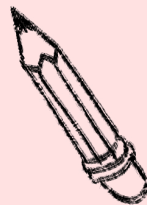


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Comics Workshop
with Cara Bean
Friday, January 3rd, 2025



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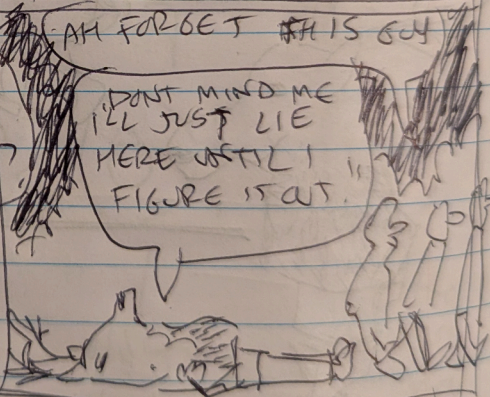
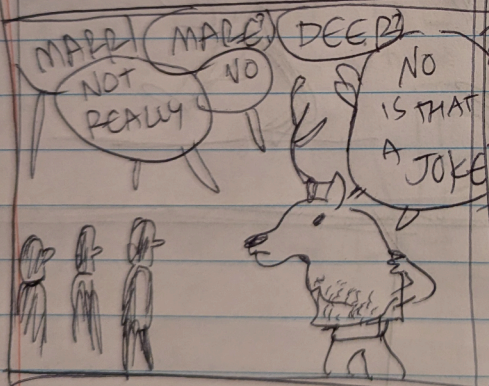
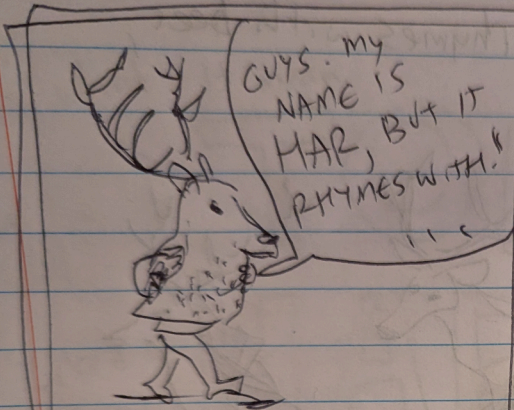
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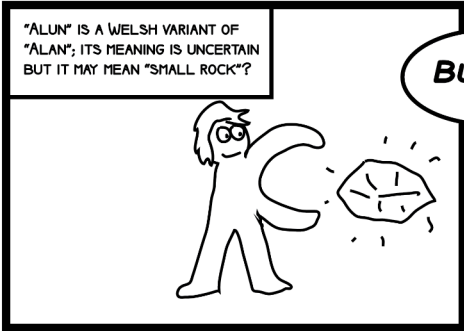
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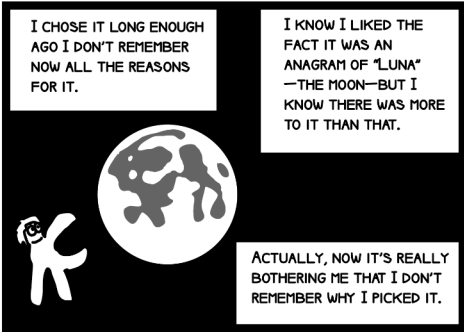
"ALUN" IS A WELSH VARIANT OF "ALAN"; ITS MEANING IS UNCERTAIN BUT IT MAY MEAN "SMALL ROCK"?

BUT!!!...



IT'S NOT MY LEGAL NAME!

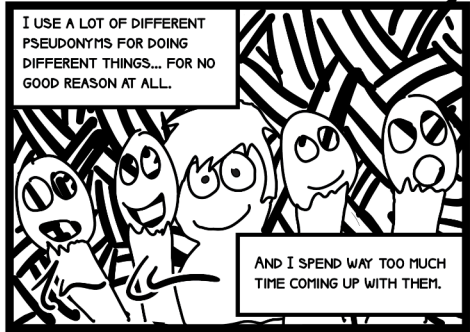
IT'S JUST A PSEUDONYM I USE WHEN I'M WRITING COMICS.



