

HUMOR, ART, and LOW-GRADE PANIC from 150 of the FUNNIEST WOMEN IN COMEDY

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Should I Stay or Should I Go?

by Olivia de Recat



Texts to People I Still Hate*

*if I had the balls *or their numbers

by Chelsea Devantez

Text to my elementary school bully Chelsea A.

Just a little note to say I was not, and will NEVER be, Chelsea #2.

Mass text to all the ex-boyfriends who did nothing wrong and yet I dumped them

Wassup y'all I got a therapist!

Mass text to all my shitty fuck boi ex-boyfriends

pic of my tittays Some get better with age. Spread the word.

Text to my high school bully Alice

I tried to find you on Facebook a handful of years ago and you weren't on it. BUT, twist! You were on MySpace. What a gift. Anyway, that picture of you from your wedding where you're covered in Natty Light and playing beer pong in your wedding dress was my desktop screensaver for a few months in 2009 when I needed some motivation.



Text to the friend who broke my heart

I wanted to let you know that I got a therapist and have been doing a lot of thinking about what happened between us, and I've looked hard at myself and done a lot of reflecting and I just want to say that my hate for you is totally founded.

Also, I am working on letting that hate go.

It's not working.

You bish!!!!!!!

I love you I'm sorry, if you're in a jam will do anything for you forever for the rest of time

I mean, I still hate you, but like if something bad happens I am THERE for you <3

Text to the woman at a party who made a passive-aggressive comment about the dress I was wearing and inferred (correctly) that I come from poor trash

This is Pete your Postmates driver I'm outside. ...watching you

Text to a guy who ghosted me

Grab the oil meet me by the hot tub

Shit. Sorry. Wrong number

You have the same name as my new boyfriend How weird is that? Gonna delete your number so it won't happen again Hope you're well <3

I can't wait to slather your big dick in oil and then do it in the back of the Tesla. You have the biggest dick I've ever seen.

> Shit! I'm so sorry. I'm still texting you. Deleting now I swear.

> > *pic of my tittays* Some get better with age.

Text to my younger brother's friend with whom I argued on Facebook about gun control for fourteen hours straight after Trump won the election

Text to a girl I met twice who wouldn't follow me back and I still think about it.

What's up, it's Chelsea! OK, I'm ready for constructive criticism on my social media, open fire.

Text to myself

Everyone keeps telling you the only person you're harming by holding on to hate is yourself. True power is letting go, forgiving, and being at peace.

Bish I know that.

OK, well, it doesn't seem like you know that, you know this will be published right?

Yeah, and I hope they read it!!!!!!!

Ugh, I kinda hope they read it too.

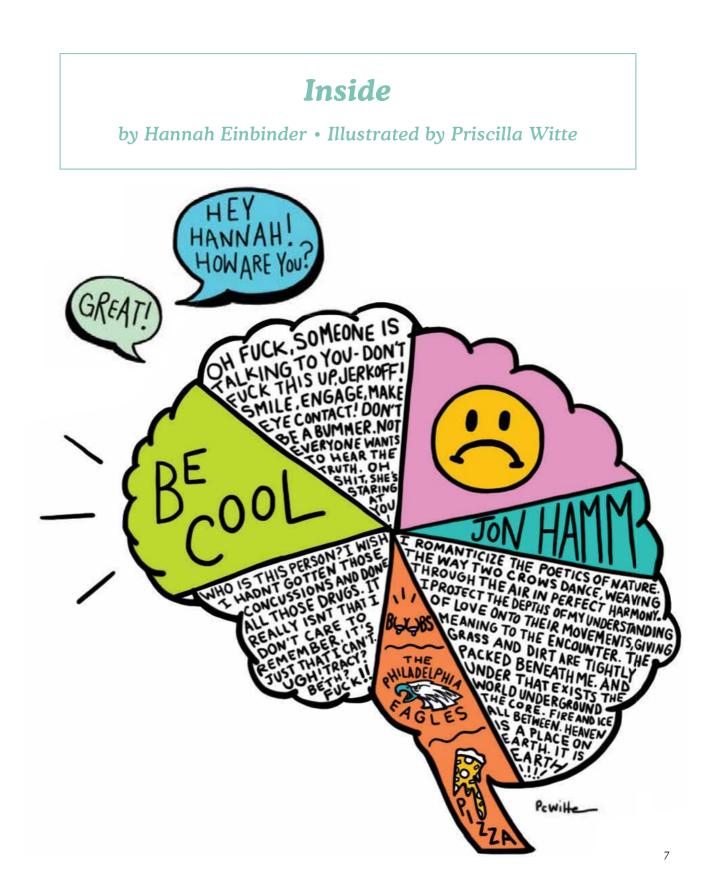
You're the angriest person I know.

