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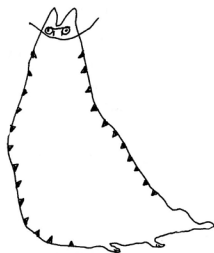


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For Alice (hee-hee)



SILLY US

WHERE WE START



INTRODUCING:
FIRST EVER FAUX-PAS

SO..ERR.. HAVE YOU TRIED THE
PRIMORDIAL SOUP? IT'S OOZEY!

AH, THE PRIMORDIAL SALAD!

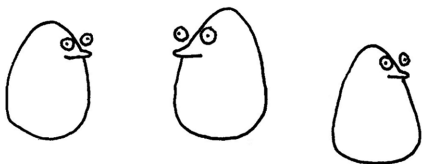
I GOT THE SALAD

NO, IT WAS JUST LETTUCE
AND WHATEVER SHIT I HAD
IN THE FRIDGE. IT WASN'T
NICE AND I HATE IT HERE

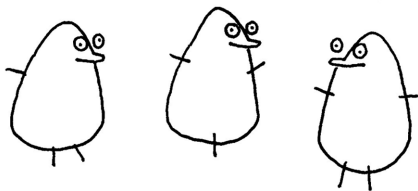
OH

YOU CAN LEAVE NOW

AT THE
START WE WERE
ALL EGGS



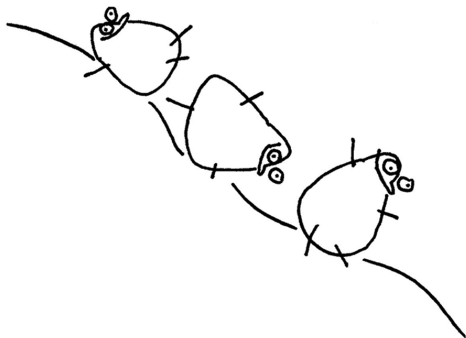
THEN WE GREW
SOME BITS



THEN WE HAD TO PRETEND
TO BE SERIOUS AND GET JOBS
AND IT WAS VERY BORING



I WISH WE COULD ROLL
DOWN HILLS ALL DAY LONG



NOW, LET'S ALL GO ROUND AND SAY
ONE THING WE HATE ABOUT
ICE BREAKERS, THEN WE CAN ALL
STAND ON OUR CHAIRS NAKED AND
YELL AND WE'LL NEVER SPEAK AGAIN





YOU'LL HAVE FUN
ONCE YOU GET THERE



YOU'LL HAVE FUN
ONCE YOU GET THERE



YOU'LL HAVE FUN
ONCE YOU GET THERE

YOU'LL HAVE FUN ONCE
ONCE YOU GET THERE

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ONCE YOU GET THERE

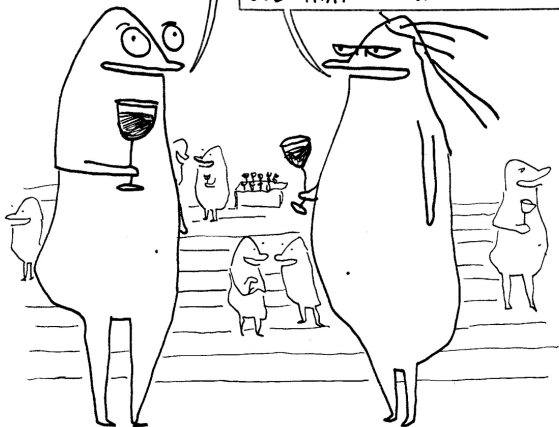


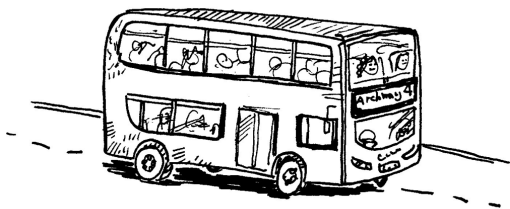
ARGHHHHH



SO ARE YOU AN INTROVERT
OR AN EXTROVERT?