I CHOSE IT LONG ENOUGH AGO I DON'T REMEMBER NOW ALL THE REASONS FOR IT.

I KNOW I LIKED THE FACT IT WAS AN ANAGRAM OF "LUNA" —THE MOON—BUT I KNOW THERE WAS MORE TO IT THAN THAT.

ACTUALLY, NOW IT'S REALLY BOTHERING ME THAT I DON'T REMEMBER WHY I PICKED IT.



I USE A LOT OF DIFFERENT PSEUDONYMS FOR DOING DIFFERENT THINGS... FOR NO GOOD REASON AT ALL.

AND I SPEND WAY TOO MUCH TIME COMING UP WITH THEM.

WELCOME

Called this by a couple female friends who wanted to get a way from their creepy date. They would approach me and say,

MATT

"Dad" and then that was my signal to get them away from their creepy date.

"Doc Hoff" ← Nick Names

NAMED a beer after me b/c I wrote 99% of my dissertation @ the brewery



BEER NAMED AFTER ME FROM "WESTLAKE" ← BREWERY "CALLED" "Doc Hoff"

MATTHEW

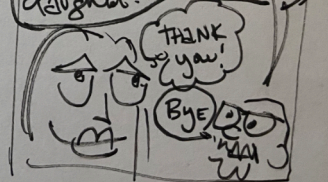
"CHAPLAIN HOFFMAN"



THIS IS WHO I AM as a vocation helping people connect with their own sense of spirituality in relationship with sickness, suffering, death + dying.

"BAR
DAD"

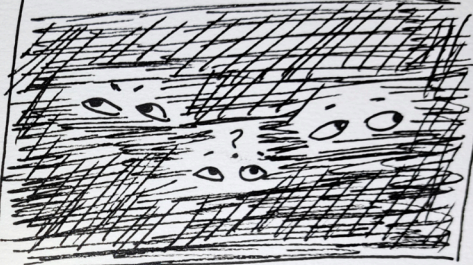
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NAME"
"NICK NAME"



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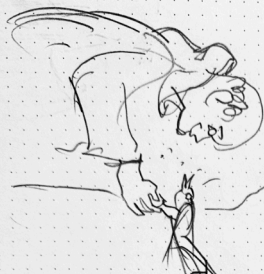


ANYONE GOT A LIGHT?



I DO!





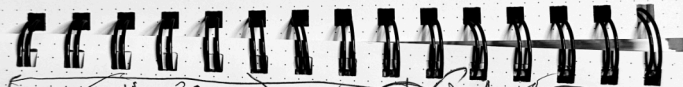
WOODS
TELECKETS



KING BRUCE
SAINT ANTHONY
CATHOLIC RITUAL
MEDICAL
CHURCH SAINT HISTORY

GITC
ORIGIONS

CAN
BRUCE



WHY...? SO WHY DID
I CHOOSE AN EMPATHETIC
CHURCH ICON WHEN I'M A
REBELLIOUS TEENAGER WHO
JUST WANTS TO MAKE ART
WILL SAINT ANTHONY
HAVE SOMEWHAT
CONNECTIONS WITH ME
TO MEDALS IN MY
STUDIO



FORGIVE
ME FATHER
I AM



AMEN
BRUCE
ANTHONY

first time writing my name in English



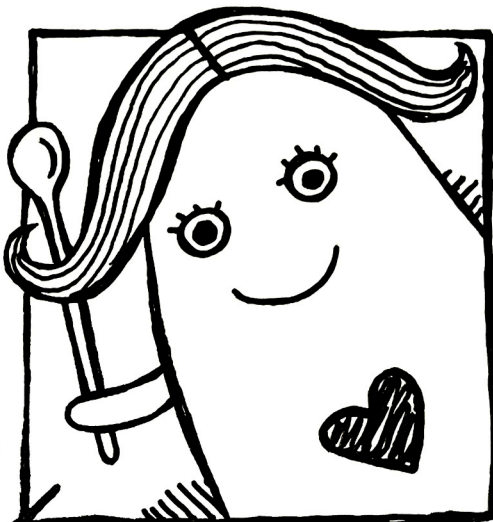
NAZANIN

...Q...
...i...
...n...



