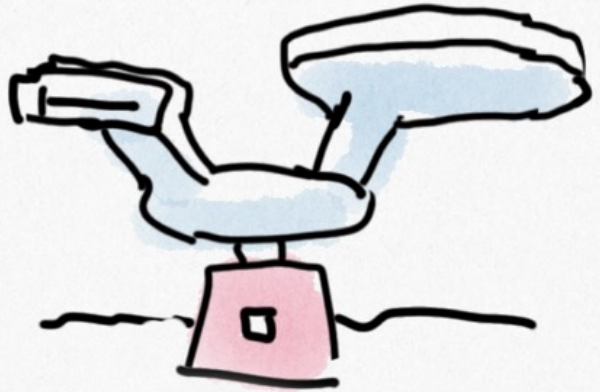


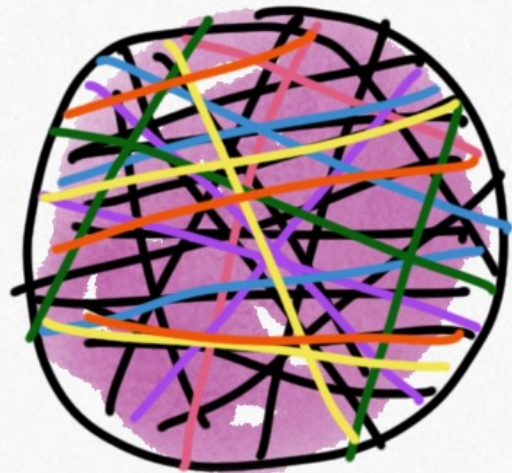
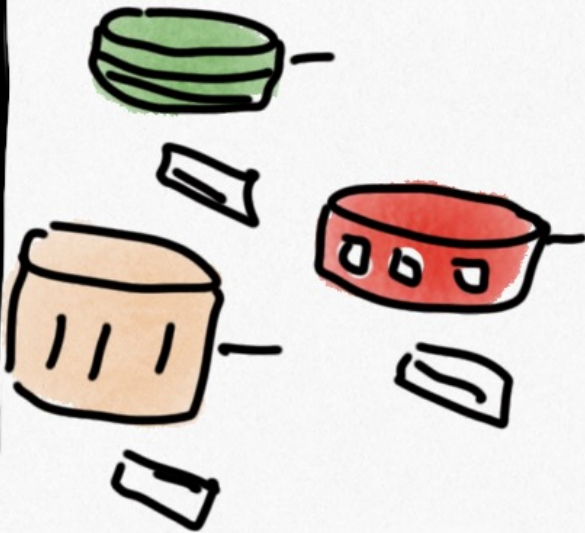
DAZE in a LIFE



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Essential
businesses—



HARDWARE



LIQUOUR
STORE



Cannabis
Retail



BARD in the
BACKYARD presents



Dad-
Just push
the red
button.

the BALCONY SCENE



Mom -
Hold her up
higher.

from ROMEO



How do I
say 'bosom'?

and JULIET.



Cookie,
Stop licking
your butt!

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The ROAD to ROMA



Director
ALFONSO CUARON



We shot on the actual street where I grew up.



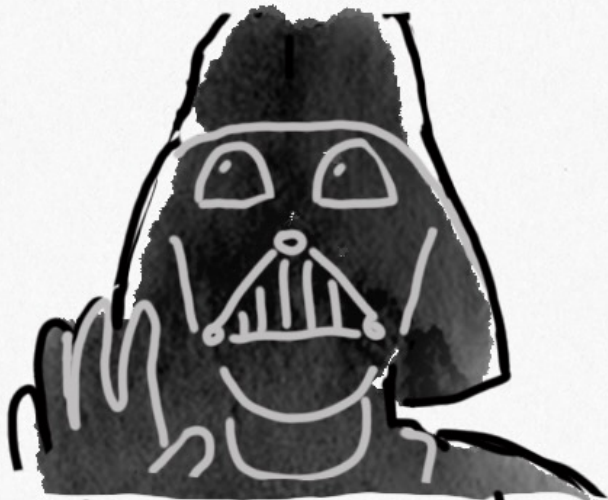
We used actual obstetric nurses.



It is riskier, but this is how I want to make films.

