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SEPTEMBER- ISSUE #10 [TRAVEL]

ZINE CITY

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FOREWORD:

HEY THERE! THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS ZINE!

Zine city exists because we wanted a place centered around collaborating on creating zines! We know there are a ton of creative minds out there who have been itching to make a zine but struggle a lot when working on their own.

Zine city is our solution! A casual environment with set deadlines that functions on a jump-in system. Mostly, we're just hoping to help give people that extra push they need to make something.

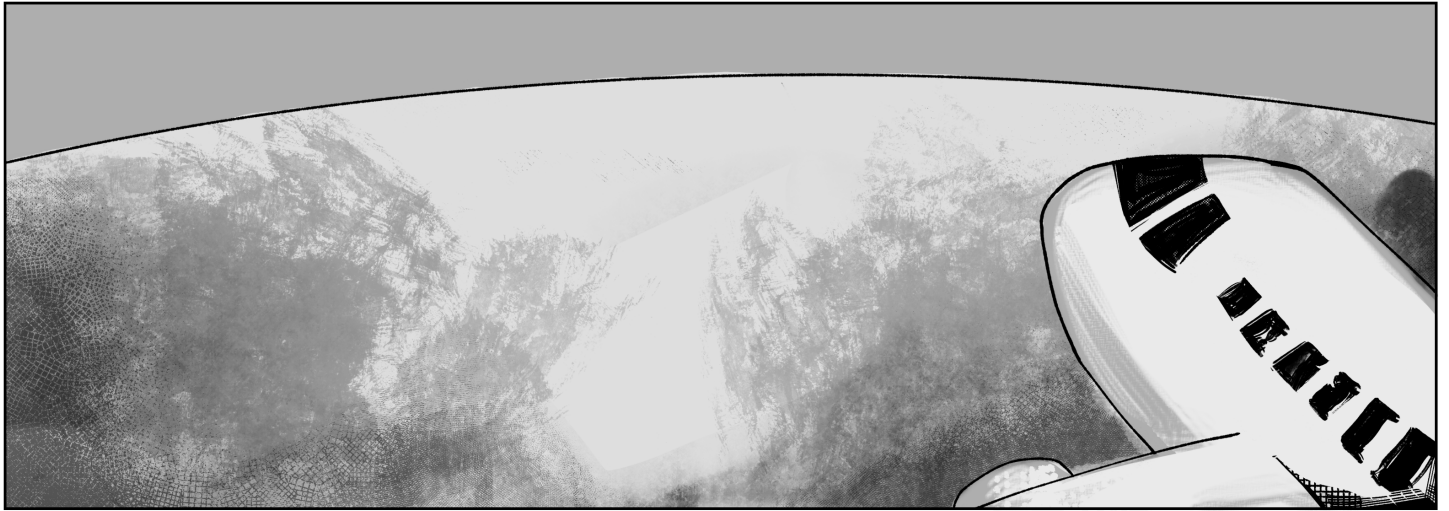
Join Zine city here: <https://discord.gg/hgxdBSmTpd>

This month is travel!!!!!! GOING PLACES!!! I've always really been really bad about planning travel for myself, getting too locked into my day to day routine to remember to schedule something for myself in the future. I also try to maximize the things I do while travelling so I end up running around wherever I am and it's a lot of fun but I come back from time off EXHAUSTED. Trying harder to be better about both scheduling time for myself, and trying to slow down a bit.

I'll also say that taking a trip away doesn't have to be in a different city! Getting out of the normal routine and trying something new in town has been something I've really valued this year. Meeting new people and trying new things - you don't have to get on a plane to do that!!!

Something really cool about this month is that we had more non-illustration submissions than illustrations??? Which isn't typical, i think?? Four comics! One RPG!!! It's really fun to see all the ways the idea of "travel" has inspired people.

Keep makin' cool stuff,
Capsule



FINAL SUMMER

BY MYTHIC MAGIC

Summer is coming +
Your goal is to make

How to Play

To start appoint one player the GAME MASTER and have them roll(1d6) on the WHAT MAKES TODAY YOUR LAST table.