Why r there
so many "a" & "n"s

al



YOU CAN'T
SAY MY NAME
BUT YOU CAN
SAY





I HAVE MIXED
EMOTIONS ABOUT
MY NAME...

BONNIE
JEANNE
WATT



I LIKE
HOW IT
SOUNDS
LIKE
BUNNY



I LOVE
BUNNIES

AND
CONEJA
IS SPANISH
FOR RABBIT
WHICH WAS MY NICKNAME IN MEXICO



I hated
that...

IT
MEANS
FAIR OR
PRETTY

IN
SCOTLAND
AT LEAST

BANNY
LASS



AND I NEVER
FELT I LIVED
UP TO IT

IT WAS WORSE
IN OTHER COUNTRIES

BONNIE TRANSGATED

bonita

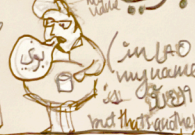
bonned
and ...

AREN'T
THERE
OTHER
EXAMPLES...

IN MOROCCO
PRETTY WAS
جالتك
jalk-nita
NOT BONITA

My friend
mustafa
called me
BOO-NEE

what made
sense because
بوني



(in LAO
my name
is just
mother and
father)

WHEN I TRAVEL
ABROAD, PEOPLE WILL
MENTION BONNIE AND
CLYDE BUT I'M STILL
LOOKING FOR MY
CLYDE

FORGET TO NAME MY DOG CLYDE

MY NAME IS MARIA

I loved what we wore for
the May procession.



We walked around
the school neighborhood
singing hymns.



But, there was always a sense
of dread. When would we
sing Ave Maria?



Now, sixty plus years later,
I can enjoy the song. I no
longer worry about being teased.



M.C. Fitzgerald 2025

We stop for lunch
at a pub in an Australian
country town

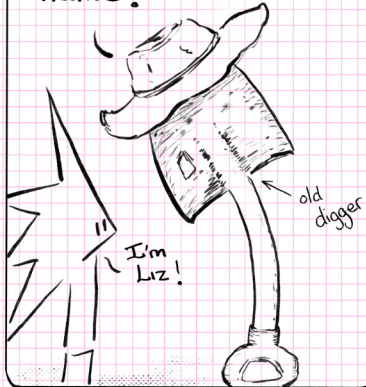
It is dark

+
spooky



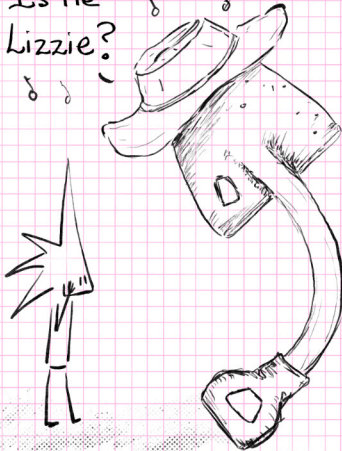
I'm probably 7 years old

What's your
name?



