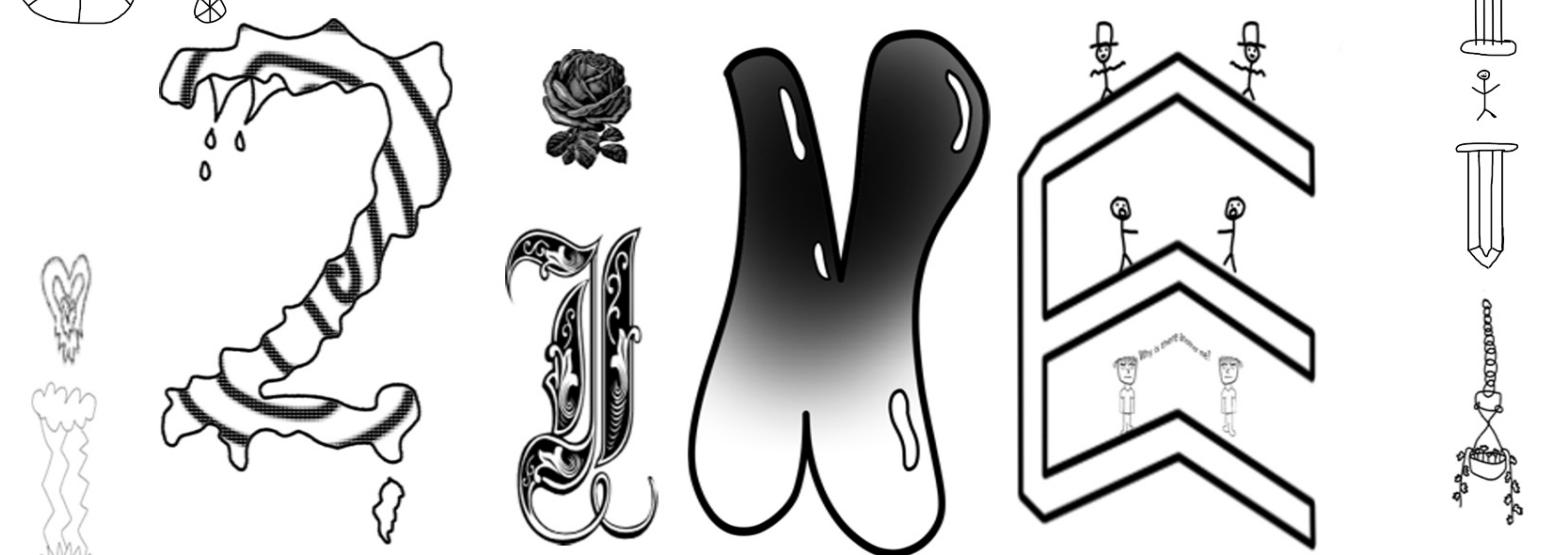




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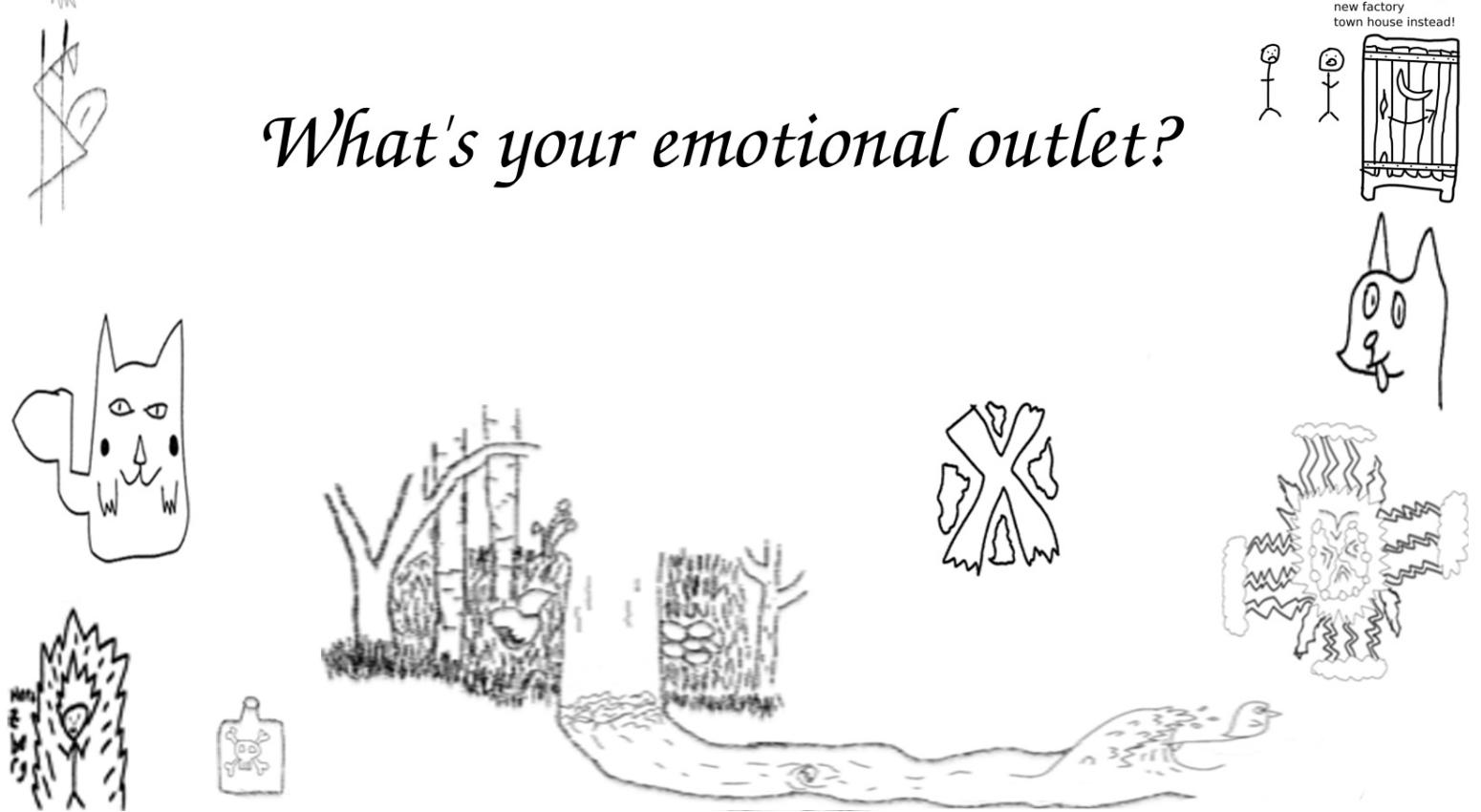


