

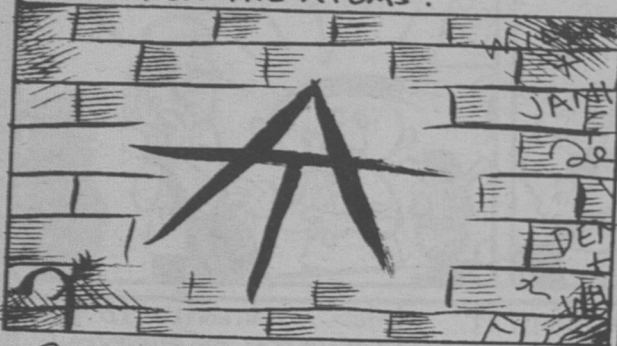
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Curbside

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YOU KNOW HOW GANGS HAVE A SYMBOL TO MARK THEIR TERRITORY, RIGHT? THIS WAS THE ONE FOR THE ATOMS:



I TOLD CAL IT LOOKED TOO MUCH LIKE THE ANARCHY SYMBOL AND HE WAS LIKE, "I KNOW, BUT IT WAS ATOM'S IDEA, NOT MINE." NO MATTER WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE, IT WORKED AS A GOOD WARNING TO OTHER GANGS, ESPECIALLY TO STAY OFFA THE ATOM'S TURF.



SINCE WE WERE BEING ALL SECRET ABOUT "US", CAL STARTED LEAVING ME MESSAGES ON THE STREETS WHERE I LIVED AND WALKED, JUST SO I'D KNOW HE WAS AROUND AND THINKING ABOUT ME AND EVERYTHING.

ONE NIGHT WHEN I'D HAD A FEW AND WASN'T THINKING, I LET HIM DO A HOMEMADE GRAFFITI OF HIS INITIALS ON MY RIGHT ANKLE. HE WAS FEELING ROMANTIC.

HE TOLD ME THAT STARTING RIGHT THEN AND THERE HE WAS GOING TO USE HIS GRAFFITI FOR GOOD INSTEAD OF EVIL. I SAID I THOUGHT THAT WAS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA.



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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

nothin' left to lose

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OH, THE MALL. AMERICA'S AORTA.

I MADE A HAIKU! "WANDERING, DAMNED SOULS NEED SOMETHING, BUT AREN'T SURE WHAT - NEXT STOP, CINNABON."

OKAY, SETTLE DOWN. I'M ALMOST DONE.

SYDNEY? CHERYL! UH... HOW ARE YOU?

I'M DOING OKAY. I REALLY APPRECIATED YOUR CONDOLENCES BASKET.

MO, THIS IS CHERYL, MY RADIATION TECH.

OH. HI. SYDNEY TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR SON. I'M SO SORRY.

WELL, IT HELPS KNOWING HE DIED DOING SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT. WE TEND TO FORGET THAT FREEDOM ISN'T FREE.

YOU'RE SO RIGHT.

BUT I'M STAYING BUSY. I'M SENDING CARE PACKAGES TO OTHER SOLDIERS. LOOK AT ALL THIS STUFF THEY NEED! TOYS FOR KIDS, SOCKS, BATTERIES...

SHORTLY...

I GUESS FREEDOM HAS AN A.P.R. OF 18.99%

SHUT UP AND GO FIND THE BEEF JERKY.

MEANWHILE, RAF'S TWO MOMMIES ARE AWOL.

MEEMA, COME ON! YOU SAID YOU'D PLAY "CRANIUM" WITH US.

HACKED.VOTE.ORG

- *MEDIA LOCKDOWN?
- *VOTE TAMPERING
- *VOTING WHILE BLACK
- *RAMPANT OHIO "IRREGULARITIES"

I'LL COME WHEN MOMMY GETS OFF THE PHONE.

HEY, WE CAN'T ROLL-OVER NOW. IF WE GIVE AN INCH ON MARRIAGE, NEXT THING YOU KNOW THEY'LL BE SHOWING CREATIONISM AND "ABSTINENCE" DOWN OUR THROATS!

HANG ON, GLORIA -

SWEETIE, I'LL COME WHEN MEEMA GETS OFF THE COMPUTER.

I'LL BE OVER BEHIND THE QUICKIE MART SCORING SOME CRANK.

HAVE FUN.

WEAR YOUR HAT.