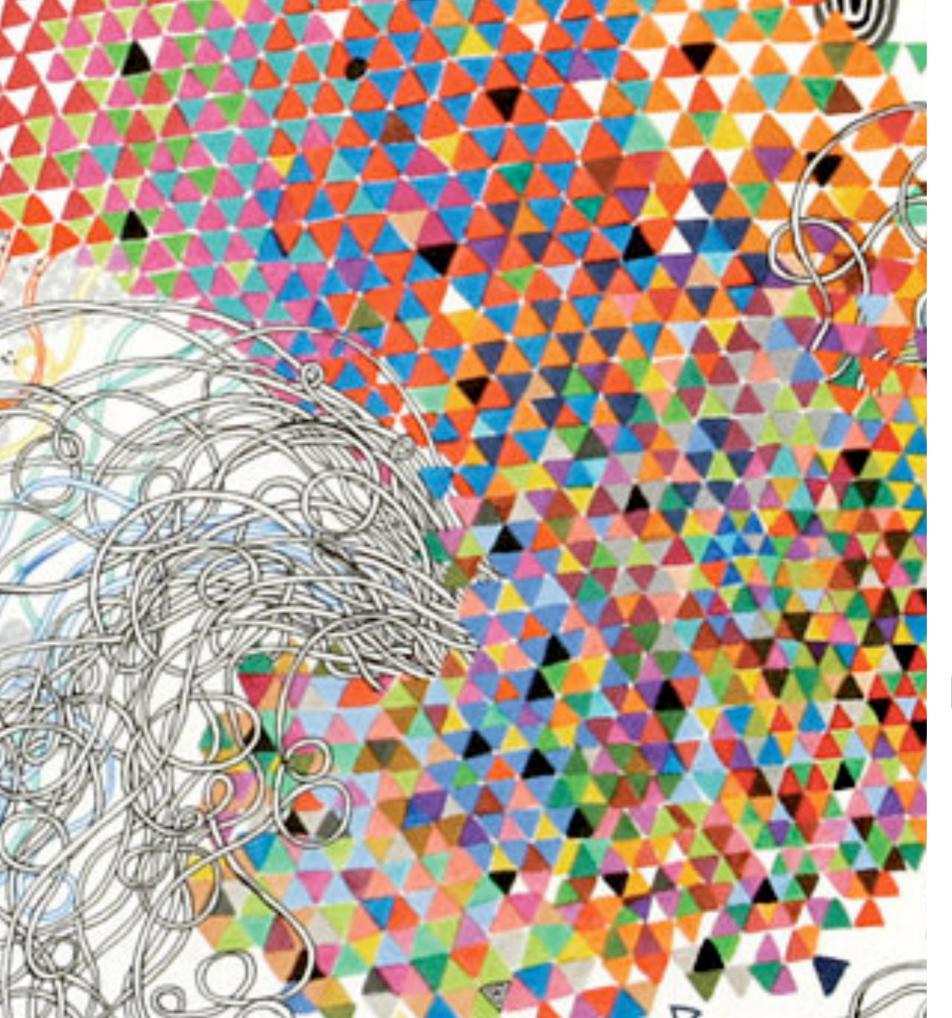
HELLO.

MY NAME IS TAL AND I HAVE A PRETTY BIG THING FOR TDA.





