

WE THOUGHT THE
GOVERNMENT
HAD BEATEN THEM
BUT THEY'D ONLY
CHASED THEM
UNDERGROUND...



THEN ONE DAY
THE LIBRARIANS
CAME BACK...



WITH SUPERIOR
ORGANISATIONAL
SKILLS, THEY
QUICKLY SEIZED
POWER. OPPONENTS
WERE MERCILESSLY
SHUSHED.









EVERY BUILDING
WAS CONVERTED
INTO A LIBRARY.
EVERY WALL INTO
BOOKSHELVES.
EVERY PERSON
INTO A LIBRARY
CARDHOLDER.

A WHOLE WORLD
ORDERED ON THE
DEWEY DECIMAL
CLASSIFICATION
SYSTEM.



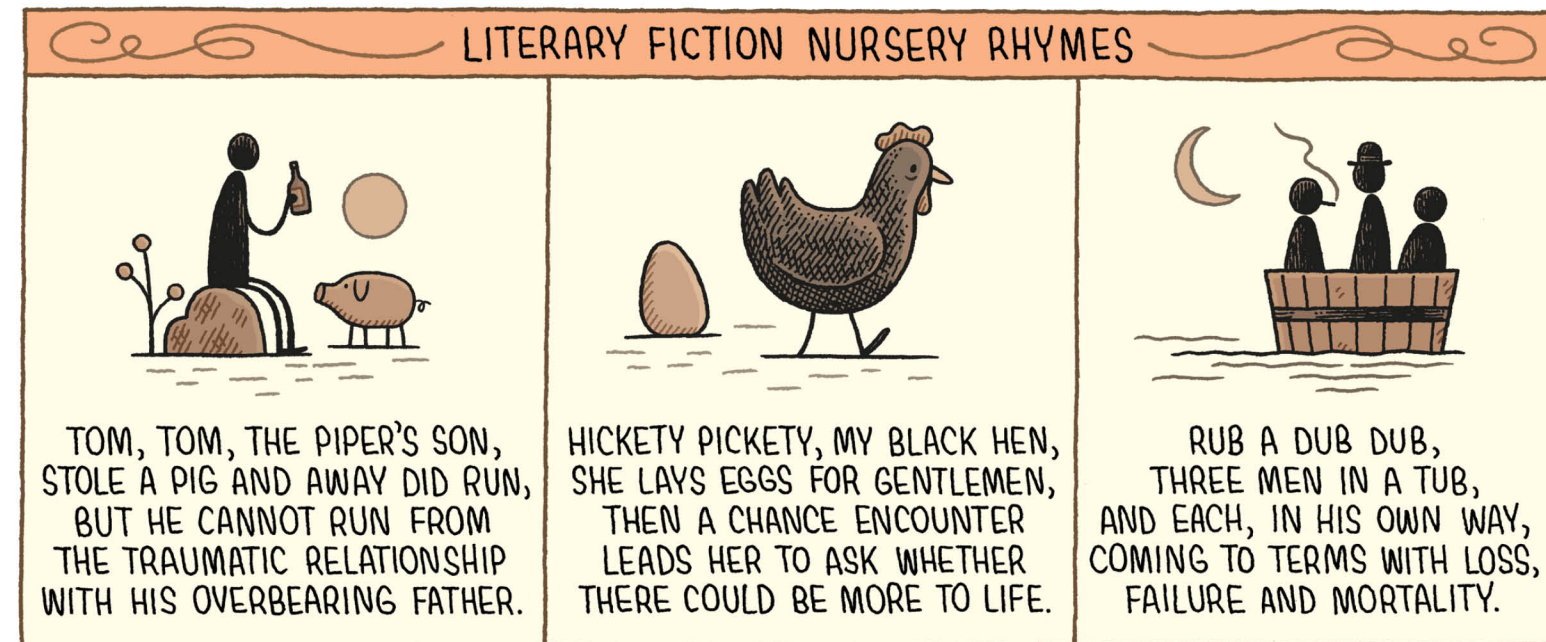
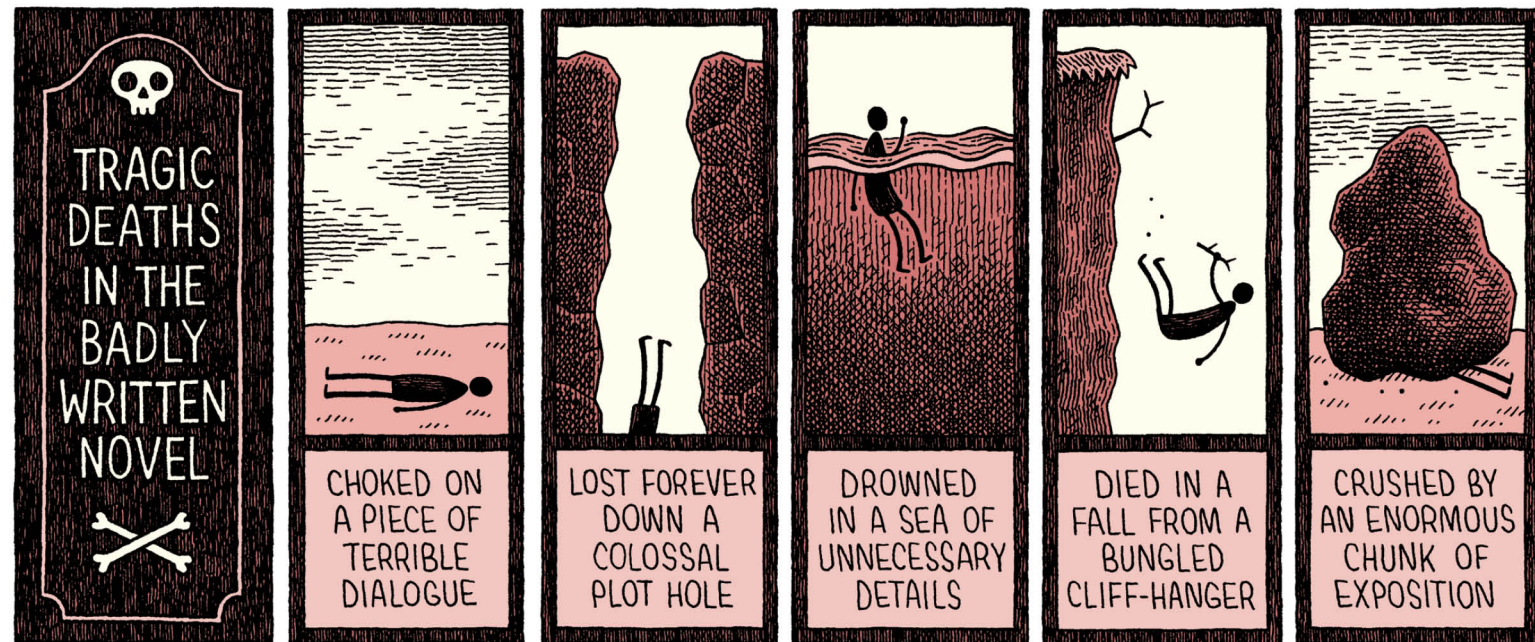
WE NEVER SHOULD
HAVE MESSED
WITH THE
LIBRARIANS.



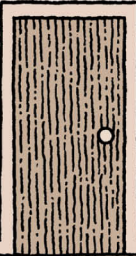



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| <p>1 YOUR HOUSE IS OVERLOADED WITH BOOKS. WHAT DO YOU DO?</p>  <p>GET RID OF SOME BOOKS: GO TO 2 READ ONE OF THE BOOKS: GO TO 6</p> | <p>2 YOU TAKE SOME BOOKS TO THE CHARITY SHOP. ON THE WAY HOME YOU PASS A BOOKSHOP. DO YOU GO IN?</p>  <p>YES: GO TO 3 NO: GO TO 4</p> | <p>3 WHAT A LOVELY BOOKSHOP! DO YOU WANT TO BUY SOME BOOKS?</p>  <p>YES: GO TO 5 NO: GO TO 4</p> | <p>4 YOU TRY TO RESIST BUT CANNOT.</p>  <p>GO TO 5</p> <p>5 YOU BUY SOME BOOKS AND GO HOME HAPPY.</p>  <p>GO TO 1</p> | <p>6 YOU SPEND A FEW PLEASANT HOURS READING.</p>  <p>GO TO 1</p> |
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HUNTING FOR EASTER EGGS WITH WERNER HERZOG

