

The

24 Hours [&] more

BEFORE the 24 hour

Comic Event

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OKAY, FIRST THINGS
FIRST!

IF WE'RE
GOING TO GET
ANYWHERE
WE'LL HAVE
TO
SIMPLIFY!!





SO 24 HOURS BEFORE THE EVENT I'M AT MY BROTHER'S HOUSE IN MILWAUKEE. →



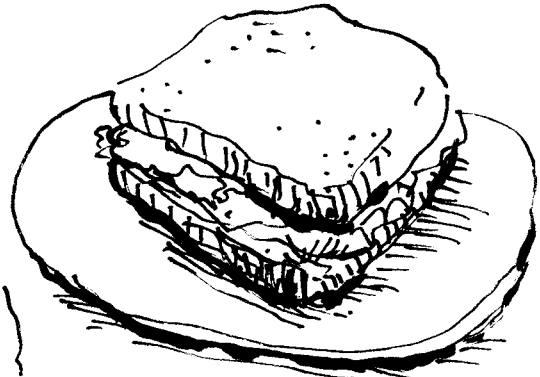
THE NIGHT BEFORE HE FAILED HIS MATH TEST IN A CLASS AT MARQUETTE.

I PUT AMERICAN CHEESE ON IT.



FUCK MATH!!

DO YOU WANT AN EGG SANDWICH?



THAT BREAD IS REALLY GOOD!!

AS I LEAVE HE GIVES ME A HUG



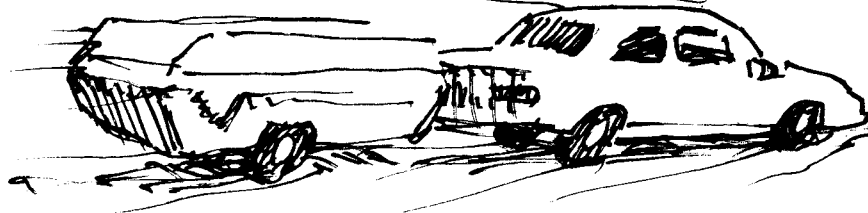
I PULL AWAY WITH MY POPUP TRAILER BEHIND MY CHEVY

(BYE, BRO!!)

THANKS FOR THE HOSPITALITY



OFF I GO, PULLING MY POP UP CAMPER TRAILER



SOME BACKGROUND:
I'M LIVING OUT OF
MY CAMPER NOW



THREE WEEKS OR SO AGO
I GAVE UP MY APARTMENT
IN ST PAUL.



I'M S'POSED TO BE
GOING TO THE SOUTHWEST*



*"MITTENS", MONUMENT VALLEY

I GUESS
LOTS OF STUFF HAS
COME UP.



(INSTEAD I'VE BEEN
KICKING AROUND
THE MIDWEST.



WHY?

FIRST, I DID A LITTLE
WORK ON A WEBSITE
WITH A FRIEND



JUST HIT
CNTRL-ALT-DEL THAT
SHOULD
WORK

NEXT I SPENT A COUPLE OF DAYS AT A
CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA



ON SATURDAY NIGHT THE CAMPGROUND I WAS AT
WAS INUNDATED WITH DRUNK 20 YEAR OLDS.



THEY PARTIED
UNTIL 3 A.M.
THEN THE COPS
SHOWED UP

BACK IN MINNEAPOLIS I GOT THE CHANCE TO
SEE MY EX-GIRL FRIEND'S SON AS KING CREON
IN "ANTIGONE"*

Phil Morley, thespian

IF YOU HAD BEEN A
SCULLERY MAID, THERE WOULD
HAVE BEEN NO DOUBT IN YOUR
MIND ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS
OF THAT EDICT. YOU WOULD
HAVE KNOWN THAT IT MEANT
DEATH; AND YOU WOULD
HAVE BEEN SATISFIED TO
WEEP FOR YOUR BROTHER
IN THE KITCHEN.



* A BLENDING OF THE SOPHOCLES & JEAN ANOUILH TEXTS

BY THIS TIME, THE TAXES WERE COMPLETE
SO I HEADED DOWN TO MILWAUKEE TO MEET
WITH MY ACCOUNTANT AND SIGN THE FORMS

JUST SIGN
AT THE "X" AND
WE'LL POP IT
RIGHT IN THE
ELECTRONIC
FILING BIN



OF COURSE, WHILE I WAS IN TOWN I HAD TO STOP
A SEE A FEW OLD FRIENDS,

TOM HADE, CARPENTER, GUITARIST, PAINTER & BON VIVANT



SO I EMAILED EVERYONE
AND SAID "LET'S JUST
EXTEND THE PARTY
FROM THE POPE'S
FUNERAL RIGHT ON
INTO CHARLES AND
CAMILLAS WEDDING.
JUST BRING ME 20
BUCKS CUZ I ALREADY
SENT 'EM A
TOASTER."

MY EX-GIRLFRIEND (FROM HIGH SCHOOL).



AND I HAD TO RETURN THE GUITAR I BORROWED
FROM MY MOTHER

I THOUGHT YOU'D
USE IT TO SING
COWBOY SONGS
AROUND THE
CAMPFIRE

MOM, born
11-20-1925

NOTE:
GUITAR
RETURNED
4-20-2005
3:32 PM
(documented)

YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT WHAT WALKS OUT OF THAT HOUSE AND
NEVER COMES BACK.

WE WATCHED BALLYKISSANGEL DVDS FOR AWHILE

INTERCLIFFORD,
YOU'LL HAVE
TO LEARN
TO DRIVE
A MOTOR-
CAR!