Make a Character (Everybody does this on their own)

1. Pick a NAME
2. pick an adjective to describe YOU
3. Pick an adjective to describe your HOME life
4. Pick a SPECIAL OBJECT
5. Pick (or roll for) 2 Numbers, one for BODY the other MIND
6. Come back together and introduce your characters
(and why they are friends)

The Game

Go around the table and have every player pick a place their character wants to visit or something they want to do. Your goal is to do everything before your EXHAUSTION fills up and you have to go home. The EXHAUSTION so add 2 to the pool for every player (4 would = 8 Exhaustion) and a player adds to EXHAUSTION at a time (so one player has 3 and another has 1 for a total of 4/8) If you reach 8 you can no longer roll.

In order to get to your goal the GM will put COMPLICATIONS in your way and describe what they are. (There can be multiple complications in the way of 1 goal)

There are 3 types of COMPLICATIONS.

SINGLE: one person rolls and needs 1 success

DOUBLE: multiple people roll but you only need one success

RISKY: Multiple people roll and you need Multiple successes

You can only gain 1 EXHAUSTION per a COMPLICATION.

On a success you move forward, if you roll your number exact you get a CRITICAL and help from everyone regardless if they Succeed or fail. You can also SACRIFICE your SPECIAL OBJECT to get a CRITICAL or reduce EXHAUSTION from yourself or someone with 3 or gain an EXHAUSTION to push a failed roll. (unless this would put you over 3).

Once you get to your goal you get DOWN TIME. The players who goal you are trying to complete ask a question about their characters (This can be as deep or as surface level as you want). Then they say who you spend your down time with and what you are doing. If rolls are made during down time add to EXHAUSTION. then the players who goal you completed heals 1 EXHAUSTION or 1 from the pool. Then on to the next Goal.

The game ends once everyone has completed their goal or EXHAUSTION fills all the way up. RETURNS HOME. Everyone goes around the table one last time. if you completed your goal say what you will ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS SUMMER. If you did not complete your goal Explain what you will remember. The EPILOUGE: What happens to the characters? Do they ever reconnect?

to a close and today is your last day together.
re memories that will last the rest of your lives.



What Makes Today Your last?
(Roll a d6)

1. Moving away
2. Going to different schools
3. Town is getting bulldozed
4. Natural disaster
5. Business moved out
6. The world is ending

something they want to do.
ne players share
can only have a max of 3
have 3 EXHAUSTION

hat happens

everyone else pass
a CRITICAL and heal 1
all and succeed anyway

plete asks the table a
go around the table and
own time they do not add
someone with 3.

Everyone then
EXPLAIN WHY YOU
at waits for you at home.

NAME:

YOU:

HOME:

OBJECT:

STATS Roll Above → ← Roll Under

BODY: Big 1 2 3 4 5 6 Small

MIND: Logic 1 2 3 4 5 6 Emotion

EXHAUSTION ☐ ☐ | ☐













OKAY, FIRST OF ALL,
WE'VE SURVIVED WAY
WORSE AND YOU'VE
SURVIVED DEATH TWICE.

SECOND, WE
WON'T DIE.
AC.?



SHE SPEAKS
THE TRUTH,
MEI.

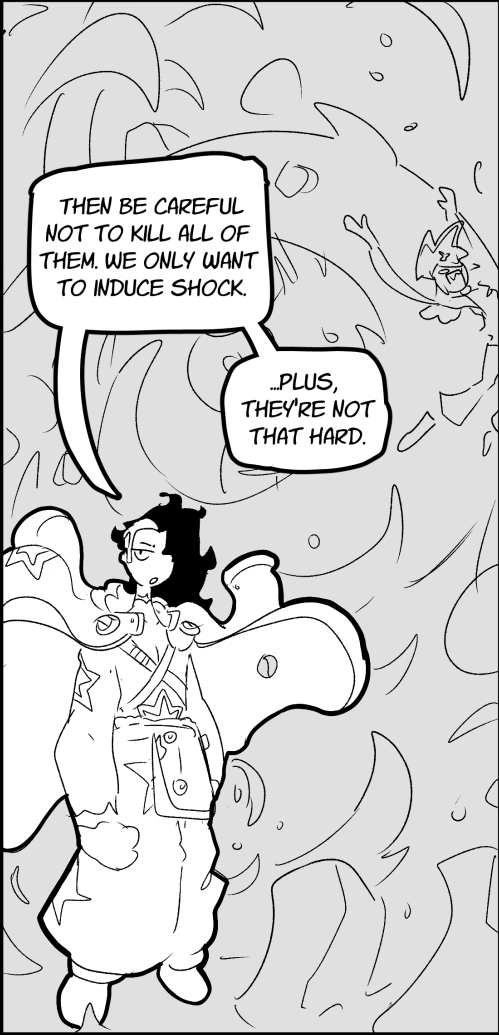
HOWEVER, OUR
CURRENT PREDICAMENT
IS MITIGATING CIVILIAN
DAMAGE FROM THIS PLANE
AND MACHINATION.



