

THE AMERICAN



5 MORE MINUTES
AND I'M DONE
FOR TODAY

THE PHD YEARS

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So after 4 years of hard labour I finally put down the keyboard and submitted my long awaited PhD dissertation. Its been a crazy time in my life of not enough sleep, too much coffee and of sitting for days next to dry riverbeds hoping they will flow. I also got to spend a lot of time with some awesome co-students and have a lot of fun.

During this period I also got to do some activism but not as much as I would have liked too, and towards the end I have realized my life's goal does not involve academia but is more about radical communities (but that's a different zine). This minicomics is a collection of strips I made about living the PhD life style and just about living in general. It was composed and is dedicated as a gift to all the awesome people I will meet while touring the US, real soon, and also to my partner Yael.

Play list

- * Rosa
- * Paul Baribeau
- * Om Kalthaum
- * shannon and the clams
- * Agalloch
- * Tragedy
- * Andrewbird
- * Elephant parade
- * Lou Reed (Berlin)
- * Kid Dynamite
- * Good luck
- * 10 songs podcast
- * This will destroy you
- * Low
- * song:ohia
- * jawbreaker
- * propogahdi



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I RODE MY BIKE HOME AT
4:30AM, IT WAS RAINY AND WARM
AND STREETS WERE EMPTY. THUNDERS
AND LIGHTNINGS GENERATED
STRANGE SHADOWS. THIS MUST BE WHAT
THE APOCALYPSE LOOKS LIKE, I
THOUGHT TO MYSELF

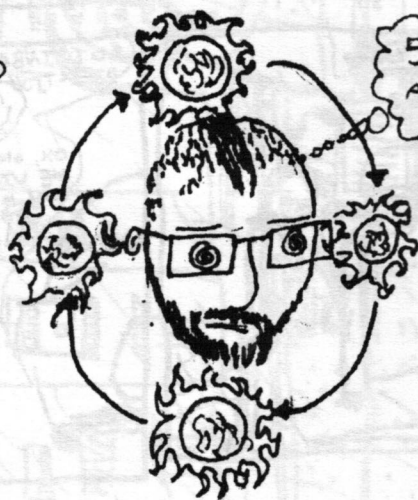


REPEAT OVER 2 MONTH

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS I'VE BEEN FRANTICALLY
LABORING ON MY PHD DISSERTATION TRYING TO FINISH
UP, WORKING PROB. HARDER THAN EVER BEFORE



OFTEN FORCED
TO WITNESS
BOTH SUNSET
AND SUNRISE



5 MORE MINUTES
AND IM DONE
FOR TODAY

REPEAT OVER 3 MONTH

ITS BEEN BOTH A PHYSICAL AND A MENTAL CHALLENGE BUT YESTARDAY I HAVE SENT MY ADVISORS THE DRAFT, WHICH I HOPE WILL BE A FINAL ONE



I WORRY ABOUT HOW IT WILL GET ACCEPTED

FROM: I
TO: R
SUBJECT: RE: DISSERTATION
DEAR R,
ITS HORRIBLE



AND DEEP INSIDE I HOPE IT WILL BE MORE LIKE

FROM: I
TO: R
SUBJECT: RE: DISSERTATION
DEAR R,
ITS THE BEST THING I HAVE EVER READ



YAY

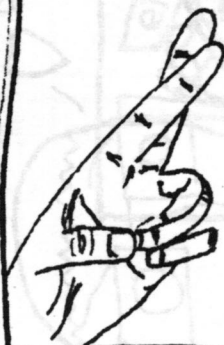
BUT RATIONALLY I KNOW ITLL BE IN BETWEEN TOWARD THE POSITIVE

FROM: I
TO: R
SUBJECT: RE: DISSERTATION
DEAR R,
ITS GOOD, BUT NEEDS SOME MORE WORK ON



MHM OK

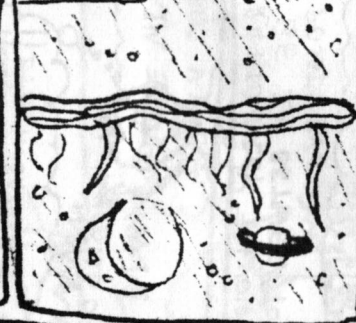
KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED FOR ME



WHOSE PLOTTING THERE TO
TAKE OVER THE WORLD!
AN ANCIENT CREATURE FROM THE
LAURENTIAN ABYSS?



