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TRUTHS

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FRI FEB 20
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FREE FRIDAY NIGHT COMICS WORKSHOP

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TRUTHS

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Latvian Folk Songs

The Daina

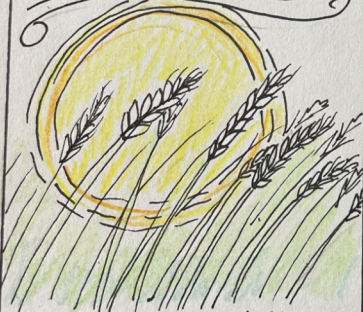
"dah-ee-nah"

Riga

A daina is a folk song comprised of four lines sung in a trochaic meter which consists of a strong beat followed by a weak one - creating a rocking sensation



Sauļe brīdā rudzū
lauku



The sun walked through
the rye field.

Zelta kurpes
kājās bija



Golden shoes
upon her feet.

Meitas brida
rudzu lauku



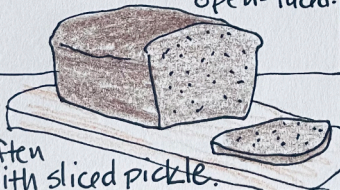
The maidens walk
through the rye field.

Sudraboti
vainadzini



With silver wreaths.

Rye bread is ubiquitous
in Latvia - super dark
and sour. It is often
sliced super thin,
spread with butter
and then topped
with sliced meat or
hard boiled egg or
smoked fish - served
open-faced.

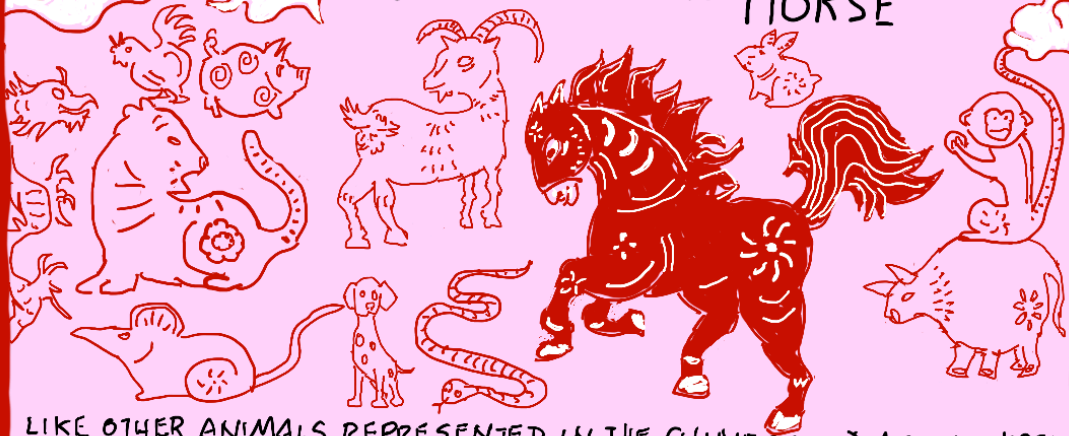


often
with sliced pickle.

My mother was born
in Leipaja, Latvia in
1941 and her family
fled the Russians
after WWII. We are
planning a big
family trip there
for June.



WISDOM OF THE HORSE



LIKE OTHER ANIMALS REPRESENTED IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC, THE HORSE HAS EVOLVED OVER TIME:

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[TRADITIONAL]

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[SIMPLIFIED]

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[SEAL SCRIPT]

ILLUSTRATING PEARLS OF FOLK WISDOM SUCH AS:



"REIN
IN YOUR
HORSE
AT CLIFF'S
EDGE"

"GALLOPING PAST
FLOWERS"


(OR "STOP TO SMELL
THE FLOWERS")

"AN OLD HORSE
KNOWS
THE WAY."



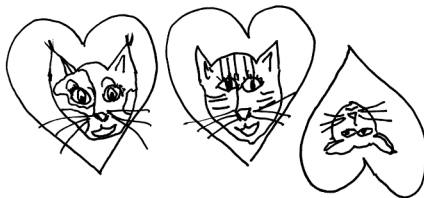
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3 CATS LIVE IN MY HOUSE