THE FIRST
TIME I SAW
THIS, I KNEW IT
WAS MY
SHOW.



DURING MY VISIT MY BROTHER KEVIN BECAME
AN ACE AT USING HIS CAPPUCHINO MACHINE



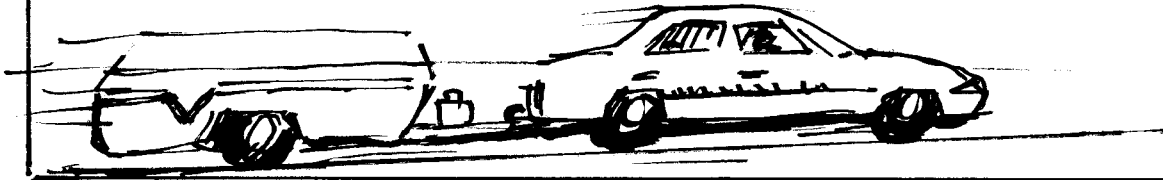
AN EMAIL FROM TIM JENNEN TIPPED ME
OFF TO THE "24 PAGES IN 24 HOURS" COMIC
EVENT"



Hmm...I should head
back up to MPLS and
do that.

WHAT THEME?
"DYSFUNCTIONAL
FAMILY COMICS"?
I'VE GOT PLENTY
OF MATERIAL
FOR THAT!

SO THAT'S WHY I'M BACK ON THE ROAD TO MINNESOTA



IN MADISON I MEET
MY SISTER GRETCHEN
FOR LUNCH



I HATE
IT WHEN
PEOPLE
ARE
LATE.

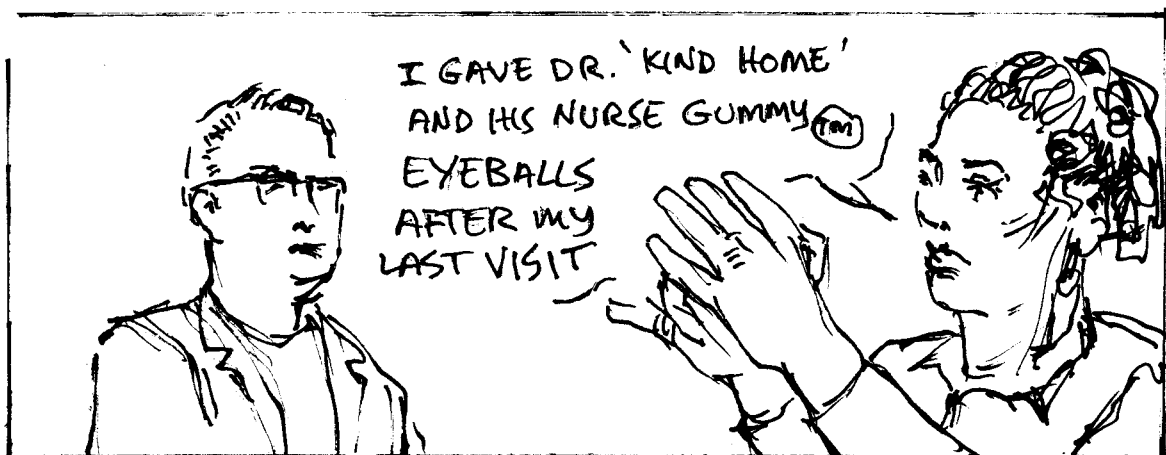
SHE HAD A LUMPECTOMY
A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO



I DON'T WANT
ANYONE TO PITY
ME.
(SCREW THAT.)



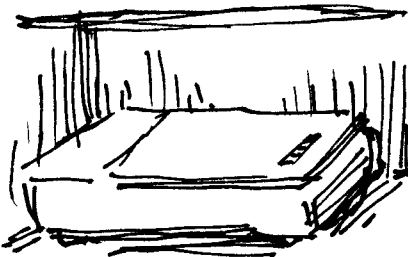
I'M STARTING TO
LOSE MY HAIR.



HER DOCTOR'S NAME TRANSLATES LITERALLY AS 'KIND HOME' 11

AFTER LEAVING GRETCHEN, I DID SOME SHOPPING

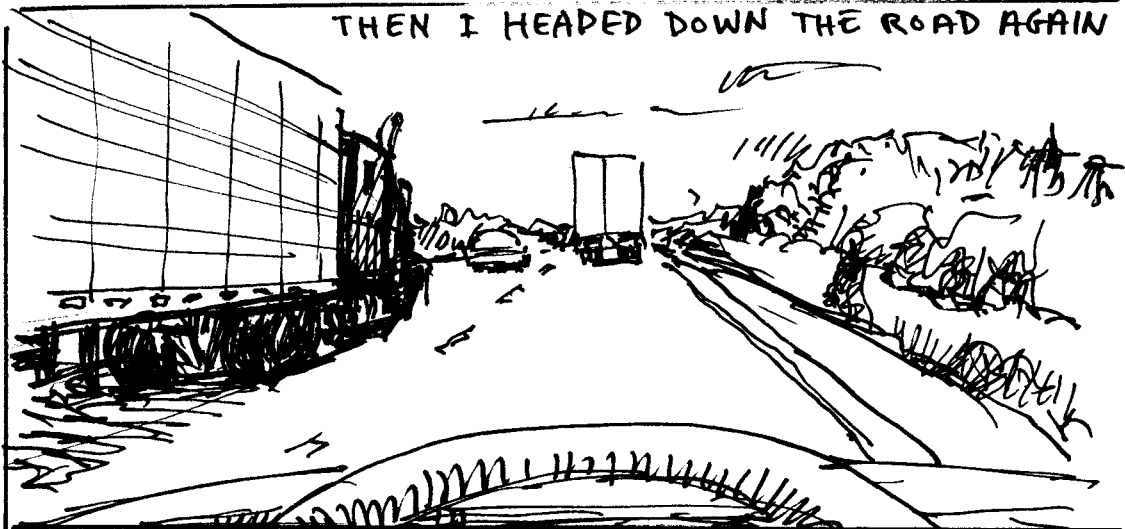
AT THE THRIFT STORE
I FOUND A NICE USB
SCANNER BUT NO
POWER PACK —
only \$6.99