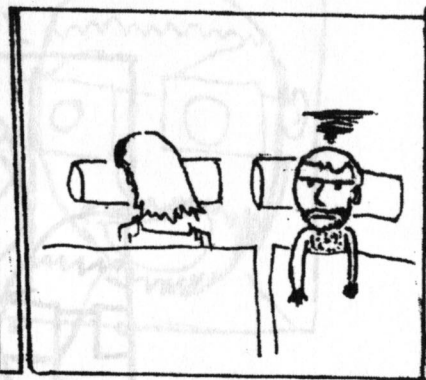
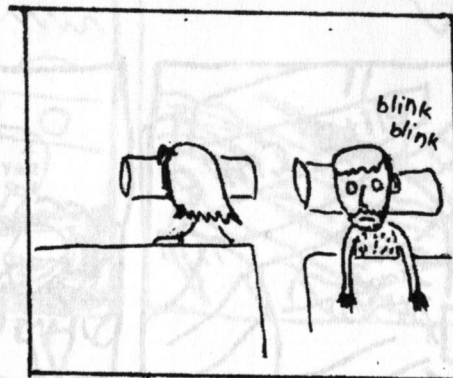
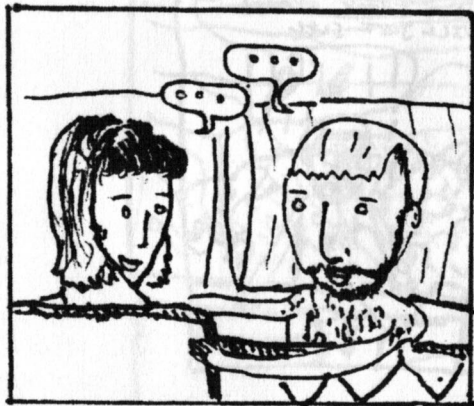
OR MAYBE AN EXTRATERRES-
TRIAL
LIFE FORM?