Totally. It sucks. But it also helped me survive.

Damn dude. I'm so glad we got a therapist.

Me too.

Love you girl.





DEDSHEETS DEPICTED A FOREST WITH ADORABLE YELLOW MICE

CRAWLING ALONG THE FOREST FLOOR. I WAS CONVINCED THAT THE MICE CAME TO LIFE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND I HAD TO LAY SO THAT I WASN'T TOUCHING ANY OF THEM, SO THEY WOULDN'T BITE ME.





THIS WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE.

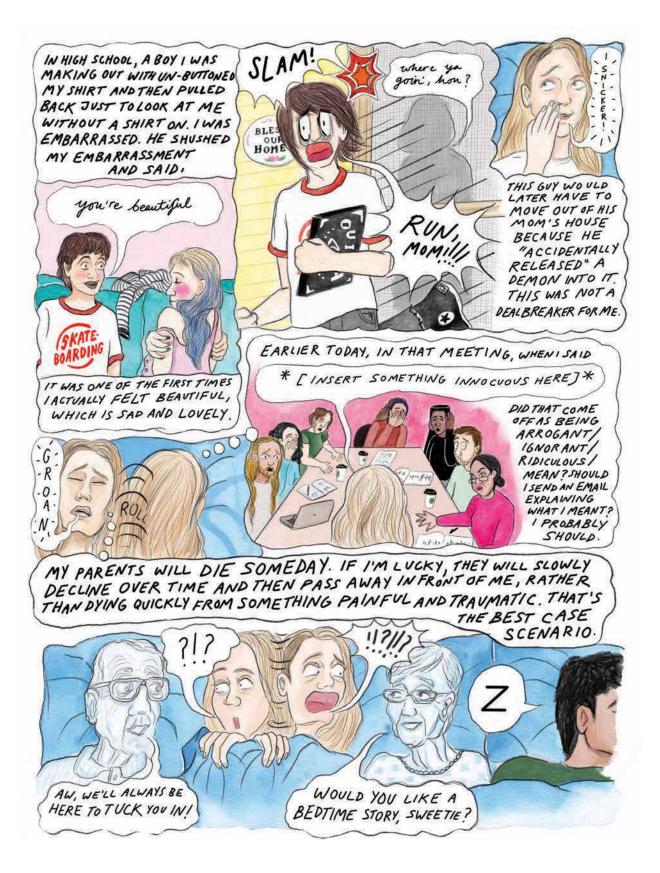
A FEW YEARS LATER, THIS PROGRESSED INTO WATCHING WAY TOO MUCH 'UNSOLVED MYSTERIES' AND THEN BEING ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT ALIENS WERE ABDUCTING ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND WIPING MY MEMORY. I WAS TERRIFIED OF MY BED-ROOM WINDOWS AND TRIED TO COVER THEM. MY PARENTS INSISTED THEY REMAIN UN-COVERED. I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY WERE IN ON IT.



AND EVERY MORNING, MY LACK OF MEM-ORY OF BEING ABDUCTED CONTINUED, SO CLEARLY THE MEMORY WIPES WERE WORKING. BEING ABDUCTED EVERY NIGHT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY I WAS TIRED ALL THE TIME. I WAS TEN.

NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED. I NOW HAVE SLEEP PODCASTS AND TAKE MELATONIN, BUT MY BRAIN CONTINUALLY FINDS NEW AND TRULY SADISTIC WAYS TO KEEP ME AWAKE. HERE ARE A FEW OF THE ANXIETY- FUELLED THOUGHTS

THAT STAMPEDE THROUGH MY BRAIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ...











ARIELLA ELOVIC

MY FAVORITE THING TO DO AFTER A LONG DAY AT WORK, A SMALL GATHERING WITH FRIENDS, A NOURISHING MEAL WITH FAMILY, OR A WALK AROUND THE BLOCK IS TO SETTLE INTO BED WITH A SNACK. SPECIFICALLY, A CHOCOLATE-COVERED FROZEN BANANA. THERE ARE FEW FODDS THAT DON'T TRIGGER MY IBS, AND IT'S TAKEN ME SOME TIME TO FIND THE PERFECT BEDTIME TREAT THAT DOESN'T NEST ITSELF IN MY SYSTEM AND WREAK PURE HAVOC, REARING ITS UGLY HEAD IN THE FORM OF VIDLENT MORNING FARTS AND CRAMPS.

EATING THIS CHOCOLATE BANANA TREAT BENEATH MY WHITE SHEETS MAKES ME FEEL DANGEROUS AND INDULGENT.

ANATOMY OF A BANANA TREAT:



(BEING MOSTLY FRUIT, THIS SNACK SOMETIMES DRIFTS INTO BREAKFAST ZONE. IT PAIRS NICELY WITH A LARGE MUG OF COFFEE—I HAVE NEVER DIPPED, BUT AM CER-TAINLY NOT ABOVE IT).

A THIN LAYER OF CHOCOLATE FROZEN DRIPS – I SCRAPE IT OFF WITH MY TEETH.



BANANA TREATS ARE BEST ENJOYED A LITTLE THAWED, WHEN THEY HAVE A CHEWIER CONSISTENCY AND IT TAKES A LOT OF SELF-CONTROL TO NOT DIVE IN IMMEDIATELY.

HOW I FILL THE TIME WHILE I WAIT FOR MY BANANA TO THAW:

A) WRITE MY TO-DO LIST FOR THE WEEK. THIS LIST IS DETAILED AND EVENTUALLY SPIRALS OUT INTO A MONTH-LONG TO-DO LIST.

B) WIPE DOWN THE KITCHEN COUNTERS AND WATER THE PLANTS (MY PLANTS ARE OROWNING).

c) SIT ON THE TOILET WITH MY PHONE AND WAIT FOR A POTENTIAL POOP TO COME ALONG. THESE CHOCOLATE TREATS KEEP ME ON MY TOES. IN THE BEGINNING, THEIR AVAILABILITY WAS A GIVEN. I COULD WALK INTO ANY GROCERY STORE—FAIRWAY, FOOD TOWN, WHOLE FOODS, WEGMANS—AND FIND MY BANANAS IN THE SAME AREA OF THE FROZEN FOOD SECTION. MY BODY WAS LIKE A MAGNET TO THEM, BEING PULLED TO WHERE THE FROZEN FRUIT ENDS AND THE TUBS OF ICE CREAM BEGIN. THAT SAME FEELING I GET WHEN I PULL INTO THE DRIVEWAY OF MY CHILDHOOD HOME: FAMILIARITY, COMFORT, HAPPINESS.

I WAS ALMOST SURPRISED BY HOW RELI-ABLE THEIR STOCK WAS, NO STORE WAS EVER OUT OF BOXES, AND ALWAYS HAD BOTH THE MILK AND DARK CHOCOLATE FLAVORS. WAS NO ONE ELSE AWARE OF THESE PERFECT LITTLE TREATS? IT ALMOST FELT AS THOUGH THEY EXISTED JUST FOR ME, WAS I WRONG TO LOVE THEM SO MUCH IF THEY CLEARLY WERE NOT IN HIGH DEMAND, OR WAS I SIMPLY LUCKY TO LOVE SOME-THING SO UNIQUELY SUITED TO MY NEEDS?

