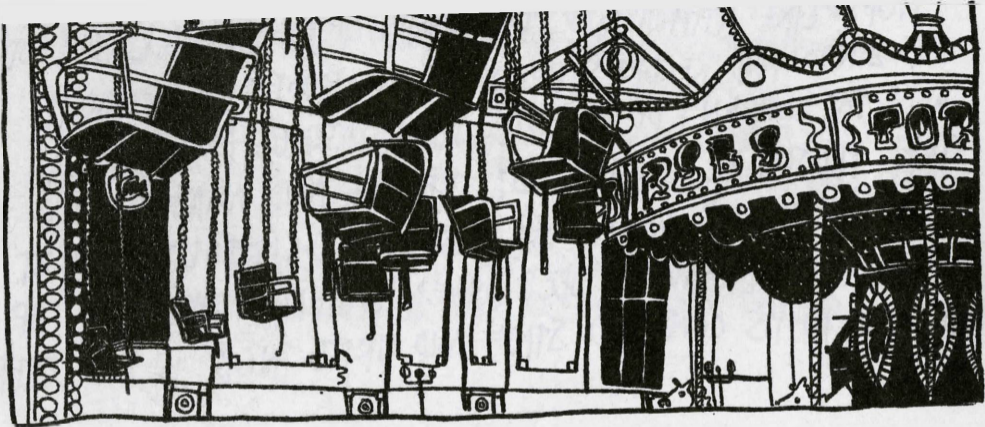


RUM LAD

ISSUE TWO



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NOW THEN,

WELL SOMEBODY MUST HAVE GIVEN ME THE IDEA THAT THEY CARED BECAUSE HERES THE SECOND ISSUE OF RUM LAD!

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS SINCE ABOUT OCT 06 (AMONGST OTHER THINGS) AND AS I WRITE ITS CURRENTLY APRIL WHERE THE DAYS HAVE FINALLY STARTED TO LOOK A LITTLE LESS DULL AND MORE UPLIFTING. WHICH IS TYPICAL BECAUSE I'M PROBABLY THE BUSIEST I'VE EVER BEEN. MY ILLUSTRATION DEGREE IS THE MAIN CULPRIT, TAKING UP A LARGE PORTION OF MY TIME IN PREPARATION FOR MY FINAL EXHIBITION OF WORK WHICH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED IN LINCOLN AND LONDON SOON. ITS PRETTY FORTUNATE THAT I LOVE DOING WHAT I DO!

OBVIOUSLY I'VE STILL FOUND THE TIME TO DO ALL THE USUAL STUFF LIKE ATTEND AND PLAY LOADS OF GIGS, TRAVEL, BUY LOTS OF ZINES AND RECORDS, READ, SIT ON ROOFTOPS AT NIGHT WITH THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS, MAKE PATCHES AND BADGES, TAKE PHOTOS, BE INSPIRED BY CREATIVE AND AMAZING INDIVIDUALS AND WATCH MY HOUSEMATES CAREFULLY CONSTRUCT A 1000 PIECE JIGSAW IN DEEP CONCENTRATION, TO PROMPTLY FLIP IT OVER IN ITS COMPLETED STATE AND WRITE 'NOB' IN BIG LETTERS.*

I'M MORE SATISFIED WITH THIS ISSUE, I THINK IT HAS A BETTER STRUCTURE THAN MY LAST ATTEMPT. PLUS IT FEATURES THE WRITING TALENTS OF MY FRIEND, DAN. HIS CONTRIBUTION WAS DEFINATELY MOST WELCOME. IF HE EVER GETS HIS ARSE INTO GEAR HIS ZINE 'MORBID CURIOSITY' SHOULD SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY SOON, WATCH OUT!

OK, BORING SELF INDULGENT BIT OVER.

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THESE ARE GOOD

SET FIRE TO FLAMES, CAWIN AND HOBBS, FINISHING DISSERTATIONS, VISITING THE LOWLEY CLUB, PAUL BARIBEAU, ERIN TOBEY, TALKING TO STRANGERS, PETER APPLE, JAY RYAN, OLIVER JEFFERS, FINALLY SEEING NEUROSIS AND DEFTONES, GARLIC BROCCOLI (NICER THAN IT SOUNDS), BILL BAILEY, CHUCK PALAHNIUK, SHANK, THE GOON SHOW, MURAKAMI

* NOT STRICTLY TRUE AS IT WAS ABANDONED ABOUT 80 PIECES TILL COMPLETION. WOULD HAVE BEEN FUNNY THOUGH.

STEVE.



23/09/06

I HATE DRIVING. I ESPECIALLY HATE IT WHEN I'M VOTED TO DRIVE HOME IN A MASSIVE PEOPLE CARRIER FULL OF DRUNKS FROM A GIG IN BIRMINGHAM. NUMEROUS 'DIVERSIONS' KEPT US ON THE ROAD FOR LONGER THAN I WOULD OF LIKED AND WHEN WE STARTED SEEING SIGNS FOR WALES, I WAS IN DEEP DESPAIR. WE MADE IT HOME IN THE END, AT ABOUT 4:30AM OR SO. IT'S STRANGE, AT THE TIME I WAS THINKING OF A MILLION PLACES I'D RATHER BE WHILST SAT BEHIND THE WHEEL, BUT MEMORY HAS A WAY OF DISTORTING THINGS AND I ACTUALLY LOOK BACK IN FONDNESS. I WON'T BE DOING IT AGAIN FOR A WHILE, MIND.

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13/10/06

ARMY OF FLYING ROBOTS ENDED THE NIGHT WITH THEIR MIX OF INTENSE AND UNCOMPROMISING THRASH. I HAD AN AMAZING TIME MEETING PEOPLE I HADNT SEEN IN AGES AS WELL AS BEING SURROUNDED BY AN ATMOSPHERE OF SOLIDARITY AND PASSION. LUKE ALSO MANAGED TO BE THE FIRST PERSON EVER TO BE CROWD SURF ON A BOOKSHELF. FUN.

