
Of Writing and Places in Between

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Graduation and What's Next

by Grant

Graduation has come so quickly even though High School seems like a lifetime ago. College is over (for now), and I'm entering adulthood. It's just a little bit crazy, and I've been told by more than one person that I'm making them feel old.

After four years at the University of Oregon, I'm graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a minor in Creative Writing. People often ask me what kind of Journalism I'm going into after college, and while I would not mind working as an editor for a magazine, in all honesty I didn't go to the School of Journalism to become a Journalist. I wanted to learn how to write, which meant I needed either a Journalism or an English degree, and Journalism sounded way more useful, active, and adventuresome.

I've really enjoyed my time at the UO, and this last year I've taken some fantastic classes with some talented professors who have really invested in me.

That said, I'm planning on teaching 5th grade at ACE Charter School for the next year while I edit some of my already finished

Poetry Selection

by Abigail

Song For A Funeral

I know the song that I'll play at your funeral

I heard it on my walk home today
It had the sounds of a simple guitar
The sort of thing I could play if I tried
But the words summed up everything I felt about you

The humdrum, the everyday, the sight of your hair askew in the morning
The nights of making love, the words we wrote together, the hands we held.

We've been together for two years
And yesterday we went to my grandmother's funeral

I wonder

Did you think of my death when we first fell in love?

I know I thought of your face
And what it would look like in forty years
Maybe it's not romantic to say
But...

manuscripts and get them in shape for publishing.

Meanwhile Abi is busy running an online magazine called Cauldron Anthology that she started as well as working as an editor for an online publishing company. She's also studying in preparation to attend Lane Community College in the near future.

We're both excited about the new steps we're taking into adulthood and about finding out what's next. We'll do our best to keep you all informed on the way.

It's hard to think of you growing old
Of your eyesight going - maybe I'll make
fun of you for that like I make fun of you
now

Of your hands becoming soft and
wrinkled - and I'll play with the veins
Like I did to my parents's older friends
when I was a kid

Will you still touch me with those hands?

It's hard to think of living on after you

Promise me

That you'll let me go first.

Our Writing

by Grant

As of February 12th, our website is live at musesmadwardrobe.weebly.com. All of our published content is now collected in one location, including our current and previous Newsletters, Abi's poetry books, and both of our short story collections. If you're interested in supporting us, please check it out. Our published work ranges in price from Free Downloads to \$6.98. Most of it is less than a Starbucks coffee.

This Spring we've been really working at trying to write a new short story every week. And so we have each written 21 brand new short stories over the course of the last 23 weeks. Some of these stories are inspired by real events. Some of these stories are inspired by the books and stories we're reading. But most of these stories are actually inspired by the card game Dixit. Dixit is similar to Apples To Apples®, except each card is a picture without words. The images are each unique, whimsical, and often a bit strange. Every week, we each draw two cards at random from the deck of 80+ cards and write a short story about what we see.

Sometimes the stories are more obvious than others. Sometimes we just like the colors and write a story with color as the theme of the story. Sometimes we pick an element that is common in each picture. Sometimes we use the card in a single scene. Regardless of how, these cards have been extremely useful, and I recommend anyone who wants to start writing to do something similar: find something that can inspire a weekly story (or bi-weekly or monthly if time allows).



As the summertime approaches, we'll likely be taking a break from writing stories in order to concentrate on editing them for our next short story collection, which will be a sequel to the anthology we published in February 2016, *What It All Means -- The Red Collection*, available on our website and on Amazon.com.

Thank you all once again for your interest and support of our writing.

Killer Burger Review

by Abigail

Since turning 21 Grant and I have been trying to get out more in the Eugene downtown area. He and I are such introverts we would probably never leave the house if we didn't have to get groceries or pay rent. But now that we're old enough to buy alcohol, we've taken an interest in mixing drinks, and so sometimes we go out to local pubs or bars to get ideas for these special concoctions.

Recently we went out to a place on Broadway called Killer Burger. Killer Burger is right next to Sizzle Pie and across the street from Townshend's Teahouse. From our house this is just a ten minute walk, making it sometimes a little too easy to go and grab some fries.

As you would expect from the name, this restaurant is a burger joint. They may have a few other items on their menu, but I honestly wouldn't know because I tend to stick to what I like when going there. Grant and I usually get The Bender, a spicy burger with cheese, bacon, onions and fried jalapenos. The burger, of course, comes with fries, for which I have to say: Killer Burger has the most delicious fries! Comparable to Five Guys.

As I mentioned earlier, we also go to Killer Burger for the alcoholic beverages. They have a selection of \$5 punch drinks which are generally so sweet and fruity that the alcohol is an afterthought. Our favorite is a tropical punch drink with Mango Rum, passion fruit juice, and club soda. It's sweet and has just a hint of rum.

The staff at Killer Burger are always friendly, and the food is reasonably priced. If you're ever in the area and are looking for a quick bite, be sure to stop by this place!

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