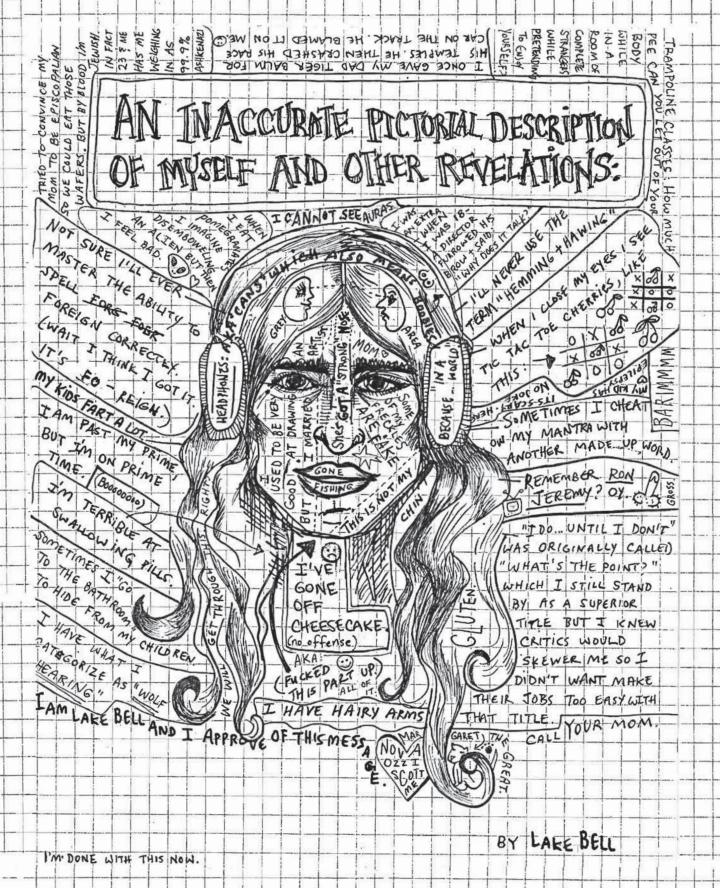
SLOWLY, THOUGH, THINGS STARTED TO GET SCARCE. SOME OF MY GO-TO MARKETS STOPPED CAR-RYING MY DEAR BANANA TREATS AND I HAD TO MAKE SEPARATE SHOPPING TRIPS JUST TO BUY THEM. IN THIS NEW WORLD OF UNCERTAINTY, I HAD TO SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY I HAD TO BUY MY BANANAS, AND SAVOR EVERY MOMENT. THERE WAS A PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH I'D BUY TWO TO THREE BOXES AT ONCE JUST TO FEEL SAFE IN KNOWING I WOULDN'T RUN OUT. I WAS HUMBLED IN MY POWERLESSNESS, AND AWAKENED TO THE FACT THAT ONE DAY (KNOCK ON WOOD) MY BANANAS COULD BE DISCONTINUED FOREVER.

HAVING MORE THAN ONE BOX AT MY DISPOSAL SOON WENT FROM COMFORTING TO IRRITATING. I FELT TRAPPED IN A SNACK CYCLE OF MY OWN MAKING. THE FROZEN BANANAS HAD TAKEN OVER MY FREEZER, AND I ATE THEM SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WERE THERE. DID I EVEN WANT THEM ANYMORE?