STEINWAGEN

22/10/06
DEFIANCE, OHIO IN LEEDS.
I BLOODY LOVE THIS
BAND!



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BUTTER

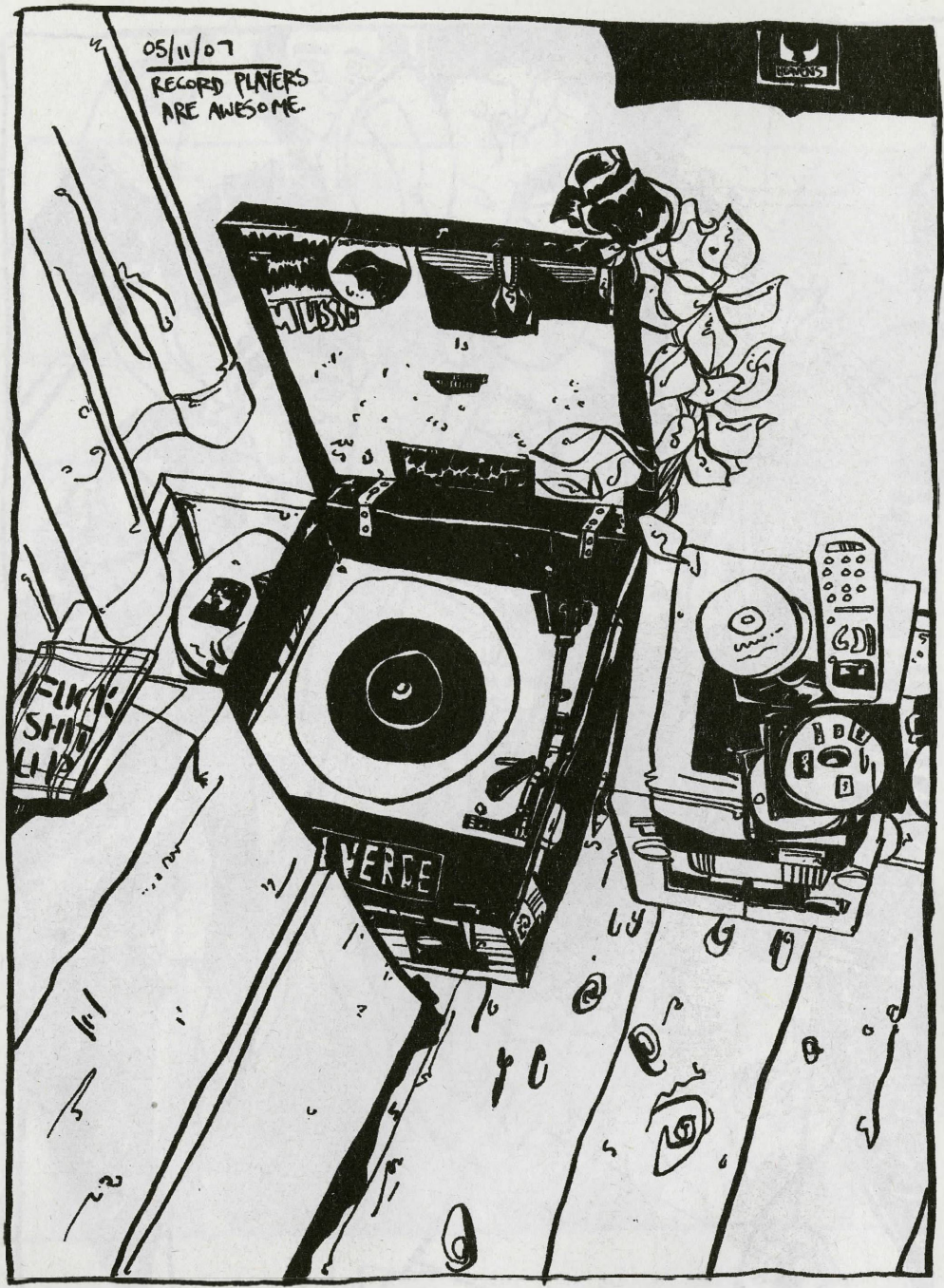


27/10/06

I KEEP TELLING MYSELF I'VE
SEEN EVERYTHING. I KEEP
BEING PROVEN WRONG.
IT WILL TAKE NOT TO TOP
THE SIGHT OF SCOOBY DOO
MOSHING TO HARSH
GRIND

05/11/07

RECORD PLAYERS
ARE AWESOME.



12/1/06
HENSWELL MARKET.



MARK

STRIKING UP CONVERSATION WITH MARK, MY NEW FRIEND ON THE 19:46 TO SHEFFIELD, KEPT US OCCUPIED FOR THE ENTIRE JOURNEY. HE WAS ABOUT 6'0, MID TWENTIES, HAD SHORT CREW-CUT, GINGER HAIR AND WORE A BLUE AND WHITE TRACKSUIT WITH A HEAVY LOOKING BACKPACK ACCOMPANYING HIM. AFTER I APPLIED THE INITIAL ICE BREAKER, COMMENTING THAT HE LOOKED SLIGHTLY RESTLESS (HIS PACING UP AND DOWN THE PLATFORM, OCCASIONAL SIGH AND GLANCE AT HIS WATCH BEING THE GIVE AWAY) HE REPLIED THAT YES, THINGS COULD BE SLIGHTLY

BETTER FOR HIM AT THE MOMENT. IT SOUNDED LIKE HE HAD A LOT TO GET OFF HIS CHEST, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY SPILLING THE BEANS ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION HE WAS FACING. WE CHATTED, INTRODUCED OURSELVES AND AS OUR TRAIN ARRIVED AT THE PLATFORM, BOARDED. MARK WAS ON HIS WAY TO MANCHESTER TO SEE HIS GIRLFRIEND (I'VE FORGOTTEN HER NAME). HE WAS CURRENTLY STUDYING IN THIS AREA, HOPEFULLY TO BECOME A SCIENCE TEACHER SOMEDAY, BUT HAD RECENTLY HIT A SPOT OF BOTHER. HE EXPLAINED TO ME THAT WHILST ON THE PISS WITH SOME COLLEAGUES AT HIS SCHOOL PLACEMENT, HE'D SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SQUARE UP TO THE P.E. TEACHER WHERE A FEW HARSH WORDS WERE NO DOUBT EXCHANGED TOO.