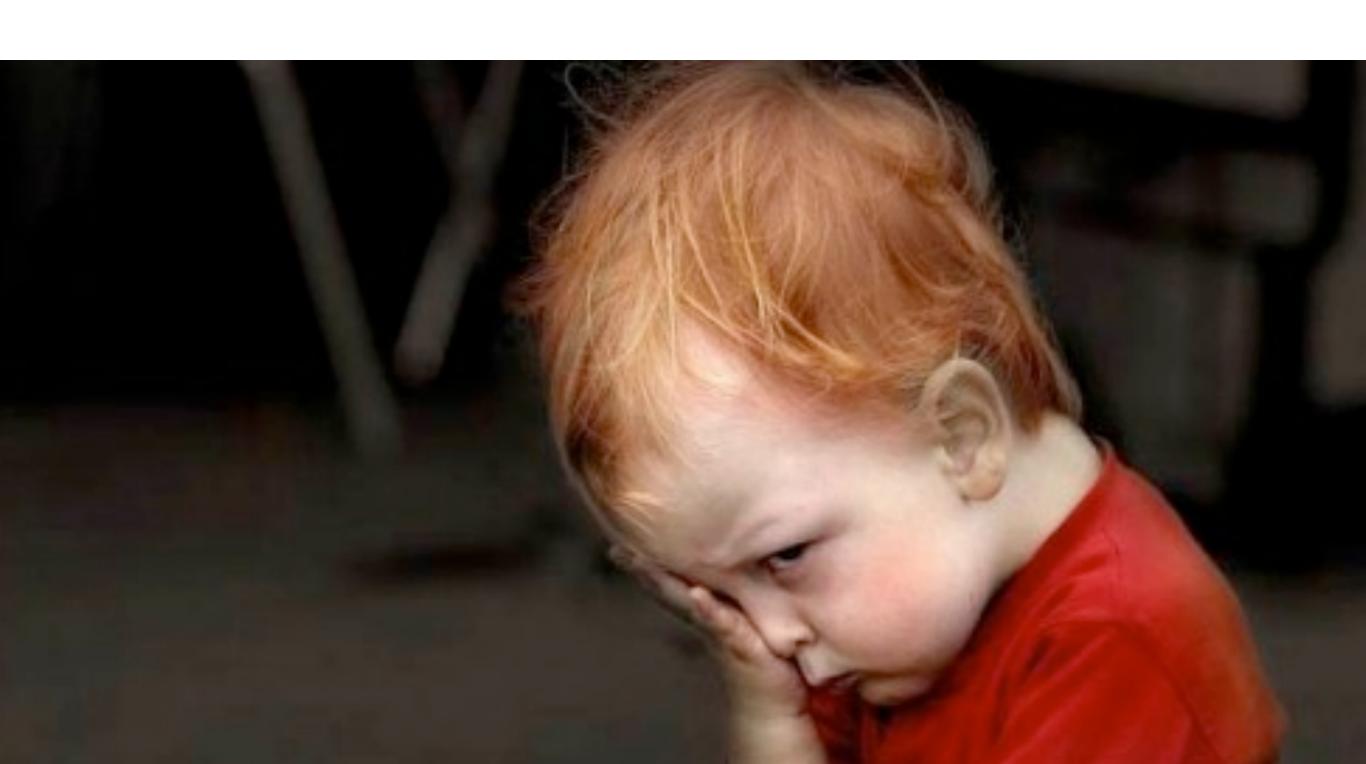
TDA IS A **GUMBALL** MACHINE BUT INSTEAD OF **GUM IT IS** STOCKED WITH TRANSPARENT **PLASTIC GLOBES FILLED** WITH TINY NEW TOYS AND **EVERY TIME YOU** TWIST THE LEVER SOMETHING **GREAT COMES** OUT.



I heard you guys are pretty eccentric.

I'm a little weird too.

[THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TAL THAT GOOGLE WON'T TELL YOU]



I wear boy shorts when I cook.

This is probably because the only time I cook is in the morning.

This is probably because the only thing I can cook is pancakes.

Technically, that's baking.

I can't cook.

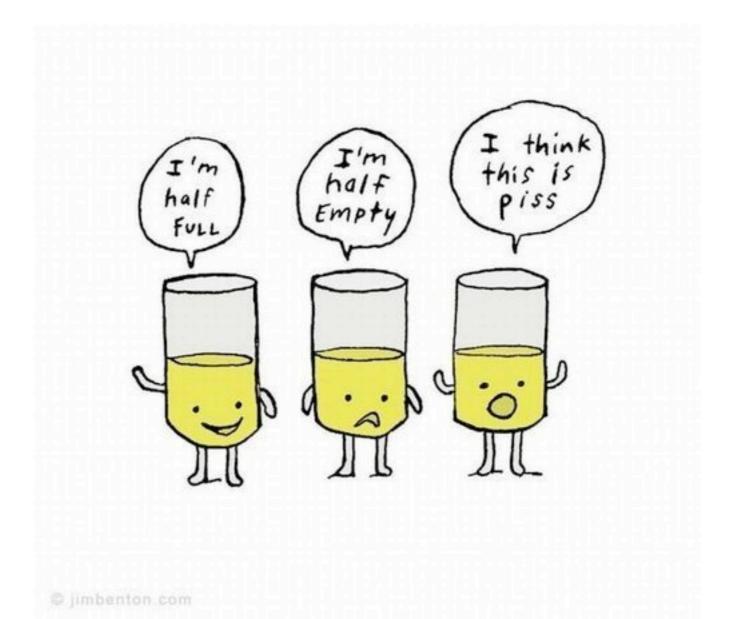


I love Scrabble. Almost as much as Jeopardy.