SUCH TRIVIALITIES
ARE NOTHING TO
MY PROWESS!



YET, I SENSE
SHE CAN FEEL THE
PAIN FROM THEIR
OBLITERATION.

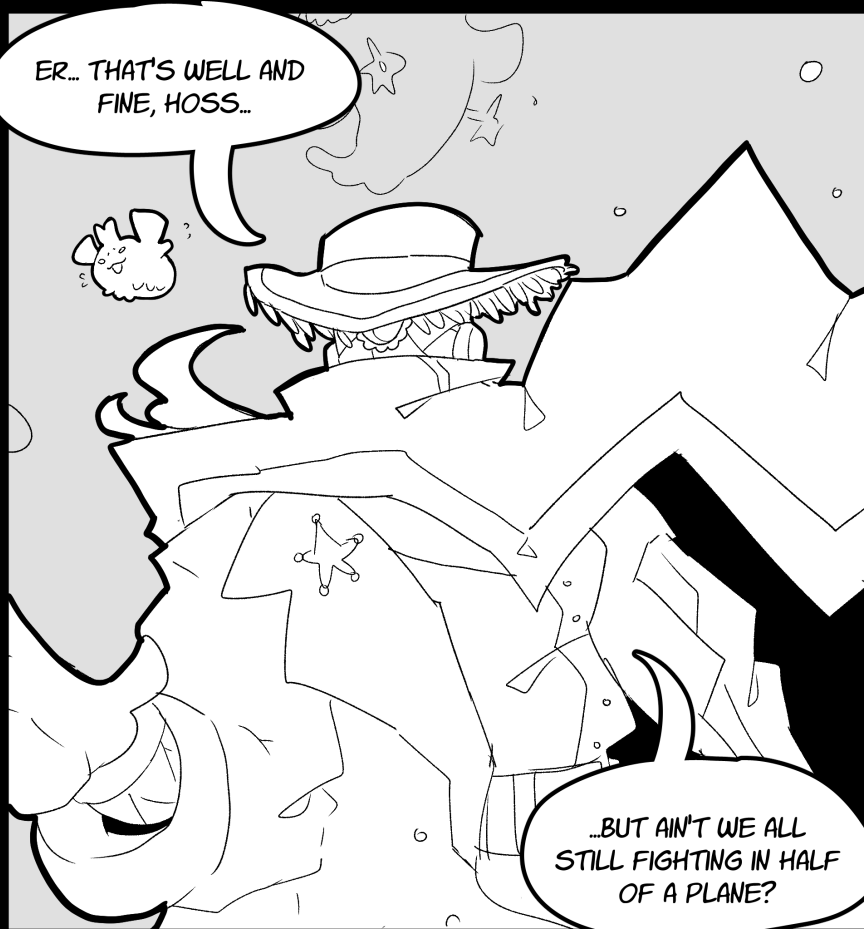


THEN BE CAREFUL
NOT TO KILL ALL OF
THEM. WE ONLY WANT
TO INDUCE SHOCK.

...PLUS,
THEY'RE NOT
THAT HARD.

THIS MACHINATION IS OF
THE PORTAS ORDER,
WHICH MEANS THEY
POSSESS A TRAVERSAL
FAR FROM THE USER.