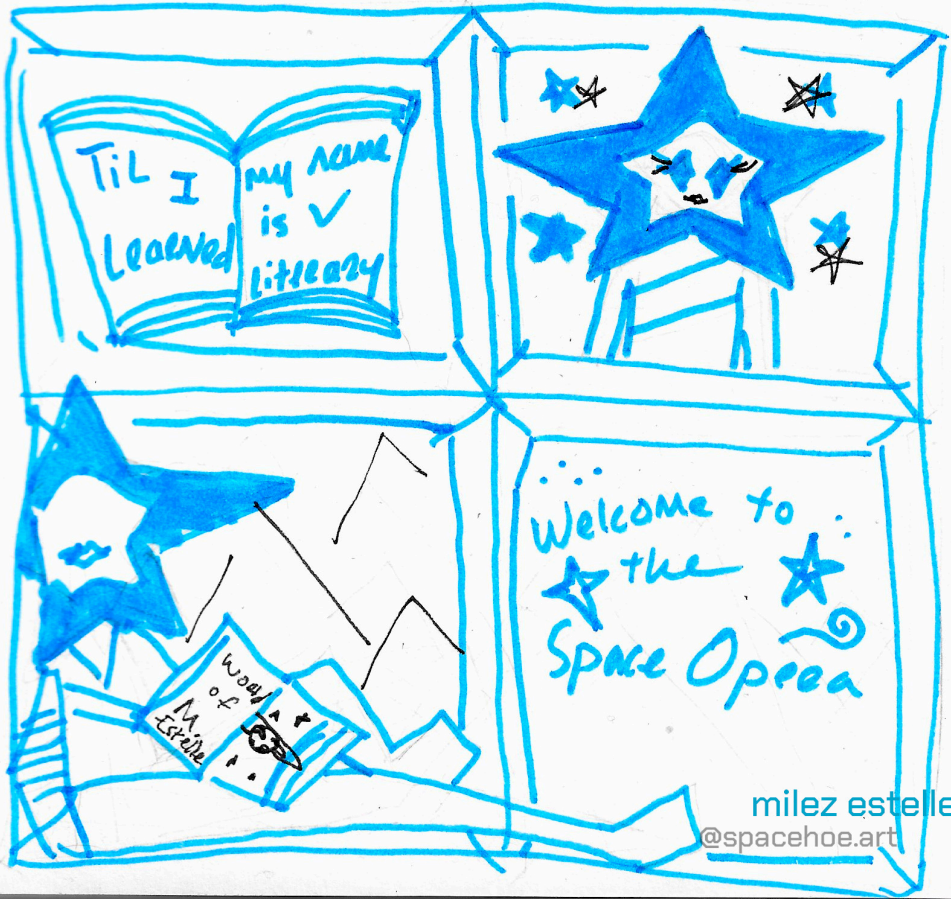
I'm
Liz!

Is he an Aussie? 🎵
Is he
Lizzie? 🎵

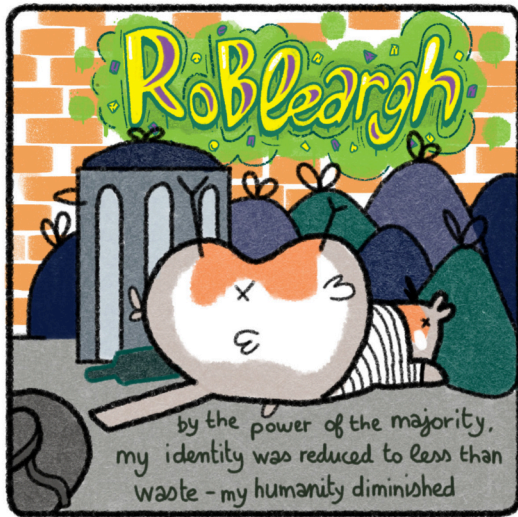
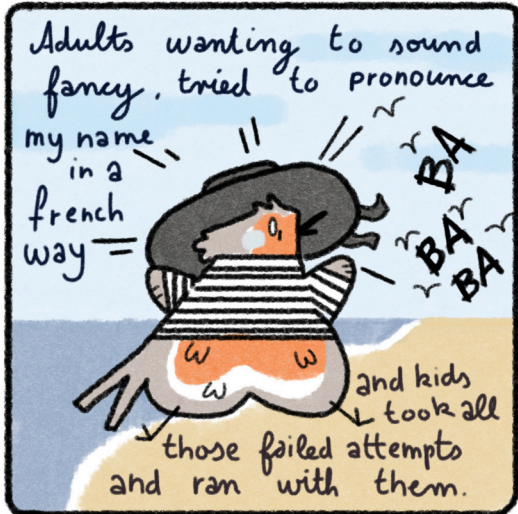