> I FORCED MYSELF TO TAKE A BREAK AND ABSTAINED FROM BANANA TREATS FOR ABOUT A MONTH. WHEN I FELT READY TO DIP MY TOE BACK IN, THERE WAS JUST ONE MARKET LEFT WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM MY APARTMENT THAT STILL STOCKED THEM. THIS FORCED DISTANCE MADE ME MORE INTENTIONAL IN MY CONNECTION TO MY BANANA TREATS. THE SNACK IS NO LONGER A MIND-LESS DEFAULT IN MY SHOPPING CART. IT'S A CHOICE, AND I KNOW WHERE TO FIND THEM. I STILL GET A RUSH IN EVERY FROZEN FOOD SECTION AS I MAKE MY WAY PAST THE PINTS AND FUDGSICLES, UNSURE IF I WILL SEE THOSE FAMILIAR GREEN AND BLUE BOXES, BUT I DON'T FEEL LOST WHEN I CAN'T FIND THEM – AND OH WHAT A JOYFUL MOMENT IT IS WHEN THEY SURPRISE ME AND TURN UP WHERE I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN.







Labels We Love

by Emma Hunsinger





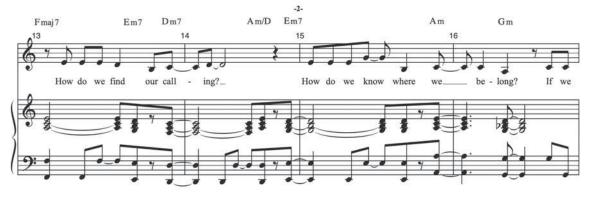
Look at Me

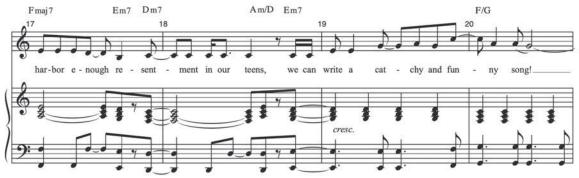
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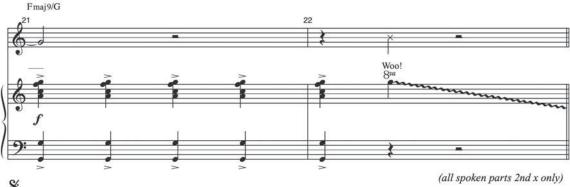
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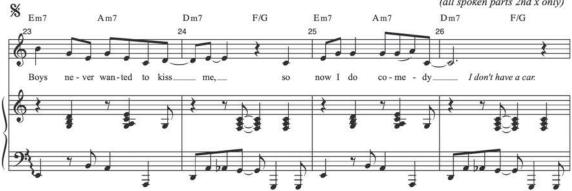


















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slow roll up, ad lib Dbmaj7 arpeggios

Writing Female Characters for Film and TV

by Matt Matthews (Rachel Wenitsky)

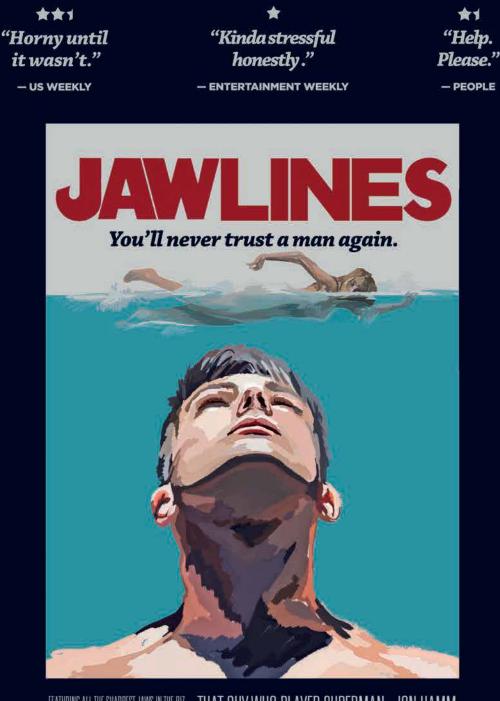
WHEN I, MATT MATTHEWS, WAS ASKED TO WRITE A PIECE FOR A WOMAN BOOK, my first thought was, "This absolutely makes sense because I am a renowned male feminist and filmmaker who deserves to be included in women-only spaces." My films (God, I hate to think of them as films, they're more like experiences) are chock-full of female characters. I love females. My mom is one, and so are my sisters. I've made so many films about females and only all of them have been starring a woman I was currently or about to start dating. People always ask me, "Matt, how do you write so many great female characters?" The truth is, writing a female character is as simple as...writing a female character! In fact, sometimes all you have to do is change the character's name. Here, let me demonstrate:

INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

PATIENT Doctor, give it to me straight. Am I going to die? DOCTOR ROGER Hold on, let mentake a look at your chart PATIENT DOCTOR-ROGER girl Roger Okay. Yes, I see here that a load die coul de bazoonga

patient dies.

