



Cover art by: furlitz

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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>

Welcome back to ZiCi! We're starting this year of zines off STRONG with our pride issue right off the bat. The artist we've featured on our cover this month is no other than Furlitz, huge thanks to her for helping us out. Speaking of, June's been a really busy and stressful month for me- and I wouldn't have been able to make this issue possible without the lovely Capsule Comics stepping in and saving us.

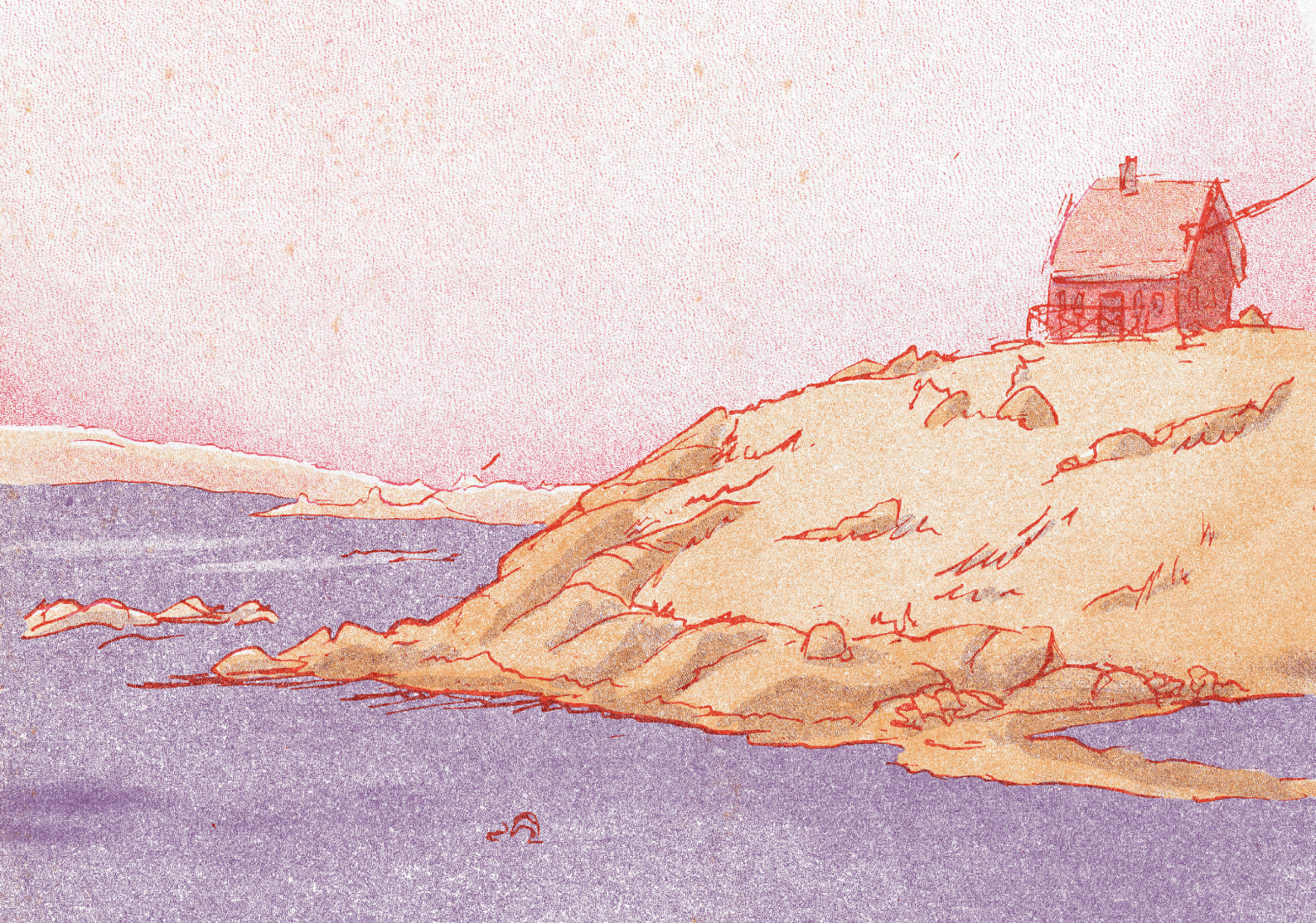
Another new thing about the new year of zines- we've updated our look! We're trying new fonts and new things with the graphic design. The artist's credit will now be at the bottom of the page to allow the actual artwork to take up as much space as possible.