THEY HAVE NO
OTHER ABILITIES THAN
THEIR SPEED AND
STRENGTH. THEY CANNOT
MULTIPLY. THE USER IS
PUTTING THEIR LIFE
ON THE LINE.









THEIR NEXT
FLIGHT WAS A
8H LAYOVER.

You cannot comprehend my horror at finding out that the theme this month was "Travel"



Because here is the thing...

Through No fault of my own, I have spent and traveled in planes more in one year,



(Than 99% of people will their entire lives)

I could talk about this for hours, I could talk about this for years, I could talk about this forever.



I'm writing this a few hours before deadline, on Bristol Board. For MY safety

Let me give you a manual to the

LONGEST COMMUTE I EVER HAD



The deal for this contract was 1 week on location, the rest of the month off.

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I did this for a little more than a year.

A little more than 2 weeks out, I would reserve ~~the~~ hotel and flight on CONCUR



If you've ever had to use it, you probably felt a chill right now.

My particular hurdle is Concur Really wants you to use Southwest



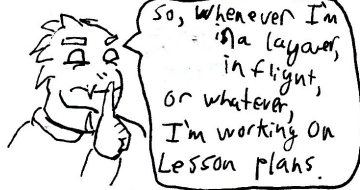
NO flights Southwest offers goes to Rochester, NY.

Once the trip is in, all I have to do is wait.



The job was largely remote, advising on programming processes (lots of remote screen share)

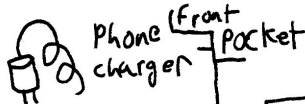
The job itself is not important, but a detail to hold is that travel time itself is not billable



Your first Battle is

PACKING

And it's arguably the most important.



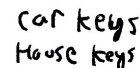
Phone (Front Pocket)



Pens



Power Bank



Car keys
House keys

Clipped to the backpack, since you don't need it

Laptop Slots:



Gaming laptop

19" screen with numpad. I would do ZBrush on this Beast.



Work Laptop
Mac Pro

Documents usually either printouts or a Moleskine notebook.

I sharpened on a Neon skeleton to make it obvious it was mine



3 changes of clothes
- underwear
- shirts
- pants
1 "weekend set" of clothes
toiletries
microwave popcorn
Carry-on sized roller suitcase
Liable to disappear

Container #1:
The Backpack

Carry-on, anything I either need or can use in an airport. Special make that could take a 19" screen.

Water bottle Holder



Power Strip

The Laguardia gate I had to wait at had one outlet and I've been scarred ever since. That was a different context.

Main Compartment

Medicine Bag
deadly important



Nintendo Switch w/ case



Sony Noise canceling headphones



Amazon Kindle



Sketchbook

Art supply Box (sometimes)

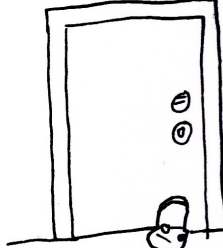
Google Chromecast

The Medicine bag presented a big problem. There is stuff I need in there every day.



But forgetting to put it in the backpack is disastrous. And I need it in the night before.

It got to the point where I would throw it at the door out so I would trip on it if I tried to leave.

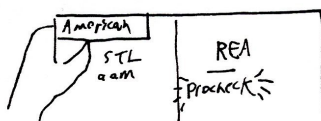


Now for everyone's favorite part of flying
The AIRPORT



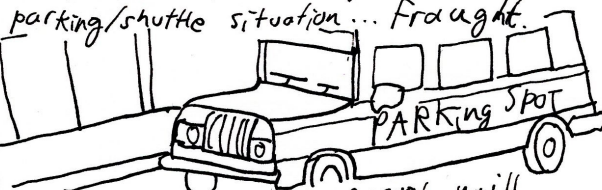
specifically, STL,
LAMBERT AIRPORT

If you plan on flying more than three times a year, I implore you get a Precheck number.



It's like \$300, but you get to skip a lot of the security and the lines

The way Lambert works is it's 3 terminals as three distinct buildings. This makes the parking/shuttle situation... fraught.



If you get there early enough you'll have time to sort it out.

The Big hurdle is the TSA security line. Which is where most of the time goes.



At Least... when you get it.