AT HALF PRICE BOOKS
I BOUGHT ANOUILH'S TEXT
OF ANTIGONE

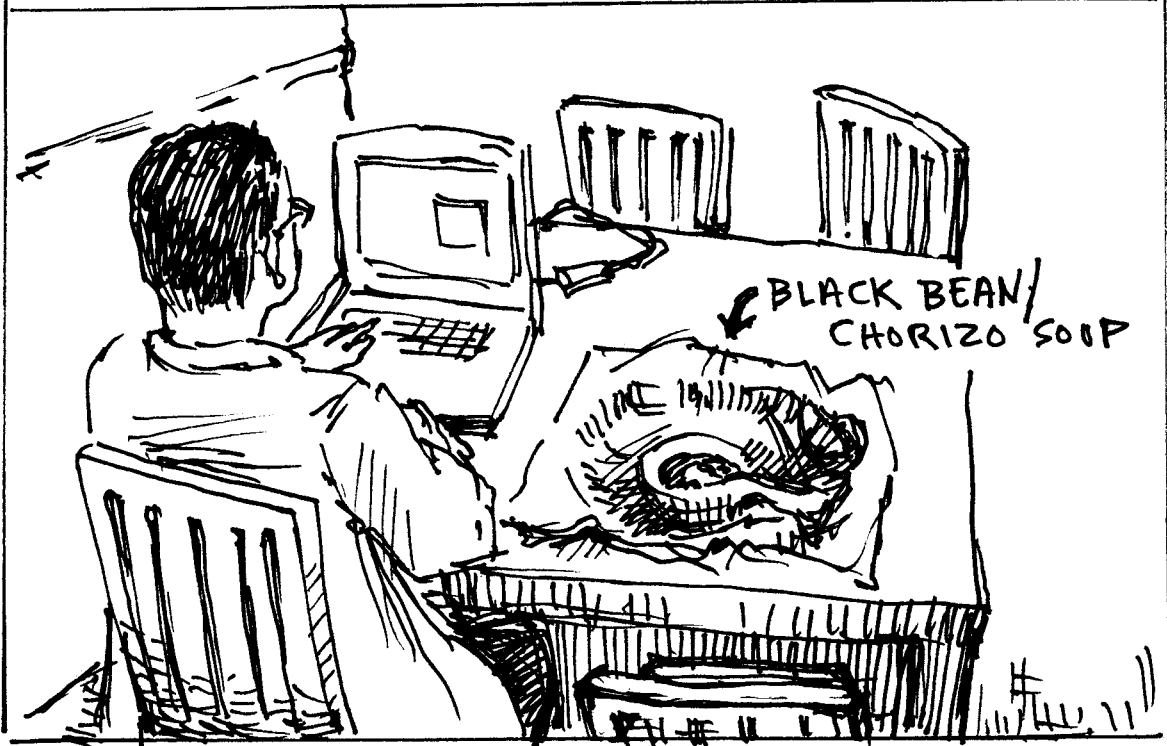


THEN I HEADED DOWN THE ROAD AGAIN



I STOPPED TO
CHECK OUT A
CUTE HOUSE
FOR SALE
IN OSSEO.

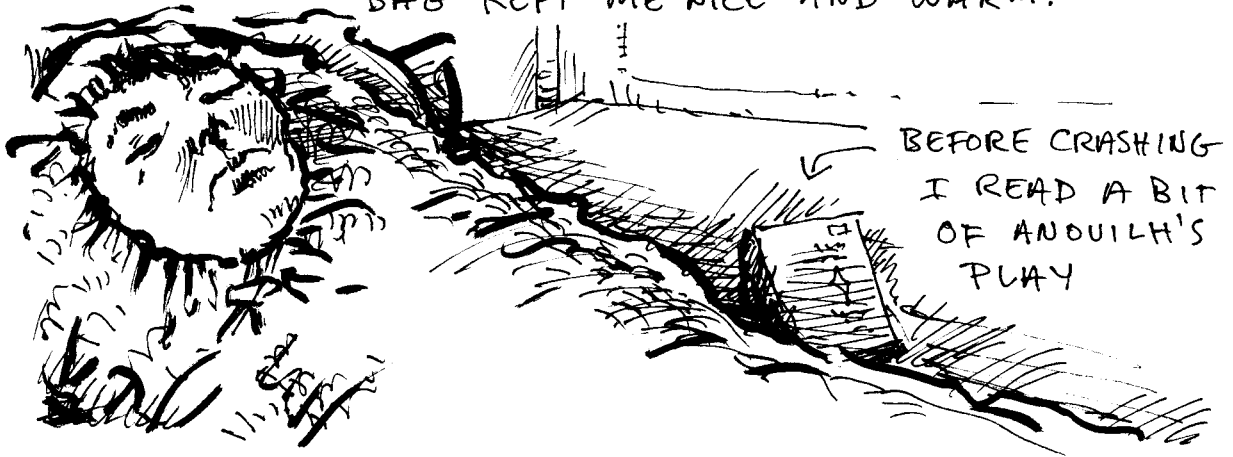
THE PANERA IN EAU CLAIRE HAS FREE WI-FI
INTERNET ACCESS SO I STOPPED TO SEND SOME EMAIL



BY THE TIME I GOT TO THE EAU GALLE CAMPSITE
REGISTRATION STATION IT WAS PITCH BLACK



IT GOT PRETTY COLD LAST NIGHT, BUT MY MUMMY BAG KEPT ME NICE AND WARM.



