

Super Friend Bash

End of 2022 Newsletter

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About Super Friend Bash

Who?

You and your cool (not lame) friends are invited! Expect to run into several other awesome people and their awesome friends.

What?

Super Friend Bash is a group vacation. It started in 2010 with the goal of getting awesome people to do awesome things in awesome places. The idea is simple: pay a deposit and become part of the planning committee. The planning committee sets an itinerary for the selected place and time. Then we go there, have fun, and vote on next year's place and time!

Why?

Super Friend Bash originated from two desires: to have an annual tradition with close friends and to stay in touch with our friends as they went on with their lives. Let's take each in turn:

"Worst. Tradition. Ever"

It began the last day of classes in high school. Three close friends decided to commemorate passing into a new stage of life. To get to school, every day we were bused to school over a mountain. We thought it would be nice symbolism to get together each year and walk across it on foot. We had a party afterward the first year, but stopped doing that in subsequent years for some reason.

The walk was awful. It would take 4 hours of the hottest New Mexico sun. But we kept doing it for seven years because we're awesome. (Translation: stubborn.) In 2009, we decided a change was in order. We couldn't keep coming back to the same place, having a terrible time with a dwindling set of friends. Instead, we started a new tradition to have a great time in new places with as many friends as we could...

"Quit Making Something of Yourself, Dammit!"

The older we get, the more awesome people we meet. Sadly, these awesome people tend to do things with their lives. One can call, but that's not the same as visiting. And visits are expensive, especially when friends live in far away places... the jerks.

This idea was born as a solution to that problem. Instead of everyone spending money to go visit *their* friends and family, why not have *all* the friends and family spend money and go see each other? And as long as we're doing that, why not make it in an awesome new place?

When? Where??

Every year we pick a new time and new place. Anyone can suggest a location, but where we go is decided by vote relative to how many times you've attended. (Given the 2022 snafu, we're voting for time and place separately from now on). To see where we'll go in 2023, turn to the last page!

About this Newsletter

If you met me after 2005, you might think this whole thing is a bit extra. As a teen, I wrote a biweekly 'viewspaper' for six years. This is its annual, spiritual successor to that project. Enjoy!




Branding

OLD LOGO: 2010–2022



SUPER FRIEND BASH

ABOUT:

- ✦ Font 20th Century Modern in yellow. Curved, outlined in black, with a red bevel, and dark shadow.
- ✦ Put together in an hour or so; not much thought.
- ✦ Really leaned into the old Super Friends logo for some reason. 

This was fine while it lasted, but now that SFB has returned for two extremely successful trips in a row, we need to up the level of effort for the event. After some testing, the following fonts, practices, and uses have been adopted.

NEW LOGO: 2023–

Super Friend Bash

ABOUT:

- ✦ Doedel with stylized ligatures, strategic kerning, outlined, and colored based on the flags of the countries we'll visit.
- ✦ Set as both a horizontal and square, depending on use.
- ✦ Captures the spirit of the previous logo with a new, stylized, exciting flavor.

OTHER FONTS Leosler Stamp Regular:

This fun font is a general section header, but also used for labels and other comments.

Amithen:

For use in scripts, emphases around titles, and anywhere a new emotional register is called for.

Adobe Jenson Pro:

For use in general text, occasionally bolded or italicized. Long been my favorite font :D

Unit Slab Pro:

For limited, occasional slab serif use. Strong, powerful, attention grabbing.

Where We Went

Where we went, in which the Northern Lights looked like a problematic gas leak

The one place in Iceland where the Northern Lights look truly breathtaking



Geysir, the oldest Geyser
It's so very masculine.
Not just a guy,
also a sir.

Airport — Employs a single shuttlebus driver
named Doug. Doug is touring with his band right now.

Secret Lagoon:
Top Google Search result
for "iceland," "lagoon,"
or "airport shuttle"



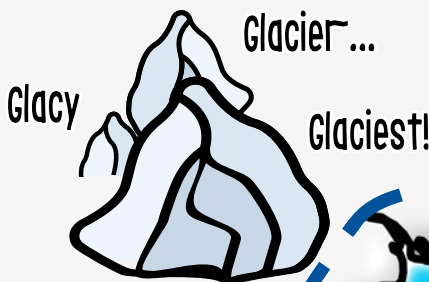
My bad, you can also see the Northern Lights here. Also puffins and unicorns.

Traditional Icelandic sex orgy. Also, the first Google search result for "Secret Lagoon."

Doug playing with his rubber band.



The volcano didn't blow, which, ironically, blew.



Glacier...

Glacy

Glaciest!

Northern Lights visible for Tina here.

Our AirBNB. Pretty Sweet Spot

Fun Fact: This isn't an outline of Iceland, this is a satellite photograph in Winter

The sand here is black. Aside from us, this was the most diverse part of Iceland

KEY



The Van

Miranda & Red Daniel's car

The Soggy Bottom Boys

Meet the Participants

In order of Arrival

Chum
Name
France (ADG)
Hub of Origin
Draws, handstands, names people
Traits
Traveling, keeping valuables, mosquitos
Weaknesses

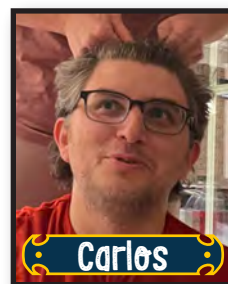
May 25
Birthday
They/their
Pronouns



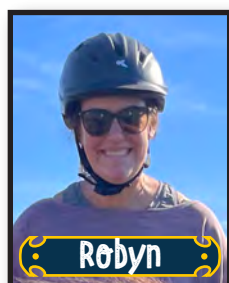
Chum

Carlos
Name
Reno (RDV)
Hub of Origin
Wears glasses, plans trips, has face
Traits
Gummy bears and Taco Bell (same reason)
Weaknesses

He/his
Pronouns
May 29
Birthday



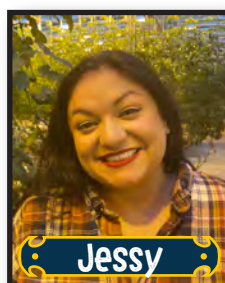
Carlos



Robyn

Robyn
Name
Boston, Mass. (BOS)
Hub of Origin
Travel, action, adventure
Traits
Would do awful, awful things for helium
Weaknesses

July 10
Birthday
She/her
Pronouns



Jessy

Jessy
Name
El Paso (ELP)
Hub of Origin
Laughs, mixology, mad makeup skills
Traits
Probably called you a bitch out of love
Weaknesses

She/her
Pronouns
August 2
Birthday

Tina
Name
All of them
Hub of Origin
Has bangs, attended most STBs, planning
Traits
Hates planning, apparently
Weaknesses

She/her
Pronouns
June 16
Birthday



Tina

Providing Daniel (LM)
Name
El Paso (ELP)
Hub of Origin
Cooking, drones, going the extra mile
Traits
Jessy, getting sick
Weaknesses

He/his
Pronouns
February 14
Birthday



Providing Daniel



Craig

Craig
Name
El Paso (ELP)
Hub of Origin
Down, calm, collected, willing to drive
Traits
Can't get enough rock
Weaknesses

He/his
Pronouns
March 19
Birthday

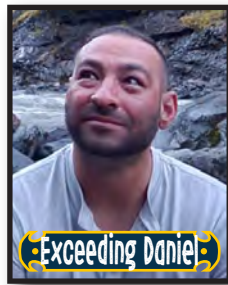


Alicia

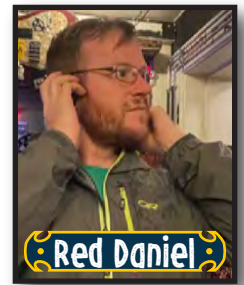
Alicia
Name
El Paso (ELP)
Hub of Origin
Probably drew you at some point
Traits
Always the drawer, never the drawee :(
Weaknesses

She/her
Pronouns
October 24
Birthday

Exceeding Daniel
He/his
Name Pronouns
Albuquerque (ABQ) November 29
Hub of Origin Birthday
Nurse, aspiring doctor
Traits
Shins, back, probably front, too
Weaknesses



Red Daniel
He/his
Name Pronouns
Portland (PDX) February 28
Hub of Origin Birthday
True dad energy
Traits
When he tells dad jokes, his dad laughs
Weaknesses



Steven
He/his
Name Pronouns
Phoenix (PHX) February 6
Hub of Origin Birthday
Doctor, aspiring nurse
Traits
Can only play a half-dozen instruments
Weaknesses



Miranda
She/her
Name Pronouns
Portland (PDX) March 3
Hub of Origin Birthday
Paints eggs, sits on walls, hides gummies!
Traits
Misses her daughters :/
Weaknesses

Jason "J.D."
He/his
Name Pronouns
Los Angeles (LAX) / ATL February 13
Hub of Origin Birthday
Actor, stunt person, curly-haired
Traits
Looking at the camera in group pictures
Weaknesses



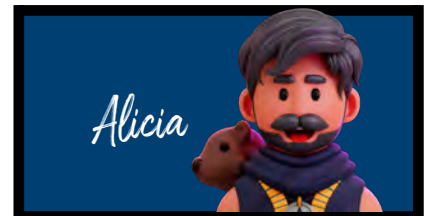
Amy
She/her
Name Pronouns
Germany (FRA) April 24
Hub of Origin Birthday
Vegan, but like, not in your face about it
Traits
In Carlos' face about everything else
Weaknesses



Lawful Good



Neutral Good



Chaotic Good



Lawful Neutral



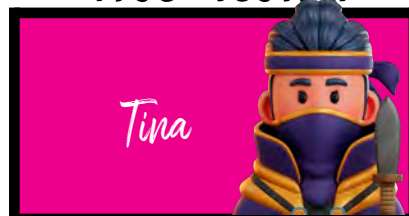
True Neutral



Chaotic Neutral



Lawful Evil



Neutral Evil



Chaotic Evil

First Meetings

Two-day trek!