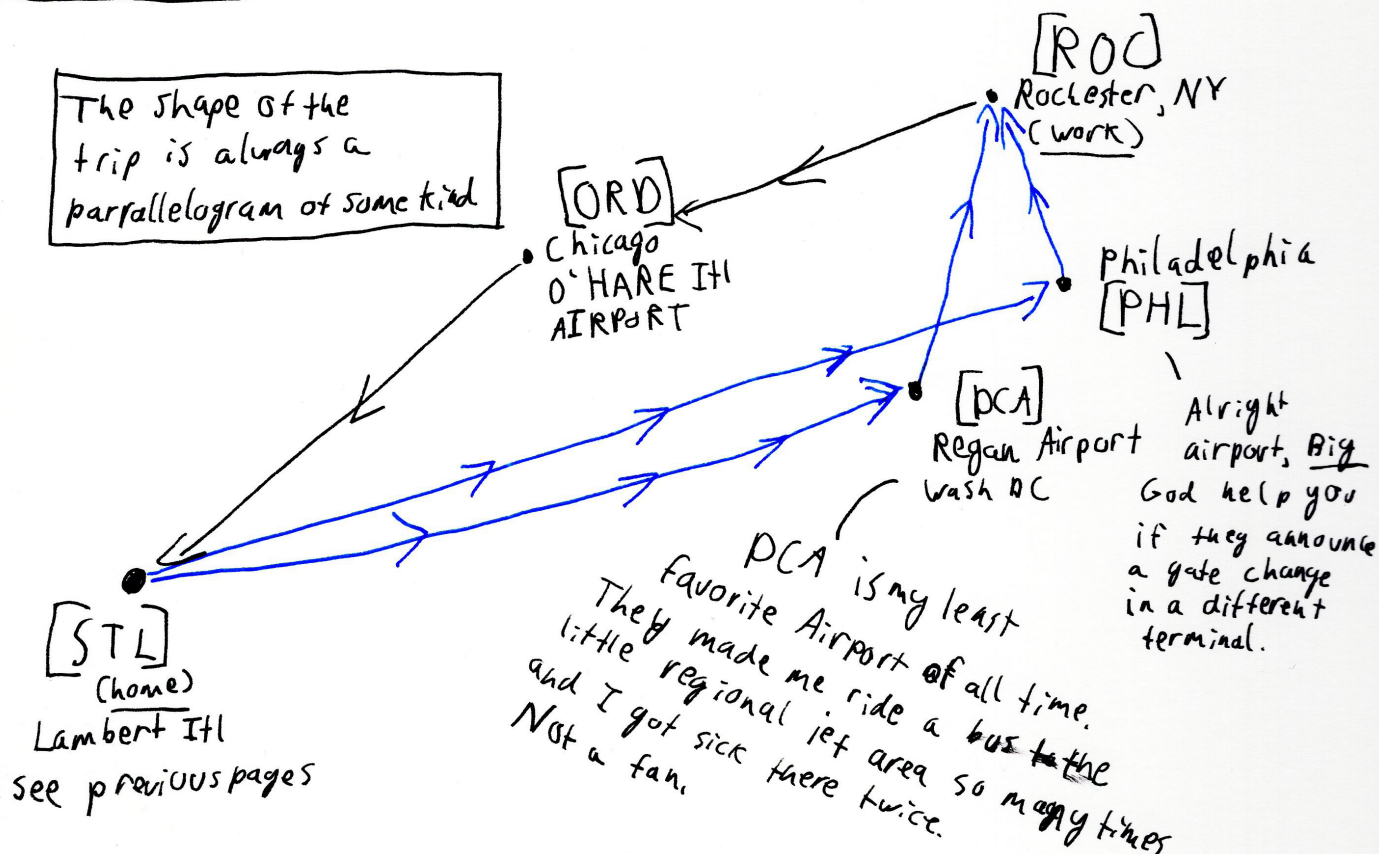


sometimes you have to do security anyway

You also have to do the metal scanners every time. Computers need to be removed from bags, so I would take up the entire line.



The shape of the trip is always a parallelogram of some kind



Sometimes, sometimes, the return trip also goes through DCA.

This is an ~~omen~~ OMEN.

