



The McMansion Hell Yearbook: 1979

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Howdy, folks! I hope all of my fellow Midwesterners are enjoying this year's false spring. Seventy-degree days notwithstanding, the snow will indeed be back, and, as such, I have prepared for you a house to enjoy (?) alongside a miserably late-in-the-year hot cocoa.

Now, this house isn't as oppressively horrible as the last one, however, the point of the Yearbook is to show off how houses evolved overtime, and also to celebrate some of the kookier time capsules left out there. Our current house falls into the latter category, and to be honest, I find it weirdly endearing.

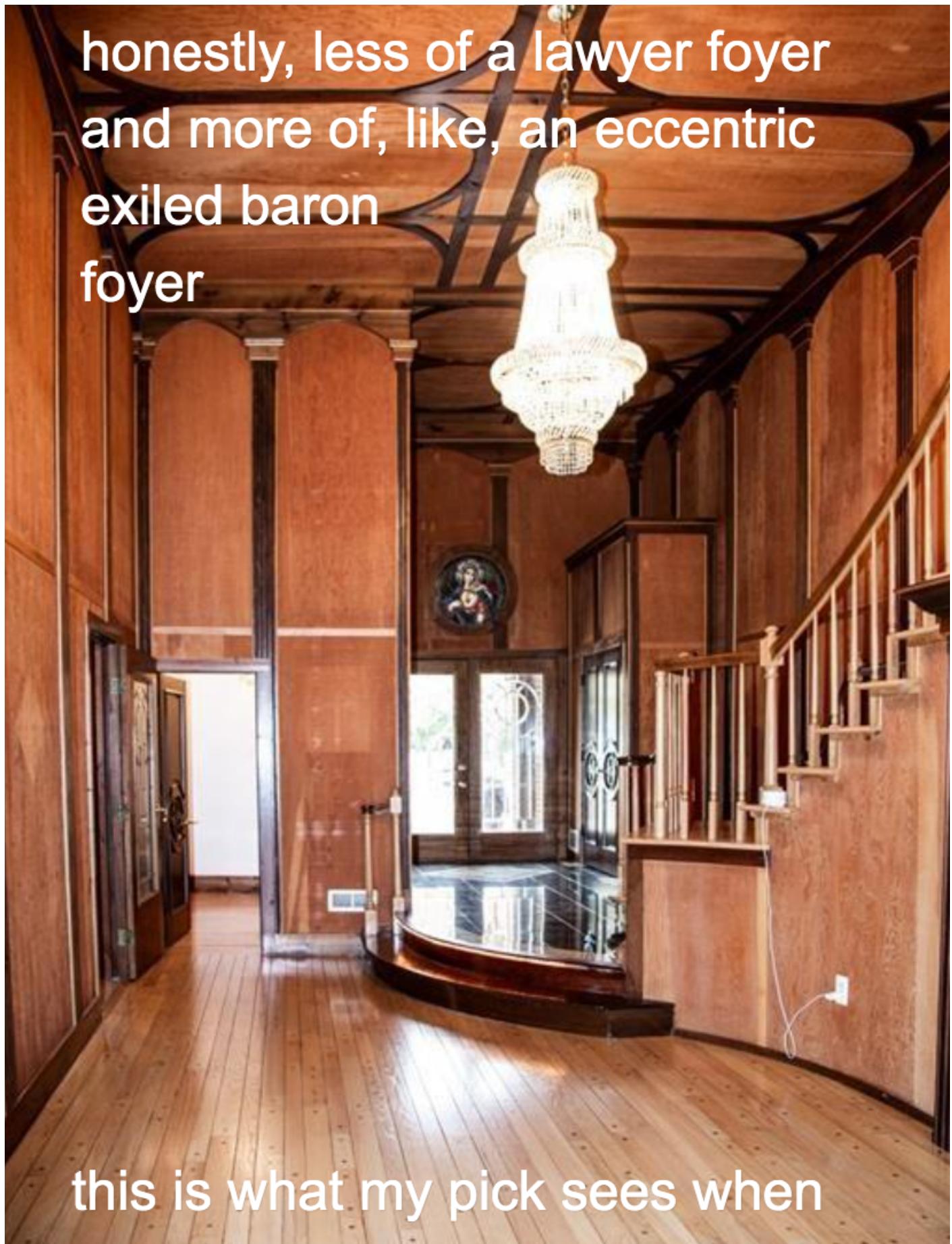


Located just outside of Detroit, this 5 bed, 4.5 bath house tops out at over 10,000 square feet. Yes, you read that right. 10,000. You'll see why later. Anyways, if you want to purchase said house, it can be all yours for just. A steal!