Anyway. I hope everyone's had a good pride month. I've been feeling kind of down lately, but getting to put this zine together reminded me that we're still out here, we always have been, and we always will be. Love you all <3

Remember to love yourself.

Stay silly :3
- rat

Zine city is hosted by rat & Dream



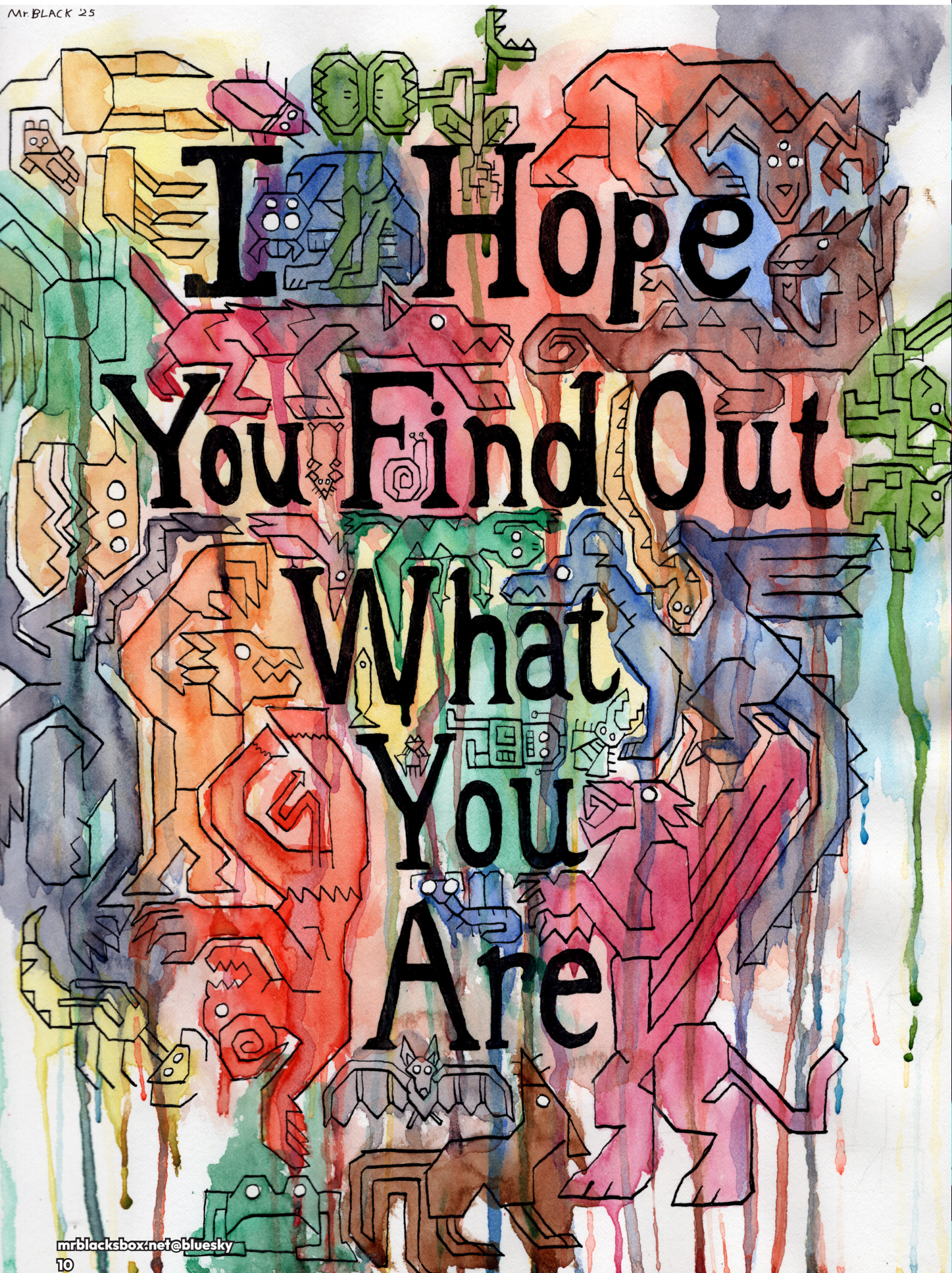
WHAT
DO YOU



SEE IN
HIM?
THEM?



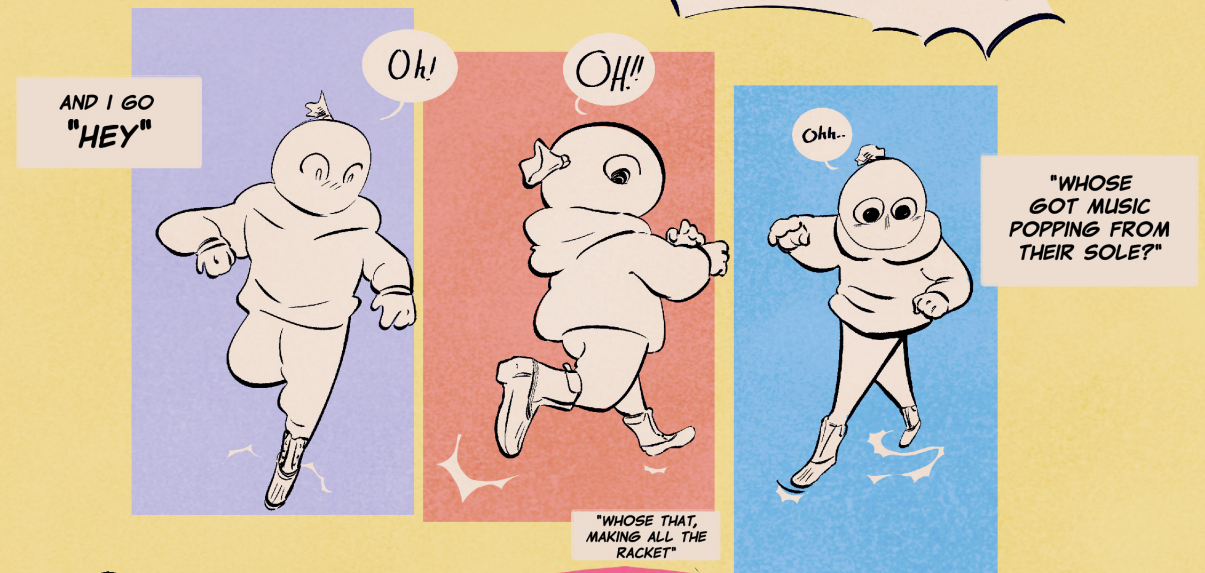
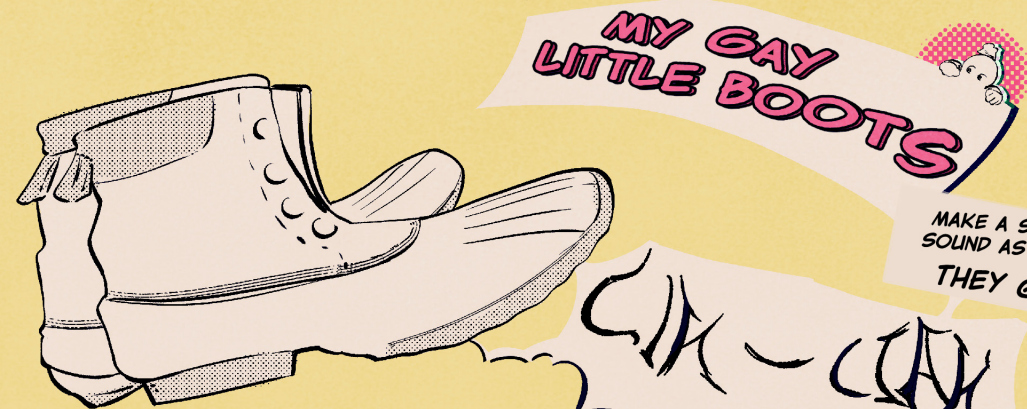