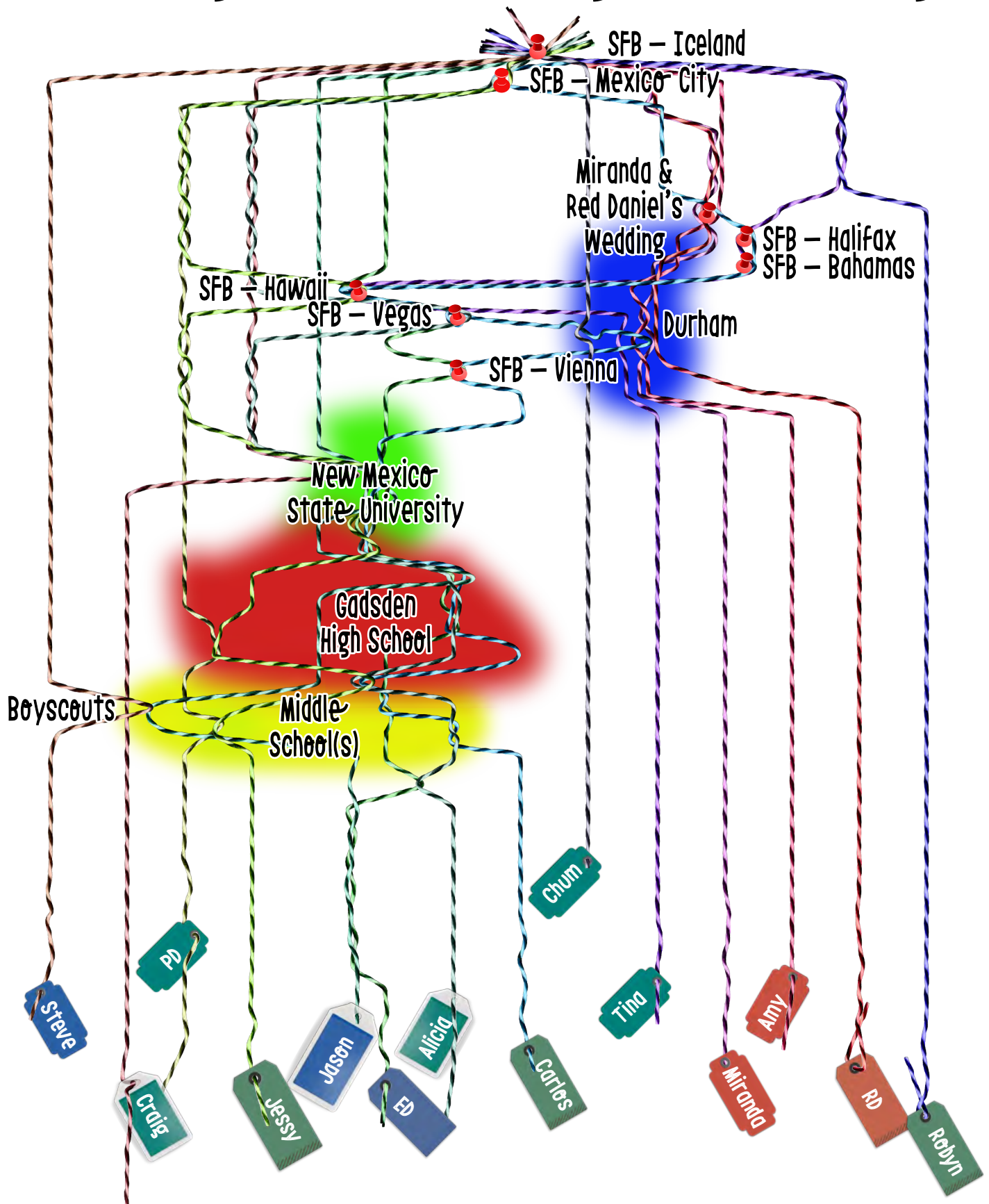
Steve!



The Van Gang!



How We Met Each Other



Where We Were

Click stuff! Not just here, but throughout this entire document!



Here we are!



No, really! Look!



(We also stayed somewhere else one night!)

Getting There!

You have plenty of time. There is no way you will miss your flight. I know you're worried about it, because there's **weather over Dallas**, but that shouldn't matter to your flight – it's really unlikely the captain will be flying through Dallas, which, I'm told, has **weather**.

I don't know what '**weather**' means. *Everything* is weather. Sunshine is **weather**. Heck, the *outside* is weather... which makes no sense because the Weather Man only appears *inside* in newsrooms. He doesn't seem to be in the one place his power set would be most useful.

Maybe "**weather over Dallas**" is one of those fine print gimmicks. Like when they give you a tag for your bag, but they make it the size of chewed gum. It's safe as long as you don't mind holding onto trash across three time zones.

To be fair, I assume the ticket is not meaningless. It might help address territorial disputes if Mr. Middle Seat tries to manspread on your spot when you go to the bathroom. But it's only paper until someone *enforces* it and the only people in that cylindrical hunk of aluminum with a military rank are behind a bulletproof hatch.

The flight attendant makes brutal eye contact and informs you, "your flight is delayed. You are going to miss the whole trip." It turned out there was weather over Dallas. *Can you imagine?*



Damn. Can you call anyone? Well, you booked your flight through Air Mongo Dongo, which it turns out is a Brunei top-level domain that didn't exist until the day before your credit card appeared on the Dark Web.

Okay, what *can* you do? Your flight was delayed and you're going to have a negative eight minute layover. But that layover was only an estimate. You're bound to get more time if the pilot makes up the difference in the air, presumably by speeding or passing on the shoulder.

I wouldn't expect too much, though, pilots are just bus drivers in three dimensions. The only difference is that they don't need to know enough math to make basic change. This is just their day job. Their real passion is model trains, which, I guess, is like being a bus driver in one dimension. They might speed to get to the end of their day, but they won't be doing you any favors.

You ask the flight attendant if they could let the people with tight connections get out first. But you're asking them to do something that's not in their job description. Flight attendants are just servers in one dimension.

Okay, okay, you land. Now you just have to taxi for an hour for no reason (traffic? construction? maybe parallel parking is just hard?). Then you get enough wifi to check how screwed you are. Are you screwed enough that you can relax finally, or should you start throwing elbows? You gleefully eye the grandma in 7C who would never expect the Heisman.

Oh shit, you have *exactly* enough time that if you sprint, break a sweat in bad places, you'll make it to the gate... that is, as long as there isn't some jerk in the way, asking you to print out a check mark for some reason.

Oh, and you are wearing sneakers, right? Can you imagine trying to race across the biggest airport in North America in rain boots.?

Wait... why would you even be *wearing* rain boots? Did you expect there to be **weather over Dallas**?

H₂O-land

*Everything in Iceland was some form of water.
There was no way we could have known.*



Breaking the *Ice*

Scene: everyone is getting into the hot tub after a long, long day of travel. Many are strangers to you.

Person 1: "We should do an ice-breaker!"

Murmurs of agreement

Okay, let's all take turns asking each other questions. I'll go first, 'what's your favorite color?'

Person 2: Blonde!

But that's not a color!

Ice Breaker Gal: Ha ha, now it's your turn!

Blonde lover: Okay!

Turns to Person 3

what's your favorite TV show?

Person 3: That's easy, I really love MILF Island! It reminds me of my grandma-ma.

Murmurs of agreement. Everyone else is also a weirdo.

Bad TV Guy turns to you.

You're excited. You hope he asks you the same question.

You have an awesome answer.

Bad TV Guy: How big is your penis?"

Uh.. Everyone laughs and looks to you.

You: What??"

Person 1: It's a simple get-to-know you prompt

Murmurs of agreement. You get it, you're getting messed with.

Person 4: I'll answer! I'm wearing his trunks and they are roooooomy... in the back!

You laugh and relax.

He's not actually wearing your trunks. He turns to you.

Trunk stealer: Okay, but now you have to answer my question! Under what circumstances is abortion morally permissible? Be sure to show your work and use controversial examples.

Everyone laughs. Is this... also a joke?

Are you getting punked?

You: Uh.. Tuesdays?

You tried to joke, but everyone looks at you, quietly horrified. The bubbles in the hot tub are your own creation.

Bad TV Guy: I was *born* on a Tuesday.

Long silence

All right, but it's my turn now, right?

Blonde lover: Sure.

Wait, why is he an authority in this?

Bad TV Guy: What is one more than two?