TROIS CHATS HABITENT CHEZ MOI

I LOVE EACH ONE



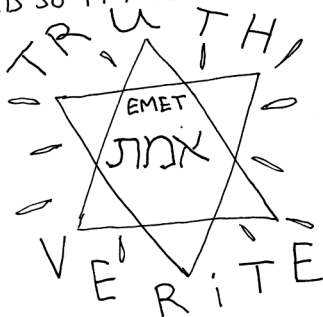
J'AIME CHACUN D'EUX

THEY BELIEVE I BELONG TO THEM



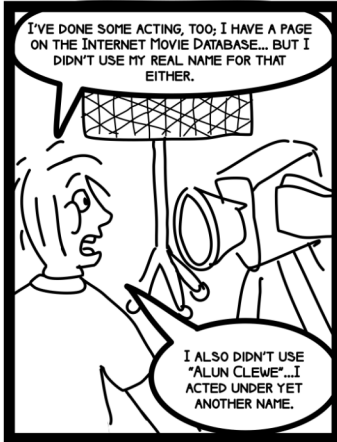
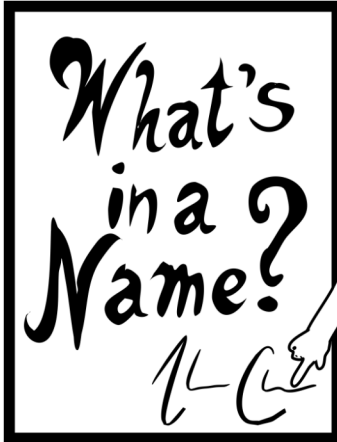
ILS CROIENT QUE JE LEUR
APPARTIENS

AND SO IT MUST BE TRUE.



ET DONC CELA DOIT ÊTRE VRAI.

SUZIE-Q





SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A, D, D,
AND CAN'T DEAL WITH CLUTTER
... UNLESS A FRIEND SHOWS UP.

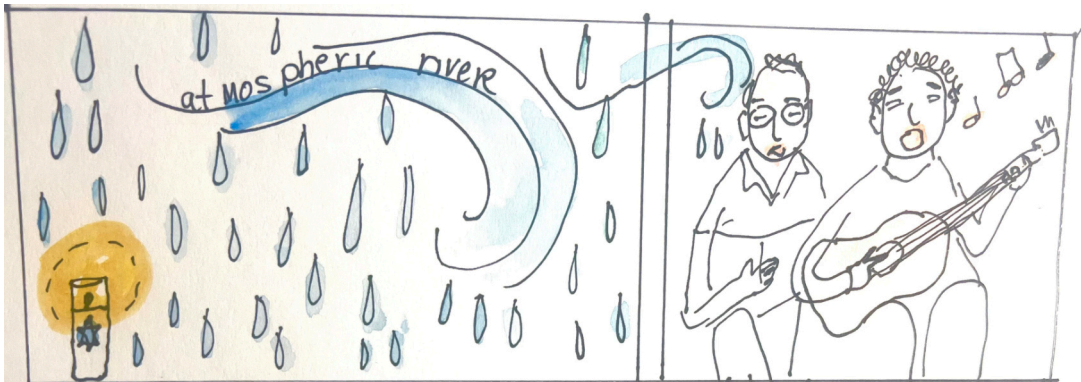


NO NEED TO LIFT A FINGER,
BRING A BOOK, YOUR PHONE, ...
JUST BE ~~THERE~~,



YOU CAN SAVE SOMEONE
\$10,000 OR MORE? THAT'S WHAT EXTRA
COST OF CLUTTER WAS FOR ME!





היא יעשה שלום



תנועה לברכה

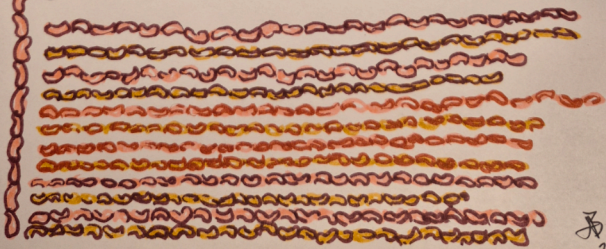
כזיהי רצו

THIS IS A SAUSAGE GRAPH

This is a line of SAUSAGE, one for every year of service.