Once upon a time

There was a Prince

and a queen.



ECHOING LIKE
A FIREWORK
IN MY HEAD

SACRIFICE WHAT YOU ARE

FOR WHAT YOU CAN BECOME.

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TELL ME IT WAS FOR THE
HUNGER
& NOTHING LESS. FOR HUNGER
IS TO GIVE
THE BODY WHAT IT KNOWS

IT CANNOT KEEP. THAT THIS
AMBER LIGHT
WHITTLED DOWN BY ANOTHER
WAR
IS ALL THAT PINS MY HAND

TO YOUR CHEST.

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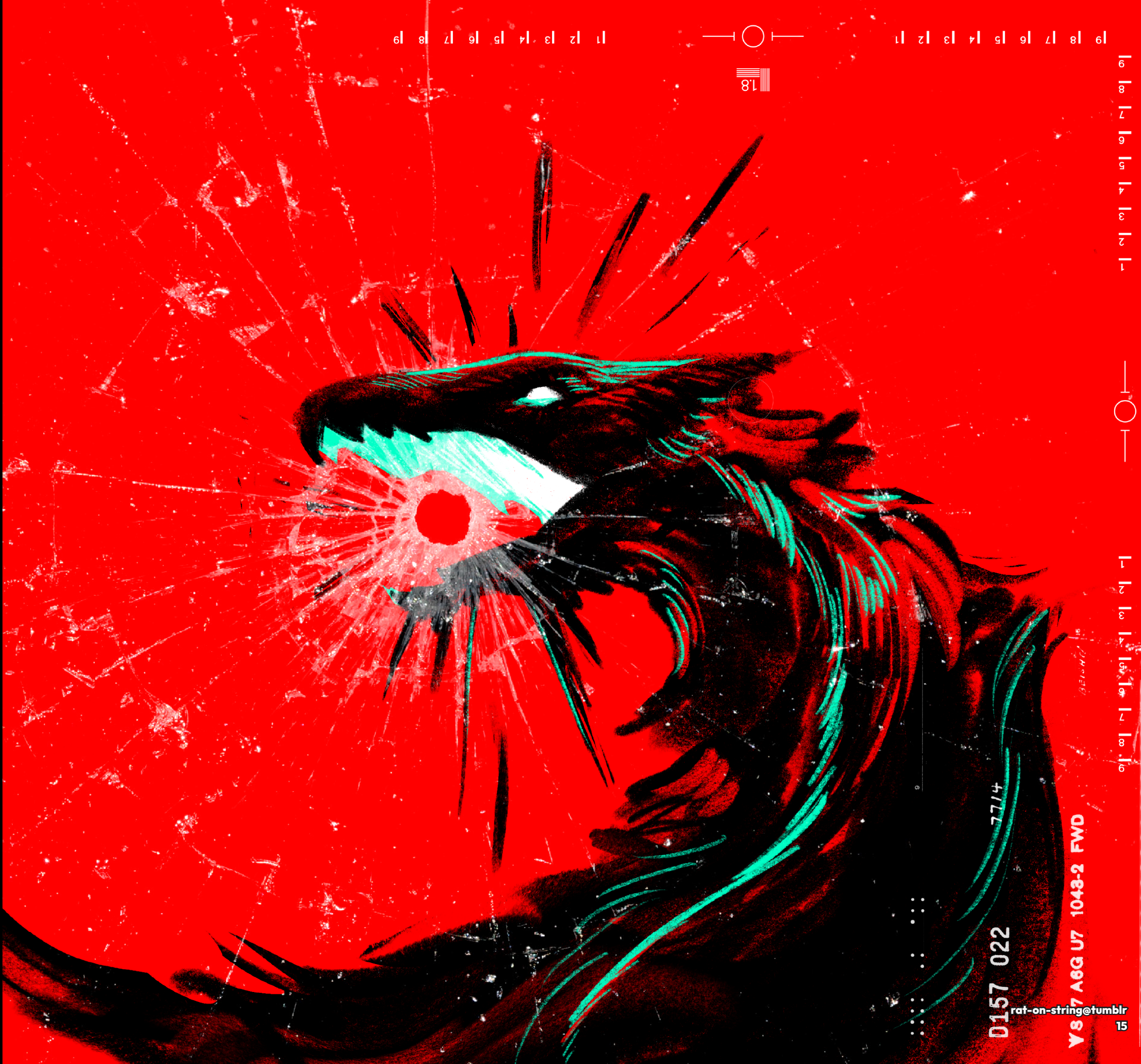
IT STARTS WITH BLOODSHED,
ALWAYS BLOODSHED,
ALWAYS THE SAME
“*RUNNING FROM SOMETHING
LARGER THAN YOURSELF*”
STORY.