'A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION?' I ENQUIRED. NO, IT TURNED OUT TO BE A CASE OF SAID MEMBER OF STAFF PATRONISING THE NEW BLOOD WITHIN THE RANKS BY STARING AND POINTING AT HIM FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BAR, WITH A FEMALE FRIEND (WHO MARK WAS HASTEN TO ADD THAT HE'D COPPED OFF WITH ON A SEPARATE DATE).

'MADNESS' I SAID.

'IT'S ALL ABOUT RESPECT' MARK ASSURED ME, AND I GUESS HE'S RIGHT REALLY. HE ALSO DECLARED THAT HE WASN'T A VIOLENT PERSON BY NATURE AND FORTUNATELY THIS CONFRONTATION DIDN'T RESORT TO VIOLENCE (LUCKILY, FOR THE P.E. TEACHER, I ASSUME).

BUT IT SEEMED THAT WASN'T THE LAST OF IT AS POOR MARK SOON FELT THE WRATH OF THE SCHOOLS BOARD, SUSPENDING HIM IMMEDIATELY. POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE MAD OR SOMETHING. CERTAINLY, I COULD SEE HIS POINT AS TO WHY HE'D BE A BIT NARKED, NOTHING OF GREAT FEROCITY ACTUALLY HAPPENED AND IT WAS OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS. IT WAS MORE OF A GENTLEMAN'S DISAGREEMENT.

THE CONVERSATION SWAYED BACK AND FORTH AS THEY USUALLY TEND TO, BUT IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE THE SUBJECT OF VIOLENCE WAS TOUCHED UPON ONCE AGAIN.

MARK APPARENTLY FELT CONFIDENT ENOUGH TALKING TO ME THAT I DESERVED TO SEE THE SCAR HE RECEIVED WHILST OUT FOR HIS BROTHER'S 18TH IN LONDON, WHERE HE WAS QUITE LITERALLY 'STABBED IN THE BACK' BY SOME MASKED HOODLUM. SCARY STUFF. THIS LEAD US CONVENIENTLY ON TO THE 'RESPECT' ISSUE AGAIN, AS HE DESCRIBED A SEPARATE OCCASION WHERE ON HIS FIRST DATE WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND THE NIGHT ENDED SOMEWHAT ABRUPTLY WITH, YOU GUESSED IT, MARK OPENING A CAN OF WOOD ARSE. THE GUY DESERVED IT REALLY, HE WAS AFTER ALL, 'STARING AT HIS BIRD'.

I DIDNT HAVE MANY STORIES OF SCUFFLES AS I'VE THE TENDANCY TO BE A BIT OF A SOFT LAD, SO ANYTHING I HAD TO OFFER PALED IN COMPARISON I THOUGHT. HE DID SEEM GENUINLEY GRATEFUL OF A FLYER I GAVE HIM (A DRAWING OF A LINCOLN MONUMENT) BUT EVENTUALLY OUR CONVERSATION CAME TO A HALT WHEN WE REACHED OUR DESTINATION OF SHEFFIELD AND WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS AFTER HANDSHAKES AND GOOD WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

3/11/05
LONG WALKS AT NIGHT, THAS HANDS GOOD FOR THE SOUL. Bokowski reacts, of course, a night after he escapes
PEOPLE WHO WIND UP WATCHING PORNS. VIOLENCE ON TV. PEOPLE WHO ARE IN MOMENTS OF DISTRESS, A LONG WALK
AT NIGHT, LISTENING TO NOISES. THE TONE OF MY WINDMILL HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL IN TIMES OF PERFECTION OF WINDMILL.
JUST COME OUT THE HOUSE. AMY FROM DEARLIES AND BETTY PROBLEMS WEARABLE TO LADY.

I WAS GLAD THE AVOIDANCE OF ACKNOWLEDGING STRANGERS
ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT HAD, THIS TIME, BEEN DESTROYED. I
GET THE IMPRESSION WE ALL TEND TO ~~BEEN~~ PRETEND
THAT THEY DON'T EXIST, MAINTAINING THIS WALL OF 'PRIVACY'
WHERE EVERYONE IS A POTENTIAL LUNATIC OR SERIAL
KILLER EVEN. I'LL PROBABLY NEVER SEE MARK AGAIN
BUT I REALLY HOPE THINGS WORK OUT FOR HIM.

ME, I JUST WANTED TO FIND MY FRIENDS AND
GET PISSED UP.

30/11/06

'LONG WALKS AT NIGHT, THAT'S WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE SOUL.' BOKOWSKI RECITED. OF COURSE, SHORTLY AFTER HE DESCRIBES
PEEKING INTO WINDOWS WATCHING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNFOLD BEFORE HIS EYES. IN MOMENTS OF DISTRESS, A LONG WALK
AT NIGHT, LISTENING TO NEURO SIS 'THE TUBE' ON MY WALKMAN HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL IN TIMES OF REFLECTION OR WHATEVER.
JUST GETTING OUT THE HOUSE, AWAY FROM DEADLINES AND BETTY PROBLEMS, WRAPPING UP WARM, WANDERING
AIMLESSLY. A.C.E.



