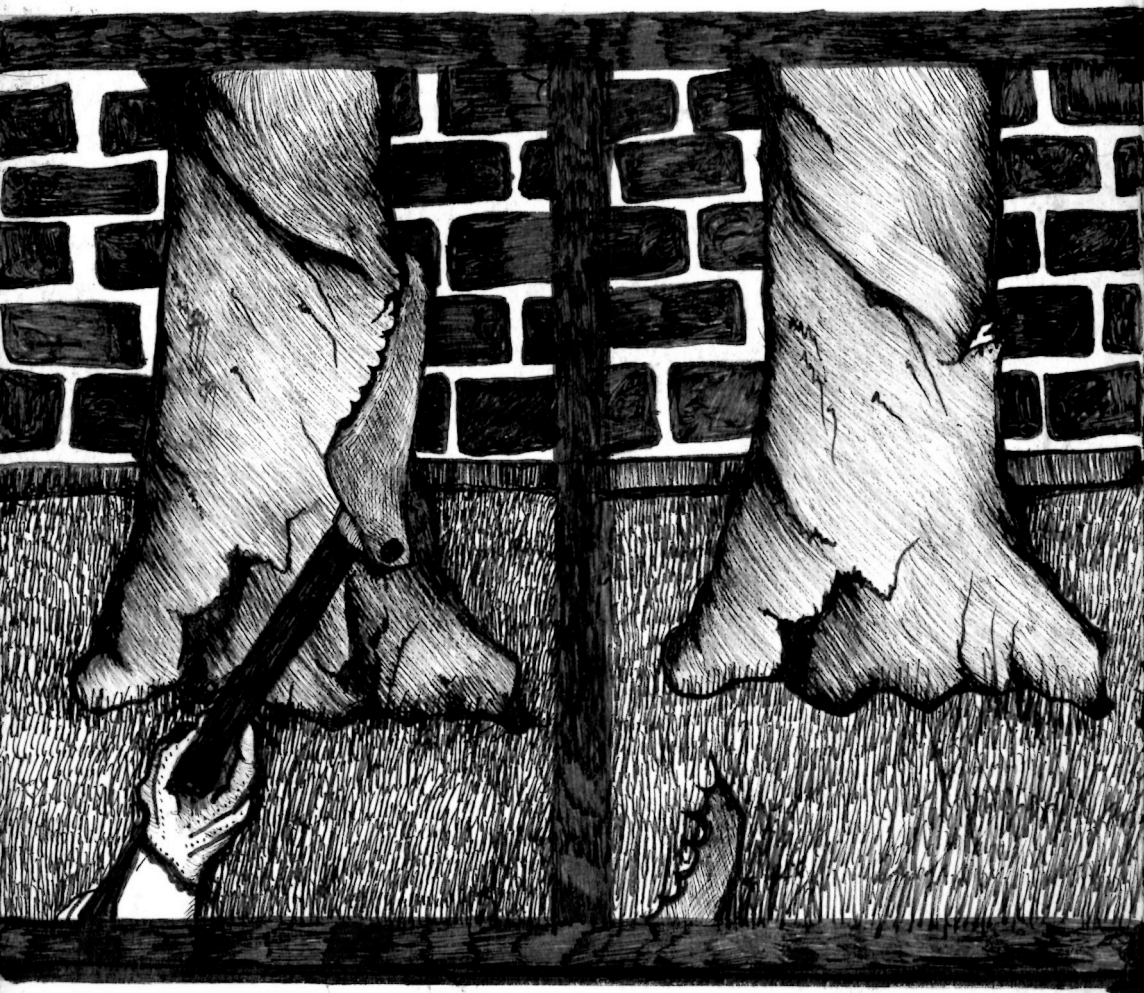