MAY THE 4TH

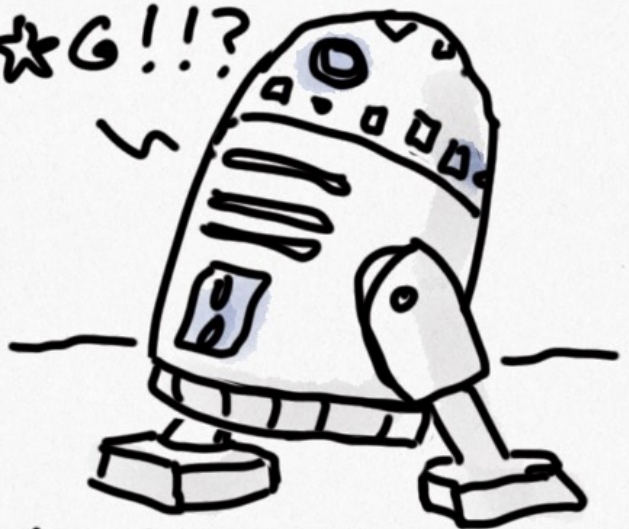
Wash your hands



Wear a mask

BE WITH YOU

☆G!!!?



(STAY HOME)

R R R A W R R R



Keep I wookiee apart

Crush the curve



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Our dog has been helping us

C'mon slow poke!



EXERCISE

Opposite over Hypoteneuse, obviously.



LEARN ONLINE

You don't need that bit, do you?



COOK

Get out and stay out!



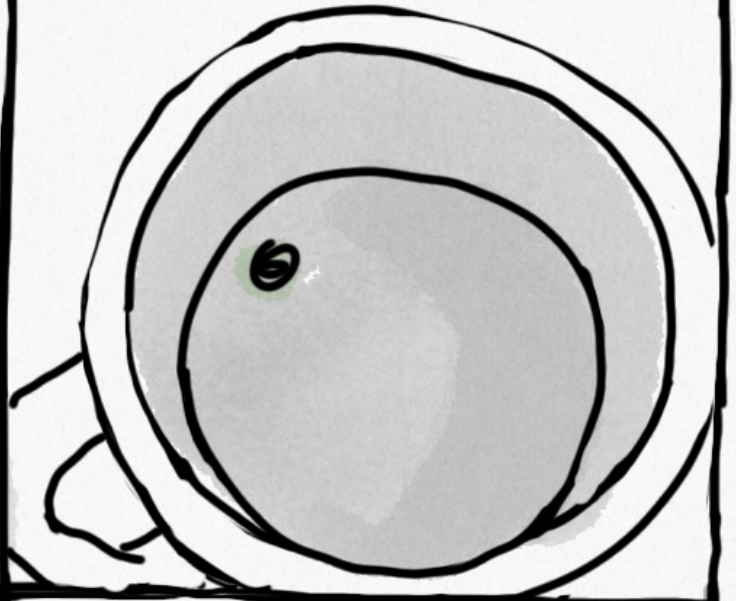
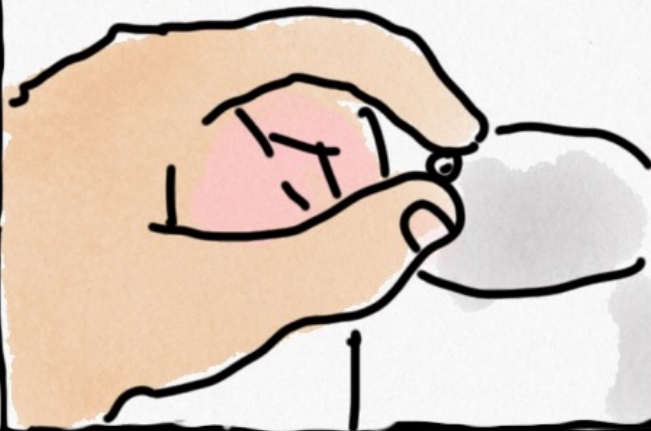
and KEEP SAFE from squirrels.

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I don't the
name of the tea,

but it starts
as a little nub.



In hot water,
it keeps growing

without
becoming bitter.



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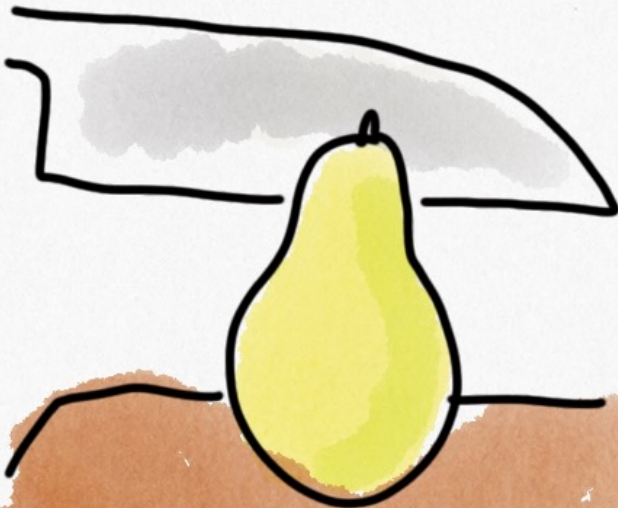
A ripe pear is
sweet and
juicy.