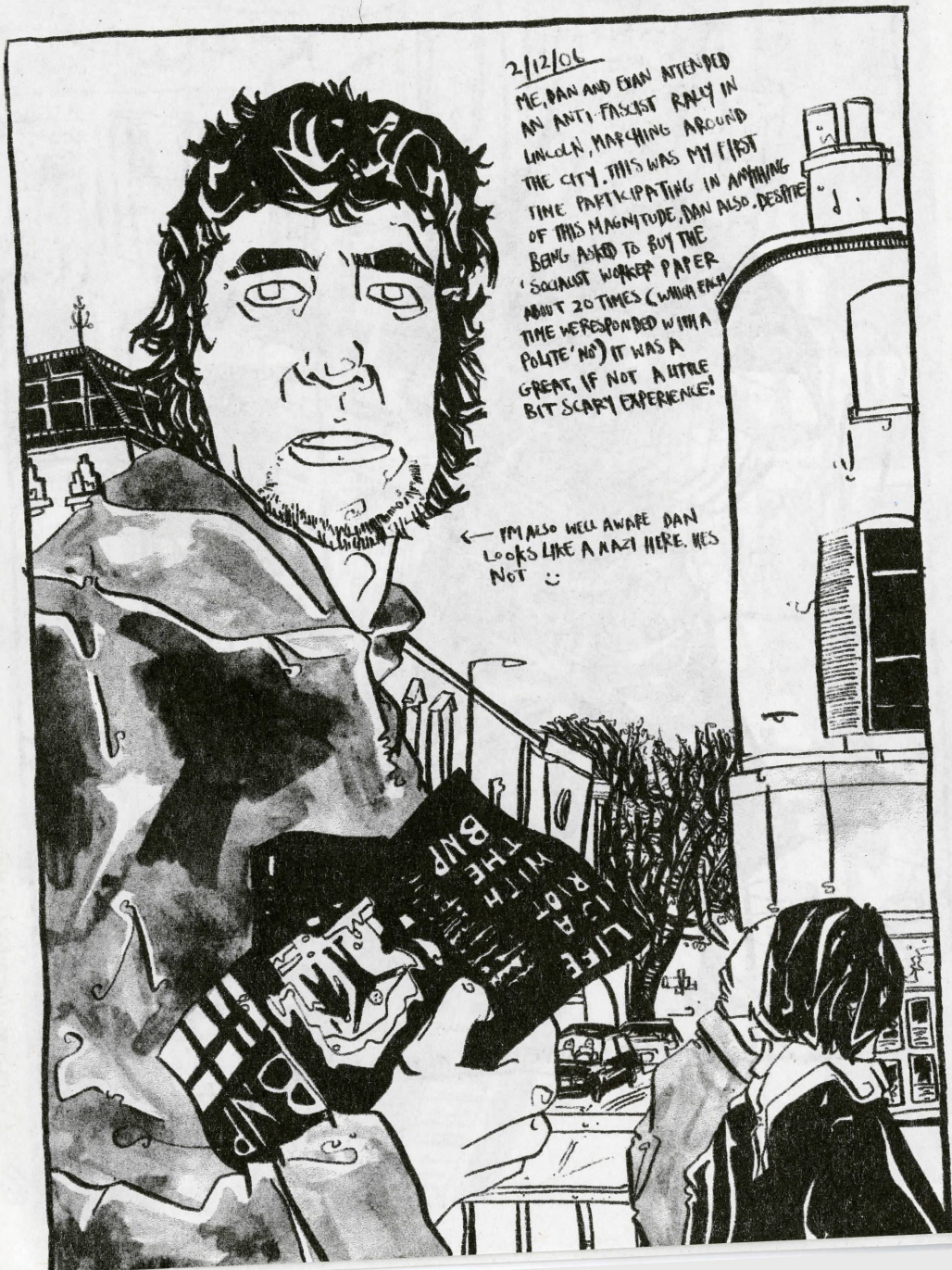
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RUM LAD IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES

(YOU IDIOTS)

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN POTATO CANNON: TAKE ONE PLASTIC JUICE BOTTLE. MAKE SMALL HOLE AT BOTTOM. ATTACH FIRE TO TAP SCREW WELL WITH PARCEL TAPE. WEAVE PIECE OF POTATO INSIDE OTHER END OF PIPE SPRAY WATER INTO PREVIOUSLY MADE HOLE IN BOTTOM OF BOTTLE. AIM AND LIGHT.



2/12/06

ME, DAN AND EVAN ATTENDED AN ANTI-FASCIST RALLY IN LINCOLN, MARCHING AROUND THE CITY. THIS WAS MY FIRST TIME PARTICIPATING IN ANYTHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE, DAN ALSO. DESPITE BEING ASKED TO BUY THE 'SOCIALIST WORKER PAPER' ABOUT 20 TIMES (WHICH EACH TIME WE RESPONDED WITH A POLITE 'NO') IT WAS A GREAT, IF NOT A LITTLE BIT SCARY EXPERIENCE!