EXT. BASEBALL STADIUM - DAY nor Sam Sam stands at home plate. SHe grips the baseball bat in his-WIMan hands. A bead of sweat drips down his forehead. This is it. This is the momentShe's been waiting for.SHe thinks about her mother her sisters Mons/sisters CUM his father, his brothers, all the men who have come before her girl her The/pitcher winds up and the ball comes hurtling toward his face. SHe swings and with a loud crack the ball singing is sent soaring over the crowd, over the fence and out of Woman Woman Jam the park entirely. A home run. Sam rounds the bases as the crowd rises to their feet, cheering with adoration. running to Kiss Sam. on the lips. her



FEATURING ALL THE SHARPPEST JAWS IN THE BIZ THAT GUY WHO PLAYED SUPERMAN JON HAMM ROBERT PATTINSON (OR ANYONE WHO HAS EVER PLAYED A VAMPIRE) RAMI MALEK PHARRELL CHRIS PINE MATT BOMER PRODUCED BY JAY LENO AND BRAD PITT



DAD'S TWO GIRLFRIENDS





BELIEVE IN YOUR #SELFIE

A NICE DAY

SHE REMEMBERED WHO SHE WAS AND THE GAME CHANGED

DON'T BE A DICK 3

GIRRRELL, YOU BETTA' FOLLOW YO DREAMS WITH YO CUTE SELF

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BECAUSE NO ONE RAPS ABOUT flat BUTTS

Bangs + Breasts = Fast: My Childhood Diary, Annotated

by Anna Greenfield

HEY. HERE ARE SOME PAGES FROM MY REAL DIARY WHEN I WAS REALLY ELEVEN years old. I look at them now, for your pleasure and my sanity, as if through the eyes of an art historian teaching a class on puberty, the female gaze, fashion, and TGI Fridays. I never took art history but I have heard it's everyone's most favorite class to mention at parties. After reading through these diary pages, you might be surprised to find out that I actually even get invited to parties at all these days. Enjoy.

Authentic first page of my diary from when I was eleven. You're welcome.

Greetings Journal! July 10, 1997 My name is Anna This journal was first written in on July 10, 1997 Greenfield. I live in Carmel, California. My birthday fails on the day of Joly 10 which just happens by Anna Greenfield 11 yrs old to be today I'm, turning II years old of age feel more wormanly by the day although I am vory As and don't have & poriod, 1 aim right how sponding my sommer vacation on Peaks Tand, Maine. My grandparents and awnit have just arrived and I have tern away from the excitement to meet your first of all my birthday party tions just splandid. Allere of my friends and I Lalso my mon.) for 1 Latso my mone) took a fairy to Portland. We decided to eat at a restairaint called T.G.I Fridaus. The whole

I was so earnest I almost can't bear it. Let's cut it off here and get to the joking about it, shall we?