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| <p>I DESPISE THIS IDIOTIC, SANITISED RITUAL, AND YET I AM UNWILLING TO RETURN HOME EGGLESS.</p>  | <p>THE JOY OF DISCOVERY RINGS HOLLOW AGAINST THE MONUMENTAL INDIFFERENCE OF THE UNIVERSE.</p>  | <p>WHAT, OTHER THAN REGRET, CAN HATCH FROM THIS EMPTY CHOCOLATE VESSEL.</p>  |
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HOW TO TELL IF YOUR CAT IS INTERESTED IN THE NOVEL YOU ARE WRITING

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| CAT MEOWS CONSTANTLY AT THE STUDY DOOR | CAT WATCHES YOU INTENTLY AS YOU WRITE | CAT GOES TO SLEEP ON YOUR MANUSCRIPT | CAT REPEATEDLY WALKS ACROSS YOUR KEYBOARD | CAT NESTS IN YOUR BOX OF AUTHOR COPIES |
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| THE CAT IS NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR NOVEL | THE CAT IS NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR NOVEL | THE CAT IS NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR NOVEL | THE CAT IS NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR NOVEL | THE CAT IS NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR NOVEL |

SOME USEFUL ABBREVIATIONS FOR THE TIME-PRESSED ONLINE READER

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| TL;DR | TOO LONG; DIDN'T READ | RB;GB | READ A BIT; GOT BORED |
| VS;SDR | VERY SHORT; STILL DIDN'T READ | SR;MP | SKIM-READ; MISSED POINT |
| SR;PW | SHOULD READ; PROBABLY WON'T | RH;PAC | READ HEADLINE; POSTED ANGRY COMMENTS |

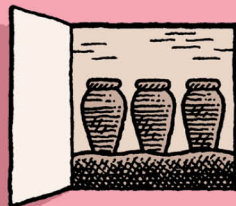


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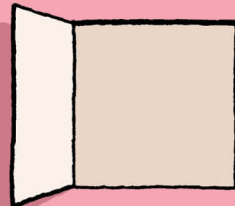
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DOORS OF THE
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CALENDAR



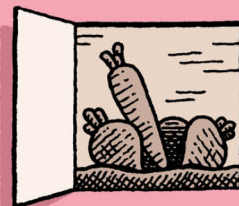
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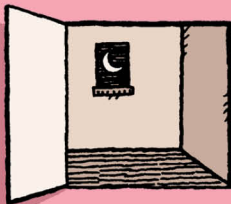
THREE
FUNERAL URNS.



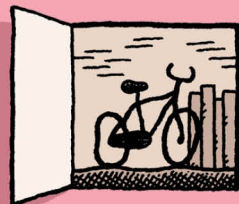
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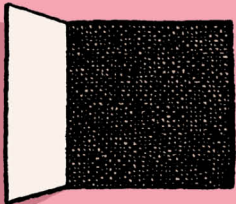
A CARROT AND
SOME TURNIPS.



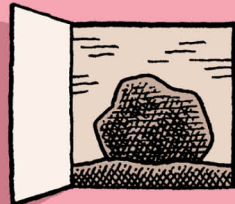
AN EMPTY
ROOM.



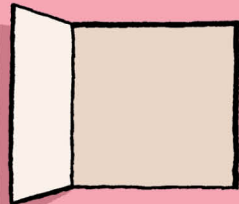
AN ABANDONED
BICYCLE.



DARKNESS.



A ROCK.