??? Foyer



honestly, less of a lawyer foyer
and more of, like, an eccentric
exiled baron
foyer

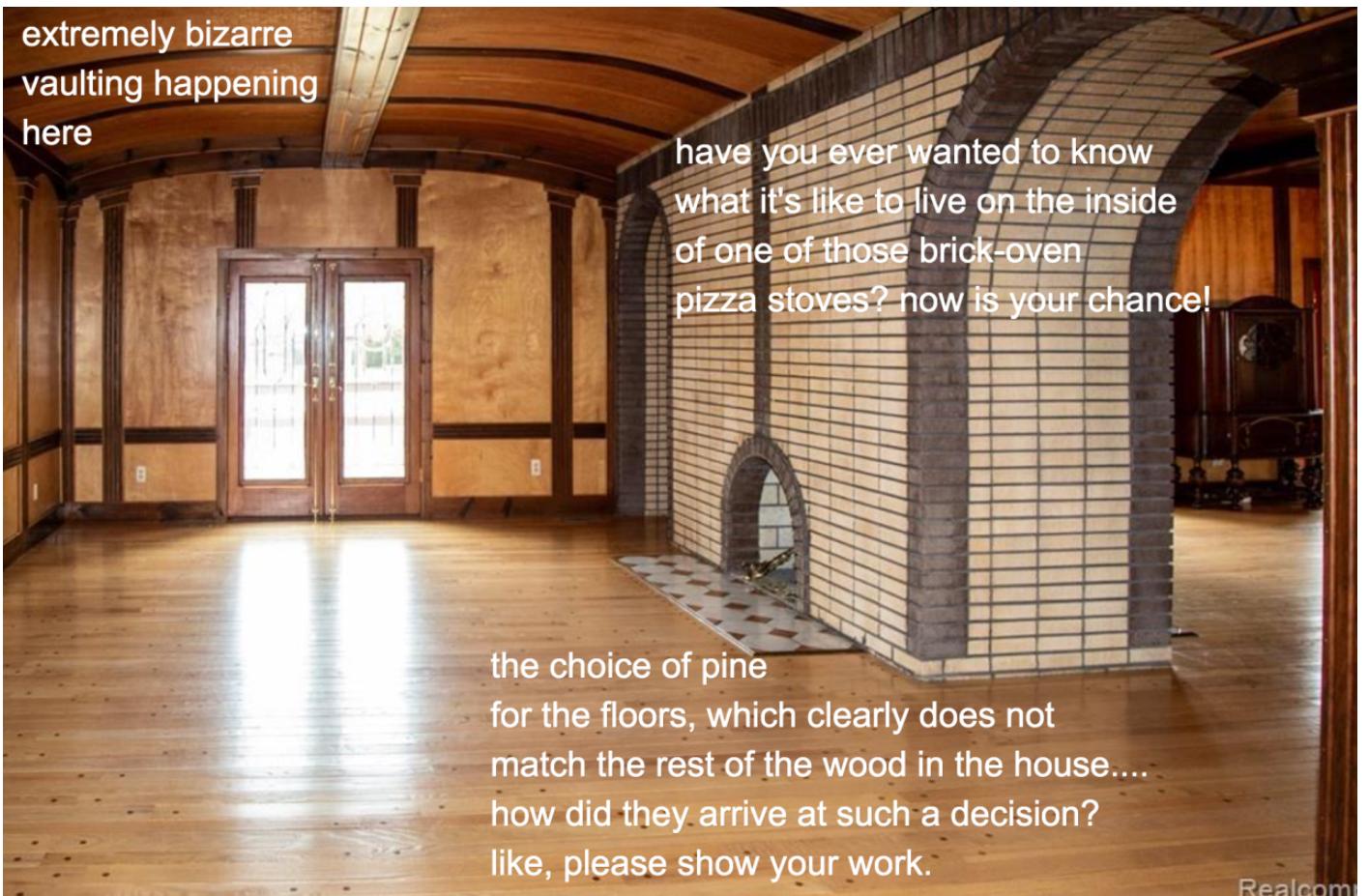


this is what my pick sees when



In America we don't have barons, only robber barons, so I'm going to assume whoever built this house did so on the backs of thousands of exploited 19th century child laborers or whatever. Bad stuff.

??? Room



Unsure of the purpose of this room, genuinely, because all other rooms are accounted for. This one's just empty. It's just existing. Vibing, as one might say.

TV (???) Room



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Don't mind me, I'm just getting out my birding binoculars in order to watch Seinfeld reruns.

Kitchen



Considering the history of the Midwest and the fact that Sears and co. cut down all our old growth forests in order to do cheap furniture and balloon framing, this whole wood paneling bit is really part of a much larger historical milieu.