It is ripe when
the flesh by
the stem is soft.



But I could
not wait -

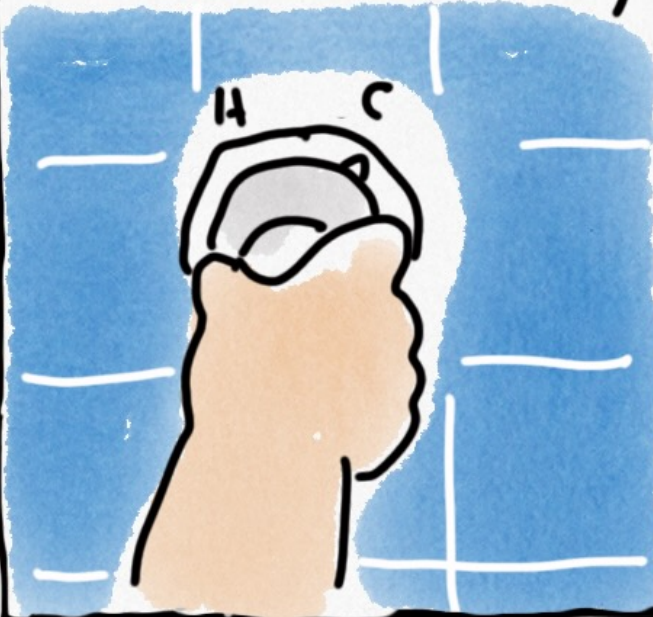


So millions of
people died.



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A cold shower
in the morning



really wakes
you up.



Afterward, your
whole body tingles



And everything
else seems pleasant
by comparison.



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In NEVER HAVE
I EVER, a keen
brown teen



with issues

has a crush



with issues,

a nemesis



with issues,

and pals



with issues.

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To all those
HAPPY to be
MOTHERS



and/or all those
HAPPY with their
MOTHERS



HAPPY
MOTHERS
DAY!

To all the rest,



MY CONDOLENCES

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Maybe it's the
ipad app...



Maybe it's
Firefox...



Maybe it's
Dad's machine.



Oh! Somehow
we're all on now.

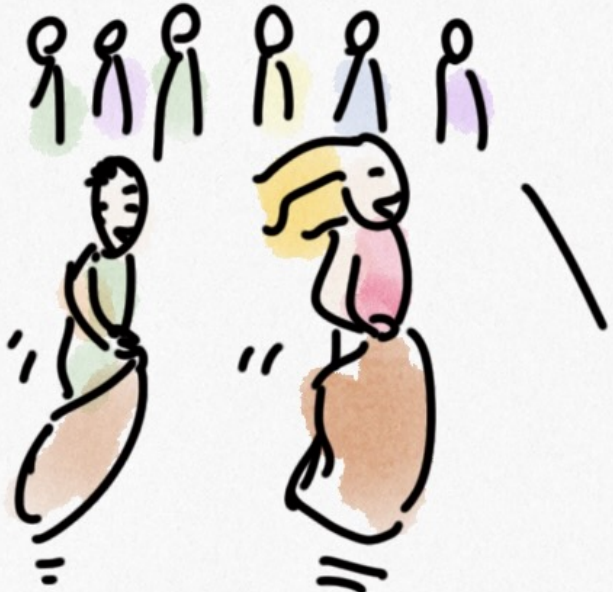


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Every summer,



my relatives in Ontario run



a big family picnic.