← I'M ALSO WELL AWARE DAN LOOKS LIKE A NAZI HERE. YES NOT 😊

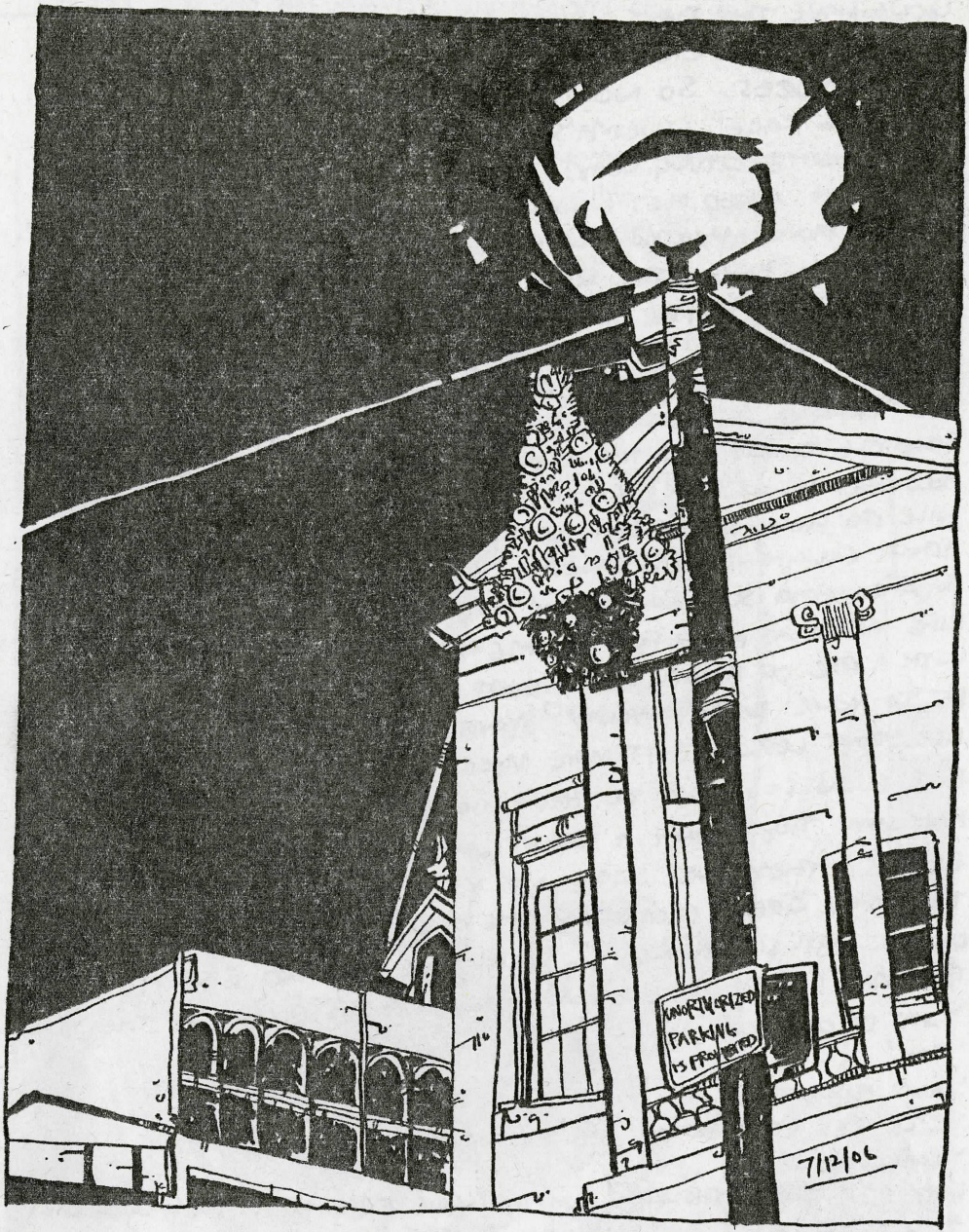
CINEMANIA!

GONE HAVE THE DAYS WHERE A SONNY CHIBA DOUBLE BILL WOULD'VE BEEN ENOUGH TO PULL IN THE CROWD'S AT THE PICTURES. SO NOW, WHAT WITH PIRACY BEING 'ALL THE RAGE' CINEMA'S ARE HAVING TO COME UP WITH NEW AND EXCITING WAYS TO PULL IN THE PUNTERS. IF THEY'D'VE ASKED ME, I WOULD'VE SUGGESTED AN ALL NIGHT HORROR MOVIE MARATHON LIKE YOU SEE ON ERM... HORROR MOVIES. YOU KNOW, THE SORT WHERE PEOPLE DRESS SCARILY, THROW TOILET PAPER AND HAVE UNPROTECTED SEX... WICKED! BUT THE ODEON, BLESS THEM, AREN'T 'DOWN' WITH LITTERING AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY. SO THEY'VE OPTED FOR 'BRING YOUR BABY TO THE CINEMA DAY' (MARKETED TO SENSIBLE THIRTY SOMETHING MUM'S LIKE RACHEL FROM FRIENDS). HOW VERY WHOESOME! EXCEPT IT WON'T BE, WILL IT? IT WILL BE HELL ON EARTH. IF SOMEONE SO MUCH AS THINKS ABOUT COUGHING IN A CINEMA, I GET WOUND UP. SO SITTING IN A CINEMA SURROUNDED BY SCREAMING OFFSPRING SOUNDS LIKE ABOUT AS MUCH FUN TO ME AS BREAKING MY OWN NOSE WITH A PAIR OF PLIERS. AND WHAT GOOD WILL WATCHING SHREK DO TO YOUR BABY ANYWAY? MAYBE IT WILL LEARN THE IMPORTANT LESSON THAT MIKE MYERS IS NO LONGER FUNNY. BUT EVEN SO, THEY'LL HAVE NO BASIS FOR COMPARISON ANYWAY. TRY ASKING A BABY WHAT'S BETTER, WAYNES WORLD 1 OR 2. THEY JUST LOOK AT YOU LIKE YOU'RE A TWAT. THE OTHER GREAT PROMOTION THE ODEON CURRENTLY HAVE ON IS OAP SCREENINGS... WITH FREE TEA AND BISCUITS!!! BRILLIANT! THEY'VE OBVIOUSLY DONE THEIR RESEARCH THEN.

'WHAT DO OLD PEOPLE LIKE?'