NOTHING.
AGAIN.

WITH THE LIBRARIES CLOSED, IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME...

GANGS OF CRIMINAL
'BOOKLEGGERS'
SMUGGLE CONTRABAND
LIBRARY BOOKS HIDDEN
INSIDE GIN BARRELS.



THE BOOKS ARE COVERTLY DISTRIBUTED FROM
UNDERGROUND LIBRARIES OR 'READEASIES'.

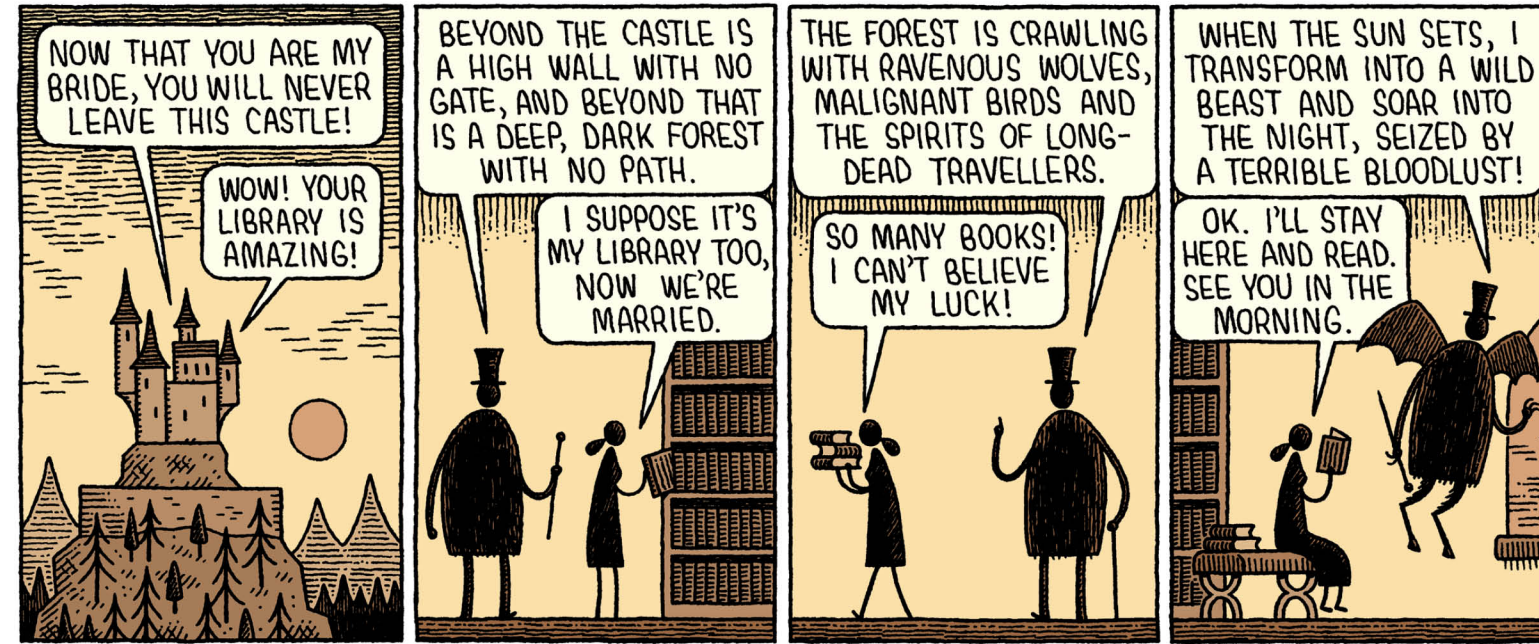
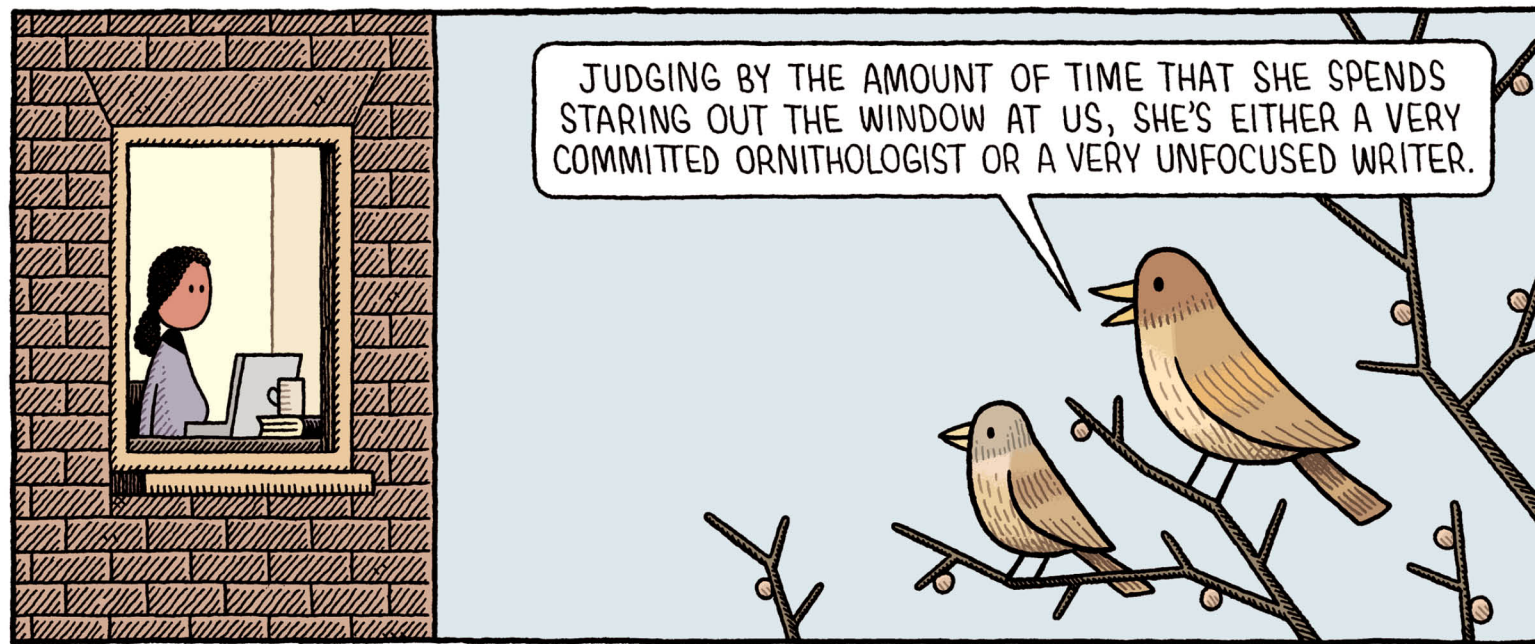