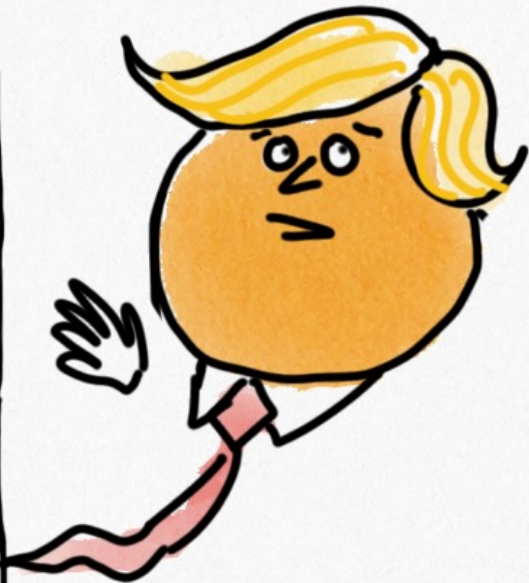
But this year, it has been cancelled



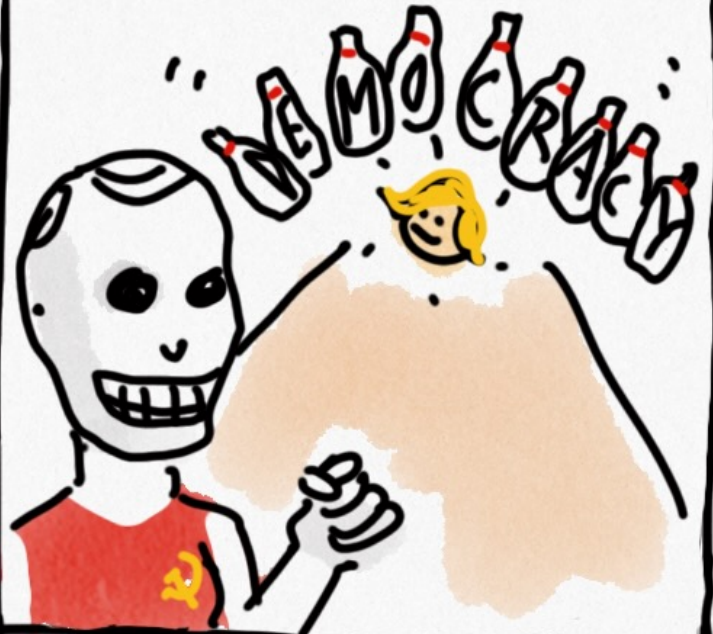
for some reason.

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A virus has
no brain.



It is not even
alive.



But it uses
living things
to spread.



leaving chaos.

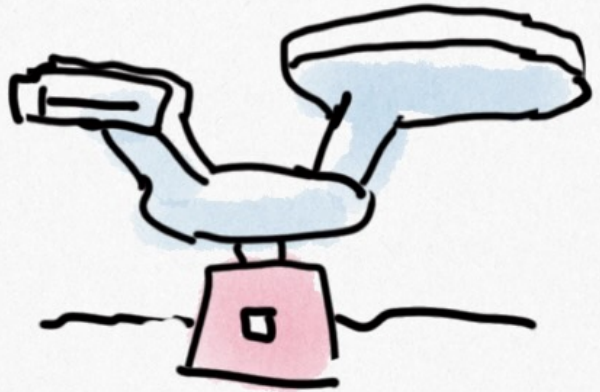


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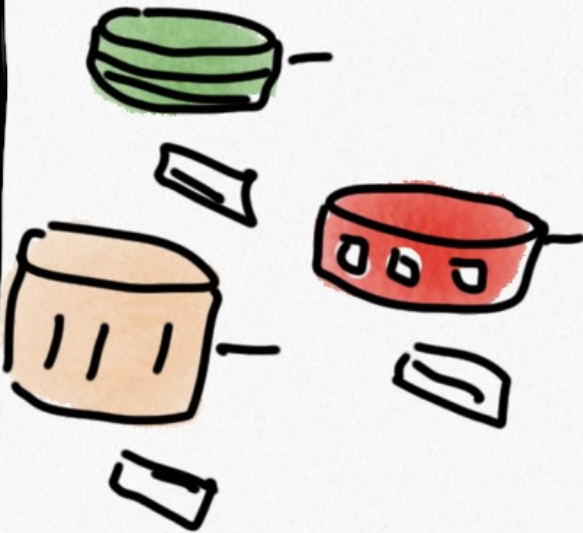
Some answers
I missed -