Your one job in the airport: get on your plane

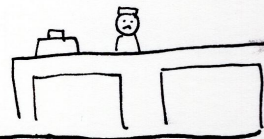


Bringing food onto the terminal is dire, TSA generally does not allow it.

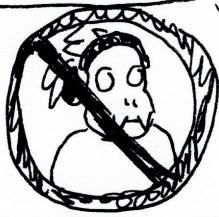


Generally, only small pre-packaged items are allowed

lets just say that I'm glad my work expensed food,



DO. NOT. WEAR. NOISE. CANCELING. HEADPHONES. IN. THE. AIRPORT



Your gate! will change! with no notice!

You should choose a spot to do something that holds your attention without blocking out the environment.



Gate A2 is Now L22



Wear comfortable shoes



Did you know 95% of crashes happen on takeoff and landing?



Maybe wait a little longer on the noise cancelling headphones

Oh god, I've been drawing for 6 hours and four pages and I didn't even get to the wierd shit.

I have to Stop

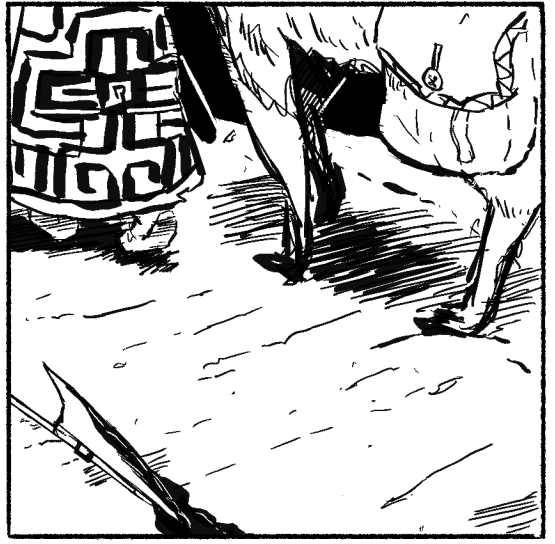
If your curious, ask me about it.

You'll have trouble getting me to stop

MR. BLACK

playing "HEALTH"







CREDITS



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Pg Cover, 6

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Tumblr:rat-on-string



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“They should create a type of travel that isn't painful, I think that'd be cool”

Twitter:NighttimeSpindel

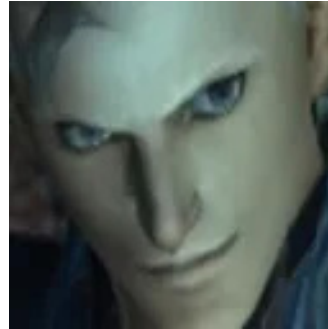


Mythic

Pg 4-5

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Tumblr:mythic0210



TheBindingBlade

Pg 7

“Did you know there are at least six mountain ranges called the Sierra Nevada. What's up with that, Spain”

Tumblr:the-binding-blade



Phroge

Pg 8-16

“Enjoy my zine submission for now. Soon, I'll have my revenge...”

Twitter:CanDough1

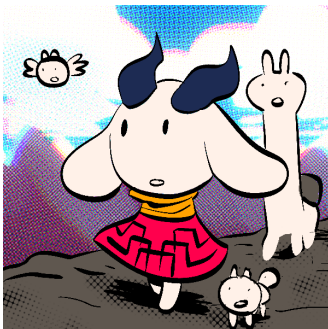


Mr. Black

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“Planes would be so cool if they were real ”

Bluesky: Mr. Black

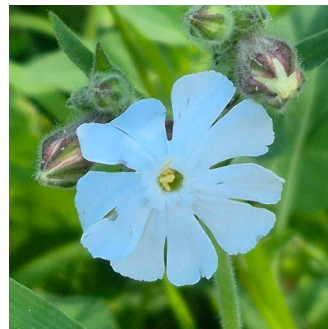


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“I'm about to be travelling a LOT for the end of the year and I'm so excited i sure hope nobody destroys my village while im gone”

Bluesky:capsulecomics



Herbyherb

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Tumblr: herbpotwo

Bluesky:herbyherb



HMGH.

TOUCHING DOWN
IN 20 MINUTES

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needed time to
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