BEFORE CRASHING
I READ A BIT
OF ANOUILH'S
PLAY

MORNING ARRIVED BRIGHT AND SUNNY. I FIRED UP THE CAMPER HEATER AND PUT ON THE COFFEE.



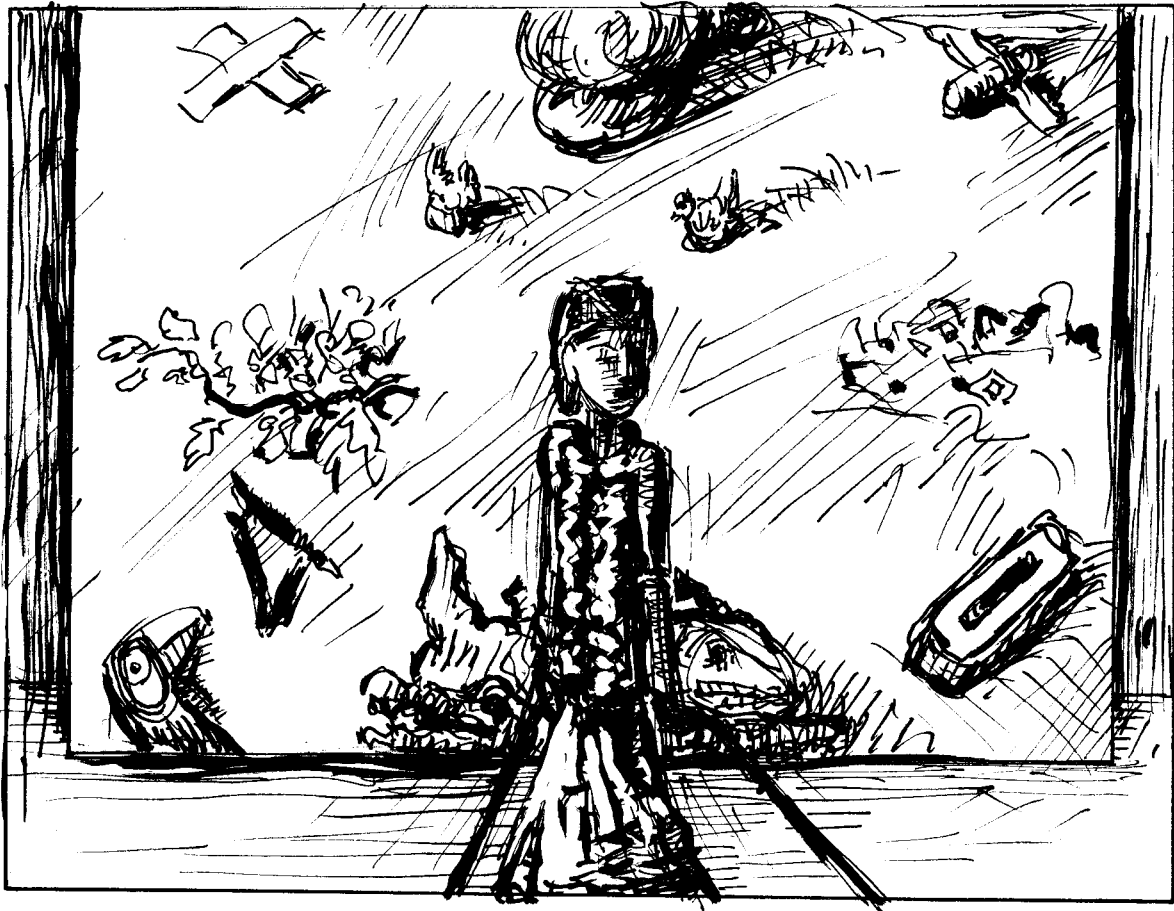
MY COFFEE
MAKER LOOKS
LIKE SOMETHING
OUT OF AN EARLY
MATISSE STILL-LIFE

coffee maker, gift from Daniel Jefferis

A SRI LANKAN
PUPPET STARED
AT ME FROM
ONE OF THE
BOXES IN THE
TRAILER.



I BORROWED IT FROM MY EX-GIRLFRIEND IN CASE
I GOT TIRED OF PAINTING LANDSCAPES ON THE TRIP.



↑ Available soon at your local art gallery. ↑

THE PUPPET WAS A GIFT FROM ME, A SUBLIMINAL METAPHORICAL RHYME FOR HER SCANDINAVIAN ALOOFNESS WHICH BOTH ATTRACTED AND REPELLED ME.



NEARLY EVERY TIME I MET HER I FELT COMPELLED TO TELL HER SHE LOOKED GORGEOUS, AS IF I WERE SEEING HER FOR THE FIRST TIME.



IT WAS LIKE A RATHER PLEASANT FORM OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDER CALLED PROSOPAGNOSIA - THE INABILITY TO RECOGNIZE FACES.

* pronounced "Byoo-nah"

SOME YEARS AGO I PROPOSED TO HER. WE WERE AT THE SCENIC OVERLOOK IN BUENA* VISTA PARK ABOVE ALMA, WISC. SHE TURNED ME DOWN BY QUOTING ROMANTIC POETRY.