Ice Breaker Gal: Three!

How is this even an icebreaker??

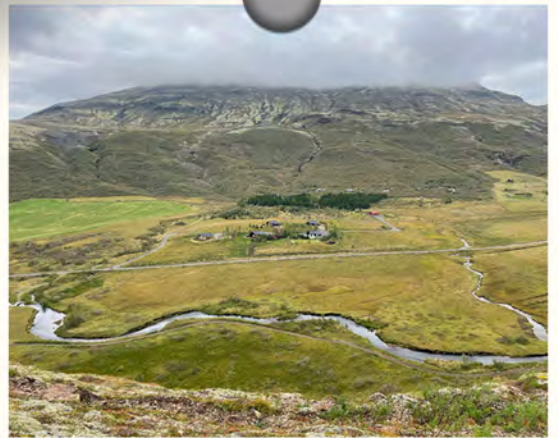
Oh no, why is she turning to you again?

Ice Breaker Gal: Did you tell your father you loved him before he passed away or were you too proud?

Oh, come on!



Around Iceland



The History of Iceland

(As Lived Through the Worst Days in the Lives of Random Icelandic People)

Trolls

Icelandic children know to fear trolls. They are small creatures, who sometimes steal their toys if they misbehave. They are probably not anti-Semitic stereotypes.

Trolls fear the sun, which turns them to stone, and Christianity, for some reason. There is much sun in Iceland during the Summer and much Christianity during Christmas, so trolls are always wary.

Trolls have big noses, hang out by themselves, and have mysterious powers... You know, it really is on us that we didn't notice the deep anti-Semitism in this mythology. Why else would Justin Timberlake star in the movie?



A Story about 988

Shortly before the milenium, *Hrothdal Vikingson* was having a no good, very bad day. His back hurt and his eyes were failing. His daughter and son had conceived a child and he had been compelled to sentence them to death. His wife had become homely and stubborn. His father's memory was going and his mother drank too much mead. His brother married a wench who left him for his best rower and took all of their spoils. His apprentice was telling tales of *Hrothdal's* waning influence, which hurt his feelings.

One night, after being mocked by a youth, *Hrothdal* sat alone drinking mead. Nobody knew why he was melancholy, so they left him until he got better. The next day, his body was found drowned in a bowl of yak's milk. The villagers ruled it accidental, as ruling it a suicide would mean his home could be freely ransacked.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please dial 988. Don't let your house be ransacked.



The Legal Structure of Iceland

In the days before Norwegian conquest, Icelandic chiefs would gather at the *brøtkhúll* to hold court, pass laws, and tell tales of the large sizes of their fish, sheep, along with their more private meats.

Incest was the greatest crime, followed by importing horses, then murdering babies in order to hide the evidence of your incest, fourth was maiming of the elderly, and finally, murdering babies for mirth or industry, but not entertainment. Other crimes also existed.

Punishments could included fines, exilery and outlawery, with time off for good behavior or death. In all, nine men were burned to death for sorcery, 130 women were drowned, often while not wearing makeup, and dozen were beheaded... without getting a chance to brush their hair.

The Real Girl

Barbi Dollrottir was the greatest beauty *Tyr Magnusson* had ever known. Her eyes were like buttons and her hair was said to be thicker than yarn. *Tyr* courted her for fifty days nights, until she agreed to be his bride. But their marriage was doomed. *Barbi* was unwilling to reciprocate in the night and *Tyr* was soon persecuted for spilling his seed in inanimate objects. *Tyr's* friends worried about his ability to discern reality. They advised him to seek help or he would be lost.

In a panic, *Tyr* begged *Barbi* to give him one strand of her hair so that he might string a bow and slay his frenemies, but she merely stared ahead, as if stuffed. He was captured the next day, sentenced to outlawry, and beheaded.



What We Did

If you missed it, I'm sorry to say it was one of the best memories of our collective lives. Hopefully next time will be even better with you there! Here's what we did:

Friday, September 2

- Chum arrived at midnight after a looong journey and slept at the airport, waiting for us.
- Alicia and Craig's flights were delayed, threatening their connection.
- Jessy, Carlos, and Daniel met in Toronto, worried about Alicia and Craig, then finally caught them when they arrived to barely make their connection.
- Northern lights were apparently visible, but proved elusive to us all.
- Tina and Robyn flew out of Boston.

Saturday, September 3

- Tina and Robyn arrived at 8:55 a.m. and met up with Chum.
- Carlos, Providing Daniel and Jessy, and Alicia and Craig arrived.
- The group was now eight people. The fun began!
- Carlos and Craig went to get the van, because the shuttle driver sucked, then we all went to Costco to buy supplies.
- We checked into the AirBNB, started drinking, hung out in the hot tub and discussed who would help someone bury a body.
- Providing Daniel made pasta and we played Marry, Fuck, Kill with friends, celebrities, and abstract concepts.



Sunday, September 4

- Jason, his brother Exceeding Daniel (ED), and Steve arrived in separate flights.
- And then there were ELEVEN!
- ED, Jason, and Steve (Termed the *Soggy Bottom Boys* until we forgot about it) went climbing and to buy supplies.
- Chum, Tina, Robyn, Craig, Alicia, and Carlos went to the Secret Lagoon and had Fish & Chips.
- Jessy and Providing Daniel recovered from Saturday in time to join the van group see *Geysir*, the oldest Geyser.
- We climbed a mountain, Robyn broke the law by flying a drone, and ziplined in a playground.
- Everyone reconvened at the house, had dinner, but then Jason, Robyn, and Carlos did work! Boo!
- Then everyone crowded into the Hot Tub and discussed their worst behaviors in history.

Monday, September 5

- Miranda and Red Daniel arrived, went to the Blue Lagoon, and then Costco.
- THIRTEEN PEOPLE! AH-AH-AH!
- And there are SO MANY DANIELS!
- Chum and Robyn went snorkeling
- Since we were their ride, Alicia, Carlos, Tina, and Craig went to walk around, see waterfalls and such. They read about awful Icelandic history. (Awful at being history, it was just a bunch of sad things.)
- Jessy and the *Soggy Bottom Boys* went to Vik, the black sands, and to see (but not touch) a glacier.
- Everybody else hung out, drew, and played *Llamas Unleashed*, then went to dinner nearby.
- Sadly, there was limited seating, so PD, Carlos, Chum, Craig, and Alicia made some pasta instead.
- Tina saw Northern lights alone, but only told people when it started getting lame. Two groups drove off to get a better view

Tuesday, September 6

- Miranda, Red Daniel, Tina, Robyn, and Chum went horseback riding and learned SO MANY HORSE FACTS.
- The *Soggy Bottom Boys* went to *Thingvallir* to try to snorkel and see some fissures.
- Everyone else (but Carlos) went to Costco to get all of the foods.
- Everyone (but Jessy) and had a *Trip* Trip in which Carlos likened eating a gummy bear to being stuck in World War I. It was both hilarious and traumatizing.
- People unsuccessfully tried to do laundry, had dinner, then played *Do You Know Me?* (we didn't)

Wednesday, September 7

- The van traveled to Northern Iceland. We saw trolls and learned their antisemitic heritage.
- We had a hard time getting fed (like, they didn't want our money or to help us). We arrived to hang out in the hot tub and see the disappointing Northern Lights (much like waiting too long to get married). Jessy and Craig felt an earthquake.
- Miranda and Red Daniel went to Vik and visited some yarn stores, then went to a school of beans and had a great hot chocolate
- The *Soggy Bottom Boys* went to go see some glaciers and hot springs, including the Secret Lagoon again.

Thursday, September 8

- The Northern Island group goes to a bakery, through the longest, stupidest, single-lane mine tunnel in the world. They hung out in a waterfall/hot spring combo and came back.
- Miranda and Red Daniel had a quiet day in.
- The *Soggy Bottom Boys* went Hiking. They're really going everywhere!
- Everyone got together to grill chik'n and other food.

Friday, September 9

- The *Soggy Bottom Boys* and the van group went to the Blue Lagoon then dicked around at the Phallus museum until Miranda and Red Daniel arrived.
- Carlos, Tina, Miranda and Red Daniel picked up Amy and went to get food.

- FOURTEEN?? WE'RE AT 14! OMG! Record!!
- We played *Cards Against Humanity* and debriefed about the Trip. Great suggestions, y'all!

Saturday, September 10

- Exceeding Daniel flew out early in the morning, Steve changed his flight to go with him.
- Now we're back to twelve people. It is the sad time of the trip when new things stop happening and old things end.
- Miranda and Amy go see goats and get tattoos. Carlos was too sleepy, but wished he'd gone.
- Everyone else either stayed asleep, had crepes, or went to explore the river. More serious, longer conversations throughout the day.
- We all go to eat in a Tomato Restaurant and have tomato cocktails. Why? Because it was there.
- We have one final hang in the hot tub, have a dance party, chili, and played *Scraples*.