Here, we see the artist in her surrealist period, the "how I would like to look" perhaps hinting at the distorted images she was seeing in the popular magazines of the time, YM or Seventeen.

magination

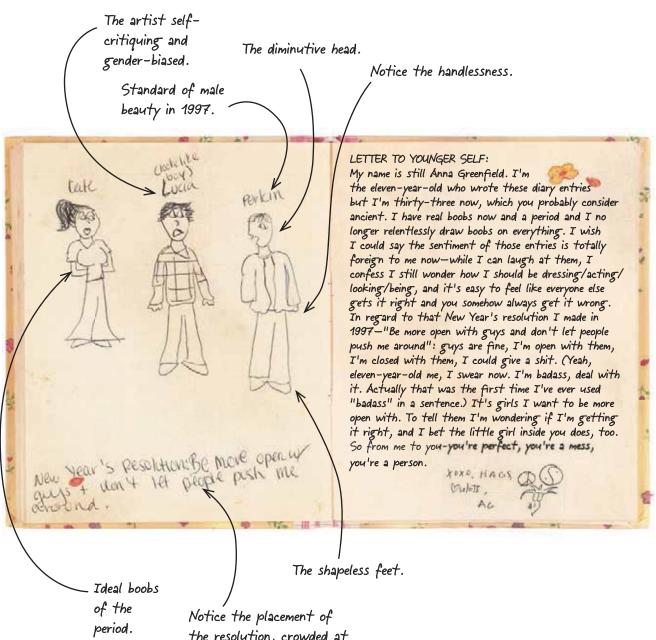
Oct. 20,1997 Dear Journal, well 1 am going the 14 relay, be in Vicol relay prevent a to That 15 drugs. I have a Jteam with people when it is have 10 teamates forn they four laps (a mile) for run hours- Jounds groeling pretty 24 doesn't it? Well that's not hear the 24 hour hear. I relay is really fun. I hope SO! W mean 1 l get a have experience out of this. good majority of the people falked to say it's a blast. Sut a fau : DEODIC Say and it hated would they never again. [also hope it dog

Notice the collection of openmouthed girls: supple, inviting, happy, nonobtrusive. The water balloon-like breasts. Three girls in the illustrations wear chokers. Inspired by the film Clueless? Or...look a little deeper. The mark across the neck—are these girls actually choking?! Has ideal beauty severed their heads off? Death/Beauty/Rebirth/Chokers

A sexy girl in a SF Giants hat. Sporty and angelic and wearing a choker. The artist's initial attempts at political satire. Barbra Streisand, as viewed through the lens of society and commodification of women. Also wearing a choker. The artist combines the mundane with the sublime. Early imprints of the dawning knowledge that women can have it all.

1 172 Oct. 22, 1997 that it's going to be fun Dear Journal, each person has to because 115 9:02 pa right now. 1ts pay doilars to be in Fifty supposed to be my reading it " HIL out a 101 and 1 havent Hme, Well had time to of forms. I don't want to write you ately IN 50 call do that for nothing MIS constructive brach SHOFF (nothing to do with true) Right now Me Running (wy bangs, + I'm listening to the Beatles breatly I'm pretty fasti on to my boombex. lust with Whegena coashed my face face cleaning) Stuff to improve the complexion. I'm getting on my forthead Gosh pinysles life is being! My ust wrote addet why I'm withing in you, what else I'm dang, and my daily fall wash Do you call -D Bangs + Breasts = Fast She flies.

Notice the motion she includes. The breasts actually make her faster, like two heavily weighted engines propellingher forward.



Notice the placement of the resolution, crowded at the bottom. Apologetic yet relentlessly hopeful. Here we see the artist combine text and illustration to convey... total depression.

Games You Can Play

by Hallie Bateman

I AM OBSESSED WITH THE STRANGE GAMES WE MAKE UP AND PLAY IN OUR PRIVATE lives with our weird friends and families. But they shouldn't stay private any longer! I asked a few of the contributors to tell me about the games they play so you can play them, too.





THE THIRSTIEST PERSON



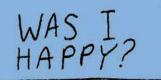
HOW TO PLAY

All you need is a buddy and a beverage! Now one at a time, consume your drink like you are DYING of thirst. Strong breath work (i.e., gasping for air after swallowing), heaving, moaning things like "OH GOD" between gulps, and physical spasms all determine who is, indeed, The Thirstiest Person.

a fun twist

Out of nowhere, become The Thirstiest Person while already in the middle of drinking something normally. Don't announce it, just do it. See who's worried for you, who gets it, and who is unamused. Adjust your friendships accordingly.