As a child I was charged with being the Bag Girl. Bag Girls get to pick the letters for each player.

I liked the heft and sound of all those wooden chips flirting with each other as I jingled the bag in my hands. No one knows this but I used to peek and give my favorite guest all the high value letters.

If I ever have children they will play Scrabble on Sunday mornings. They will probably drink pulp-free orange juice too.



I like walking until my feet are in tears. Then my brain tells them to stop crying, they're making their mascara run. Then I walk some more.

Exploring new cities is my vice. I reach for culture the way an artist frantically reaches for his brush in a moment of canvas lust.



Coffee.

That is not a complete sentence.

I do not speak in complete sentences until I've had my coffee.

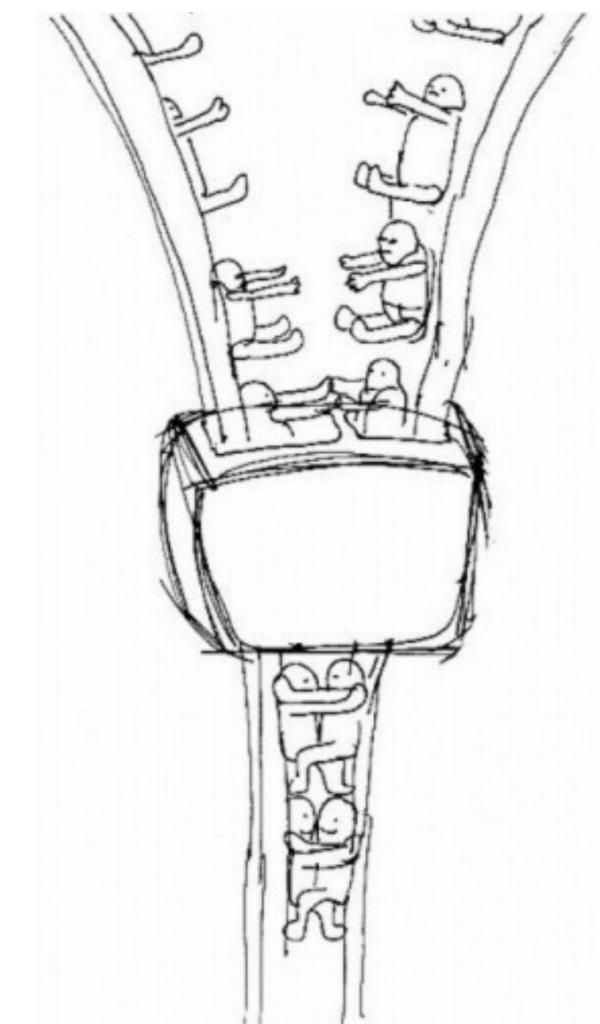
I'm very good at spending money at local cafes.
I like when they have fresh art dancing up the walls.

I also like scones.

A lot.

Maybe because they remind me of pancakes, and pancakes remind me of success.





I am a professional steering wheel drummer.

I don't know how to live without music. I hope it feels the same way about me.

Live music is better than any drug. Except love.

You can't buy that on the street. (If, at this point, you were to say something about prostitution, I would say, that's sex, not love Dear.)

I think the closest thing to live love is live music.

That's why I always buy a band tee shirt.

Love doesn't sell souvenirs.

You can earn them, but you can't buy them.

And I'm all about the swag.

I get excited and interrupt.

I get excited a lot.

If I could bottle my energy, I'd sell it next to the handbags and watches in Chinatown.

The bottle would be understated yet beautiful.

I wonder what it would smell like. Maybe you could tell me.



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