- 'TEA'
- 'AND BISCUITS'
- 'I'LL GET STARTED ON THE POSTER THEN'
- 'LARGE PRINT!'

WHY STOP THERE THOUGH? WHY NOT GIVE FREE WERTHERS ORIGINALS AND STERADENT. NOW YOU'RE TALKING!

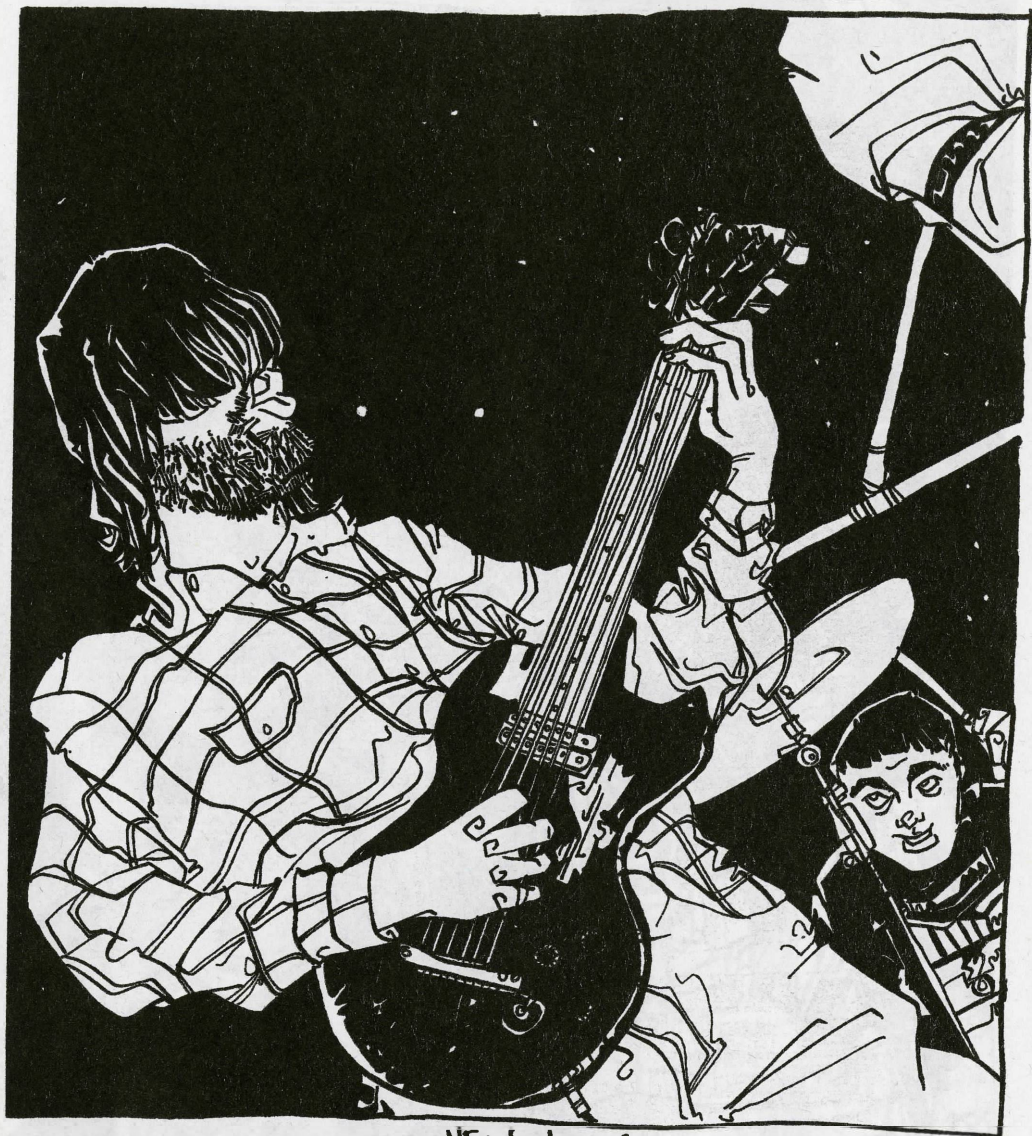


FUCKED UP

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ACE BAND,
SWEATY SINGER!