Sunday, September 11

- Amy, Miranda, Robyn, Tina, and Jessy stayed up with Carlos and Chum. Then Tina, Jessy, and Providing Daniel accompany Carlos to take Chum to the airport.
- Goodbyes were had, but then Carlos turned around and caught Amy and Miranda trying to stuff gummies in his luggage. They laughed like schoolchildren.
- Craig drove everyone to the airport, dropping off Jason and Robyn to explore Reykjavik. Everyone was very tired.
- Jessy, Adequate Daniel, Alicia, and Craig flew off, while Tina and Carlos drop off the van.
- Carlos left.
- Jason and Robyn made it back to the airport.
- Jason left, then so did Tina and Robyn.
- Now it's just three people chillin', they go snorkeling

Monday, September 12

- Amy leaves in the morning.
- Miranda and Red Daniel turn off the lights as they leave Iceland in the evening.
- Goodbye, Iceland!

2022 Playlist

Lizzo About Damn Time
TLC Waterfalls
Lil Nas X & Billy Ray Cyrus Old Town Road
LMFAO Party Rock Anthem
Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton You Can't Make Old Friends
Disney Afternoon Chorus Gummi Bears Theme
Judas Priest Breaking the Law
Jefferson Airplane White Rabbit
Bono Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds
Big Pun, Joe Still Not a Player

Paul Simon
Kenny Maness
MKTG
Missy Elliott
John Williams
Nicki Minaj, Lil Wayne
The Beatles
Pernonsonic
Thin Lizzy
Jay-Z, UGK
Ludwig Goransson, Baaba Maal
Waka

Super Friend Base

What we Heard

Click to Play



You Can Call Me Al
My Shiny Teeth and Me
Classic
Work It
Shark Attack
Get Crazy
With a Little Help from My Friends
K-Dagger's Theme
Boys are Back in Town
Pimpin'
nda

kh

What We Said

Providing Daniel:

Oh, I'll give them twelve inches...

in three installments!

PD: Do you want to go skinny dipping?

Jessy: No, you'll just make fun of me.

PD: No I won't. Well, maybe I'll say that you brought your floaties.

Robyn: So there's five doctors on this trip?

Steve: Yeah, but Daniel's a nurse and he makes more money than any of us.

Daniel: I just give a lot of blowjobs.

Carlos: No worries. We don't need food, we can just fast for a day. Or a week.

Chum: Or three weeks.

Jessy: I will eat you. Even if we get to a restaurant and there's food in front of me, I'll eat you.

Alicia: I guess we'll never have Icelandic food.

Chum: Maybe the food is just University towns?

Carlos: Maybe the real food were the friends we made along the way? 🤔

Jessy: I think I'm going to get one of those under-the-skin ones. I've never been on birth control and these morning after pills are getting expensive!

Robyn: Pain is just weakness leaving the body.

Chum: The more you say that the less I believe it.

Jessy: They compare getting kicked in the balls to giving birth. Apparently, getting kicked feels worse but giving birth lasts longer

Alicia: Have you ever been straight-on kicked in the balls?

Carlos: Oh yeah, it's so much worse than giving birth. Labor is just weakness leaving the body.

Chum: We met when I was in undergrad.

Jessy: So pretentious! Only a doctor would specify college is undergrad.

Chum: College in French means middle school.

Jessy: It's weird that by adding French you didn't make it less pretentious.

Chum: You're from New Jersey?

Robyn: Yes

Jessy: When did you pump your first gas?

Robyn: There are starving people everywhere!

Jessy: Oh yeah? Name five.

Exceeding Daniel: *Holds up two fingers* That's peace.

Chum: *Holds up three fingers*

ED: That's super peace. *Holds up all five fingers* That's world peace

Craig: Is someone looking up a restaurant?

Carlos: *dicking around online* Someone else can do it, too.

Jessy: You're literally not doing it.

Craig: It's 2.5% alcohol content. So it's just the taste and the carbs.

Carlos: but... those are the worst part of beer! If they could only squeeze in the hangover, they'd hit the trifecta!

Jessy: I read somewhere that self-driving cars were going to impact the availability of organ donors.

Robyn: Just get more people to ride motorcycles.

Alicia: You get free motorcycle with every sign up.

Carlos: So it turns out learning Icelandic was a huge waste of time. Maybe learning any language is also a huge waste of time?

Providing Daniel: That's a nice wall

Craig: yeah, you notice there's no Mexicans here?

Carlos: *Playing discordant music on an out-of-tune guitar while uttering a low ohhm* This might be a different version of the song you know. This is the Icelandic version of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Carlos: My hands are silky smooth.

Chum: An academic that has never worked a day in his life.

Tina: Why is it only one hand?



Robyn: So what's the worst you've seen as a nurse?

Exceeding Daniel: When my grandmother got hurt, I had to bathe her.

Robyn: ooh, that sounds rough.

Exceeding Daniel:
Yeah, she was so hot..

Looking at the smokey sky

Jessy: Am I going to just have to lower my expectations?

Carlos: Maybe, yeah.

Jessy: What a bunch of bullshit!

...

Carlos: So, anyway, I was telling you guys about this woman I liked back in the day. We reconnected some 20 years later and it turned out that she was still saving herself for marriage. I didn't think that people kept that up past 30. Can you imagine waiting until you're 40 and having sex for the first time?

Jessy: I bet it would be amazing. You have nothing to compare it to.

Tina: Unless it hurts or is really bad.

Jessy: Can you imagine? You build it up your entire life and then when it actually starts to happen you're just laying there waiting until you can scroll snapchat?

Carlos: It would be like the Northern Lights of sex!

Side Quests

*A lot of y'all travel a lot.
Some even try to meet up!*

Jing, Carlos, and the Davenports

CHRISTMAS: Carlos and Jing drove around New Mexico and ran into old friends from SFB2010

Jessy, Providing Daniel, and Alicia

SPRING: Providing Daniel has some near family in southern Mexico. They flew out to go hang out with them.

Carlos & Miranda & Red Daniel

EARLY JUNE: Carlos drove across the country and visited Miranda and Daniel, along with a few other people that haven't made it to an SFB yet.

Tina & Robyn

FALL: Visited Acadia National Park in Maine.

Tina & Mike

NOV 8: Mike flew into Boston!

Tina, Robyn & Chum

NOV 8-10: in Boston, Cape Cod, Somerville, Cambridge, and Watertown

Tina, Carlos, Freddy, Joy, and Ali

NOV 16-20: Tina flew to Reno for Friendsgiving! And then she and Carlos went to hike in Tahoe to visit another old friend

Near Misses

EARLY NOVEMBER: Chum & Tina in D.C.

EARLY NOVEMBER: Tina & JD in San Diego

Upcoming Trips (2023)

CARLOS: Mexico through El Paso in January; Pennsylvania in June/July; France in July; Europe afterward; North Carolina, Arizona, Wisconsin, and New Zealand sometime after that. Probably San Francisco or the Pacific Northwest, too. Trying to meet up with Amy, Tina, Robyn, Mike, and a bunch of other people.

TINA: Trying to meet up with Carlos and Robyn and Amy in Cancun. Going to Patagonia with Robyn and Young May and others.

ROBYN: Going to Cancun with Tina to try to meet up with Amy and Carlos in Cancun. Trying to meet up with Chum in the Alps, perhaps going to Patagonia.

AMY: Heading to visit family soon, then out to Cancun to catch up with Carlos.

CHUM: Might meet up with Robyn in the Alps!



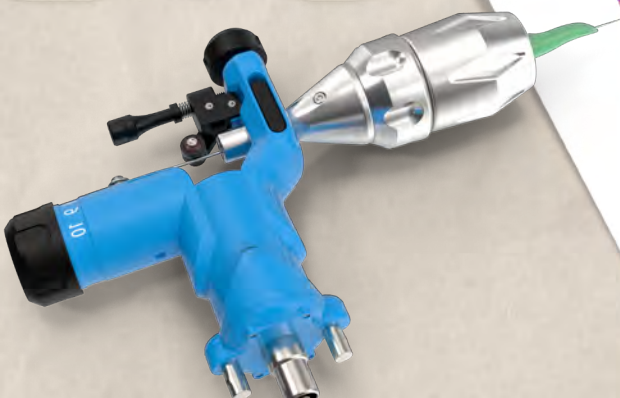
Tattoos

Miranda and Amy got tattoos in Reykjavik to honor their loved ones: Miranda tattooed her daughter Diana's drawing and Amy got the date her doggo Scruffy came into her life. I forget which tattoo is which.



Daniel named himself Adequate Daniel to distinguish himself from Exceeding Daniel, whose job is to save the lives he endangers in his free time.

Chum named him Providing Daniel (and drew runes) to reinforce how he was always providing for us.