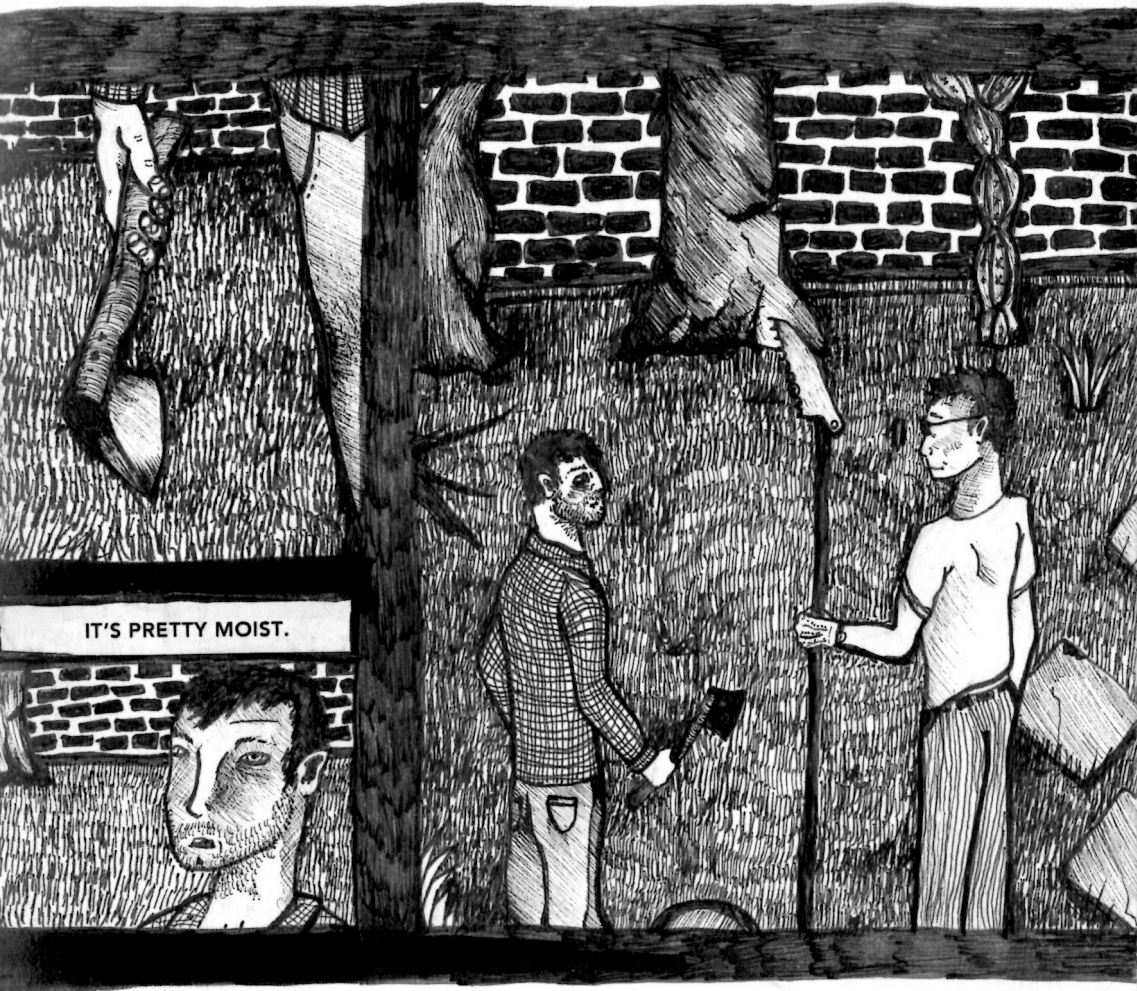