I AM VERY TIRED AND HAVE
A tummyache ALL THE TIME
DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

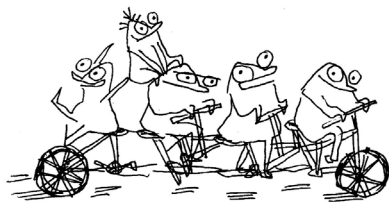




IT IS VERY EASY TO FALL IN LOVE .
YOU JUST GET ON A BUS AND WAIT UNTIL
SOMEONE TRAVELLING YOU ARE THE SAME
DIRECTION IN SITS NEAR YOU AND MAKES
EYE CONTACT AND THEN YOU CAN MENTALLY
PROJECT EVERY IDEALISED VERSION OF A
PARTNER ONTO THEM AND IT'S PERFECT
UNTIL YOU REALISE THERE IS TOOTHPASTE ON
YOUR FACE , WHICH IS PROBABLY WHY THEY
MADE EYE CONTACT AND NOW THEY'VE GOT
OFF THE BUS AND IT'S JUST YOU :
OL' MINTY FACE



WHERE WE GO



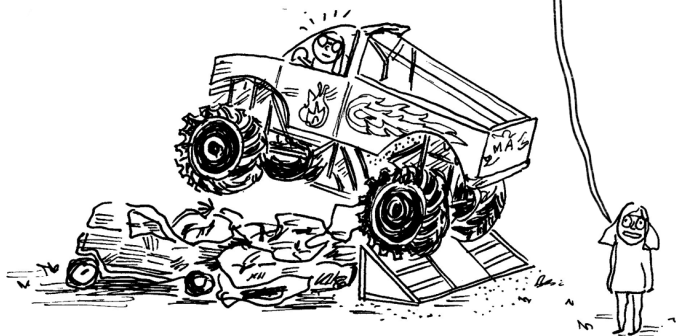


THE BEST THING IN
THE WORLD, ASIDE FROM
CUSTARD CREAMS AND
THE SOUND OF RAIN (BUT
NOT THOSE TWO THINGS
TOGETHER) IS MAKING
SOMEONE YOU LOVE, OR
WOULD LIKE TO GET TO
LOVE, LAUGH.

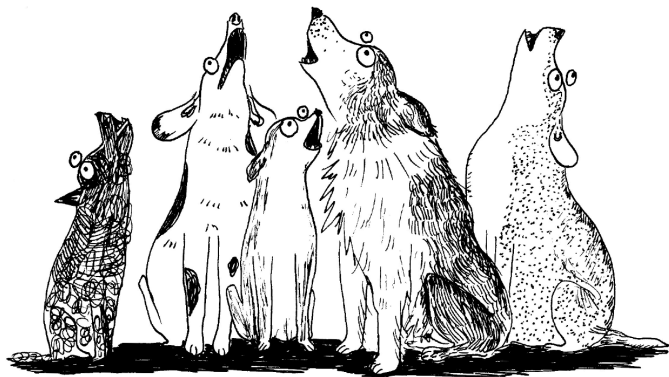
OKAY I'VE GOT THE TICKETS AND THE
DOCUMENTS. THREE TYPES OF SUN CREAM,
THE BUG SPRAY, FOUR TYPES OF STOMACH
PILLS. COLD CLOTHES, HOT CLOTHES,
CLOTHES FOR RAIN. EMERGENCY CASH,
BATTERY PACKS. A TINY SHAMPOO THAT'S
BARELY VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE. AND A HAT!