Art Some of Alicia's awesome drawings from the trip:

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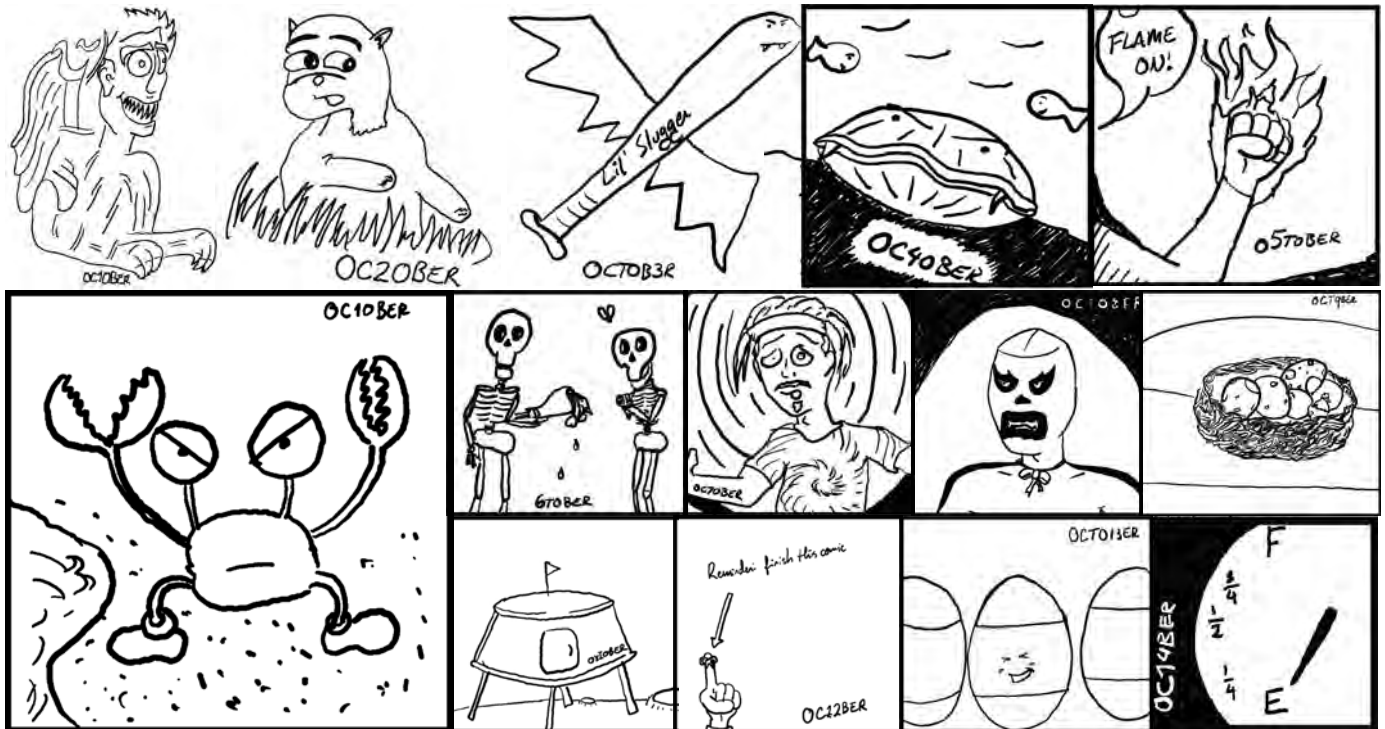


Alicia's Group Portrait!

Plus, Chum drawing Alicia!

Inktober

Alicia, Chum, Tina, and I did Inktober.
All of my prompts were "Spongebob"



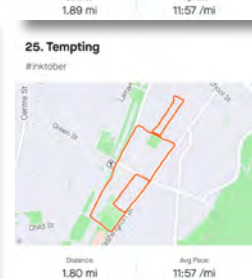
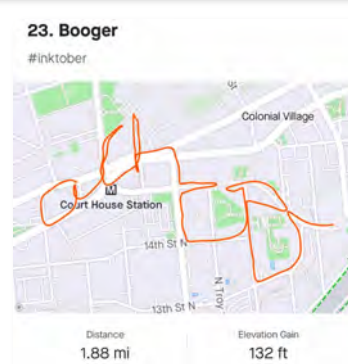
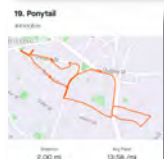
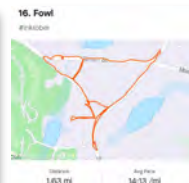
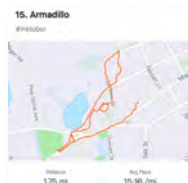
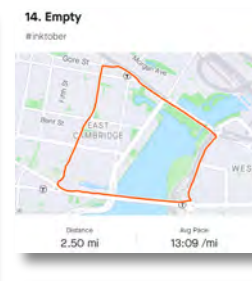
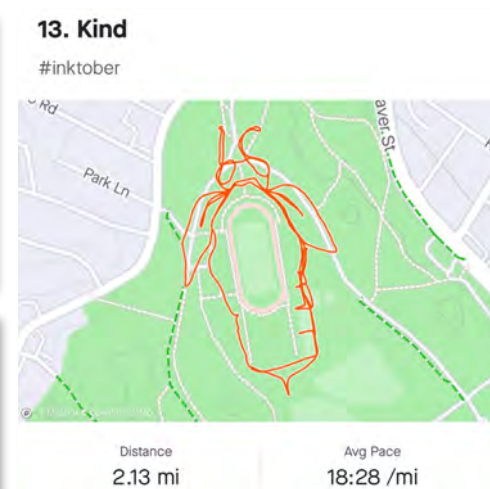
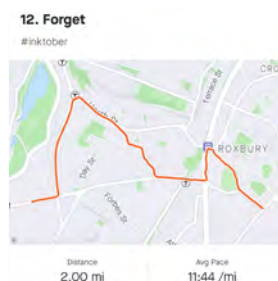
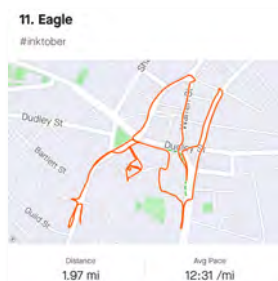
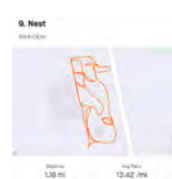
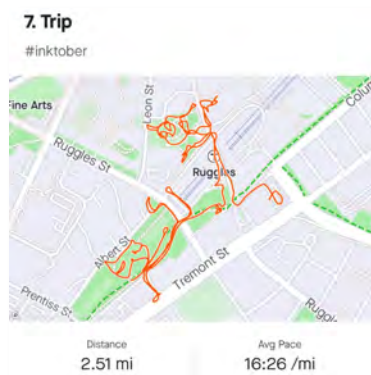
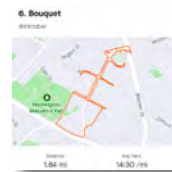
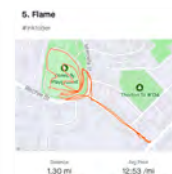
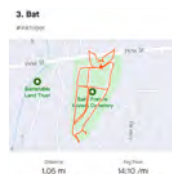
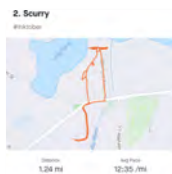
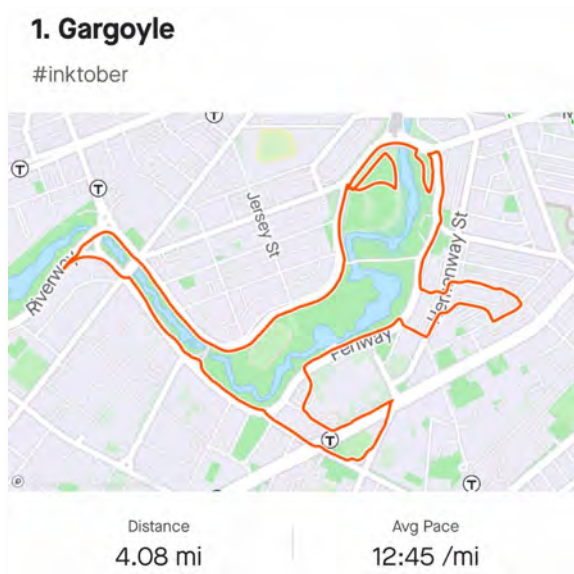
Ali

I failed halfway through, but **ALI** jumped in with her own art

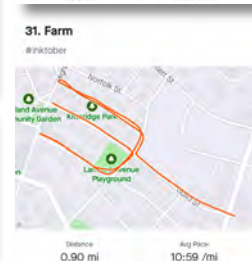


Tina

Ran circles around us,



cute
mean



Chum

*This was a hard month
for their character*



Ripping Self



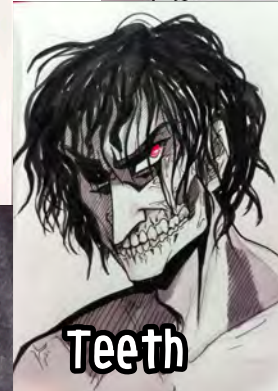
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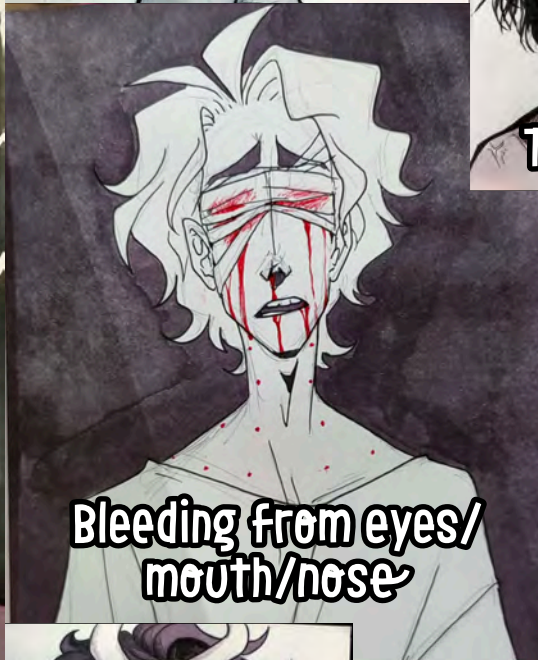
Glass