CYPRESS TREES
-OR-
WAYS TO DEAL WITH DEATH

BY ALEXANDER PUZ







IT'S PRETTY MOIST.

YOU SHOULD PUT SOME GLOVES ON.



I MEAN IF WE HAVE THEM, WHY NOT?

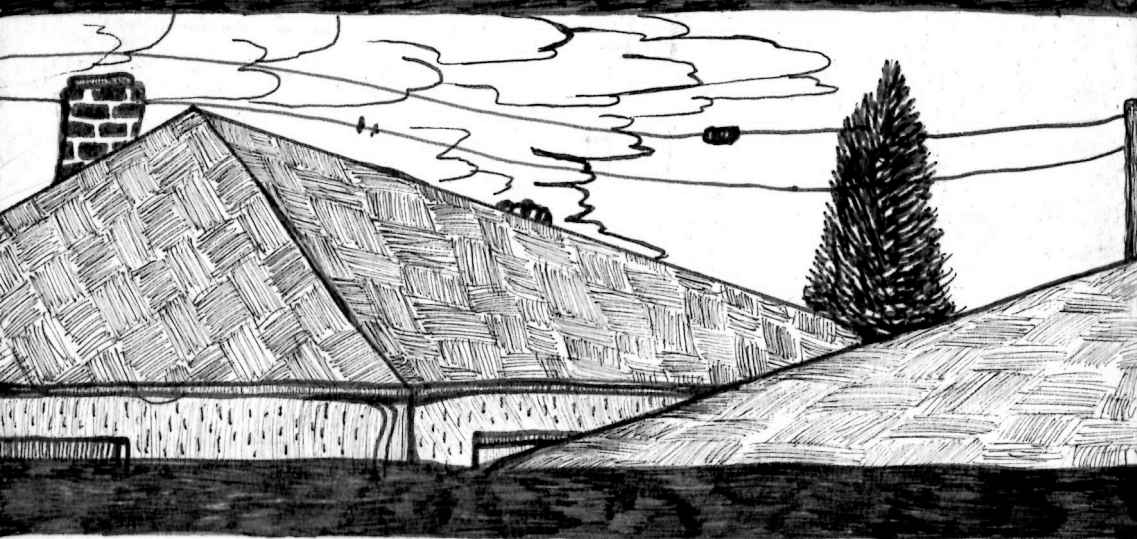


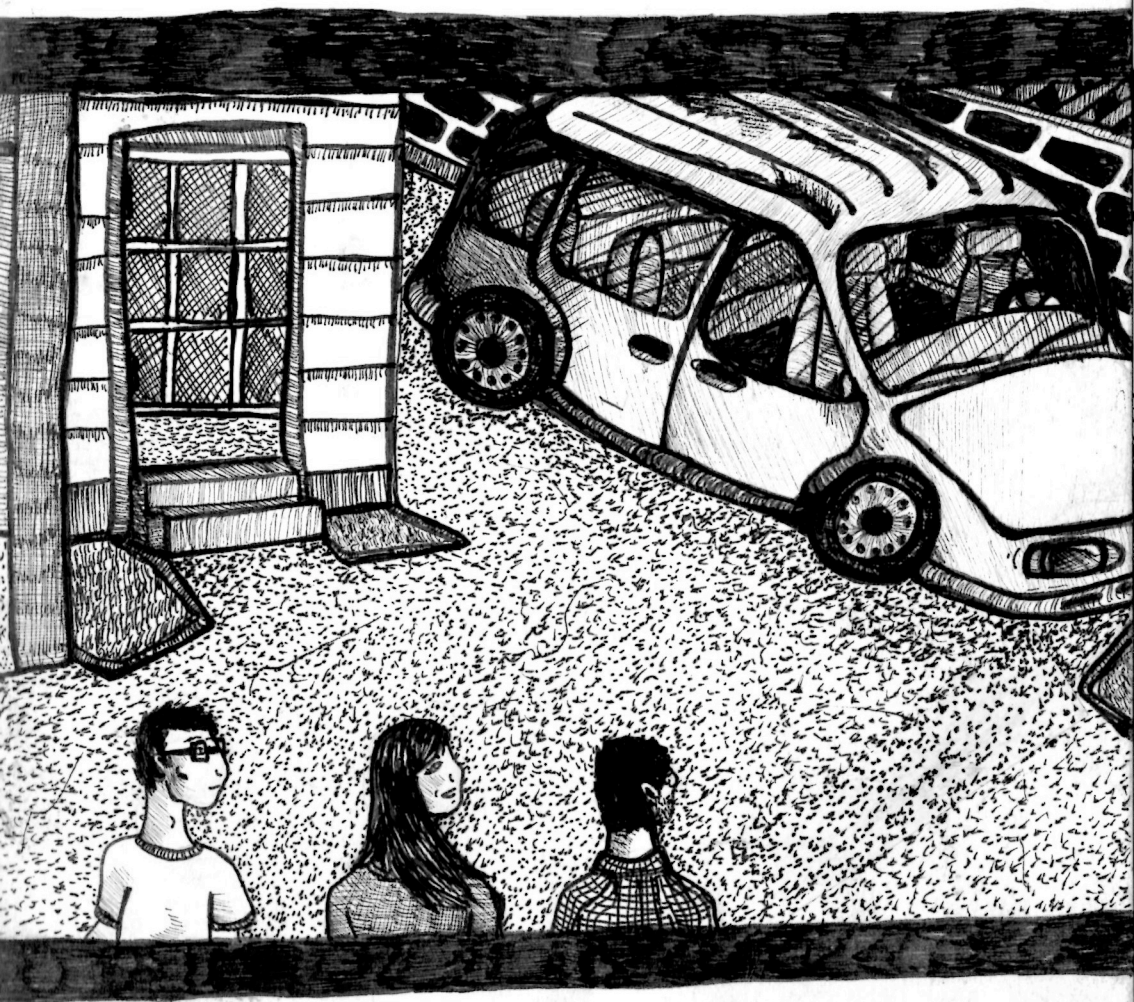
THIS IS TOUGH, BROTHER.