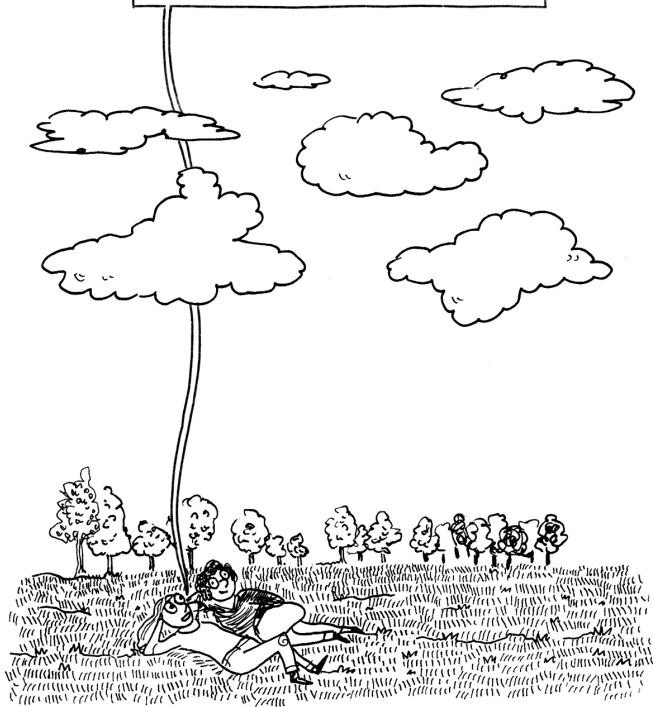
MUM I KNOW YOU'RE REALLY BUSY CRUSHING THOSE OLD CARS IN YOUR GIANT MONSTER TRUCK WITH FLAME DECALS, BUT WHEN YOU'RE DONE COULD YOU GIVE ME A LIFT, PLEASE?



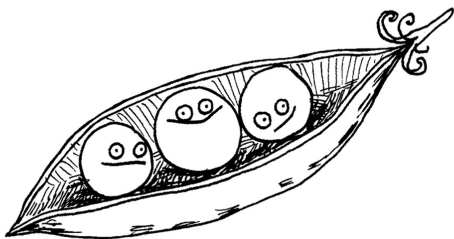
WE SING TO THE MOON IN UNISON TO SAY THANKS
FOR HER CROISSANTY ILLUMINATION



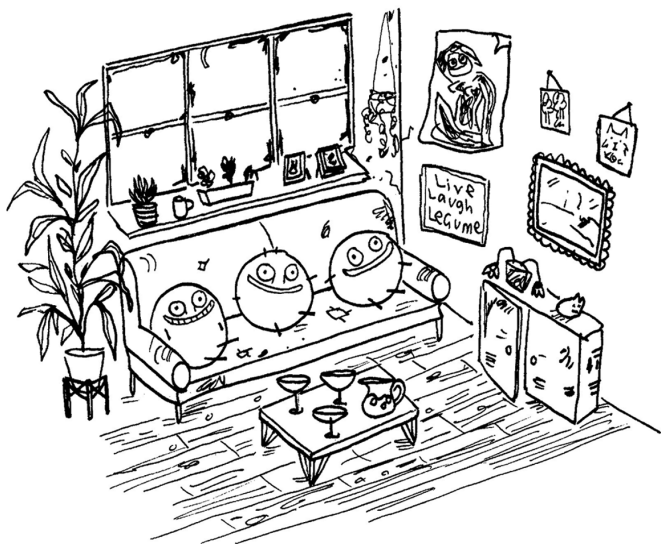
D'YA RECKON THEY EVER GAZE AT US
AND WORK OUT WHICH CLOUDS WE LOOK LIKE?



