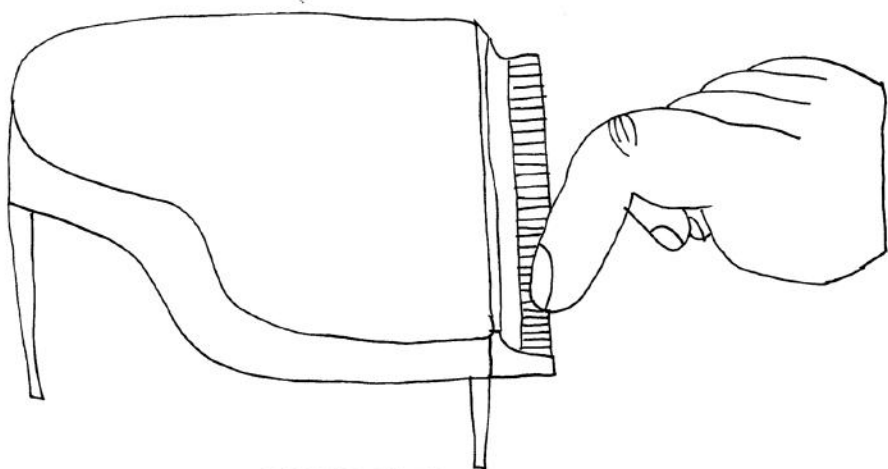
When feeling fearful of theft at Vallejo CA Quality Inn, van seats are long enough to sleep comfortably overnight - firm, but forgiving enough to remain objective and non-biased when assessing the likelihood of theft by a complete stranger who appears different from the one sleeping on the bench seat.

Van A/C serviced and freon added as condition of sale.

When the city of Los Angeles alarmingly tones apocalypse, and land-destroying wild fires rage, van will continue to dispense A/C air.

Mostly highway miles. Well-loved vehicle.

What will the second van bring



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