An Expressionless



What's your emotional outlet?

I know you wanted
unions but heres your
new factory
town house instead!





Welcome to [Insert Home Town]

In my home town there aren't many adult centered activites, instead oriented towards the elderly and kids. There is a creepy manaqueine, cool eggs, and a skate park though :p



Cant Buy A Good Time, But Money Does Help



Before funkhaus the music scene was less expansive, which I was tired of. The different genres that funk brought was refreshing.



The music bringing together people regardless of their social presentation.



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> cat cs.txt
Computer science and fields attributed to it can be at times breath taking.
A form of art depending on the framing its presented by.
Similar to other tools, it can be used for manipulation, isolation, and control.
I love CS and use it as a form of expression, but I also understand the problems
that can arise when treating it as an isolated field.
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A friend of mine compared college to summer camp since they both encourage social interaction while learning new skills. I found myself enjoying my time at school more than time spent outside of it because of these similarities. It was a buffet of activities to partake in, and I wanted to do every one while learning about cyber security. At home, I'm restricted by my bank account, transportation, and time management, meanwhile, at my University most of those problems withered away.

I discovered plenty of new aspects about myself and different emotional outlets. Outside of college I still tried to explore myself with new activities and partake in the ones I found to love, but it's significantly more difficult.

The main reasons I've found was

- 1). Unavailability due to transportation.
- 2). "Leisure" time is not available.
- 3). Breaking into a new community can be daunting.
- 4). Can't afford to participate.

When these obstacles were insurmountable, the coping methods I've used were overworking and consumption. Instead of selling your soul at work, the new fad is trying to find your soul at work, treating dedication to your job as a form of religious devotion. If my current job was shitty I'd just consume content to numb my lack of soul. The constant bombardment of media I consumed left me feeling hollow, dry, and cracked; a desire to quench a thirst by using salt water.

Even when all of the previous reasons were not a problem, an underlying feeling of guilt prevails. Should I really be enjoying myself when my family is living paycheck to paycheck? How much money is enough to no longer feel uneasy about my future? My parents are always working, shouldn't I be? College clubs technically had a price to them, but mentally they felt like a free activity to participate in where this guilt could not reach me.

I've attempted to create a similar atmosphere to my college clubs at my public library by proposing the idea of a Zine committee where adults could meet regularly, creating an emotional outlet to help people grow and be exposed to contrasting viewpoints. Unfortunately I can only do it for kids in my town, and will have to go to other libraries if I want to do it for adults.

I'm not sure if having my Zine hosted within another town is necessarily a good thing or a bad thing yet. It does mean that artistic resources may be pooled within one local area, making it difficult for other people to participate, but it may also be a good thing since it serves as a hub for people who do want to artistically express themselves. What matters is that I help other people create priceless memories similar to what's featured in this Zine, trying to remove barriers of entry to self expression. Or maybe I should be selfish with my free time and try to spend it at pre-established facilities instead of trying to create my own Zine community.

All I know though is as long as I can say "fuck it we ball," things will be interesting.

Thanks for reading my Zine

A very cool experience making a zine by myself, but I don't believe it'll be doing one on my own for a while. Also go try out something new, and support those who are trying something new that you know about!

