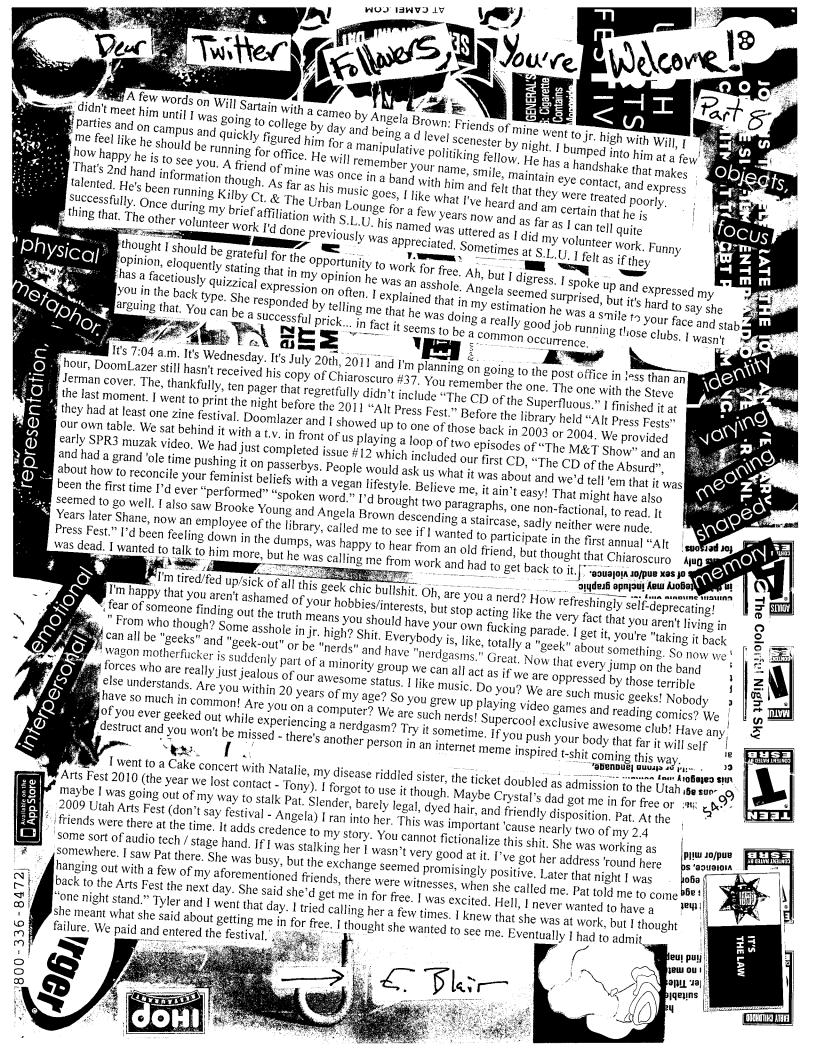
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The next time I trick somebody into interviewing me on the subject of zines, maybe I'll pander. Tell them what I think they want to hear. "You see, zines are one of the last bastions of free speech. People say the internet is the future of expression, but it can very easily be censored by governments and service providers. Also, the internet is somewhat elitist. You don't need to know html, own a computer, or even go to a library to make a zine. Anybody can make a zine. Maybe your zine is your journal and maybe it's a cute little art project tied together with string. Either way and anywhere in between anyone can do it. No sponsors required and no permission is necessary. Say whatever you want, do whatever you want to do. People use the term D.I.Y. so often it sounds like a trip to Home Depot. Fuck that. Zines aren't about that type of trendy shit. Zines aren't democratic at all. Zines are anarchy on paper. The underground railroad of the written word. Zines embody freedom of expression."

When I did meth with Suzy at some downtown slc motel and attempted to fuck I remember two songs that came on the radio. One was "Can't Help Falling in Love", the famous Elvis song. The other was "Can't Stop" by The Red Hot Chilli Peppers. Surely other songs were played. Perhaps I started manipulating the facts of my life long ago so as to only recall what is convenient for my narrative. It's hard to say how much energy I waste twisting the facts of my life into memories. Regardless, I remember thrashing around at my desk working on "The Center of the Fucking Universe" while listening to "Can't Stop" on repeat. Around the same time I once woke up Doomlazer because I thought it was important he listen to an Elvis Costello song. "Don't say you love me when it's just a rumour. Don't say a word if there is any doubt. Sometimes I think that love is just a tumour; you've got to cut it out." -Lipstick Vogue. Music and girls? What am I Rob Gordon over here? Yeesh! What I'm getting at is that I'm listening to that Red Hot Chilli Peppers song on repeat as I work on this shit. I took a lot of notes in airports recently, so I'll be continuing this in the way that it started. Part one was all handwritten complaining self flattering malarkey I was forced to scribble down 'cause I'd locked my computer in Cracka Jack's apartment. So, once again I lean on past routines in an attempt to delay the future.