WE ARE LIKE PEAS IN A POD



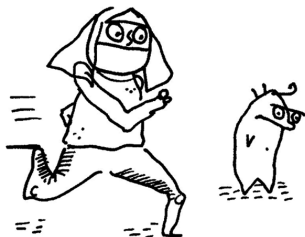
AND OUR POD IS THE FLAT WE RENT TOGETHER
FOR AN EXTORTIONATE PRICE AND NOTHING
GETS FIXED SO WE JUST STICK STUFF ON THE
WALL AND DRINK FROZEN MARGARITAS
AND LAUGH UNTIL NEXT DOOR BANGS FOR
US TO SHUT UP



IF YOU ARE
FEELING DOWN
ABOUT YOURSELF



I WILL RUN
(AND I HATE TO RUN)



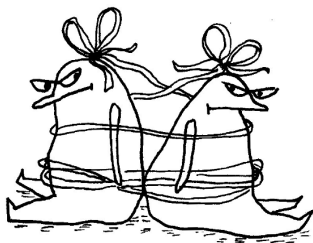
AND SCOOP YOU UP

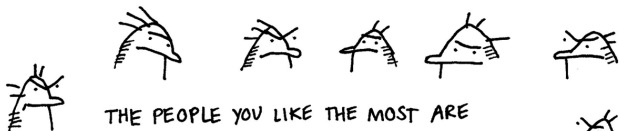


I'LL TREAT YOU LIKE THE
PRINCE OF BEANS, SO THAT
YOU FEEL PRECIOUS AND
HELD HIGH - M



WHERE WE GET STUCK





THE PEOPLE YOU LIKE THE MOST ARE
USUALLY THE ONES YOU GET MOST
CROSS WITH, BECAUSE CARING FOR
SOMEONE THAT MUCH GOES HAND IN HAND
WITH LARGE EMOTIONS. MUCH OF THE
TIME THIS IS FINE OR EVEN EXCITING.
OTHER TIMES IT IS EXHAUSTING AND
YOU WILL HAVE TO GO TO BED AND NEVER
SPEAK AGAIN FOR FIVE HOURS.

BUT SOME OF LIFE'S BEST THINGS ARE
WEIRDLY STICKY: HONEY, LINT ROLLERS,
LINT ROLLERS COVERED IN HONEY
AND I SUPPOSE RELATIONSHIPS.

IT WOULD BE VERY BORING IF WE ALL
GOT ON ALL THE TIME.



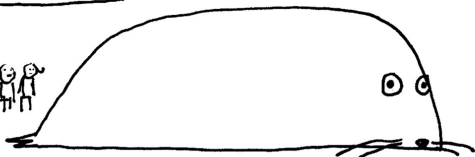
IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S ME



NO NO, IT'S NOT
YOU, IT'S ME

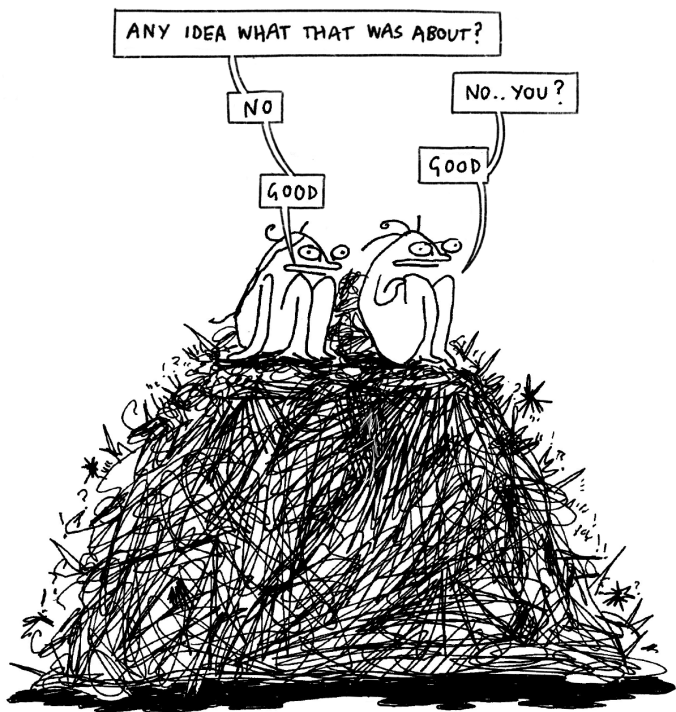


WAIT, IS IT THAT?