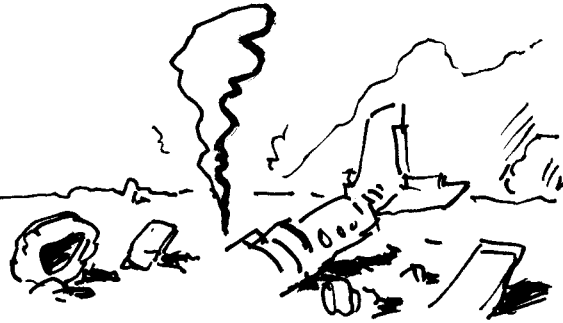
or Elizabethan

PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE QUOTED POETRY?

purple
tie of
supplication →

"COME LIVE
WITH ME AND
BE MY LOVE..."

THE TREES WERE ENCASED IN ICE FROM A STORM - THE ICE WAS CRACKING AND FALLING FROM THE TREES AS WE SPOKE.



A PILOT HAD CRASHED HIS PLANE IN THAT STORM AND DIED.

panel swiped from Zander Cannon's 24 hour Comic.

WE CONTINUED ON WITH OUR RELATIONSHIP. I FIGURED I COULD RESUBMIT MY PROPOSAL. IT ENDED UP NOT WORKING OUT. A GREAT LOSS.

(back at the campsite...)
COFFEES DONE!!
I GUESS I'M
"MOVING
ON."



EAU GALLE'S SHOWERS ARE NICE & HOT!! IT FEELS SO GOOD THAT I DECIDE TO LEAVE THE CAMPER SET UP THERE FOR MY 'RECOVERY' AFTER THE 24 HOUR EVENT.



I MET A GUY WHO WAS A STATE PARK 'PATRON'-FOR
A HUNDRED AND FORTY BUCKS YOU GET AN ANNUAL PARK
PASS AND ALL THE HUNTING LICENCES.



HEADING BACK TO THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY THE
MORNING SUN WAS VERY BRIGHT.



THERE ARE SOME TELL-TALE SIGNS I'M A CAMPER
EVEN WHEN I'M NOT PULLING THE TRAILER

TOOTHBRUSH IN HOLDER
BETWEEN THE CAR SEATS...

THE DRYING TOWEL THROWN
OVER THE HEADREST.



I STOPPED FOR MORE COFFEE AND A BREAKFAST BURRITO AT
TACO JUANS IN HUDSON

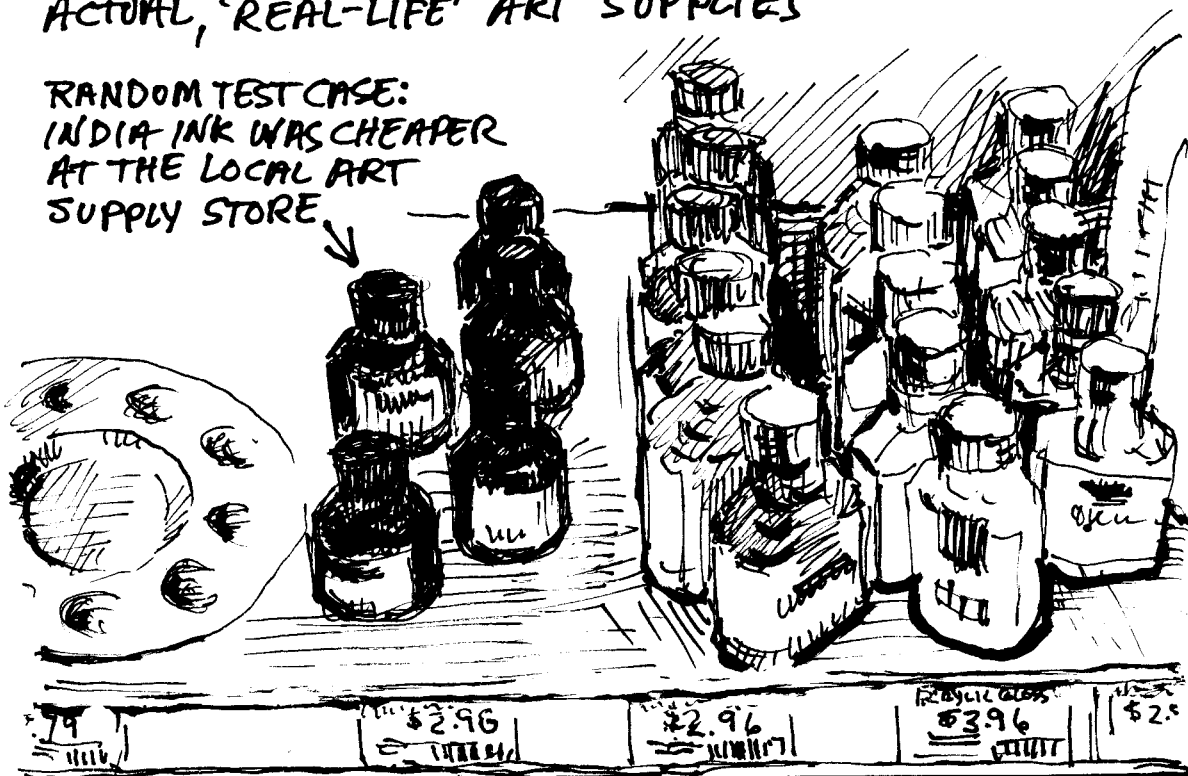


THEN I WENT OVER
TO WALMART FOR
SOME ESSENTIAL
DRAWING SUPPLIES.
(I got the 3 pack,
being an optimist.)