he's written a few things for CHIAROSCURO under varied nom de plumes, dropped by at roughly 10 p.m. He'd been to court, shit got delayed for another month. seriously, could still possibly fuck up seriously, could still possibly fuck up seriously. least one person making a bad decision. Everybody I talk to seems to have a worse life than me. the Bright Eyes concert with Zach and Zach's betrothed. Cracka Jack (or David Wise if you prefer) was there as was Crystal (or Star if you prefer). I might have to edit this so people don't feel that I'm obviously referencing them and the wacky things that they do in a print only zine that's usually only used to balance table legs at coffee shops. I finally got Machete from #netflux, and I watched part of it. It was about what I'd expected, pretty stupid. We drank a few beers and smoked some weed. Eventually we were talking about how much we both liked cooking and eating eggs. Following tradition we smoked one cigarette each and then went our separate ways. I went back to packing my "go bag(s)." A term I'd recently learned from a movie, they're supposed to contain everything that one would need to survive for 72 hours. Allow me to kill the hypothetical suspense, I survived for much longer. Chances are you aren't reading the words of a dead man. Chances are I gave you this zine face to face. As much as my life is ale you aren't reading the words of a dead main. Chances are I gave you this Zine face to face. As mach as my me is able to entertain me, I assure you that as of the end of this sentence I haven't had any really exciting brushes with it death. My life isn't that exciting.

It might not be exciting, but it sure as fuck ain't boring. All of the tiny complications that I couldn't have ever predicted keep my life interesting. They might be good and they might be bad, but unless you can see the future how the fuck can you claim to be bored? God is bored. You don't know shit, not knowing is exciting! So many variables! I don't even know how I'll emotionally react to an episode of Becker that I've seen before! How could I variables: I upil Levell know now I il emotionally react to all episode of Becker that I ve seen before. How could rehave known that after I had two, admittingly fashionably dangerous looking, high school friends over one day that my sister would misplace a piece of jewelry? How could I have predicted that my sister would misplace a piece of jewelry? thought one of my friends took her accessory? It's pretty fucking offensive when these types of accusations litter the air. It's hard not to get all angry and defensive. Really? You're telling me that you think my judgment is so poor that 1'd trust people who would create awful situations for me to deal with? And for my family to deal with? I ve often thought the only people who would think others would do such fucked up shit are people who are capable of it themselves. Yikes! An absolute! Scratch that! Flip it and reverse it! Take it to the next level! Yep, neither of the "alternative" looking girls who were over that day stole anything. Hell, they're both in stable long-term relationships with people of the opposite sex and at least one of 'em has a kid! They're fucking squaresville, daddy-o! If anything I'm the fuck who shouldn't be trusted. Me and my, as Doomlazer calls it, "fetish for honesty."

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I finished packing and slowly made my way to a state of unconsciousness. I took a few detours on the way to smoke more weed, eat some chips, and enjoy Becker. Sometimes I get the impression that it would be more socially acceptable for me to watch the varied hour long dramas they have on cable these days that seem to be quite popular. Or that I should be addicted to those pseudo reality based contest shows. Mad Men might be great, I find the concept to be full of promise. I hear a lot of good things about Dexter and often think that if Doomlazer and one of my sisters both like it... well, it's worth giving a chance. True Blood just sucks, pun intended. I hate it when I read a pun and it's followed by the cutesy bullshit "no pun intended." If you don't intend to make a fucking pun run down a few flights of fucking stairs while screaming "Stop the presses!!!" Fucking disingenuous clichéd wordvomit. Whenever I think of somebody reading my criticism of anything I hear them thinking that I should lighten up. That I shouldn't take everything so fucking seriously. At the same time when I joke around I get accused of not taking anything seriously. Once, a comedian, accused me of only taking being an asshole seriously. I replied by telling him that I didn't take being an asshole that seriously at all. You fucks can't have it both ways! I can't be TOO serious and the exact opposite at the same time. That's some fuckin' cognitive dissonance right there! I can however consistently find it difficult to sleep while I'm sweating. It's hard to sleep in the summer, fucking heat and all. Woke up an hour before my alarm and fell back asleep to the soothing voice of Ted Danson. 7 a.m. Got up and pulled an energy drink out of the fridge. Got on twitter (of course). Double checked my packing skills. Unplugged everything and left leaving behind plenty of proof of my existence. Mildly regretting the fact that I hadn't packed my sunglasses I drove up to "Cracka Jack's" place drinking my now vodka infused energy drink. Obviously me or my grammar ain't perfect, probably both. So, I hate to come down on somebody for doing stupid shit when I do stupid shit all the fucking time. Have you ever thrown a party? Nobody wants to be the guy who has to tell somebody else that their shenanigans have gotten out of hand. The buzz kill. Well... anyways I stopped at the gas station next to Cracka Jack's place and filled the car up before I pulled up to his place. He was almost ready. I gave him a, too short in retrospect, tutorial on the car. This window can go down, but it doesn't go up. The alarm system / electronic locks are screwy. I drove it to Wendover once and my family was surprised. You see, the damn thing dies a lot. I thought I was relatively clear. The idea was that Cracka Jack would be able to drive to work and back, and probably run a few reasonable errands, for the period of time that I was to be in Englewood. Oh... I also expected to be picked up from the airport. I know, I know, I shouldn't treat my friends like slaves. Mutually beneficial situations are for the birds! Well, he successfully got me to the airport and he got to drive to work and back that day! I hate to do any damage to the hypothetical image I've created for myself, but the truth is that I went to a party recently. One of those birthday parties wherein you never find out whose birthday it was parties. Some people seem to enjoy sitting around refusing invitations and complaining about how lonely they are, I hope you don't perceive me to be of that ilk. Sure, I don't feel the need to be consistently seen at cool places with cool people. But I clearly still require constant validation! We've been publishing this damn zine since 2002! Why? Probably 'cause I' ve got some really deep, and profound, emotional scars! Golly gee whiz, I must be the only kid who felt ignored compared to his siblings! Not that I didn't have a strong father figure, I love you t.v.! I'm so fucking special that I just must have been the last person to buy a b&w television set with money earned delivering newspapers. Wash your hands after you finish reading this zine! If you don't the fucking sarcasm will seep through your fucking pores and you'll find yourself unable to do anything except shit on things. This trip out to Englewood was not planned very well. I had begun discussing the idea with Doomlazer roughly three months before it happened. After nearly three months had passed I resigned myself to the opinion that it wasn't going to happen at all. A little backstory: Doomlazer and I had lived together in multiple apartments, one of which was in New Jersey, since I'd returned to Utah he'd been visiting slightly less than once a year. Unfortunately his terrible job which provided him with the ability to continue to live in the two bedroom apartment we initially shared often required him to travel to varied conferences. He grew to hate having to travel to these damn things and that's why it seemed fair that he pay for my tickets to NJ. Of course I thought it was reasonable months before it was scheduled. And of course, regardless of whether or not I could afford it, I was excited about the idea when it was reproposed to me slightly more than 48 hours before it was to begin. I certainly understand the hatred of plans and love of last minute decisions. Well, anyways... that's how I ended up discussing the newark aspect of the poorly thought out plan. Doomlazer had told me not to bother calling when I landed. He said he'd be tracking the flight on the internet. He said that we weren't neanderthals. I corrected him, he wasn't but I might be.