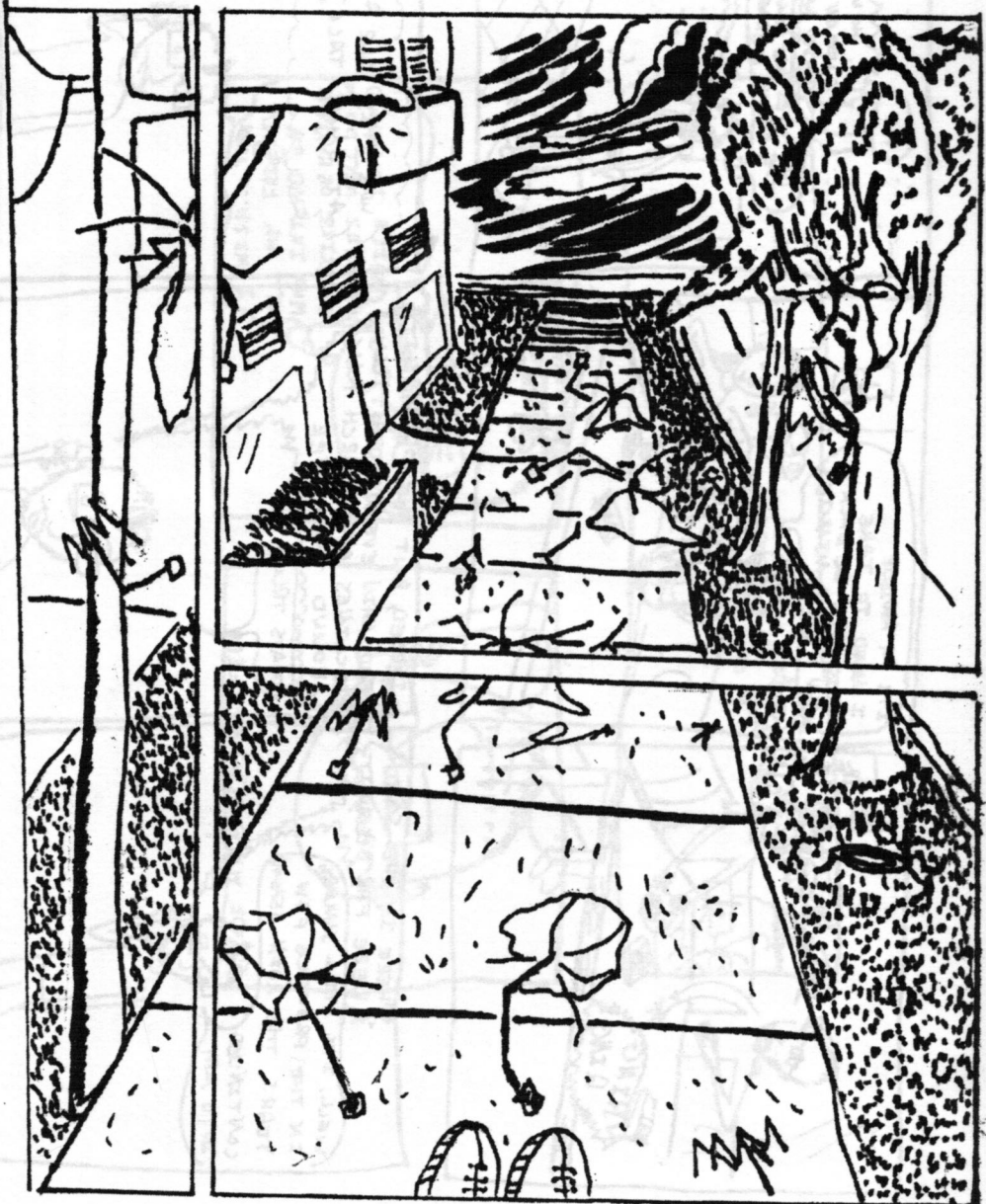
NO! ITS THE TEA MONSTER

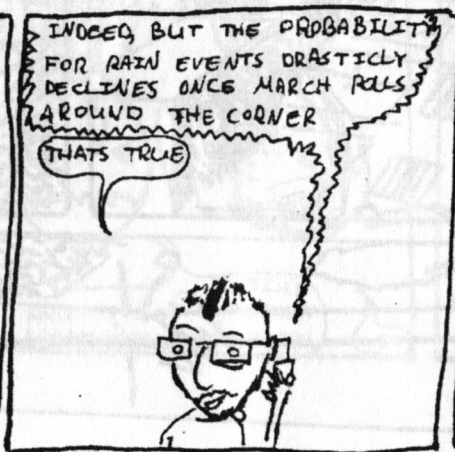
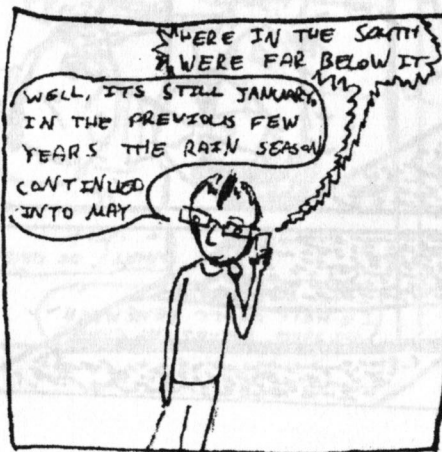


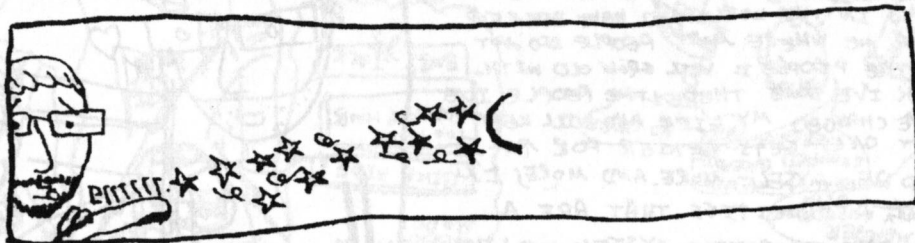
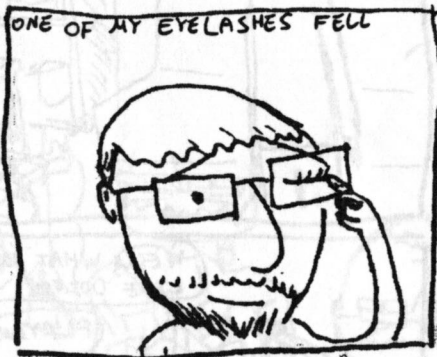