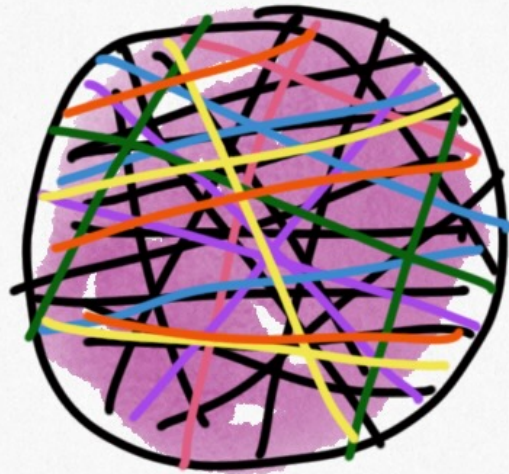
ELK



ALBERTA



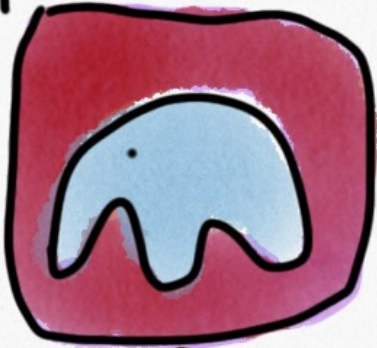
DOG COLLARS



THE BIGGEST BALL
OF TWINE IN
MINNESOTA

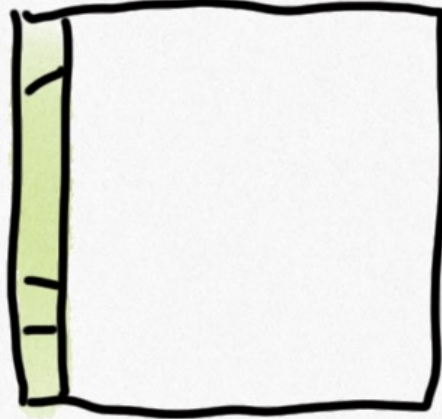
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I have been testing a digital version of exquisite corpse

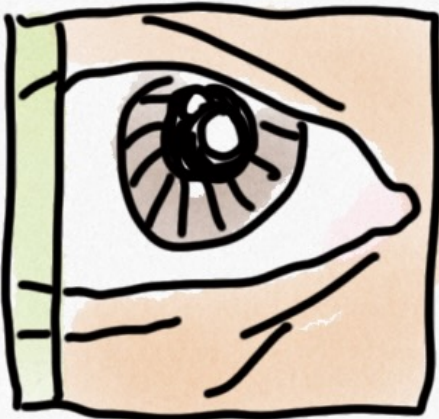


EQ

in which you see only a sliver of a previous drawing



and then add to it.



It's fun to see how they turn out.



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I received a request to use a drawing I'd done



on the Anti-Asian riots in Vancouver in 1907, from a site



documenting racist attacks against Asians in Canada related to COVID-19.



How is this even a thing?



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The book RANGE
argues that
people with a



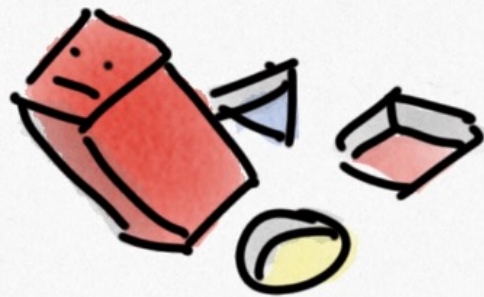
RANGE of
experiences



can thrive in
'wicked' (complex)
environments



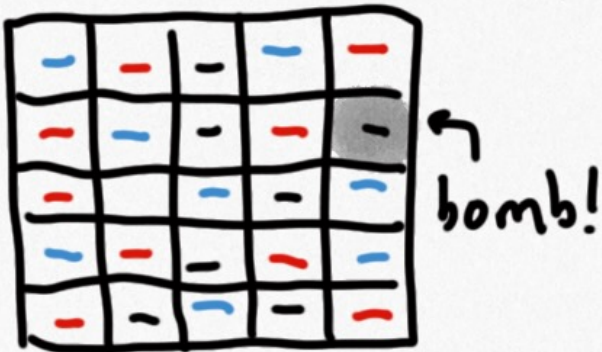
when they find
the right fit.



So maybe
there's still hope.

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Friends invited me to play a zoom version of Codenames.



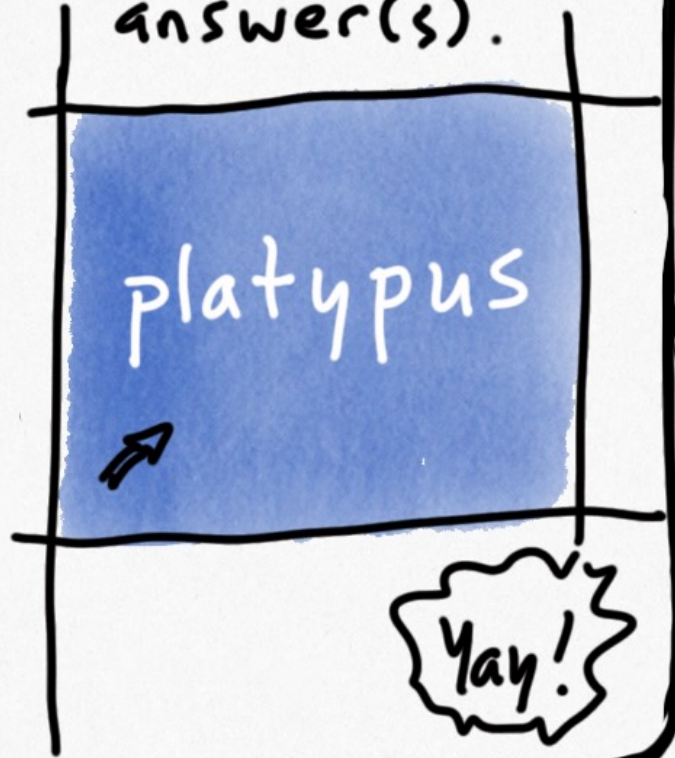
The team's spy-master, who sees the coloured-coded words, gives a clue



to teammate(s) who only see the words and try to



guess the right answer(s).