I LATER FOUND OUT THE 'SUPER' WALMART SELLS
ACTUAL, 'REAL-LIFE' ART SUPPLIES

RANDOM TEST CASE:
INDIA INK WAS CHEAPER
AT THE LOCAL ART
SUPPLY STORE

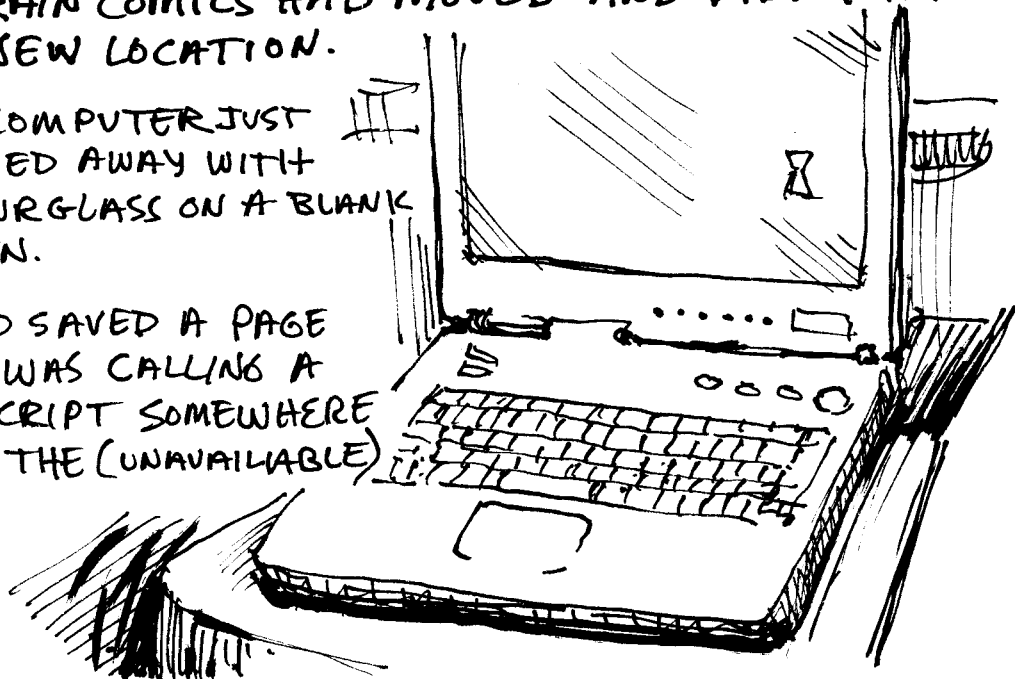


MORAL: SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ART SUPPLY STORE!

I HAD SAVED THE EVENT INFO WEB PAGE AS A HTML
FILE SO I COULD LOOK AT IT OFFLINE. I KNEW
BIG BRAIN COMICS HAD MOVED AND DIDN'T KNOW
THE NEW LOCATION.

THE COMPUTER JUST
CHUGGED AWAY WITH
AN HOURGLASS ON A BLANK
SCREEN.

I HAD SAVED A PAGE
THAT WAS CALLING A
JAVASCRIPT SOMEWHERE
OUT ON THE (UNAVAILABLE)
WEB.



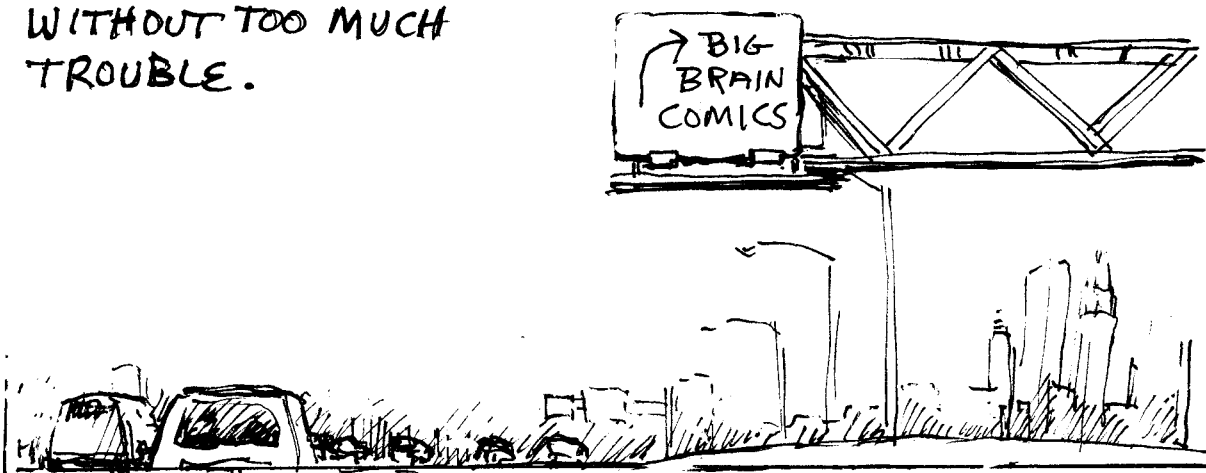
- MORAL #2: SAVE PAGES AS PDF (OR HAND COPY) FOR
OFFLINE ACCESS IF YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO
SEE THEM!

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BEHIND SCHEDULE, I STOPPED AT A GAS STATION IN MINNEAPOLIS TO LOOK UP BIG BRAIN COMICS ADDRESS.



AFTER THAT I FOUND IT WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE.