ON MY WAY HOME, UP ON TREE TOPS, HANGED FROM ELECTRICITY POLES
AND ON THE PAVEMENT ARE EVIDENTS OF THE CRUELTY OF
THE NATURAL SELECTION PROCESS. IN THE EVOLUTION OF UMBRELLAS
ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE







IN THE PAST FEW YEARS I'VE BEEN PRACTICING A
GRASSROOT PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC METHOD CALLED REEVALUATION
CO-COUNSELLING OR RC. THE THEORY OF RC IS DEEPLY
ROOTED IN IDENTITY POLITICS, ASSUMING THAT MOST
OF OUR DISTRESSES ARE THE RESULT OF
OPPRESSION WE UNDERWENT BASED ON THE IDENTITY WE
WERE ASSIGNED WITH. IN RC WE ASSUME THAT EVERY
DESTRUCTIVE FEELING OR ACTION A PERSON HAS OR
TAKES IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE WAY THAT PERSON WAS
HURT. IT ALSO ASSUMES THAT BY USING SIMPLE
TOOLS WE CAN HELP
EACH OTHERS HEALING,
IS NO HURT THAT
THE MOST BASIC OF
WHICH WE TAKE TURNS
EVERYONE GET AN
TO COUNSELL AND
MY CO-COUNSELLORS
FRIENDS, YET
SOME ARE OF THE
CLOSEST PEOPLE TO ME IN THE WORLD AND HAVE BEEN FOR
YEARS; THEY FIGHT FOR ME WHERE MOST PEOPLE DID NOT
AND COULD NOT. THESE ARE PEOPLE I WILL GROW OLD WITH.
I FEEL RC - THE WORK I'VE DONE THERE + THE PEOPLE I'VE
MET THROUGH IT HAVE CHANGED MY LIFE AND WILL KEEP
ON CHANGING IT. IT ONLY GETS BETTER FOR ME - I
CAN SHOW MYSELF AND BE MYSELF MORE AND MORE; I'M
BECOMING AWARE OF ATROCITIES THAT ARE A
MANIFESTATION OF THE OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM WE LIVE
IN, AND AT THE SAME TIME, FINDING NEW AND CREATIVE
WAYS TO ASSIST IN RESISTANCE AND IN ITS DOWNFALL.



AND FACILITATE
AND THAT THERE
CAN NOT BE HEALED;
THERE IS LISTENING
IN DOING THIS
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
TO CLIENT.
ARE NOT MY