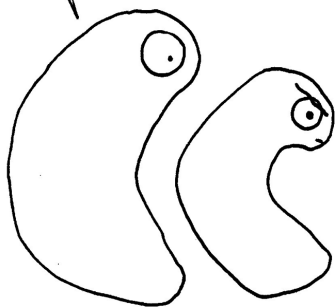




THRILLED TO BE PERCHED ATOP THE
AFTERMATH OF AN ARGUMENT



DO YOU WANT TO BE The
BIG CASHew OR The
LITTLE CASHew?



I WANT TO
BE
FAMOUS

MY LOVE FOR YOU IS ENDLESS;
DEFYING TIME AND SPACE



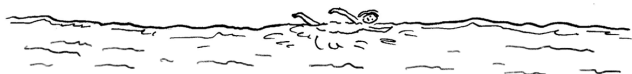
I'D DO ANYTHING. ANYTHING FOR
YOU.. JUST LET ME KNOW



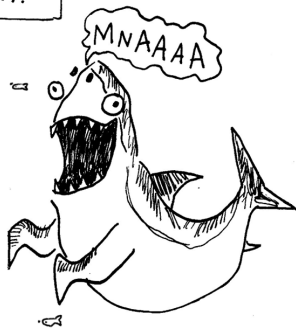
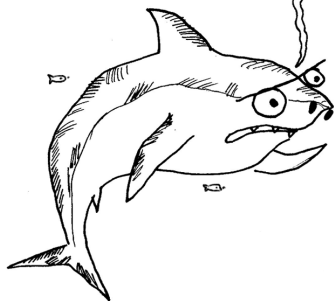
ALL THE RECYCLING
FROM THE LAST MONTH
PILED IN ONE CORNER
OF THE ROOM



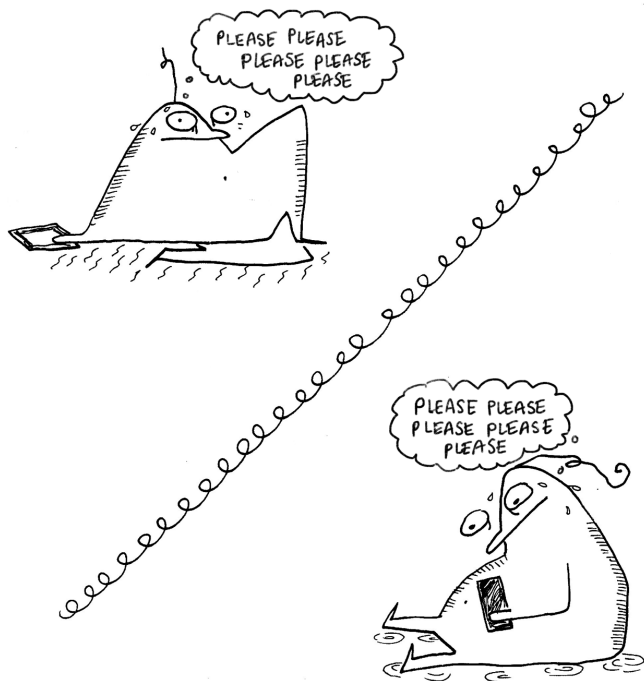
THE JAWSES



LOOK, I'VE BROUGHT YOU ALONG,
THIS IS MY THING AND I NEED
YOU TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!!