YEAH, IT IS.





DADS VAN. I'VE NEVER
SEEN IT BACK HERE
BEFORE. FEELS WEIRD.



IT'S SO FUCKED UP HA. HE
DROVE IT FOREVER THOUGH.



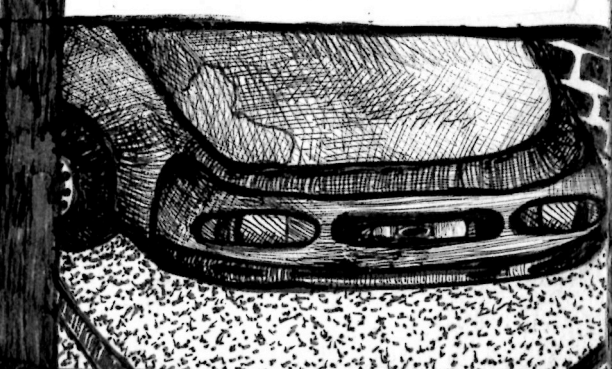
IT'S NOT THAT MESSED UP.
I DROVE IT TOO FOR A WHILE.



ITS BEEN BACK HERE. DAD
WAS TELLING ME ONCE ABOUT
HIS POSTER WORK DURING THE
PROP 8 VOTE.



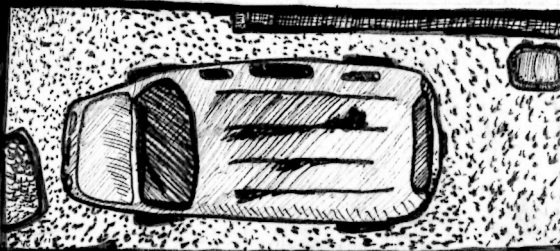
HE USED TO GO OUT AND WHEAT PASTE
HIS "NO ON 8" POSTERS OVER THE
"PROTECT MARRIAGE" ONES.



SO HE HAS BEEN DOING THIS FOR A FEW WEEKS ALL OVER TOWN, WHEN HE COMES ACROSS LIKE A WHOLE LINE OF THE ANTI-GAY ONES.