Is he an Aussie
is he? 🎵
eh! 🎵





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FNC with Cara Bean 1/3/25
"Every Name Has a Story"

"Here I am
I am Me"
comic on mental health

GAIL — Named after great grandmother Gitl.
— popular from 1960-1970
trouble at Starbucks

NAOMI — Nechamah in Hebrew
— don't ~~know~~ origin!
remember

JAITIN — used to tell my students it
"rhymes with satan"
— from cyrillic ~~is~~ Khaitin
chaitin

Ms. Jaitin!

transliterated

6 min. freewrite on names — so funny I just had a
conv. about names w/ Jill & Allan on 1/1. Jill's
parents thought she would be a boy so they didn't
have a girl's name ready.



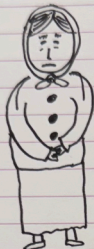
only uses her
bean character

when she's in teacher
mode.

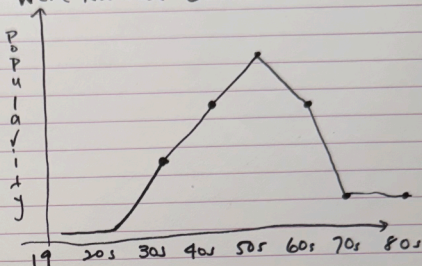


"Gail"

Named after greatgrandmother
Gill, from the Old Country.
I know nothing about her.



"Gail" was popular from
the 1930s - 1960s. Very few
babies in the 70s, 80s, 90s, etc.
were named "Gail".



Some baristas have
trouble with my name
so I sometimes use
a name that's easier
to pronounce.

Tall
Mocha for Gabriella!



That's
me!



When I was young
I hated that you
can't make a nickname
from "Gail." I went
through a phase when
I added an "e" to
it, but I dropped
that eventually.
It seemed silly, & people
pronounced the "e", which
I hated.



Gaile
Gaiile
Gaiile

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Cara Bean @CaribbeanComics
Here I am I am me caribbeancomics.

always
I wished
Adele
was my
First Name

I like
Jeannie
better

Jean
Adele
Mecorney

This was my
Grandmother's NAME

But my dad's
birth last
name was
Dickey

NOT MY DNA
LAST NAME

Kids called me
McCorn Ball
or

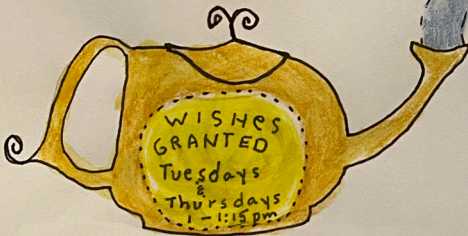
Corny
McCorney

Kids would chant
"Jean nie in a
cellophane bikini"

Big Time hush hush
Family
Secrets



Genie



Coffee cafes always
spell my name



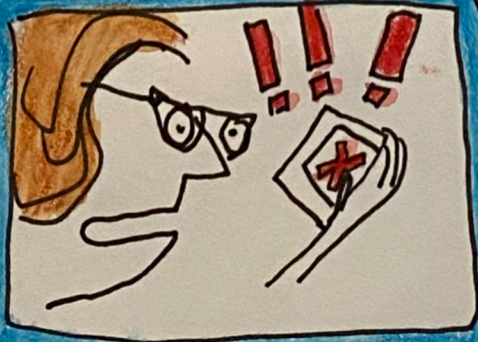
Genie

Jr. High School

Walking with
my Middle School
Buddies

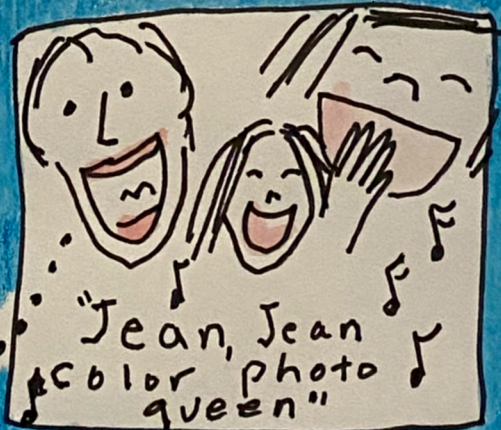


I saw
a photo
on the
ground?