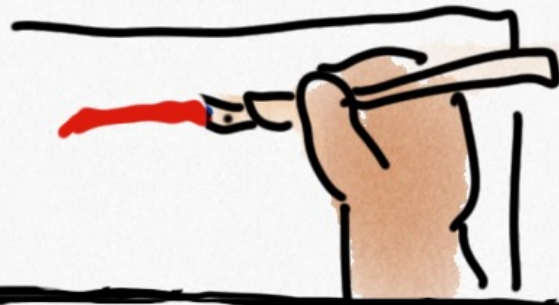
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Illustrator
Christian
Robinson



made a picture
using only
ONE COLOUR

In
ONE MINUTE



then writer
Mac Barnett
used it to write
ONE SENTENCE
in
ONE MINUTE.



You go—



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THE OTHER HALF
opens with
Aristotle,



part of an essay
the only Asian
kid in town is
writing for money.



No A,
no pay.

A second rate
jock hires her
to write a love
letter to



I've
got a
truck.

the pastor's pretty
daughter, who,
like them,



wants more from life.

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VanCAF Online
HERITAGE COMICS

Let's make
a 1-page
comic.

Cole Pauls

METHODS

Plan out your
comic in a
sketchbook



TOOLS

I use card
stock for
final art



CONTENT

Finding obsidian
connects me to
my ancestors.



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MY BACHAN

RAYMOND NAKAMURA

My BACHAN was my Dad's Mom.



She didn't speak much English,



And I didn't speak much Japanese



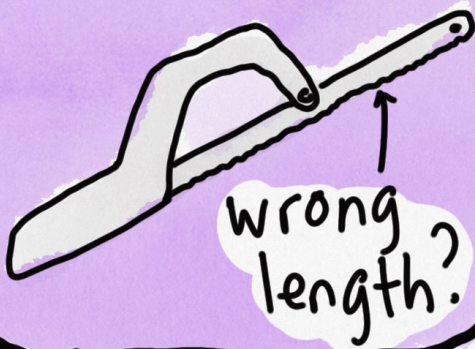
She lived 91 years



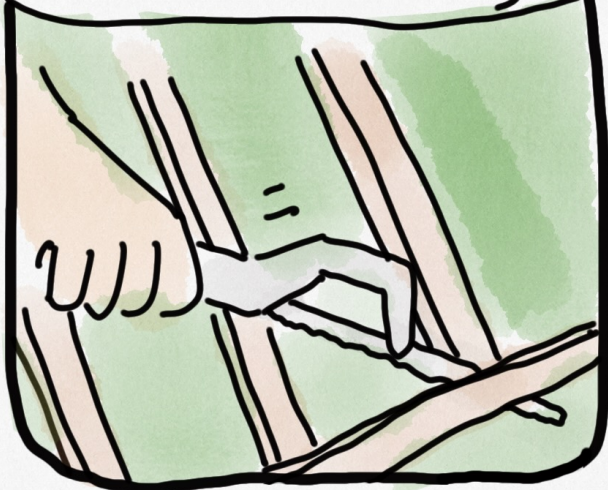
smoking roll-your-own cigarettes.

BEAT THIS @raymondsbrain

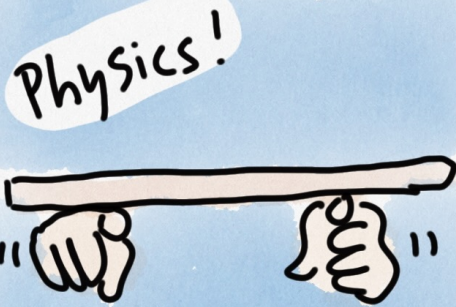
Found this in the garage.



Good enough to cut old railing.



Found the centre and



Cut it in half.

Good enough for the 7pm jam.