Teeth



Ropes/Wires



**Bleeding from eyes/
mouth/nose**



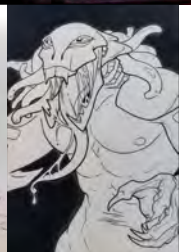
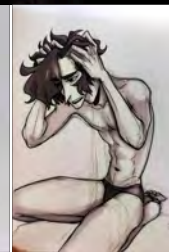
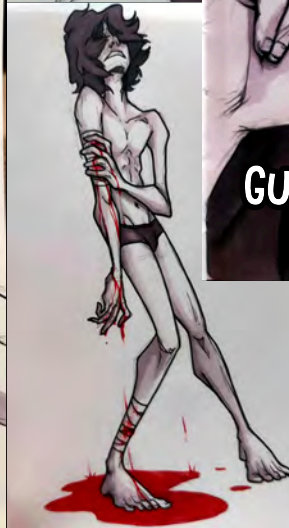
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Asphyxiation



Demon/fae/imp

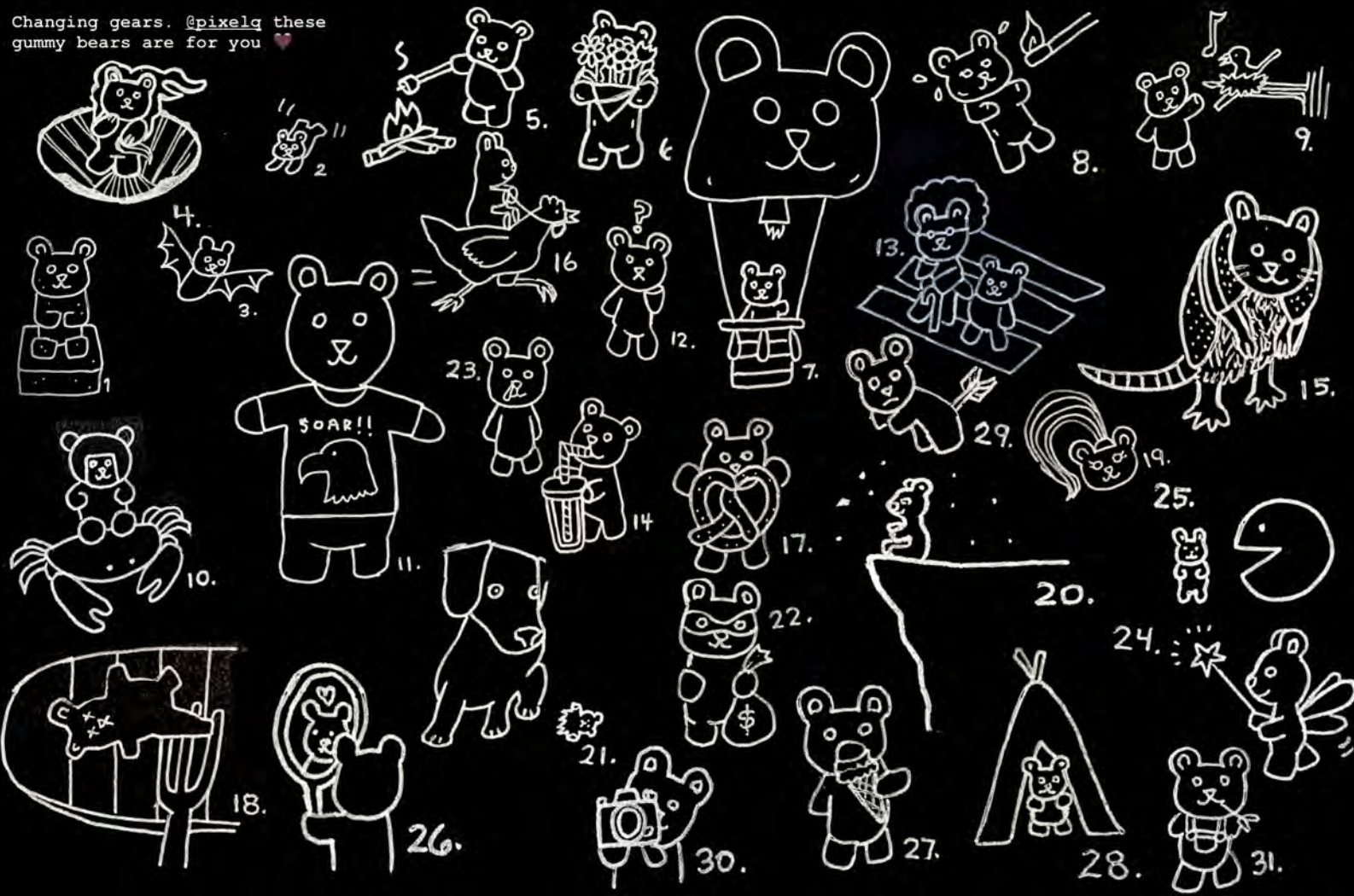


Alicia

Alicia also went dark
with her two Inktooberz



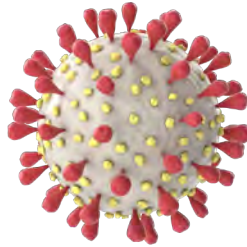
Changing gears. @pixelq these
gummy bears are for you ♥



2022 in the News

January

Omicron, which is less deadly, but more contagious than Vanilla COVID, infects 300 million worldwide, a new record. The world collectively sighs, *can we just... not?*



Meanwhile, COVID vaccinations reach a staggering 10 billion worldwide. Non-conspiracy theorists see this as a monumental human achievement of science, technology, and public policy. So do conspiracy theorists who value a good 5G connection.

February

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change publishes its latest climate report: "Fucked: the Story of Earth," in which they reveal the kinds of staggering facts that make everyone numb. World leaders argued this was a distraction as they had bigger issues to worry about, such as record wildfires, hurricanes, and droughts.

Russia decides that this would be a good time to start World War III. World governments immediately hit Russian citizens with crippling economic sanctions. Everyone expects this conflict will end quickly. Russia, after all, has the name recognition of China, the economic power of Brazil, and the military might of a country slightly weaker than Ukraine.

March

While global deaths pass 6 million, new cases of COVID reduce. Everyone rejoices. Surely the virus is gone this time, *right??*

Europe and U.S. declare a ban on Russian oil, leading to increased oil prices. These, along with the continued compounding effects of inflation, lead many leaders around the world to suffer huge drops in popularity. Essential goods costs skyrocket, while yachts continue selling at a record pace.



April

IPCC releases a report saying emissions must decline 43% in the next eight years if we want the Maldives to continue existing. Climate activist Wynn Bruce literally lights himself on fire to show that heat can be bad. Nobody pays attention.

The Large Hadron Collider resumes operations after three years of inactivity. It seems they are not done mucking around with the timeline.

May

World Health Organization holds meeting to discuss MonkeyPox. Villagers begin gathering pitchforks. The person running the simulation is just messing with us now.



June

An earthquake hits the dividing line between Afghanistan and Pakistan, as if those two countries needed anything more to divide them.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. I was going to make a joke about this, but I've terminated it because I live in a state that gives me that choice.

July

The first images from the new space telescope, JWST, are revealed. We will not refer to its full name because James Webb has been canceled and there's just no way to change the name of inanimate objects.

August

Pakistan is hit by devastating floods and declares a climate emergency. Check mate, Wynn Bruce! It turns out can also be bad!

September

The UN accuses China of crimes against humanity. Unclear whether China was made aware.

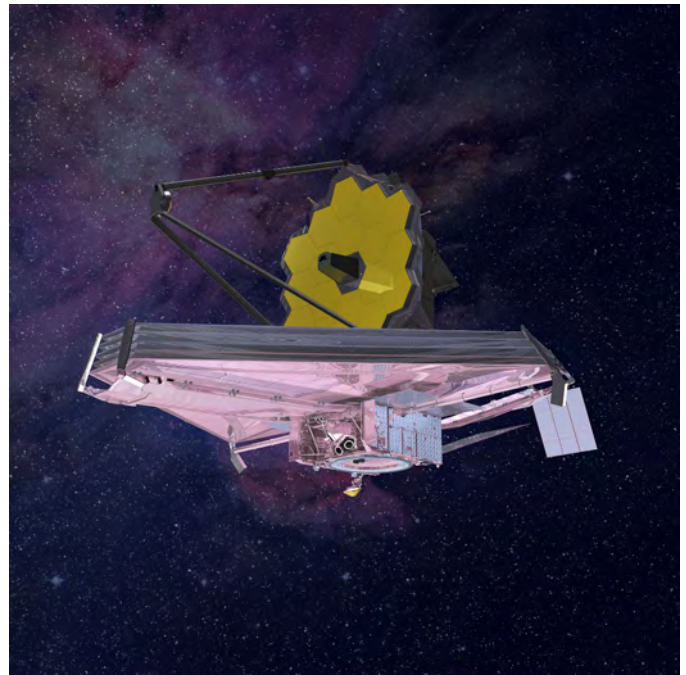
The UK is roiled by the death of the Queen Elizabeth II, 96, who had served for 70 years. No reports of whether foul play is suspected. Epstein again, *amirite*??