I Picked
it up
and gasped.

FOREVER
MORE MY
FRIENDS called me



"Jean, Jean
color photo
queen"

mickey

Why was I named Nancy?

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There was a cartoon character named Nancy born in 1926 which Ernie Bushmiller took over drawing a Comic Strip called Fritzi Ritz.



In 1938 the character became so popular, they renamed the strip Nancy.



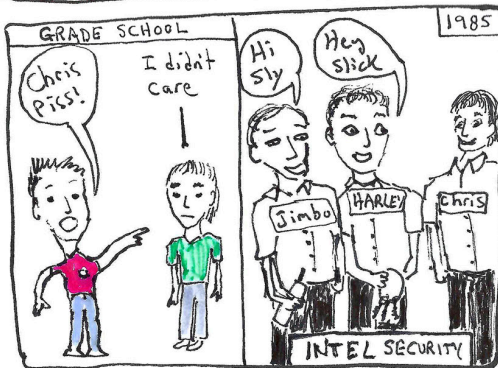
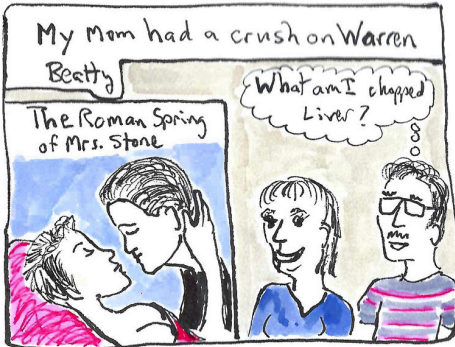
Photographer Nancy and I went to lots of fun craft workshops together.



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Bean

My middle name
is Warren

FRIDAY NIGHT
Comics
Christopher
WARREN Seidel
Jan 3, 2025



I worked at Intel where Seidel became stydel became sly became stick



There was a big difference when I
got away from Judy to Judith

EVERYTHING CHANGED WHEN I went to Artschool

I grew up
as



I insisted on being called



PAINTING & MAKING BOOKS saved me*



I had a Muppy Life for the most part

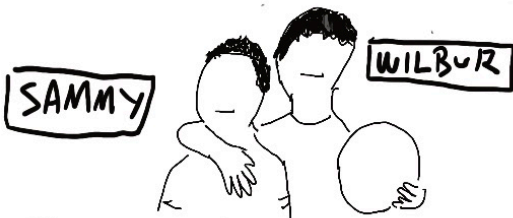


BOTH mvs had dark hair and beards
↑
2 great guys! of Blessed memory

* It still does

NAME GAMES

AMONG CHINESE IMMIGRANTS OF A CERTAIN AGE, THEIR ENGLISH NICKNAME COULD BE A CASUAL MATTER.



MY FATHER AND HIS BEST FRIENDS IN SCHOOL DECIDED TO TRADE THEIR ENGLISH NAMES.

MICHAEL, THE GIVEN NAME MY PARENTS CHOSE FOR ME, WAS THE MOST POPULAR GIVEN NAME OF THE 20TH CENTURY, RANKING NO. 1 FROM 1954-1998 (EXCEPTION: 1960, WHEN MICHAEL WAS SECOND ONLY TO DAVID).



WHEN I WAS PREPARING TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE THE FIRST TIME, MY POLITICAL CONSULTANT TOLD ME THAT MIKE WOULD COME ACROSS AS FRIENDLIER THAN MICHAEL.



EVENTUALLY, AS I GOT OLDER, I STARTED TO REVERT BACK TO *Michael* BECAUSE IT'S MORE FORMAL. BUT I'LL ALWAYS BE *Mike* TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



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