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
I'D LIKE MY MONEY'S WORTH.

TRY EXPLAINING A LIFE
BUNDLED WITH EPISODES OF
THIS--

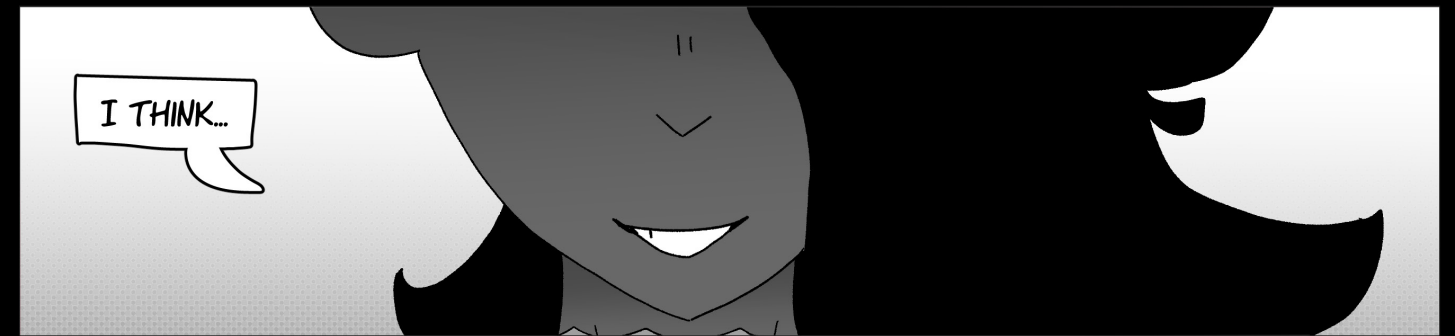
SWALLOWING MUD,
SWALLOWING GLASS,
THE SMELL OF BLOOD
ON THE FIRST FOUR KNUCKLES.