NASA crashes a satellite into an asteroid in a proof of concept of us being superior to dinosaurs. Birds not impressed.

October

Leftist president Lula defeats COVID denier and superspreader Jair Bolsonaro to become president of Brazil. Unclear whether the clearing of the Amazon will continue, but Lula promises to not be a personal incubator of new disease variants.

Elon Musk is forced to buy Twitter by court order. Subsequently, Twitter's workforce shrinks by 90 percent, many advertisers cut ties with the company, and Twitter announces it may not be able to pay for its offices or severance packages. Elon loses the richest man in the world spot. Millions hit refresh on news stories until their mouse breaks.



November

The Red Wave fails to materialize as Democrats and Republicans trade slight advantages. Republicans begin repudiating Donald Trump even as he announces his 2024 campaign. Kanye West also declares his candidacy and joins his neo-nazi campaign manager, Nick Fuentes, to ask Trump to be his vice president. All in all, not a great month for the former POTUS.

In Israel, a right-wing bloc manages to win a majority, paving the way for yet another term for legally embattled former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. There must be a better way to avoid prison than running a country.

G20 Summit occurs in Bali, to discuss the economy; the COP 27 summit occurs in Egypt to discuss Climate Change. Both, presumably, a laugh riot.

The world population reaches 8 billion. Yikes.

December

After a huge campaign of protests in person and social media, China relaxes its stringent Zero-COVID policies. Apparently, there was no win-win approach to the virus. Good to know, I guess?

Peruvian president Pedro Castillo attempts a coup and is removed from office. Nobody in Congress pays attention.



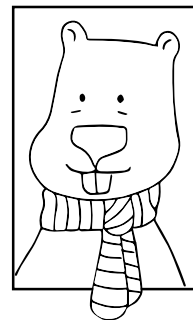
Newbies!



Advice

(Not applicable in Puerto Rico)

gabe
the Beaver



Gabe the Beaver is a newspaper advice columnist. His writing has been syndicated from New Mexico to however far the Internet goes (France, probably). He's best known for his self-published collections of tweets, "Gabe Gives Advice," "Gabe's Apology Tour," and "Gabe: Uncanceled, Uncovered, and Underwear." This is his first column since his troubling 2006 NDA expired.

*Dear Gabe,
I want to go on a group vacation with my friends, but
I'm getting married/arrested/murdered/abducted.
Can you tell my friends to get off my back??
- Busy in Boise*

Dear Busy Boi,

Sorry to hear about your problems. Your friends just want to see you. That's one of those good problems. If you think they're being too pushy, perhaps let them know you hate them and wish they would fall into a well. They'll get the message.

Eventually, your friends might stop inviting you, which would be one of those problems you don't realize are problems, like when your zipper is undone on the Jumbotron or when you get shadow-banned because of what people saw you do on a large screen.

Try to honestly self assess whether this is an issue of possibility or priority. Do you want to go to a *place* or go with *people*? Are your excuses *one-offs* or would you *find others* if they were gone? In other words, do you have a plan to *ever* go? If there's an end in sight to your problems, let them know. If you won't, maybe ever, say that, too. Otherwise, you're communicating that you want their chapter in your life to slowly close.

There's no shame in growing apart. That's one of the better endings friendships can have.

*Dear Gabe,
What do I do when I'm in love with someone who
doesn't know I exist?
- Cyrus G. Billsworth III*

Dear Cyrus,

Be sad.

*P.S. I mean, like should I say or do anything?
- Cyrus G. Billsworth III*

Dear Cyrus,

Hahaha, no. Nobody who writes to a beaver for love advice should expect love in their lives.

*Dear Gabe,
I've recently become a doomsday prepper. What should I
prep first?
- Doomsday in Dayton*

Dear Doomy,

Good for you! A lot of people think they'll never have to prepare, but as they say, you're dammed if you *do* and damned if you *don't*. (It's not a saying that works well out loud. A lot of people misunderstand it.)

What you really need to worry about is not the *first* thing you have to prepare, it's the *last* thing you have to prepare. There's some debate over whether that should be perishables, your living will, or your dying cactus, but I think the real answer is toilet paper.

As we saw during COVID, people need toilet paper for all kinds of shit. You can use it to make a mummy or a daddy or even use it to toilet paper someone's house. There is a fourth use for it, but it's pretty crappy.

A lot of people think toilet paper stores well. Those people just lack the palate for distinguishing fine-grained textures. Trust me, after a few months without good quality wood products, you might turn to canned goods. A few months of that and you might turn into quite the animal.

Sincerely,

Gabe

Crossword

Caution: May take a full year to complete

Across

1. A mid-level provider
7. 9 to 7
8. The elder brother of 6D and 49A
15. Not quite a lie
16. 18A to 30A
18. He says his name a lot
19. What 30A calls 139A backward
20. Deter
23. Do you even use these, bro?
25. A French try
26. Vroom
27. To mend, repair
28. What bi people complain about, but are ignored
30. A down bitch
32. Vitamin stat
33. See 59A
36. The \$200 you need to give me to join SFB23
39. How you drew as good as 139A or 80D
40. Not S10E10/265381
41. See 85A
43. 18th Prez
45. Oops, all these!
48. A worse Spotify
49. The youngest of 6D and 7A
52. Philbrick's " _ _ _ Three Lives"
54. Early _ _ _
56. It's trino
58. What everyone dreads in SFB
59. With 33A, as disappointing as waiting forty years to have sex
62. It used to blow, but now it's just a manly name

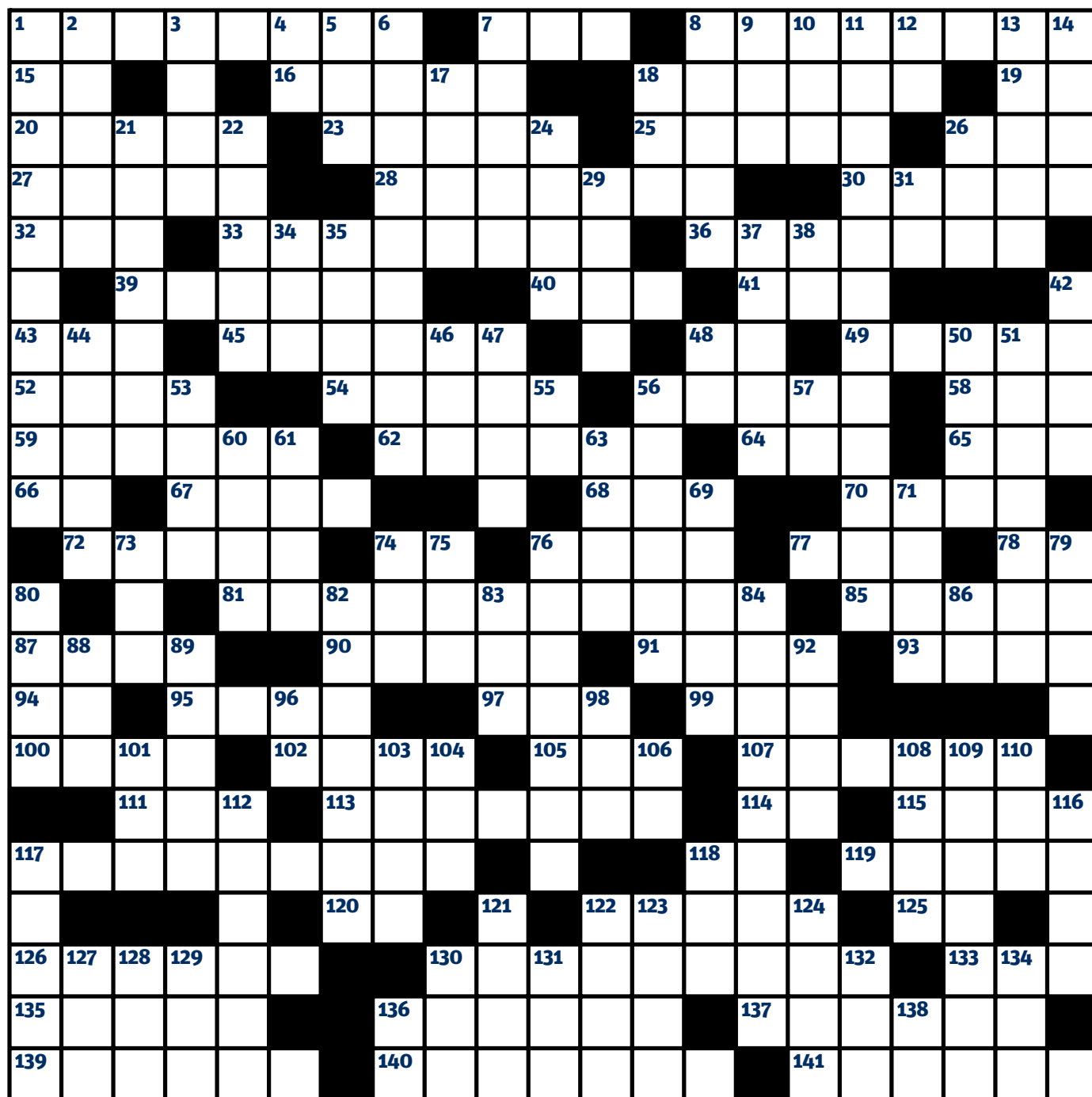
64. Luxor's land, abbrev.
65. Also
66. People who live here forget other places exist
67. As 12D
68. Uno's knock off. Not quite Dose
70. SFB 2015 alum
72. What my dad says that sounds like shit
74. When the Rocky sequels started going bad
76. We did two of these this year because nobody could agree
77. If you know what this is, you're on a list
78. Huh
81. Where we read sad stories or snorkeled
85. With 41A, an alum from SFB 2013 & 2014 :}
87. What time does, except for cancer patients
90. Married to 139A
91. A rational spider
93. I see..
94. I'm not mad, _
95. Several SFB alums
97. Yucks (not yuks)
99. What's up, doc?
100. Don't be thirsty on here
102. A lagoon with facemasks
105. Have you told your mom you're gay yet?
107. Kwanzaa Menora
111. Jessy's cousin
113. The worst state.
114. I guess 49A now?
115. Current record for most SFBs attended