LIKE ONE AFTER ANOTHER, ALONG ONE LONG STRETCH OF ROAD



HE'S A LITTLE APPREHENSIVE BUT HE GOES AHEAD AND TAKES THEM ALL DOWN



WHEN HE FINISHED PUTTING HIS POSTERS UP
HE PULLS OUT AND SEES A RED TRUCK START
TO FOLLOW HIM.



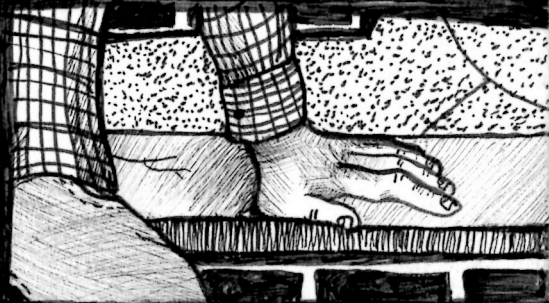
OH SNAP, THEY SET HIM UP.



EXACTLY



SO THEY DRIVE FOR A FEW BLOCKS AND
DAD IS LIKE "OKAY THESE GUYS ARE TRYING
TO GET ME"



HE SEES THIS ALLEY AND TURNS INTO IT, REAL
QUICK AND HE LOSES THEM FOR A SECOND.



BUT THEN THEY COME
AROUND THE BLOCK AND
TURN INTO THE ALLEY.



DAD FIGURES "WELL THEY
PROBABLY CARE
MORE ABOUT THEIR
TRUCK THEN I DO
ABOUT THE VAN..."



THEYRE FACING DOWN
NOW, LIKE PLAYING
CHICKEN.

SO HE KEEPS GOING
STRAIGHT, AND
THEY END UP PULLING
AWAY AND HE
SPEEDS OFF.



SO, AFTER HE THINKS
THEY MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR HIM
SO HE PARKED THE VAN BACK HERE.



AND THAT'S THE ONLY OTHER TIME I'VE
SEEN IT PARKED BACK HERE.



IT FEELS LIKE NOTHINGS HAPPENING.



WHY DOES MOM WANT THIS CUT DOWN, ANYWAY?



SHE SAYS SHE WANTS SOME LIGHT BACK HERE,
AND THAT IT'S GETTING ROTTEN, LOTTA BUGS.



I LIKE IT THOUGH. IT'S LIKE,
ANCIENT AND CREEPY LOOKING.



GOTTA THROW ALL THIS AWAY TOO.



WELL, WE COULD BURN IT.



NOW, A MAN HAS ENTERED THE ROOM. IT LOOKS LIKE HE KNOWS YOU.



HES BY YOU SUE. HES SMILING AND HAS HIS ARMS OPEN. HE SAYS "MY FAMILY."



Very Good

HES BY YOU NOW, JEFF. HE'S
STACKING BOOKS ON YOUR HEAD.



EVELYN, HE SAYS HES BEHIND YOU
EVERYTIME YOU WALK UP YOUR STAIRS,
AND HE HEARS YOUR PRAYERS FOR HIM.