YEA, I STILL BREAST-FEED - SHE EATS ONE SOLID MEAL A DAY

I REMEMBER WHEN MY GRANDMOTHER STARTED WITH SOLID FOOD

REALLY? MY WIFE STOPPED BREAST-FEEDING

WELL... NO CHOICE



ROFL

WHAT? SORRY MY MIND DRIFTED

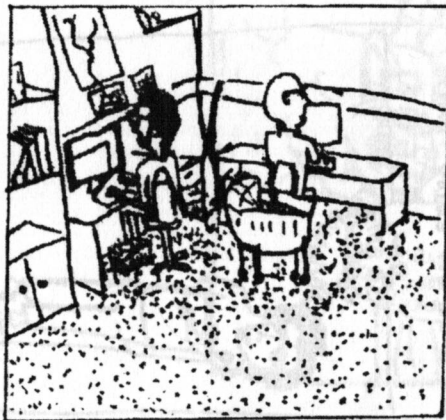


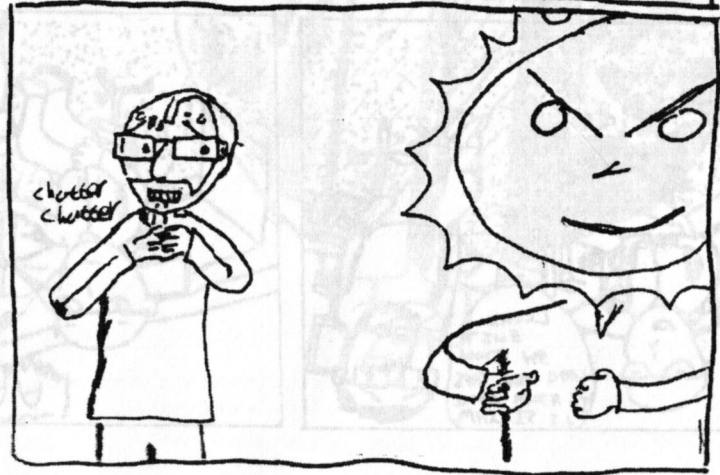
CHOSE HIBERNATION MODE:
BIKE RIDE
TOO MANY COMPUTER MIBS
BABY TALK



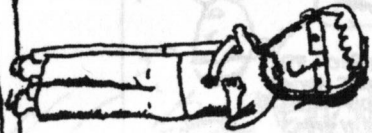
I IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO I'VE BEEN TALKING ALL
TO OFTEN, WITH ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN ABOUT
THE SOON TO COME CRUSH OF CIVILIZATION.
WHILE IN MY MIND THIS MAKES PERFECT SENSE
I WONDER HOW OTHERS PERCEIVE IT







SOMETIMES WHEN I HUG MEL,
I LIFT HER UP A BIT



AND SOMETIMES SHE LETS ME
UP - I WOULD LIE IF I'D
SAY I DO NOT ENJOY THAT







405 MAD MEN

DEEVO IS HANDSOME BUT
SO SLEAZY
IF HE WAS LESS
HANDSOME HE WOULD
BE LESS SLEAZY



NO, HE WOULD
BE JUST
AS SLEAZY



TO BE
HONEST YOUR
RIGHT



BUT TO NOT
BE HONEST -
YOUR WRONG



DUE TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR I WAS FORCED TO TAKE A TWO DAY VACATION FROM WRITING MY PHO IN THE PAST WEEK, WHILE MY ADVISORS SORT IT OUT. DURING WHICH I:

HANGED OUT W/ MY BROTHER



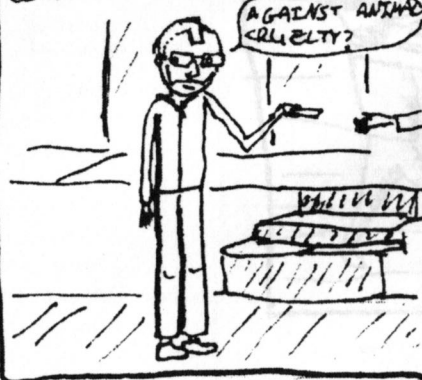
HANGED OUT W/ MY GOOD FRIEND
GITA



VISITED FRIENDS WHO LIVE IN
A DOME TENT IN A FOREST



DID AN ANIMAL RIGHTS INFESTAL
LEAFLETTING



WENT TO VISIT MY GRANDMA
THIS IS DELICIOUS GRANDMA



HANGED OUT W/ MY SISTER WHO
HAD HER BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK



PEOPLE ARE SO ANNOYING
THEIR ALL TRYING TO
TAKE MY BANANA



YESTERDAY YOSI CAME TO VISIT

FEELING
LIKE A BAD
HOST
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OK I NEED TO
GO - CAN I TAKE
THAT BANANA

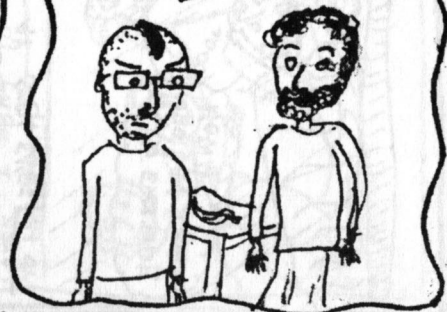
PLEASE
TAKE THE
APPLE
INSTEAD



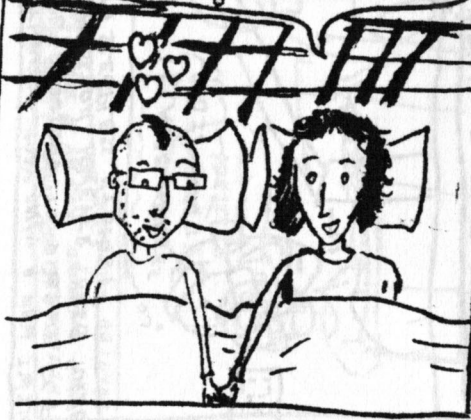
TODAY AT COOKING FOR
FOOD NOT BOMBS

NO! TAKE
AN APPLE!