READERS WHISPER AN ISBN CODE AT A HATCH
IN AN UNMARKED DOOR AND RECEIVE
AN ILLICIT BOOK IN A BROWN PAPER BAG.

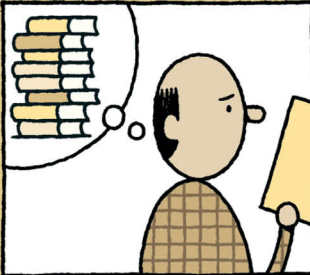
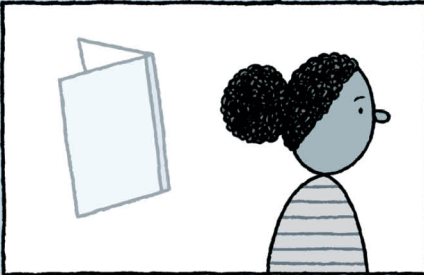
THE BOSS SAYS
IF YOU AIN'T FINISHED
'THE MIRROR AND THE
LIGHT' BY TOMORROW,
IT'S CURTAINS!



OVERDUE BOOKS ARE
DEALT WITH SWIFTLY
AND MERCILESSLY.

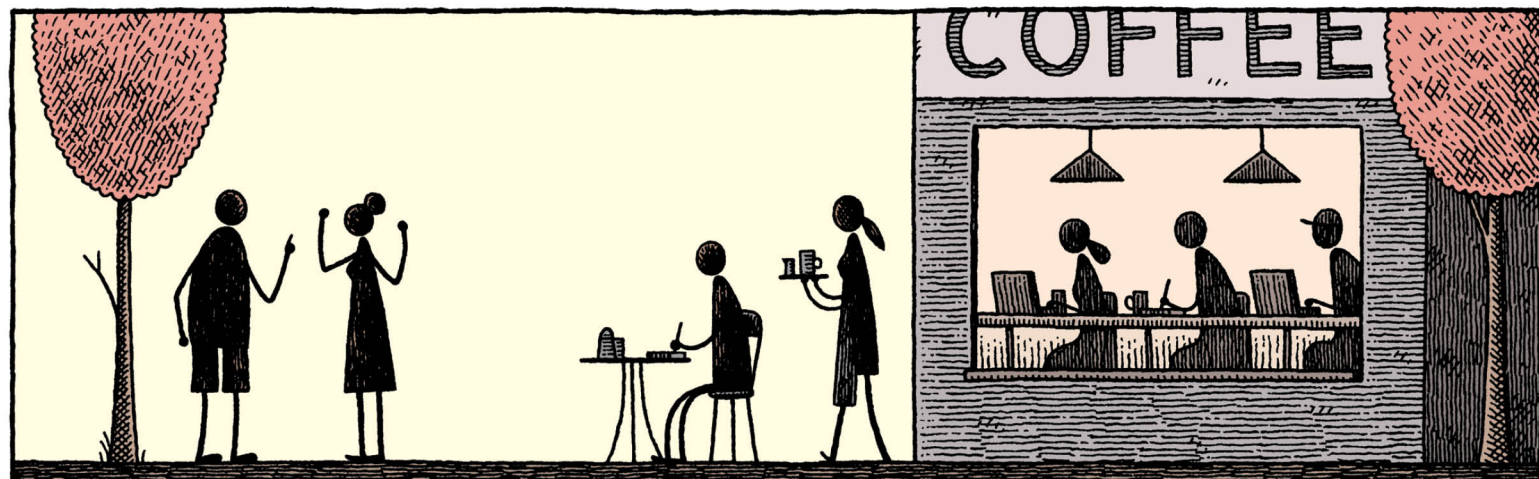


SOME USEFUL NEW WORDS FOR READERS

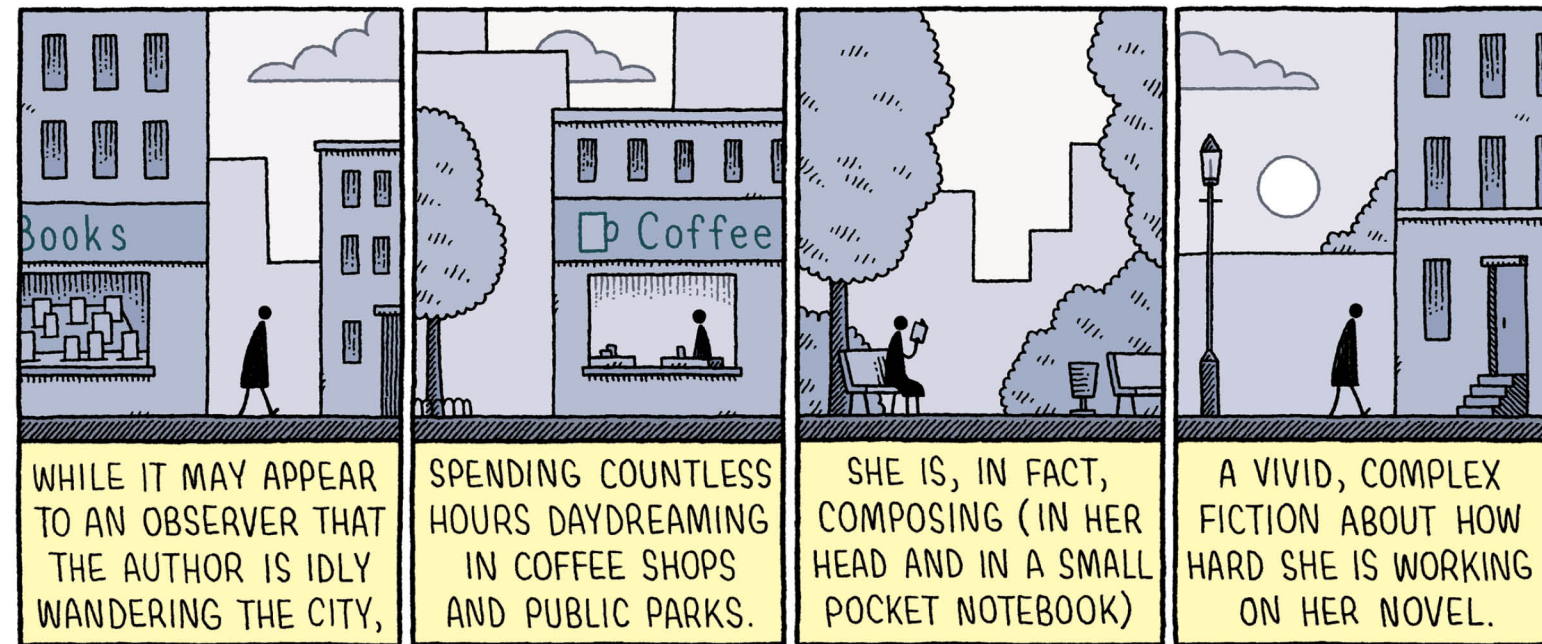
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| <p>BUCHENDSCHMERZ</p>  <p>ENCROACHING MELANCHOLY AS YOU APPROACH THE END OF A GOOD BOOK.</p> | <p>LEICHTLESBUCHEIFERSUCHT</p>  <p>ENVYING SOMEONE ENJOYING A LIGHT, FUN BOOK WHILE YOU STRUGGLE THROUGH A LONG, WORTHY ONE.</p> | <p>STAPELSCHULDGEFÜHL</p>  <p>GUILT FELT UPON BUYING NEW BOOKS WHEN YOU HAVE A PILE OF UNREAD ONES AT HOME.</p> | <p>BUCHVERLUSTERLEICHTERUNG</p>  <p>RELIEF UPON FINDING THAT YOU HAVE LOST YOUR COPY OF A BOOK THAT YOU WEREN'T REALLY ENJOYING.</p> |