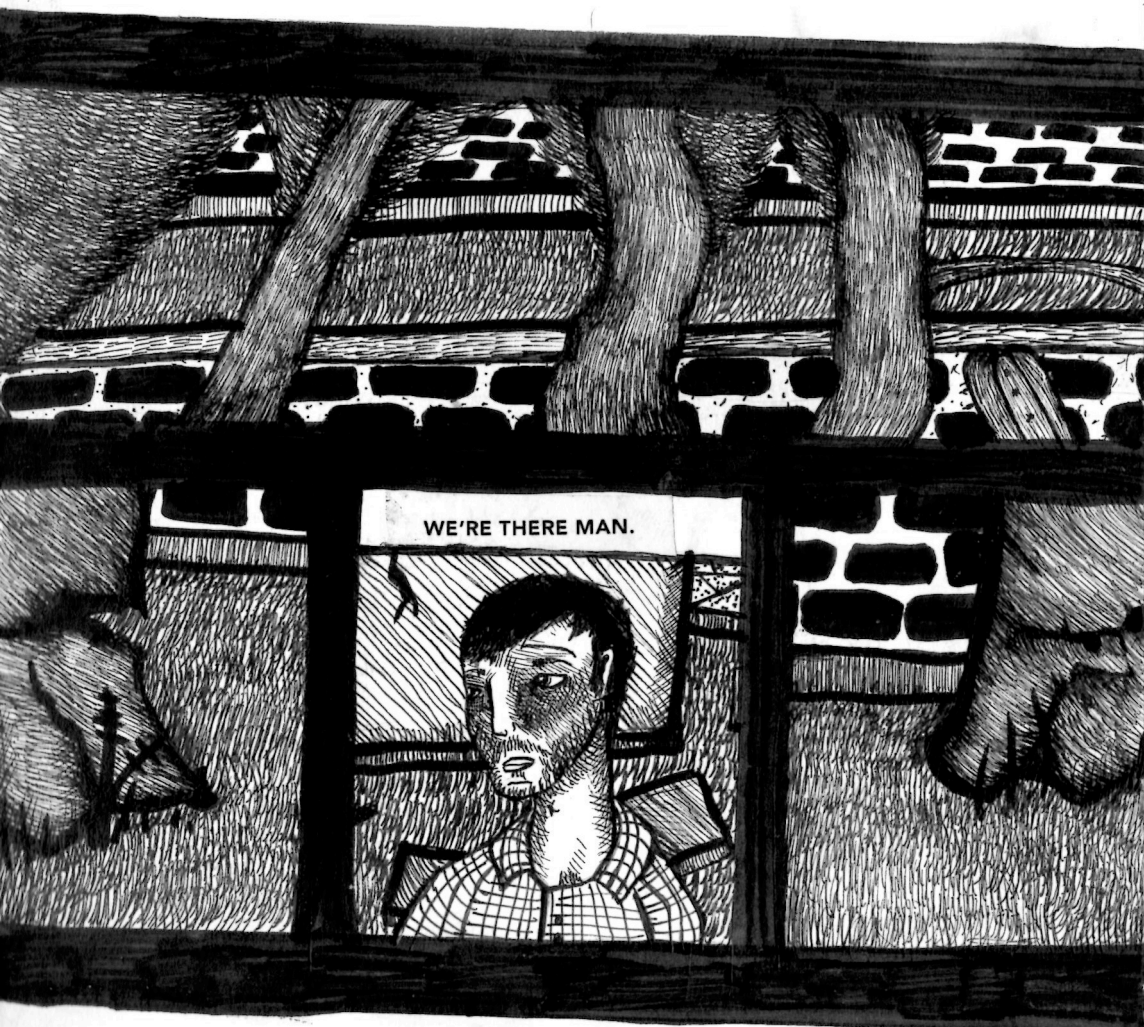


HE SAYS HE'S SORRY.



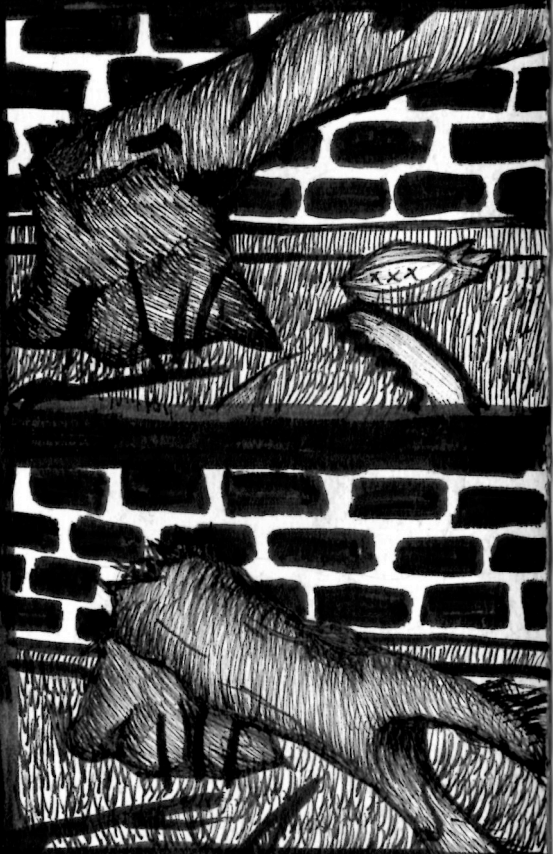
A DOG IS IN HERE TOO. THAT'S A GOOD SIGN.