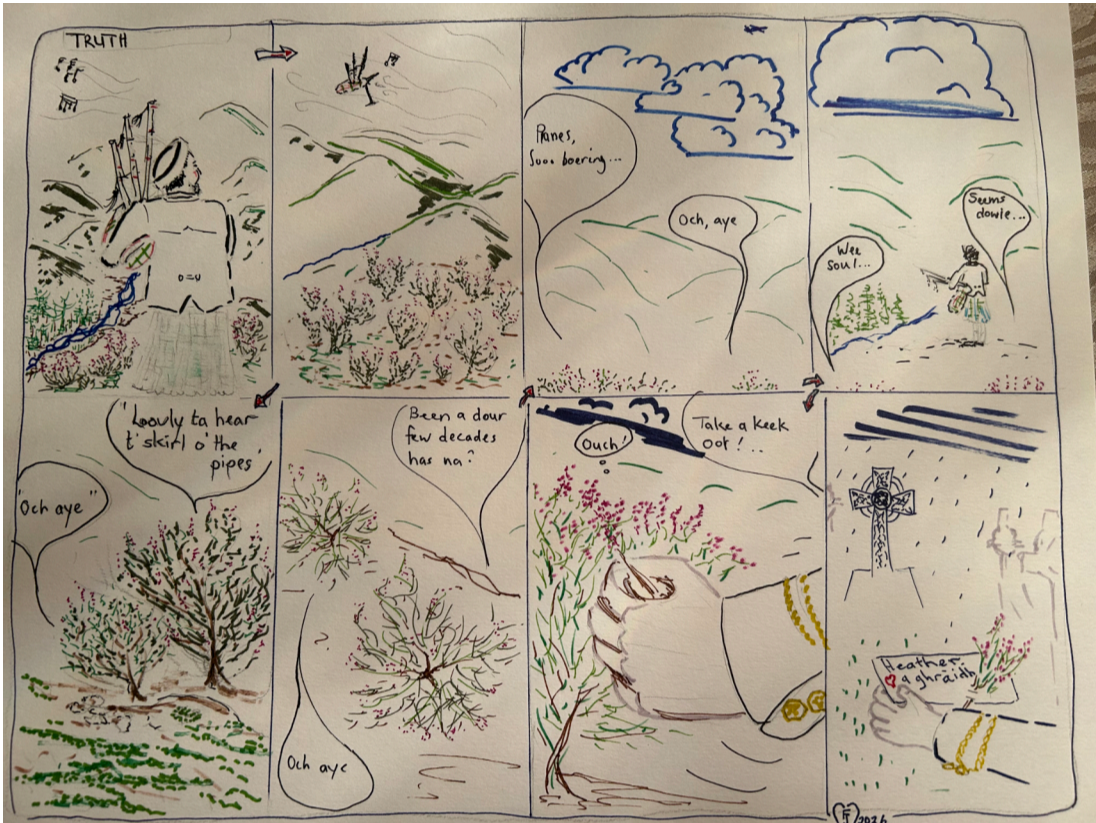
Once upon a time, at a grocery store that had been a small village shop, now bought out by a CORPORATION Fer Fer Away - a worker gave more than 3 decades of his life, making artisanal sausage and helping people get dinner.

This is a pile of SAUSAGES, one for each 300 workdays a year (he worked more).



Management got him a big cookie





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"Young in Iran" available on SAW website

Cole Pauls "Truths" @tudrawizard in Vancouver

tell your truth & try to include another language

My truth: I'm obsessed with "Heated Rivalry"

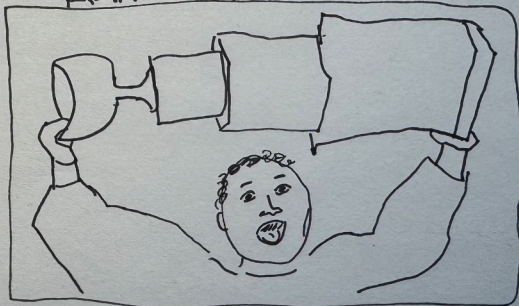
Other language: Russian (of course) @gailjain

Suddenly, it's ice hockey season...

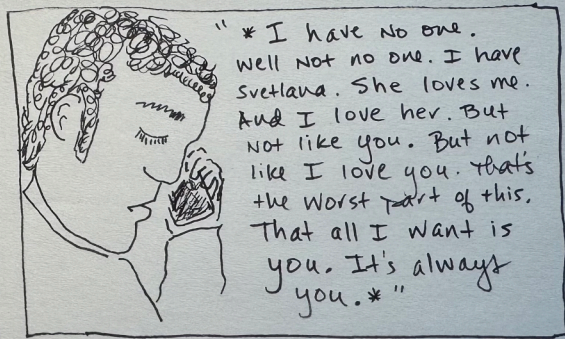
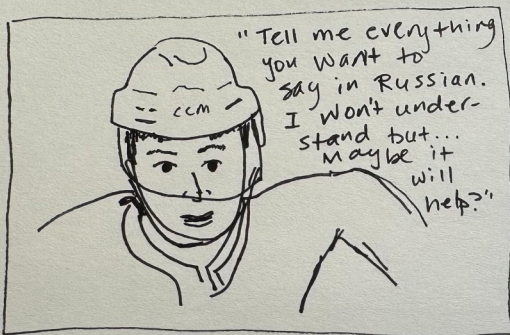
(...in my heart)



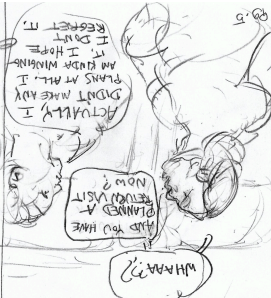
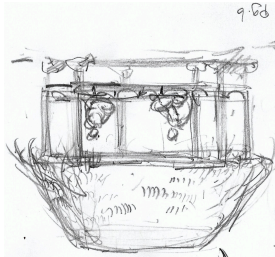
"ДЛЯ ТЕБЯ, МАМА" *



* "For you, Mom"



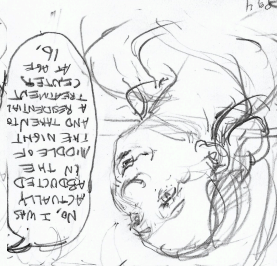
* in Russian *



ACTUALLY I
SPENT MORE
PLANS AT ALL. I
HAD WITH MINDING
IT I HOPE
REGRET IT.