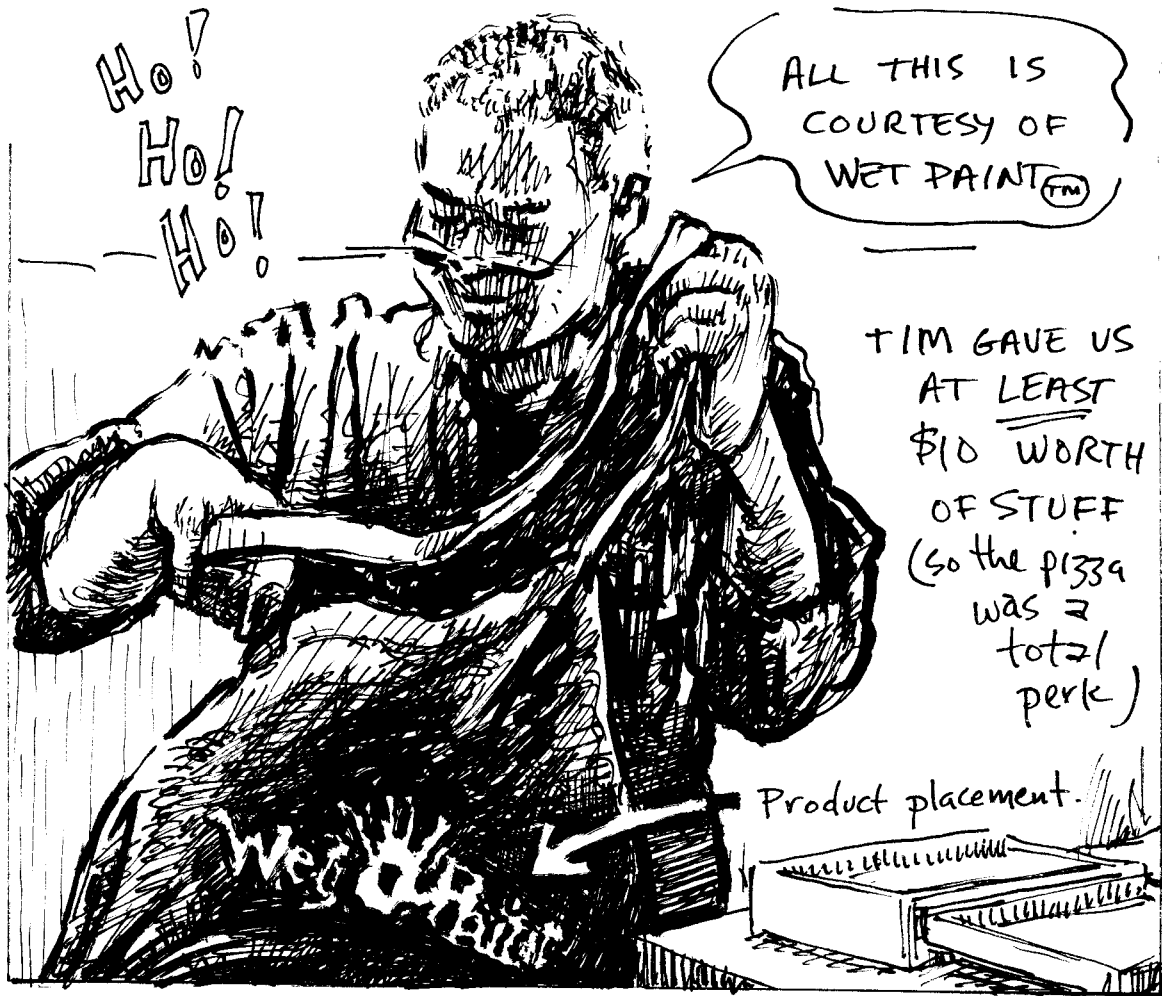
IT WAS ABOUT 9:40 SO MOST PEOPLE WERE ALREADY
HARD AT WORK AT FOLDING TABLES IN THE AISLES.



MIKE, THE OWNER, GAVE ME THE SCOOP ON PARTICIPATING.

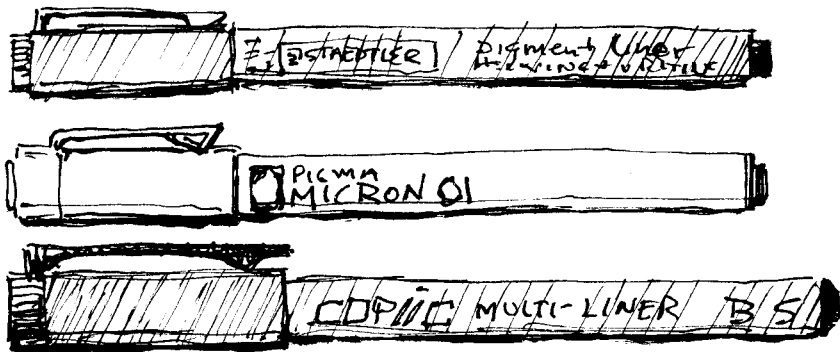


TIM JENNEN ARRIVED A FEW MINUTES LATER
AND PLAYED SANTA.

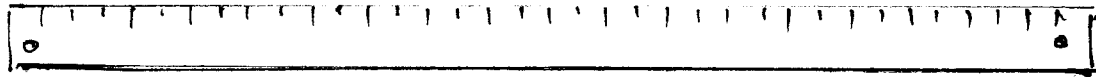


NOTE: TIM PARTICIPATED AND COMPLETED A 24 PAGE COMIC.

I'D GOTTEN CHEAP MARKERS AT WALMART, BUT TIM
GAVE US BETTER TOOLS.