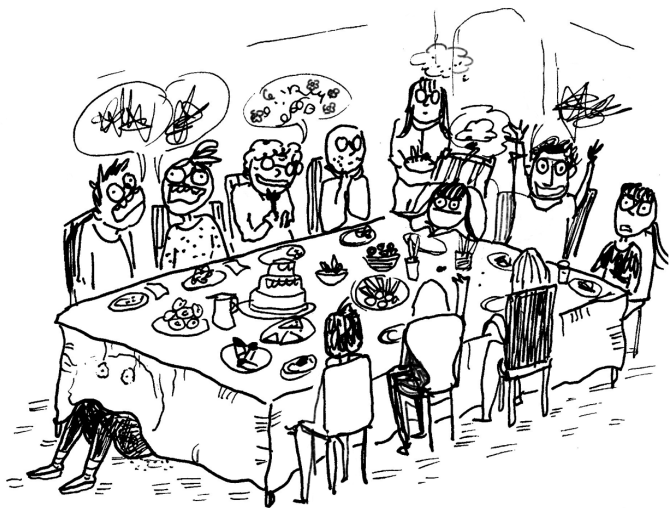
A CLASSIC SUNDAY GAME OF
"I DESPERATELY NEED YOU TO CANCEL THE PLAN"



THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE WHO IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY INSECURE COS THE OTHER TWO HAVE BEEN HANGING OUT LOADS WITHOUT HER AND IT'S GETTING HARD TO GAUGE THE VIBE



YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND HER UNDER THE
TABLE AT FAMILY PARTIES

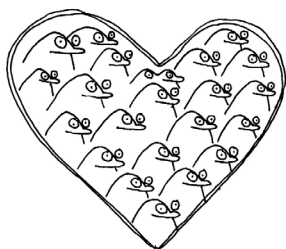


NOW, AS WE ARE BOTH AWARE, YOU ARE
REACHING THE STAGE WE CALL: OLD & LUMPY
HOWEVER, I HAVE MADE THE UNILATERAL
DECISION THAT YOU WILL NEVER DIE.
YOU WILL BE FOREVER.

I WILL FEED YOU STEAKS EVERY DAY 'TIL
THE END WHICH WILL BE NEVER
SO O O JUST. GET USED TO IT, DOG.



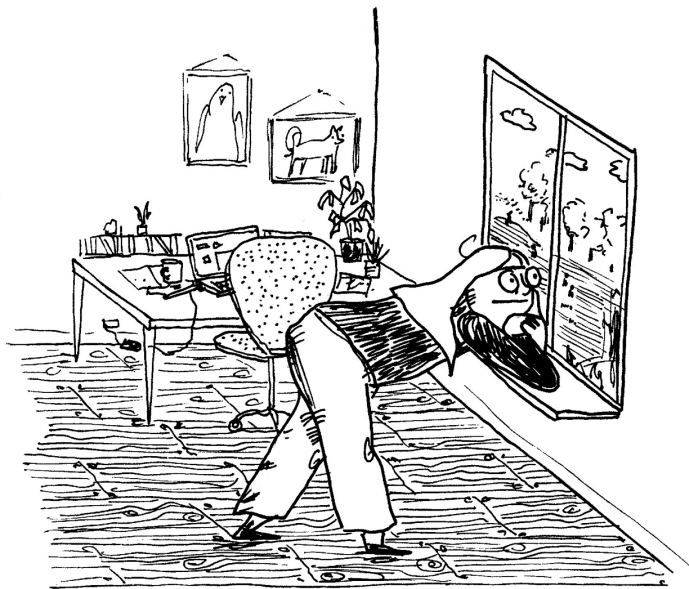
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WHEN I HAVE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH
OF MYSELF AND PEOPLE AND THE WORLD



I LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW



YOU KNOW, NATURE'S TELEVISION

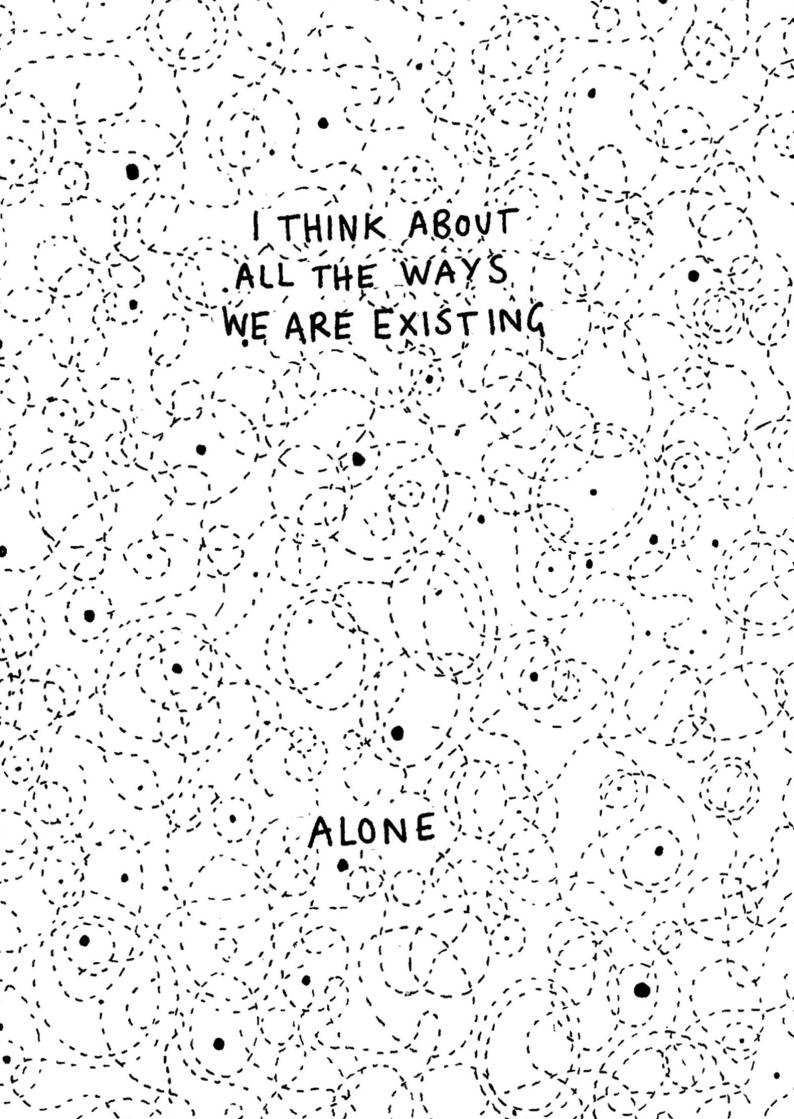


I SEE A CHILD LEGGING
IT DOWN THE PATH WITH
AN ICE CREAM THAT IS
SECONDS AWAY FROM
FLYING STRAIGHT OUT
OF THE CONE

AND TWO PEOPLE WHO
HAVE CLEARLY HAD A FIGHT
AND ARE DOING THE
'TWENTY MINUTE STOMP
OF TENSE SILENCE'
THAT COULD NOT BE
LOUDER