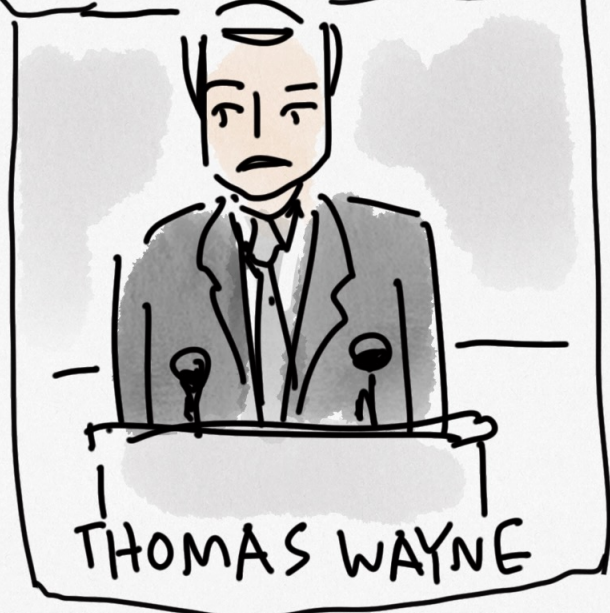
Thanks front line workers!

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JOKER might not



be your cup of tea, if you



already have



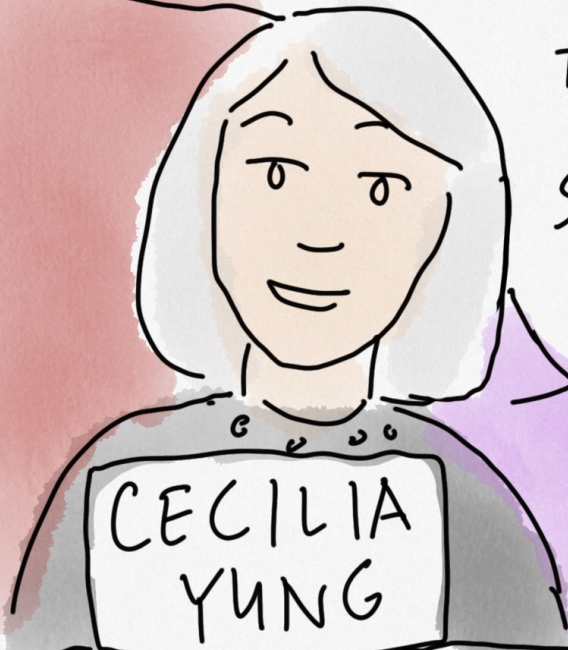
COULROPHOBIA



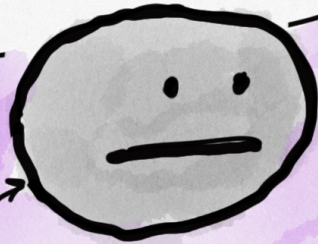
PICTURE BOOK ART DIRECTORS

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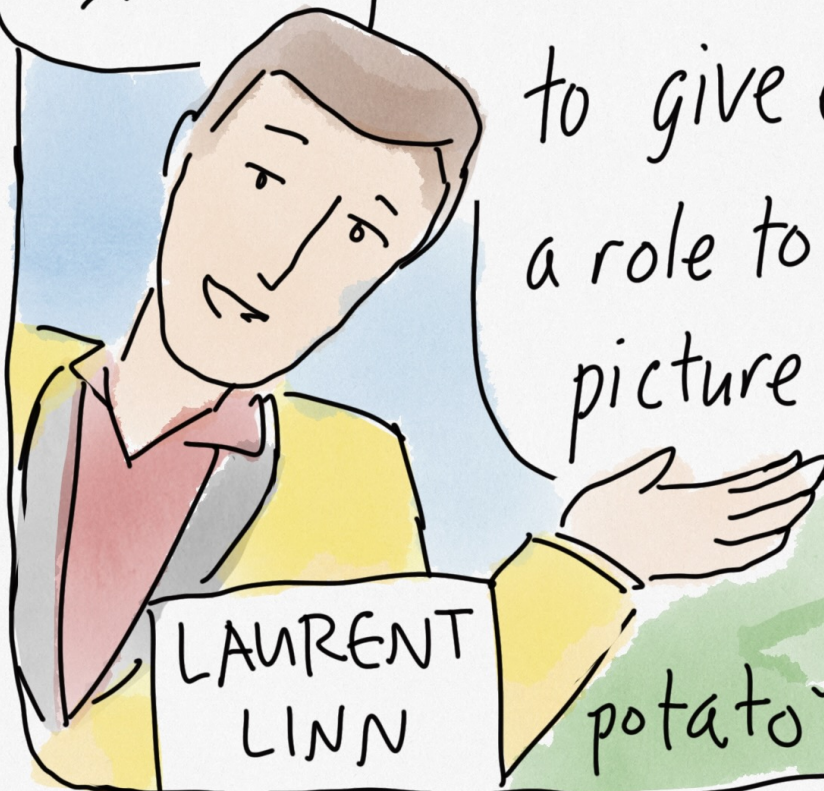
Use your vision to connect
the heart of the
story to a child's
experience.