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I'm a pervert I guess. I had this dream during the power blackout that p much sums up who I am as a person. In the dream I was locking up my bicycle on the street and this pretty girl was too. We started talking and we really hit it off. She was pretty and all that. We said goodbye and I was like, "hey, I should get her phone number" and started after her.

So in the dream, I ran about three feet thinking about how great this girl was and wanting to get to know her and all that, but I came across a girls locker room. They are going through the rear window and the complainant is hiding in the closet. So I stop and think oh yeah, this is a dream right?

I'm like, when else am I going to get to go in a women's locker room? Well, In Police Quest 4 I think you have to go into the women's locker room to find out that your partner or something is a drug addict. If I remember right she was stealing drugs from crime scenes or something which is a p good scam. I don't recall if there is a reason to actually check her locker or I was just constantly trying to go into the women's locker room in PQ4.

Anyway, in the dream I'm like, "Hell yeah I'm going into this women's locker room!". So I go in and it's totally filled with hot babes screaming when they see me, trying to cover up and put on towels and stuff but it's too late. I've seen everything (ST:TNG). I don't think I went as far as honking boobs or anything but it was a scene straight out of a raunchy 80's movie. I got an eye-full!

I bet if you went into a women's locker room in real life it would be pretty boring. Like, it's probably full of old ladies and ugly chicks or something. Can someone confirm this? I don't think any chicks read this zine so probably not.

Anyway, I was a victim of Hurricane Sandy and my power was out for 8 days. I started to go crazy waiting for the Red Cross to give me some of that relief monies. They never did though, so don't ever give money to the red cross because it is a stupid charity. I don't even care if that's a lie and it is a good organization - I was a victim of Hurricane Sandy and Obama didn't give me a single dime for my troubles.

In Fact, I had to pay \$50 in text messaging fees from AT&T or switch from 200 msgs to unlimited so I switched and two weeks later they forgave all the overages, but not for me because I switched plans so I got fucked. I could have called and complained and gotten them to credit me the monies, but I didn't and some people would say that I'm letting them walk all over me.

I had someone at work yesterday lecture me about standing up for myself at work and I almost had to say, "you have no fucking clue what my life is like do you?". I don't give a fuck about normal bullshit. My life is terrible, it's a fucking nightmare. I'm not trifling about your gay ass work politics.

Anyway I went to the dentist for the first time in like 15 years because my toof broke six months ago. I don't like going to doctors or dentist because they will just tell me I'm dying anyway, but I finally went to the dentist because I'm going to quit my job soon and I might not have dental insurance ever agin. Not that dental insurance from my work does much. I spent 2k getting two crowns. Anyway I was in pain forever.

Hey, shout out to Yetta. I was so miserable during the Hurricane Sandy, which I still haven't gotten any relief money from even though I was a victim, that I wanted to die. All I did was roll around in the cold darkness and say to myself, "I wish I was dead" over and over again for 8 days. That's how I came up with a joke for a comic. I totally could have drawn it myself, but I hate doing things so I paid @jeannetto real

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