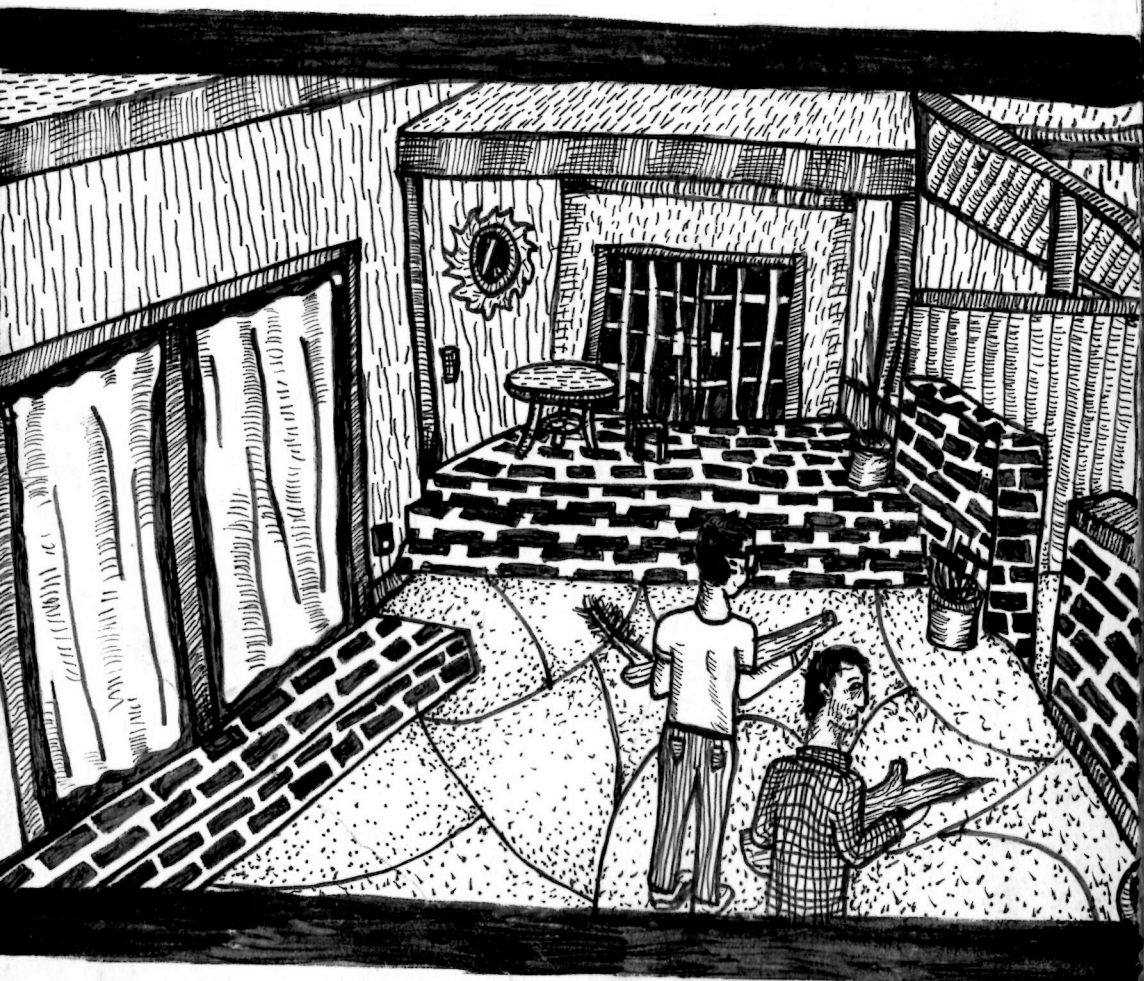


WE'RE THERE MAN.