idk
man
im
fucking
trying



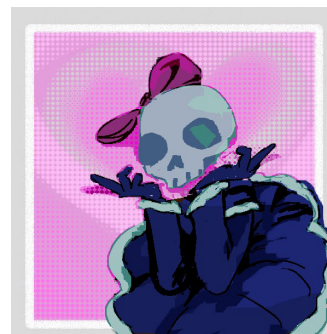




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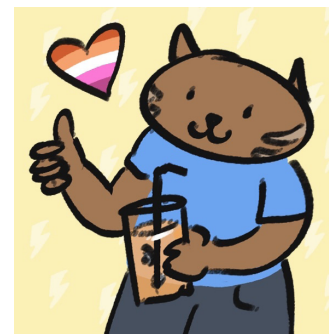
CREDITS



Furlitz

Cover, Pg 18
"damn girl you got a lot of
shared and sexless hunger
in you"

Tumblr: furlitz
Bluesky: furlitz



Nameless

Pg 4
"no name no quote no
problem"

Tumblr: nameless-is-
nameless



Spaghetti

Pg 5
"they should invent a
fucked up combination of
yaoi and yuri where its a
man and a woman"

Twitter: pastaandrakes
Instagram:
paastaandrakes



Swanpy

Pg 6,7

Instagram: _swanpy_art_



rat

Pg 8,9,14,15
"hh"

Tumblr: rat-on-string
Bluesky: rat-on-string



Mr. Black

Pg 10

Bluesky: Mr. Black@
mrblacksbox.net



Capsule

Pg 11
"wow..... pride?????
PRIDE!!!!"

Bluesky: capsulecomics



Pengogo

Pg 12
"Pengogo"

Bluesky: Pengogo

CREDITS



Dream

Pg 13

"Damn rat drew these boots sweet as hell"

Twitter: NighttimeTapestry
Tumblr: NighttimeTapestry
Bluesky: NighttimeTapestry



Vitic

Pg 16, 17

"I expect more sad robots on my desk by next quarter"

Bluesky: ViticArts
Itch.io: Vitic

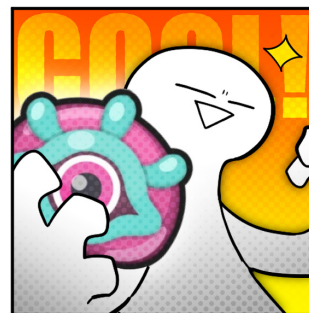


Gecko

Pg 19

"big fan of gay people"

Twitter: geckoeygecko
Bluesky: geckoeygecko



Phroge

Pg 20-25

"Haha, pride. Like the lions"

Twitter: CanDough1
Bluesky: candough.bsky.social



Arkeis

Pg 26

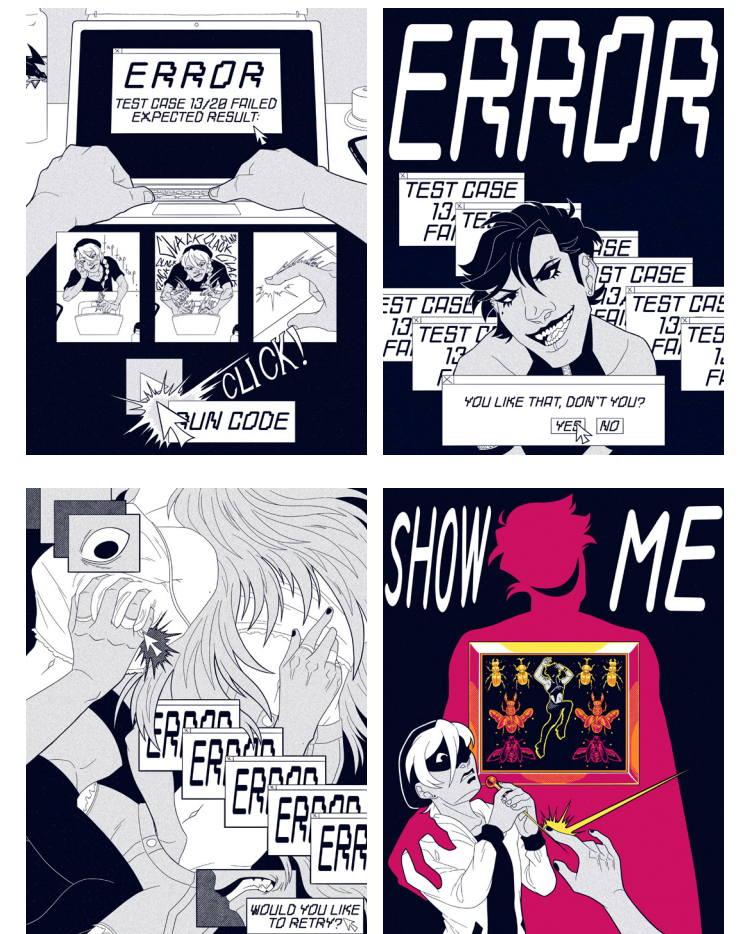
"I love rim lighting almost as much as I love beards"