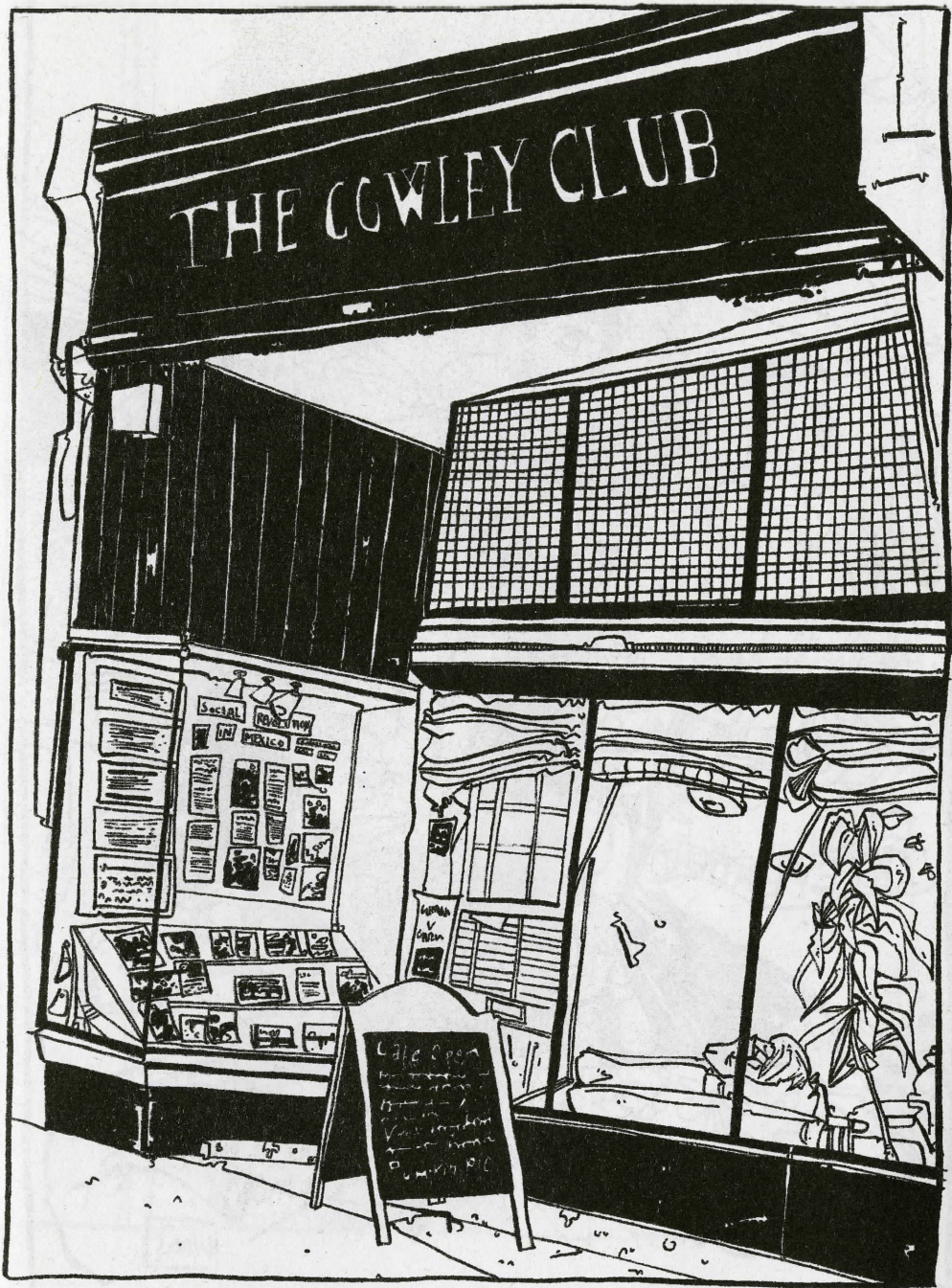




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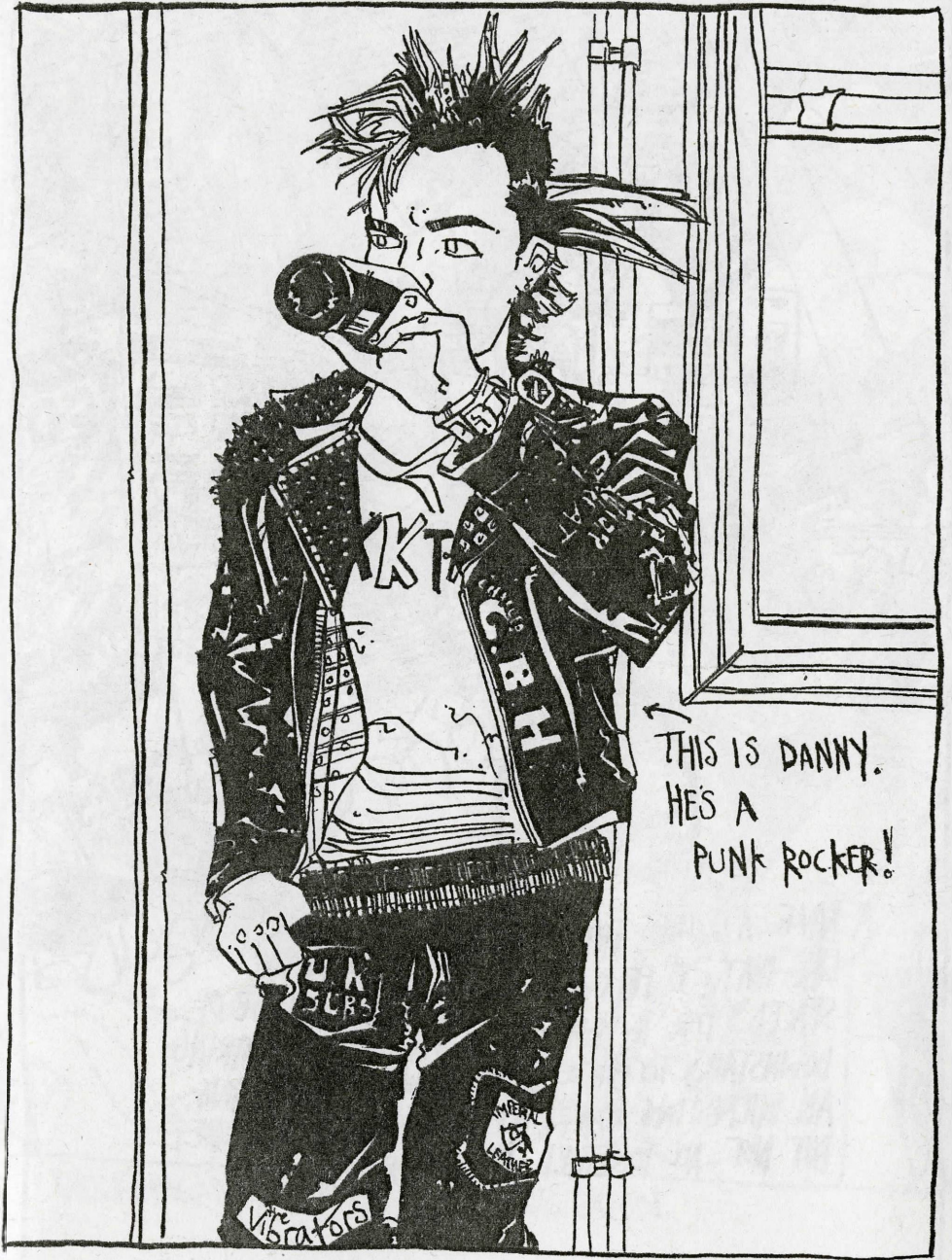
THREADS ROCKED (AND ROLLED) US INTO 2007 WITH
HUGE RIFFS AND A SMOKE MACHINE. *A BLOODY
SMOKE MACHINE!