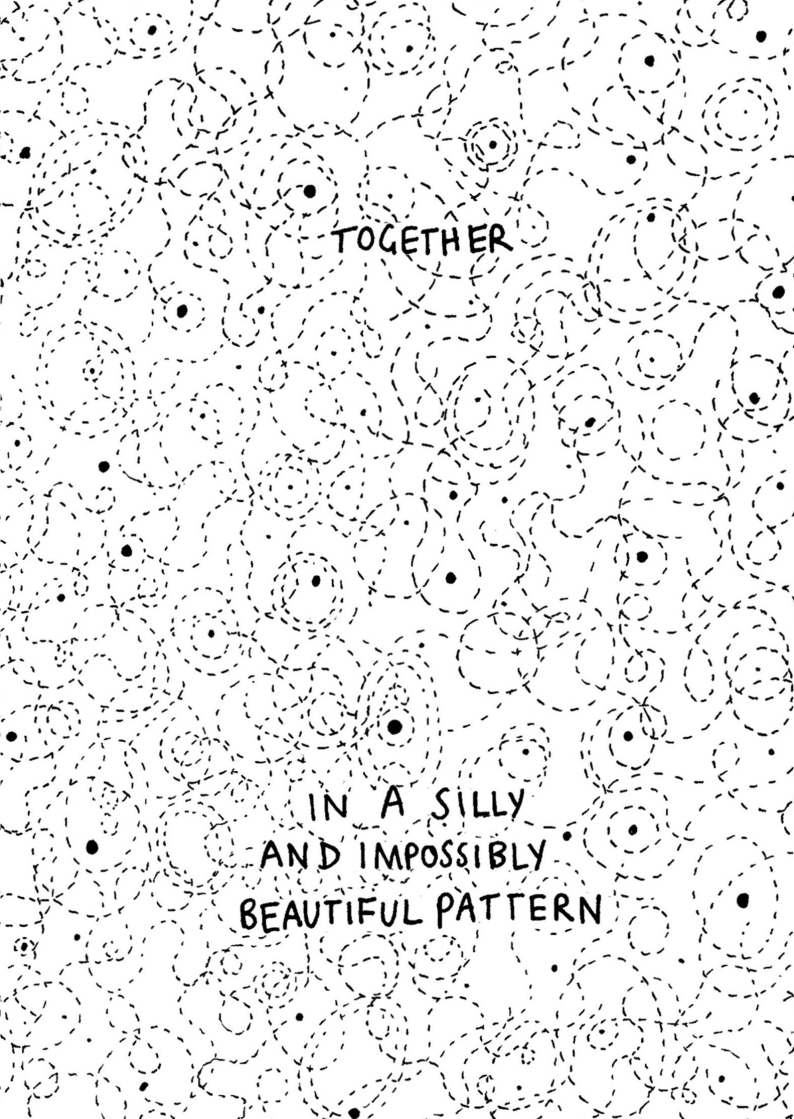


I SEE A LITTLE OLD MAN
WHO I THINK IS ALONE ON
A BENCH, BUT ON CLOSER
INSPECTION HAS AN EVEN
TINIER OLD JACK RUSSELL
TUCKED IN BY HIS FEET.
THEY'RE JUST CHILLING.



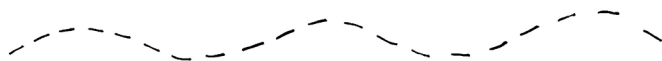
I THINK ABOUT
ALL THE WAYS
WE ARE EXISTING

ALONE

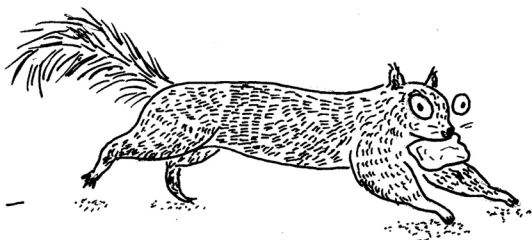


TOGETHER

IN A SILLY
AND IMPOSSIBLY
BEAUTIFUL PATTERN



AND THEN I SPOT A SQUIRREL WITH A BIT
OF LEAF IN HER MOUTH



OR IT COULD HAVE BEEN A CRISP,
EITHER WAY I THINK I'LL PHONE YOU



YEAH I KNOW!
SO SHE JUST RAN
ACROSS WITH IT



...HEE HEE...
SO YOU RECKON IT
WAS A CRISP? BUT
WHAT FLAVOUR?



PFFT..
WHAT! NO!

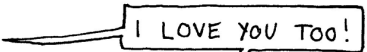


SHE WAS MUCH MORE
OF A CHEESE AND ONION
GAL. I COULD TELL

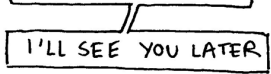


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I LOVE YOU TOO!



I'LL SEE YOU LATER



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