117. SFB 2011 alum
118. One who has a nicer dorm room
119. She'd do troubling things for helium
120. Won't charge your Tesla
122. Boyscout bud of 49A
125. First word
126. Partner of one of 11Ds
130. 1A's new name/tattoo
134. Hoping to lose some of these before SFB2023
135. People here say si or sim
136. How monkeys travel
138. 80D's name
139. She probably drew you
140. Best wall sitter
141. Nickname of Pink Floyd musician after he became a financial watchdog

Down

1. It's who she is and what she does; August 6 is her day
2. Nicer way to say 7A
3. Give up
4. Hard high school
5. Soccer matches, often
6. With 45A, a nurse
7. Bloomy mass
8. Be oneself without care
9. Many er
10. Columbian org.
11. She has this down in her heart: S04E10/957472
12. Such 67A

13. TOEFL maker
14. YMCA group was in this, too, I guess
17. Large Argentine fox
18. First Allied victory of WWI
21. SFB 2011 alum
22. People who won't be good, _ _ _
24. Park Su Hye
26. E.g. Carpal tunnel syndrome
29. Not new
31. Is in SFB 2021
34. Non-Catholic church in the USA
35. Where 1D, 11D, 18A, 117D, and 127A live
37. SFB 2013 alum
38. A real mid-level provider
42. Going in SFB 2021
44. Many of Iceland's most popular lagoon
46. That in SFB 2021
47. Law in SFB 2021
48. Not jk
50. The forgotten third child
51. 🙄
53. SFB 2013 product
55. Classified abbrev.
56. Anti-Semitic Icelandic myth
57. Billionth of a gram
60. Small trumpet
61. Pituitary hormone
63. Banned by the first commandment
69. Playground game
71. Many golds in SFB2021
73. Military for understood
74. Test for hemophiliacs
75. Most abundant antibody



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| 76. Spindle tree | 86. Film about a scout getting high | 108. Indivisible | 123. ~ |
| 79. Alts. | 88. Historic time | 109. Many of 122A's usernames | 124. Son of 50D |
| 80. A lot of clues pointed you here, didn't they? Well, tough! No more clues are available for you now. Deal! :P | 89. K-Q | 110. Most of many | 127. Kiev coin, for now |
| 82. 84D country | 92. What WoWers do | 112. ____ _ write these? | 128. Electric association |
| 83. Life, for 80D | 96. Defunct toy store | 116. So many anuses, in SFB 2021 | 129. Leopold II successor |
| 84. Home of a CostCo | 98. El Paso is this city | 118. With 45A, spouse of 140A | 130. ____ Gow poker |
| | 101. The land of SFB2022 | 121. Money goes ____ | 132. Suckers HODL this |
| | 103. Wöhler synthesis | 122. Frozen reindeer | 134. Korean film, <i>Old</i> ____ |
| | 104. Bingo start | | 136. Poo |
| | 106. Teachers want this | | 138. Page 28, for ex. |

More Games!

WORD SEARCH	N	C	A	R	L	O	A	A	D	N	A	R	I	M	A	A	I	C	I	L	A
ICELAND	I	O	D	O	M	O	K	J	T	E	R	C	E	S	O	L	A	A	A	C	I
REYKJAVIK	M	L	K	J	G	N	I	D	I	V	O	R	P	L	J	Y	D	D	E	R	F
THINGVELLIR	A	O	L	Y	K	E	V	E	T	S	P	I	X	E	D	L	O	L	D	A	O
AURORA	N	Y	B	O	R	Z	A	R	Z	Z	D	Z	E	I	N	A	H	P	E	T	S
BOREALIS	A	N	I	T	Z	L	J	D	A	N	O	B	I	R	A	L	O	S	L	O	A
BLUE	E	L	E	J	V	O	K	A	Y	K	J	V	E	U	L	B	L	L	O	N	M
LAGOON	B	O	L	R	E	L	Y	N	Y	P	I	X	E	A	E	K	I	M	R	A	U
SECRET	J	E	S	Y	C	S	E	E	S	X	G	I	A	R	C	L	L	O	Z	A	H
LCELAND	G	N	U	O	Y	E	R	I	L	L	E	V	G	N	I	H	T	L	R	A	C
GEYSIR	T	U	N	A	O	J	S	L	L	E	A	A	A	O	I	O	I	E	J	K	A
LIBRARIAN	Y	N	H	O	J	Y	C	O	O	G	A	L	A	G	O	O	N	S	P	I	N
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NELALSNKLYR	E	O	L	E	O	I	I	C	T	A	L	O	L	N	O	E	L	D	E	A	I
A BLANK SPOT	N	O	S	A	J	L	M	A	B	G	C	L	E	I	N	A	D		H	J	R
SMALL LETTERS	A	L	L	C	Y	A	M	R	O	C	A	R	O	D	E	L	O	L	T	K	A
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Cryptøthingy

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FLIU: WMWRHLIW MW D ENGREIMKGZT. LZ'W KMCZ, "GIGZ, ØIWV KZV UZ XZV UR TZHW MP."

CRYPTØCLUE: Keep going until you see gainZ.



You have too many gummies.

What should you do with them?

...Carlos said they gave him LSDPTSD...

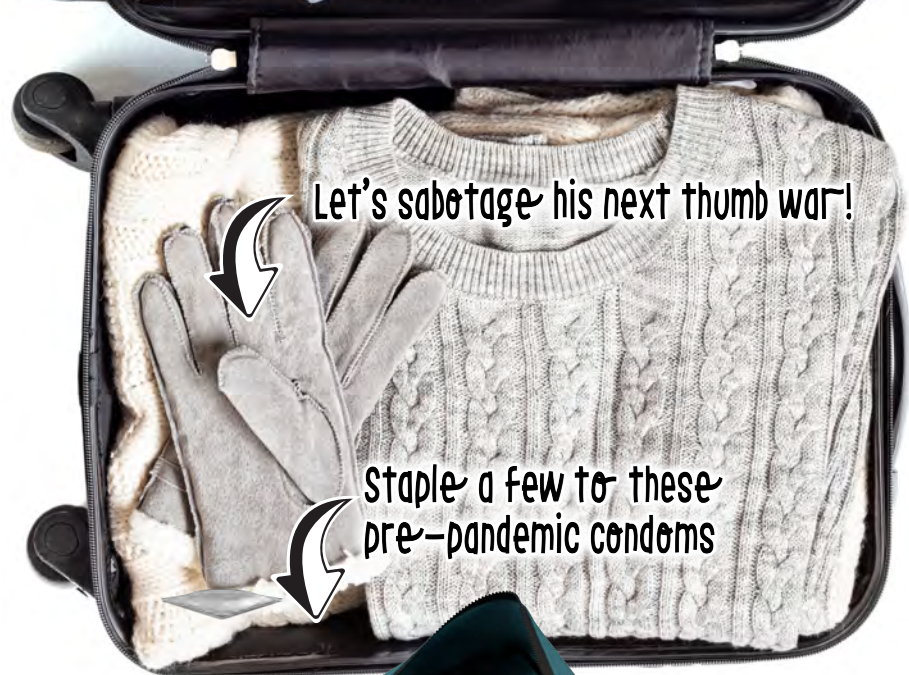
Wouldn't it be funny to wage psychological warfare on him?

TIP: If it won't close, just throw out some underwear until it does!



Hiding spots are easy. Off the cuff? ... Maybe hide some off his cuffs?

Gummie hair, Don't care!



Let's sabotage his next thumb war!

Staple a few to these pre-pandemic condoms

These laptop fans look pretty roomy!

Who are you, Gummy McPassportFace?



We gummed up the handle somehow!

These are just show wheels now



What are the odds Carlos uses an umbrella in Reno?



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