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RECENTLY DISCOVERED! FURTHER INSTALMENTS OF FAMOUS SIX-WORD STORY:

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|  <p>FOR SALE: BABY SHOES, NEVER WORN.</p> |  <p>DON'T WORRY, THE BABY IS FINE.</p> |  <p>WE JUST BOUGHT TOO MANY SHOES.</p> |  <p>IT TURNS OUT THAT BABIES DON'T</p> |  <p>NEED TO WEAR SHOES THAT OFTEN.</p> |
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MICHAEL AND SARAH'S ARGUMENT OUTSIDE THE COFFEE SHOP WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FICTIONALISED IN THREE SHORT STORIES AND A NOVEL, AS WELL AS INSPIRING THE PRIZEWINNING POEM 'EARLY SUMMER. DAPPLED SUNLIGHT. TERRIBLE YELLING.'



WHILE IT MAY APPEAR TO AN OBSERVER THAT THE AUTHOR IS IDLY WANDERING THE CITY,

SPENDING COUNTLESS HOURS DAYDREAMING IN COFFEE SHOPS AND PUBLIC PARKS.

SHE IS, IN FACT, COMPOSING (IN HER HEAD AND IN A SMALL POCKET NOTEBOOK)

A VIVID, COMPLEX FICTION ABOUT HOW HARD SHE IS WORKING ON HER NOVEL.