HOW TO PLAY

When you find yourself at a party that you immediately want to leave but you can't because you already did your makeup like Maddy in Euphoria and refuse to waste rhinestones on a shortlived night, play this game to pass the time until your crush shows up to make it all worth it.

Pull out your phone and go to your camera roll. Scroll... Scroll... Keep scrolling all the way back to 2012. It was a crazy year because you went to 4 weddings in the span of 2 months. Randomly choose 7 photos from that whole year. Look at each photo and try to Figure out whether or not you were actually happy that day. It's so fin. It's so real. Arent you glad you grew out those bangs?



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fake **wedding ring** for the subway creeps

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What's in My Bag?

The only thing missing from **Beth Stelling**'s crossbody bag is a body cam.

By Beth Stelling Designed by Kendl Ferencz

he main theme in Beth Stelling's bag is protection. "I'm a stand-up comic and I travel the country (and the world) by myself bringing laughter to most people," the headlining stand-up comedian tells Titters— but it's not all smiles.

"Coming up in Chicago I got my ass smacked by another comic in the back of a bar show so hard that it took my breath away," she recalls. "And a comedy club owner in Phoenix asked for a hug in order to let me in the back door of the club before my set." Beth, 63, spills more contents.

I SNACK ATTACK

"I always keep a granola bar on me in case I get stuck in LA traffic or thrown in someone's trunk."

2 STUNNER

"The stun-gun: when there's a real spark between you and your assailant."

3 DROP IT

"CBD oil to remain calm. Or like, try to."

4 DEFENSIVE LINEWOMAN

"A recent study revealed that only 34% of men wear condoms. Men are garbage, but women are the can. So we gotta take the pill or B.Y.O.C."

5 BALMSHELL

"I go with a clear balm when I want to feel moisturized but not sexualized."

6 ZERO EYE CONTACT

"Eyes are the windows to getting sexually harassed."

7 SPICE GIRL

"Before heading off to college parents often gift their daughters pepper spray, but the best gift would be teaching their sons consent."

brass knucks best paired with self-defense classes

does people sport and addies



November < > MY BIRTHDAY WEEK



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тни 17	fri 18	sat 19	sun 20
	9 AM YOU ARE TRASH	9 AM IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY BITCH!	
10 AM bring in the trash	but it's ok, drink water, NO MORE LIQUOR		10 AM order Grubhub now bc you will be hungry when
11 AM noon spin, cotton pants only	11 AM Gyno appointment at 1	10:30 AM spin class, start this year right before you destroy your body tonight	you wake up in two hours 11:45 AM GRUBHUB SHOULD BE HERE, LEAVE DOOR UNLOCKED?
2 PM	1 PM pay credit card bill 2 PM	4 PM	12:30 PM call Grubhub to check on order, call restaurant to double check
ask Mike to pick up a Polar Pizza from Baskin Robbins for Saturday	use up potatoes, no hope for avocados 3 PM NAP (?) do you need a reminder	leave by 6 for birthday dinner, ONLY DRINK WINE UNTIL IT'S TEQUILA TIME	2 PM call Grubhub and get refund for late order 4 PM order dinner now bc you
	for this? Just sleep if you're sleepy, bitch		will be hungry after nap, USE CREDIT 5 PM GRUBHUB SHOULD BE HERE, DOOR IS OPEN
6 PM BIRTH CONTROL	6 PM BIRTH CONTROL	6 PM BIRTH CONTROL	6 PM BIRTH CONTROL (but like, for whom?)
8 PM DRINKS with Blair and Mary, ONLY DO WINE PLEASE			8 PM cancel all dates for this week, too much unnecessary work and
			face too tired 10 PM goodnight, you 35-year-old goddess
11:30 PM DO NOT CALL OR TEXT ANYONE, GO TO SLEEP		11:45 PM YOU ARE A BIRTHDAY QUEEN, GO TO BED ALONE AND HAPPY	

Solved It by Sofia Warren