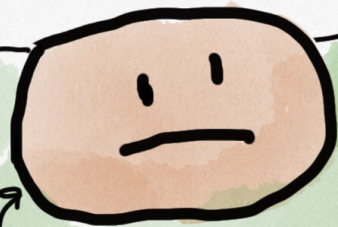
rock ↗



Share your view of the world
to give each element
a role to play in your
picture book theatre.



potato ↗



CUTTING REMARKS

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I've been cutting my own hair long before all this...



I don't style it so much as mow it.



I don't bother with an extra mirror,



so I might have a party in the back."



LIBRARIES AS CIVILIZATION

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I borrowed THE LIBRARY BOOK as an audiobook.



Susan Orlean writes about eccentric characters,



California here I come!

social history,

Anything you can do, I can do better.

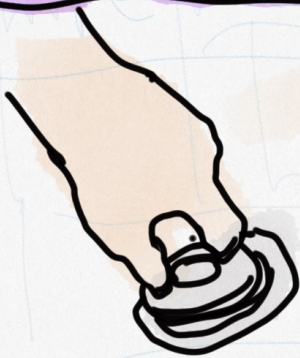


and possible arson.



UNPLUGGED
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Why doesn't this
plug unscrew?



Turn the plug
to the 'down'
position.



Yay for YOUTUBE

Lift the base
part way and
turn -



No wonder it
was slow to
drain.



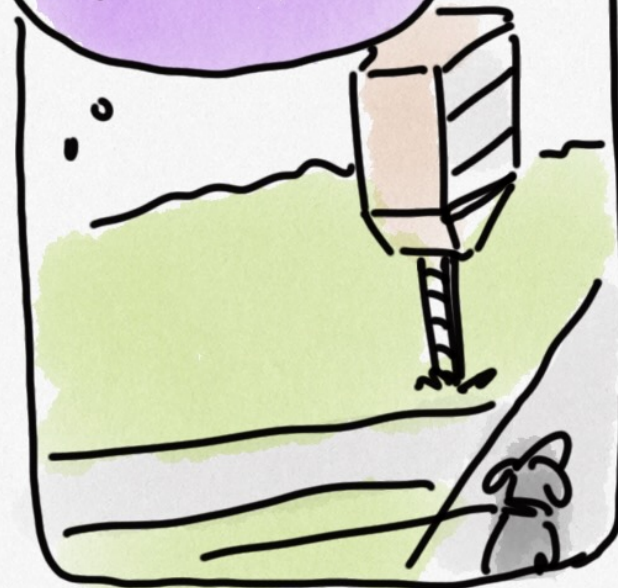
Wasn't me.

GROWING INDUSTRY

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What the-



Free
Little
Plantery



It's on
the next
block



My teen has
become keen
about gardening.

Tomatoes!



Ways PARASITE reminded me of this virus @raymondsbrain

They wore MASKS,



STAYED HOME,



kept their HANDS CLEAN,



and hoped for a BETTER TOMORROW.

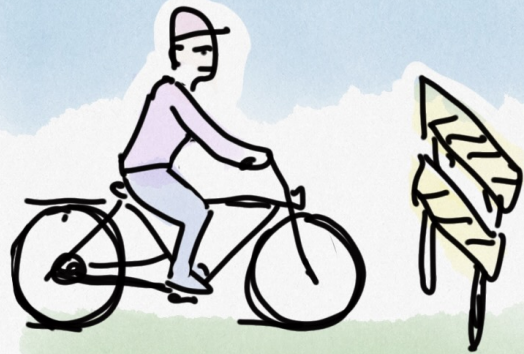


A SCENE should show characters facing ...

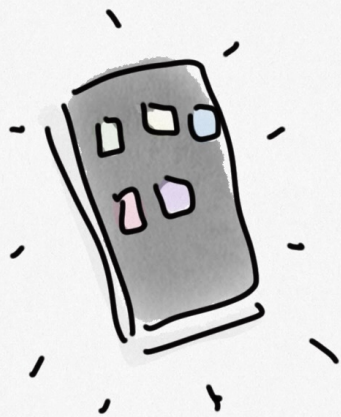


Linda Sue Park

PROGRESS and/or IMPEDIMENTS to



their EXTERNAL GOAL (what they WANT)



and/or their INTERNAL GOAL (what they NEED)



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