

The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green

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Saturday Night (Later)

Are you outside now?
Yeah. On the balcony off my bedroom.
And its really clear?
Lots of stars.
It's always amazed me that one of our senses is powerful enough to perceive other worlds, y'know? I mean we step outside and PRESTO, we can SEE JUPITER! It's not like we can HEAR the Moon... Or SMELL Saturn's rings. But we just open our eyes, and there they are. All these worlds...

And you gotta blanket n' pillow?
Uh huh. One of those ugly study pillows.
Ha. I've got one also. It's very biege.
Sounds stylish.

See the bright one in the western sky? That's Venus.
And the other bright one near Venus? That's Jupiter!
Wow, I didn't know we can see Jupiter. So cool. I wonder... If Jupiter wuza gay guy, Whadya think he'd look like?
Oh no question about it. One of those 60 year old, totally ripped, white-haired leather dads.

And there's Mars. See it flashing?
OH SHIT! MARS! Don't think about Mars. DO NOT THINK ABOUT MARS.
It's so awesome that its really red, y'know?
Heheh You sound like you been there.
UH... Actually it's more of a Orangish Brownish Burnt Umber-y sorta color.
What? Oh. Yeah, HA No 'course not hehehehe

Wormhole withoutta Warning
Last time, we left the hero of our story stammering...
Heh Heh. Not 'course I've never actually been up there. I meant I've HEARD its more brownish than red. Like, um, from WATCHING SCI FI...and web surfing...

... to which the perplexed guy on the other end of the fiberoptic cable responded:
Ethan, ETHAN! slow down brother... I didn't actually think you'd y'know, been to Mars...
...CUZ nobody's actually been to Mars...

WOW, Hey I um didn't realize how late it's getting But HEY this's been SO GREAT and
ETHAN, Are you OK? All of a sudden you sound a little funny.. WHAT'S that whirring sound?

PETER LISTEN, I gotta go now, um, the cat really needs a walk..I'll call in the morning, was great talking, ok talk soon, later...

Oh! OH wow.. Hi...um... You didn't call to say you'd be stopping by...

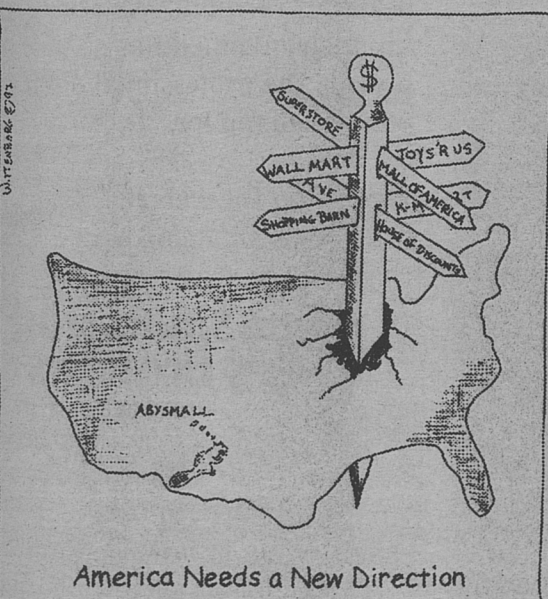
This isn't a great time.
Oh, sorry, Ramon, this is Ethan.
Ethan, this is Ramon. He's a soccer star on Alpha Centauri.
Soccer?
It's what they call football where he's from. Don't ask me why.
what are you doing here?
Oh Like I knew I was coming, Queelix.

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Curbside

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SO WHERE D'YA WANNA GO FIRST? I LIKE THE IMPRESSIONISTS ON THE THIRD FLOOR.
THAT WOULD BE OK, SURE.
MUSEUMS HOUR

THIS GUY, MONET, HE'S MY FAVORITE THE DUDE COULD PAINT!
YEP, HE HAD THE STUFF ALRIGHT.. SO, CAN I SHOW YOU SOME THINGS I LIKE AFTER THIS?
OK

YEAH, I'VE NEVER REALLY GOTTEN INTO THIS STUFF... MAYBE I'M TOO WESTERNIZED OR SOME THING...
WELL, I'M NOT A BUDDHIST OR ANY-THING, BUT I GET A NICE, SERENE FEELING IN THIS ROOM... SOMETIMES I WONDER IF IT'S THE OBJECTS THEMSELVES THAT DO THIS TO ME... IF THEY REALLY HAVE SOME SORT OF... YOU KNOW.

THIS IS A NICE PIECE J.T., YOU'RE RIGHT. GUY'S GOT A GREAT SMILE.. REAL INSCRUTABLE, LIKE!
SURE..

HEY, THIS IS FUN. LETS GO SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN EXPOSE EACH OTHER TO, WHATTYA SAY!
SURE..