discord: Arkeis

ONE EXTRA THING:

For the first half of the 2025, a handful of people on the Zine City server have been attempting to make original comics. ONLY A SINGLE PERSON was able to complete their comic in the allotted time and turn something in. You should go read their comic RIGHT NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BUG BASH BY [THEBINDINGBLADE](#)



READ THE COMIC!!



FOLLOW BINDING



Tumblr: [the-binding-blade](#)

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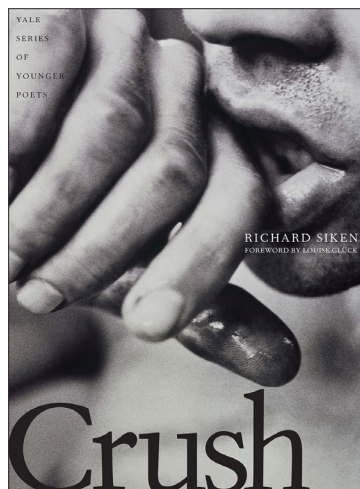
Here's some queer media I enjoy, I'm gonna MAKE YOU LOOK AT IT because it's COOL.



“Daytona Sand” by Orville Peck

I've been listening to Orville Peck again. I watched Brokeback Mountain for the first time this month, so I've been thinking about gay cowboys. I'm a huge fan of that guy's music. In particular I really like the Bronco album. “C'mon Baby Cry” and “Any Turn” are some other good picks from it.

You might know Orville Peck from his hit song “Cowboys Are Secretly Frequently Fond of Each Other” (ft Willie Nelson).



“Crush” by Richard Siken

One thing about me is I'm a huge fan of poetry. Richard Siken is one of my favourite poets right now- and Crush has some preeetty gay stuff in there. A lot of his poems pull from a very visceral yet sort of tender type of yearning, if that makes sense? It's really good.

I've described his writing as “a sort of mournful anxiety that is attached to yearning”. It never fails to put me in a sort of yearnful mood.

Some of my favourite poems from the Crush anthology are “Little Beast”, “The Torn-Up Road”, “Litany in Which Certain Things Are Crossed Out”, and “A Primer For The Small Weird Loves”.

Herby's Pick: “Her Tale of Shim Chong”

For context, I asked my friend Herby to give me a queer media recommendation and typed out verbatim what she had to say. here it is:

“I don't know how to word it. I like the drama. They're so gut wrenching at times. I don't know. I don't know. [SCREAMS] [unintelligable] I love them- MMM I love them... in the beginning they like, um, I don't know. It's... it's gut wrenching, but at the same time it's really moving. I dunno, they also talk about some topics too, so yeah. but PLEASE PLEASE the yuri. The yuri is so rewarding. PLEASE the yuri is so GOOD. Please (x4) it's like riding a boat and then there's a heavy storm and then the waves come crashing down around them and the.. and the uhm, the yuri feels so rewarding, okay? It feels at times like the two of them are suddenly whisked away, and PLEASE (x6) they're not doomed. They're not doomed yuri. it's not doomed.”



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