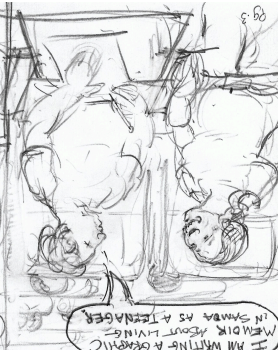
AND YOU HAVE
PLANNED A
VISIT
NOW?

WHAAAA?



NO, I WAS
ACTUALLY
ABDUCTED
IN THE
MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT
AND TAKEN TO
A RESTAURANT
CENTRE
AT ONE
16.

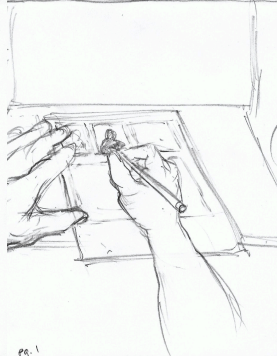
WERE YOUR SPEARS IN THE
FENCE CODES OR MURDER?



I AM WAITING A GENEALIC
MEMOR ABOUT LIVING
IN SWADA AS A TEENAGER



DONE DURING
SAW FRIDAY NIGHT COMICS
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BY
JAMES KEUL



I LOVE YOUR
SKETCHES!
WHAT ARE THEY
FOR?

“THREE GENERATIONS OF RUSSELL MEN SPEAK THE TRUTH!”

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MY GRANDFATHER, EDGAR FARR RUSSELL, SR., WAS A SMART MAN WHO OFTEN DELIVERED APHORISMS--PITHY OBSERVATIONS THAT CONTAIN A TRUTH...



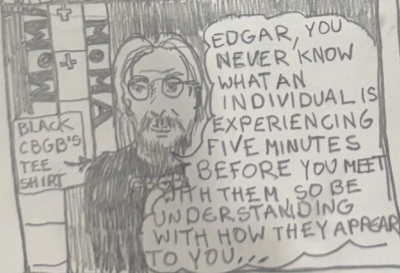
OF COURSE HIS WICKED SENSE OF HUMOR COST US TWO FAMILY FORTUNES! ☹️
* ODD AND FODD WERE NICKNAMES GIVEN BY HIM (DODD)

HIS SON, MY FATHER-- EDGAR FARR RUSSELL JR. WAS ALSO A SMART MAN! AMONG THE IMPORTANT TRUTHS HE SHARED WITH US...



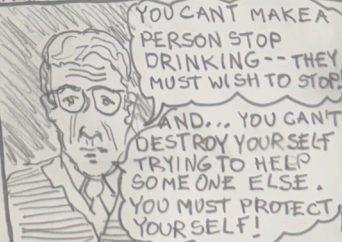
WHEN DAD WAS 17 YEARS OLD AND STANDING IN LINE AT A BANK HE STOOD UP TO A YOUNG BULLY WHO WAS HARASSING MRS. GONZALEZ, THE TELLER. THE BULLY SLUNK AWAY

MY YOUNGER BROTHER, FRAZIER NEELY SOUTHEY RUSSELL -- A TEACHER, PUBLISHED POET, AND, NOW, SOCIAL WORKER, SHARED A POWERFUL TRUTH WITH ME A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO...



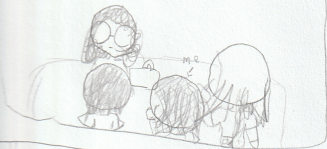
THANK YOU, FRAZIER, FOR YOUR WISDOM! (HE'S AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART)

FINALLY, COMES ME, EDGAR FARR RUSSELL III AND MY TRUTH



WHAT ARE YOUR OWN TRUTHS?

At recess Penny was showing
us something that she had seen
on her way to school.



Okay so-

How's gammy?



gammy
vs
penny



ze ze can
use your sketchbook?

close your pre-hole,
so any way-

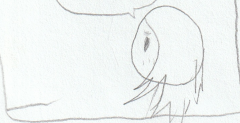


NO!!!



Chip
Chip
Soni

J k.k.



This went on for 10 minutes.

so the chics went
frone taco bell to
chipotle.

only 1/2 way
a little more





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