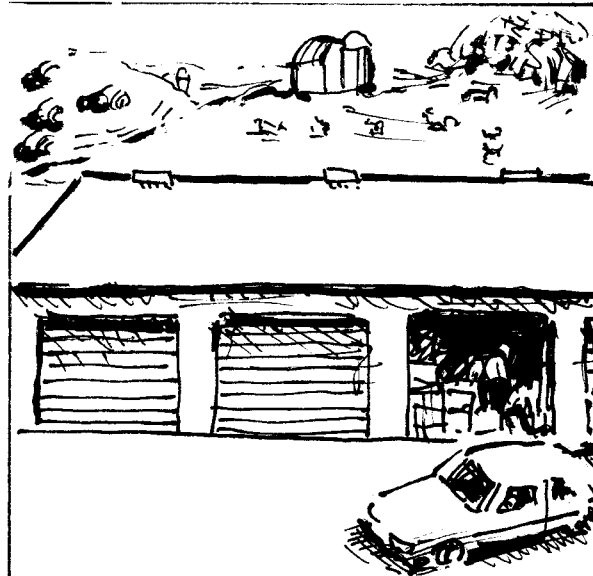
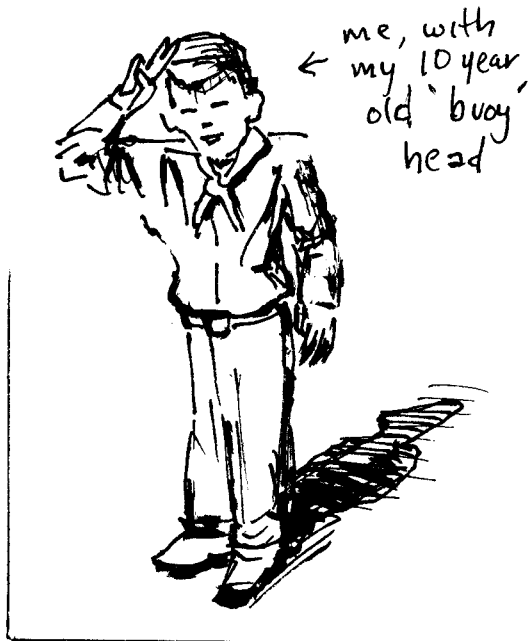


PENSPOTTERS:
KNOW THEM BY THEIR SILHOUETTE!!



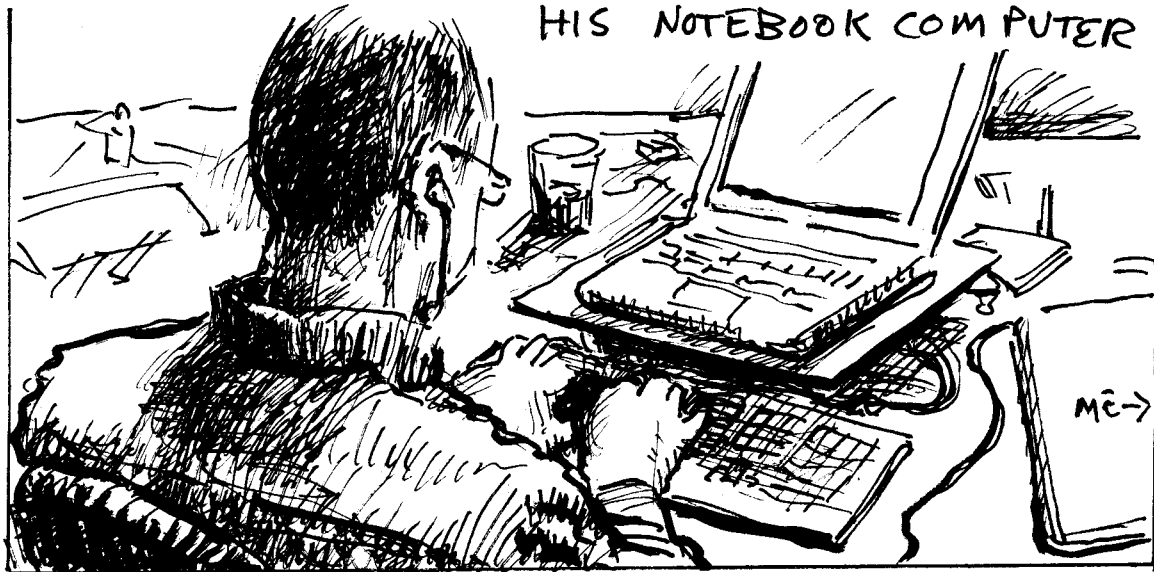
I BOTHERED TIM ALL DAY FOR THE USE OF HIS STRAIGHT
EDGE (SPECIAL PRIZE IF YOU CAN FIND WHERE I USED IT.)

IT SEEMS I'D FORGOTTEN
MY PLEDGE AS A SCOUT
TO BE PREPARED.



ALL MY LINE-ART MATERIALS
ARE IN MINI-STORAGE
IN RURAL WISCONSIN WITH
ALL MY OTHER STUFF.

THE GUY NEXT TO ME (DAVID STEINLICHT) WAS HARD
AT WORK. HE DID HIS ENTIRE 24 PAGE COMIC ON
HIS NOTEBOOK COMPUTER



AT 10:23 A.M. I SET TO WORK.



THE RESULT
IS IN YOUR
HANDS.



Pages 1-13 were done in the initial 24 hour period. Pages 14-24 were completed over the 3 week period that followed.

- THE END -



← YOU,
THE
READING
PUBLIC

WARNING

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