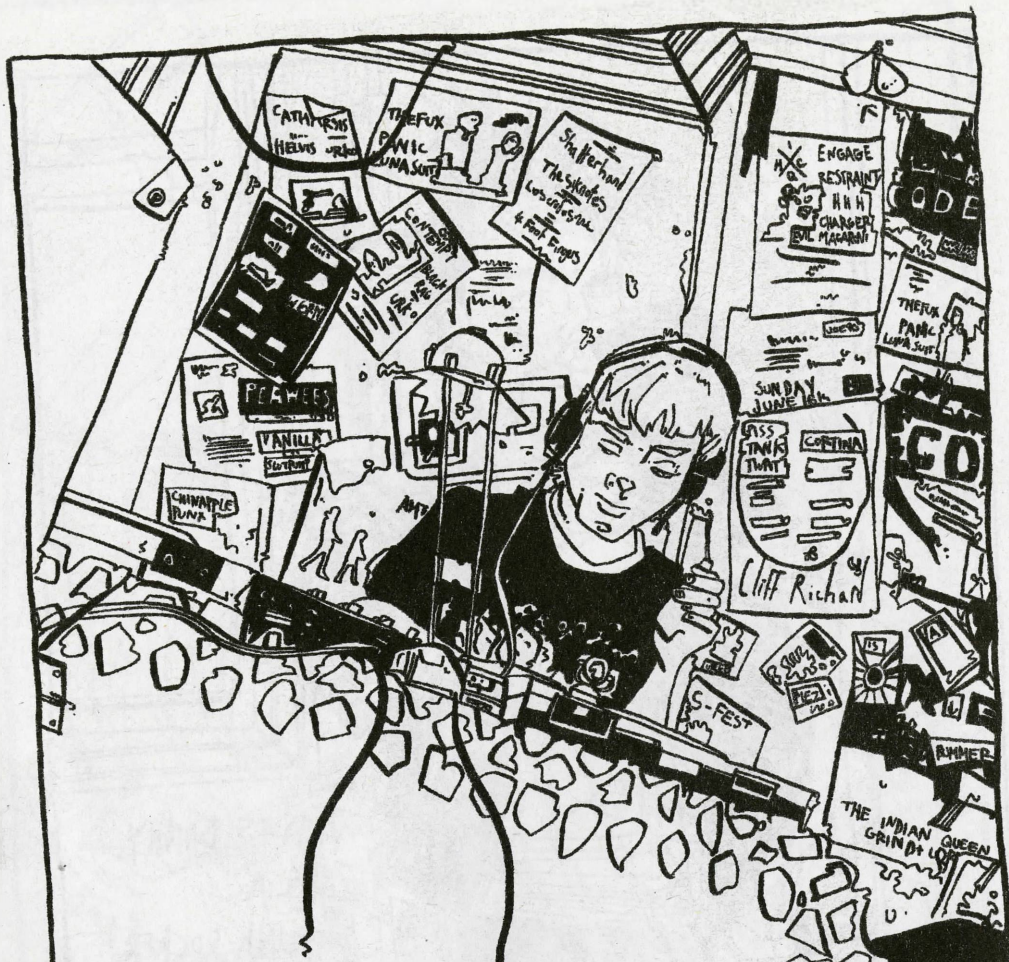
*YEAH!



A RUM BUNCH IF EVER I SAW ONE







A RAVE AT THE INDIAN QUEEN. HOW DO YOU
LIKE THAT? I FELT LIKE I WAS IN THAT EPISODE OF
SPACED* FOR A MOMENT OR TWO BEFORE RETIRING
DOWNSTAIRS TO WHERE THREADS WERE A-ROCKING.
AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE OF ANOTHER SUBCULTURE,
BUT NOT ALL TOGETHER MY CUP OF TEA.

*SHAME ON YOU IF YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT



WOLFBRIGADE AT THE 1IN12 CLUB. GOOD!

BRIDLINGTON



AND THATS IT! THIS IS THE PART WHERE I SHOULD PROBABLY SAY SOMETHING MEANINGFUL OR PROFOUND, BUT THERES USUALLY SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO CAN SAY THINGS BETTER THAN I EVER COULD...

'IT'S WORTH RECOGNIZING THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN OVERNIGHT SUCCESS. YOU WILL DO WELL TO CULTIVATE THE RESOURCES IN YOURSELF THAT BRING YOU HAPPINESS OUTSIDE OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE. THE TRUTH IS, MOST OF US DISCOVER WHERE WE ARE HEADED WHEN WE ARRIVE. AT THAT TIME, WE TURN AROUND AND SAY, YES, THIS IS OBVIOUSLY WHERE I WAS GOING ALL ALONG. IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO TRY AND ENJOY THE SCENERY ON THE DETOURS, BECAUSE YOU'LL PROBABLY TAKE A FEW'

-BILL WATTERSON

MY FRIENDS ARE RAD

THIS IS EVAN. HE'S LIKE GREEK
AND STUFF. AS YOU CAN SEE, HIS
CHEST HAIR MAKES HIM PRACTICALLY
IRRESISTIBLE. A GOOD LAD AND
A GREAT ARTIST TOO!

THIS IS SOPH. SHE'S ONE OF
MY FAVOURITE PEOPLE. DUDE
KNOWS HOW TO PARTY.



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Hey,
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