YEAH, JUST ABOUT, I GOT IT. LOOK OUT.

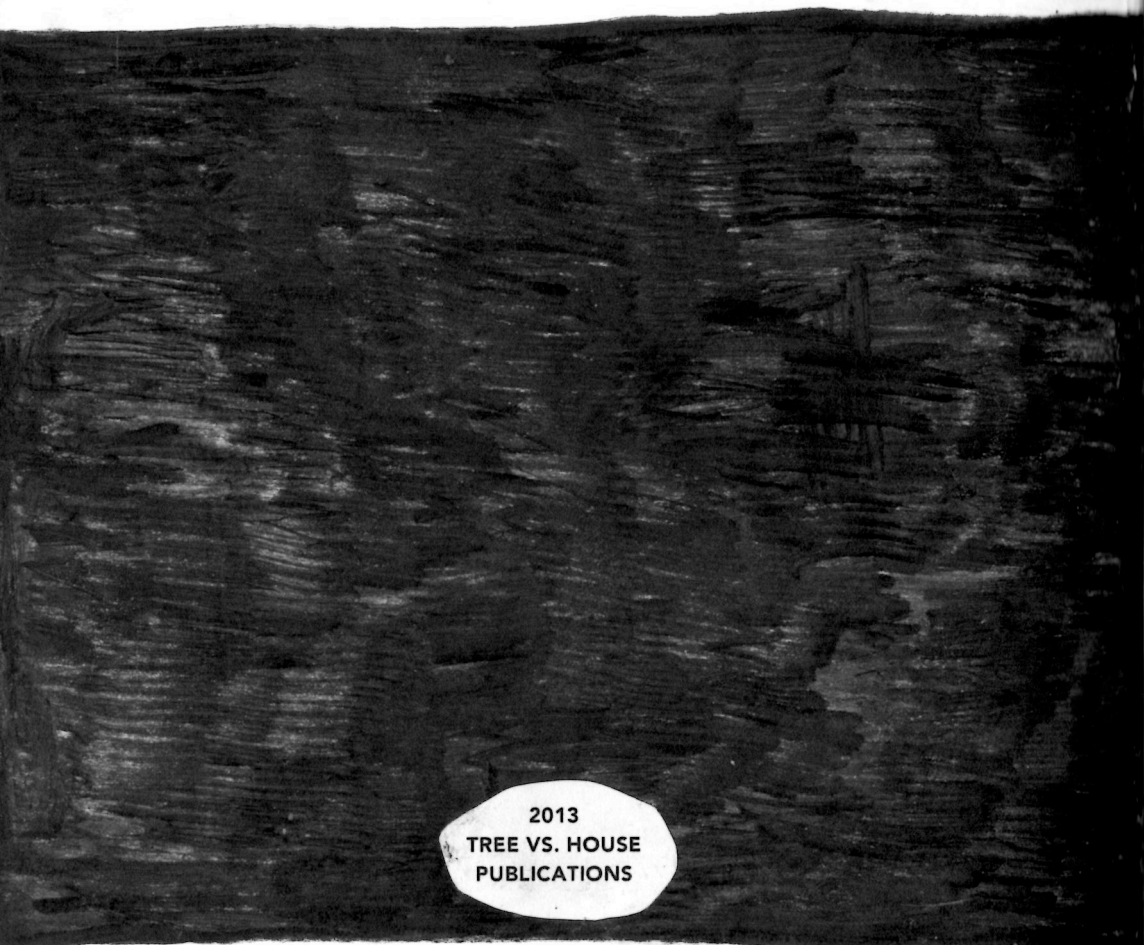








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