CAN I TAKE
THAT BANANA



IN MY LIFE, YOU ARE THAT
BANANA!



WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH
ABOUT THAT BANANA?
ITS BLACK AND ALMOST
ROTTEN

I'M GROOMING
IT FOR A GREEN
SMOOTHIE



FOR SEVERAL WEEKS I'VE BEEN PUTTING OFF THE SUBMISSION OF MY PHD. DUE TO LAZINESS OR A REpressed FEAR OF FRYING THE

TO: JBL
SUBJECT: RE: WHEN ARE YOU SUBMITTING
I WILL COME TO THE UNION MONDAY AND SUBMIT THEM

I THOUGHT THAT ONLY A FEW TWILKS WERE REQUIRED TO PREPARE IT FOR SUBMISSION HOWEVER THESE TURNED INTO SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

5 MORE MINUTES AND I'M DONE

BUT THEN ON SUNDAY I WAS DONE - JUST LIKE THAT. I PACKED EQUIPMENT BORROWED FROM THE UNIVERSITY AND SET OUT TO BEER SHEVA

SO HOT SO HEAVY

MY STUFF

WIDE WIDESCREEN

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER

I MADE A STOP IN TEL-AVIV TO MEET WIGITA + GET MY ADVISOR A GOOD BYE GIFT

SO HOW ARE YOU WITH BEING AT THE FINISH LINE?

IT'S GOOD, BUT KIND OF LIKE A WALL WHICH I CAN'T SEE THROUGH WHAT LIES AHEAD

I ARRIVED TO BS AND WENT TO SLEEP AT MY SIBLINGS

I'M SO EXCITED!! WHO CAN SLEEP NOW?!

I WOKE UP EARLY AND FELT GREAT + REFRESHED PROBABLY DUE TO ADEARLYN

IT'S ONLY SPRING AND IT'S SO HOT HERE ALREADY

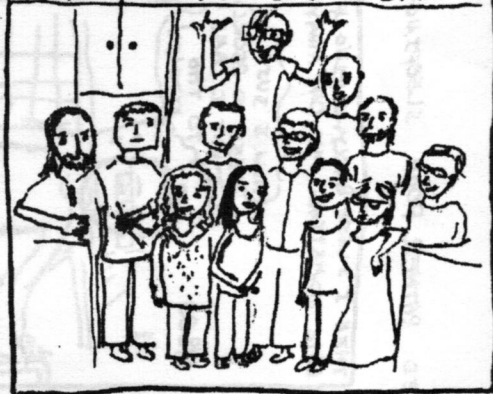
THINGS IN THE LINE WENT FASTER
THEN EXPECTED AND BY 4 I HAD IT ALL
PRINTED AND BOUND



THEN MET UP W/ MY ADVISOR FOR GOODBYES



THEN I MET W/ THE OTHER STUDENTS
RESEARCH ASSISTANTS + TECHNICAL STAFF



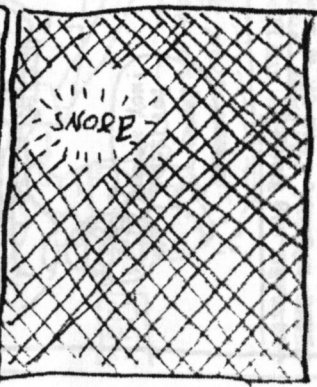
AFTERWARDS I WENT BACK TO TELAVIV
AND ME AND Yael WENT TO MEET HER
(OUR) NEW BOYFRIEND



LATER I WENT TO FRIENDS HOUSE
TO HANG OUT



LATELY I HAVE ADOPTED RATHER POOR SLEEPING HABITS



IM THE PAST 4 YEARS I'VE BEEN VERY MUCH PREOCCUPIED WITH WORKING ON MY PHD, ITS BEEN A CRAZY TIME. THIS ZINE/MINICOMICS IS A COLLECTION OF STRIPS I MADE ABOUT THE LIFESTYLE I LED AT THAT TIME.