Dining Room



wood paneling patterns. you love to see it.

starting to feel
like i'm trapped in a
barrel of whiskey
here

cabinet that's
made to look
bespoke but
is actually
ubiquitous for
its time

everything must be oppressively dark
for some reason EXCEPT these floors

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The American Bicentennial lurks in the background of all of these houses, its legacy permanently ingrained in too-dark rooms across the nation.

Main Bedroom



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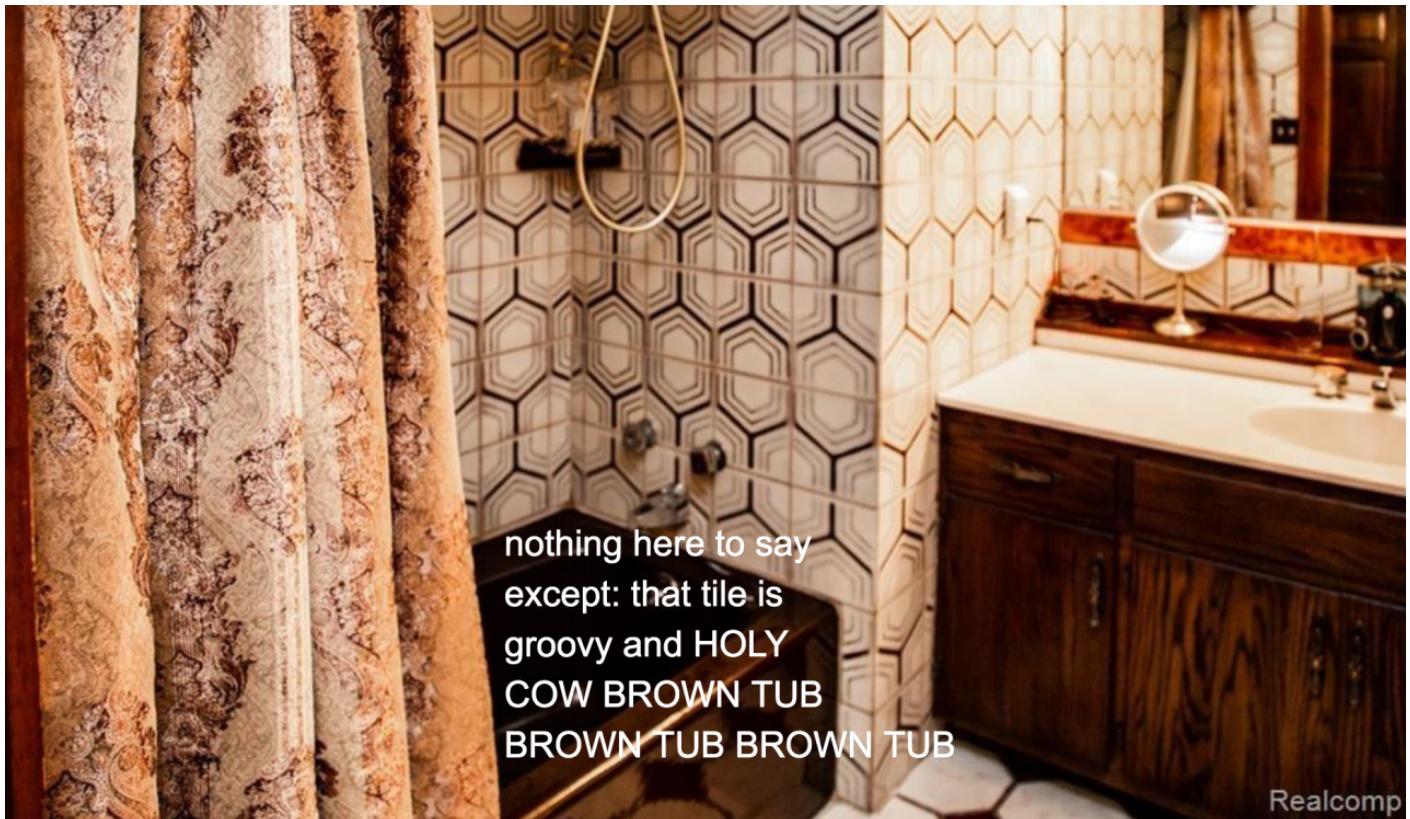
Shivering at the thought of my feet touching cold tile floor every morning. That'll wake you up.

Other Bedroom



You know, the grandness of the chandelier has diminishing returns if you put one in every single room. Then it becomes just another light fixture.

Random Bathroom



BROWN TUB BROWN TUB BROWN TUB (the rarest of all mid-century tubs)

Pleasure Grotto

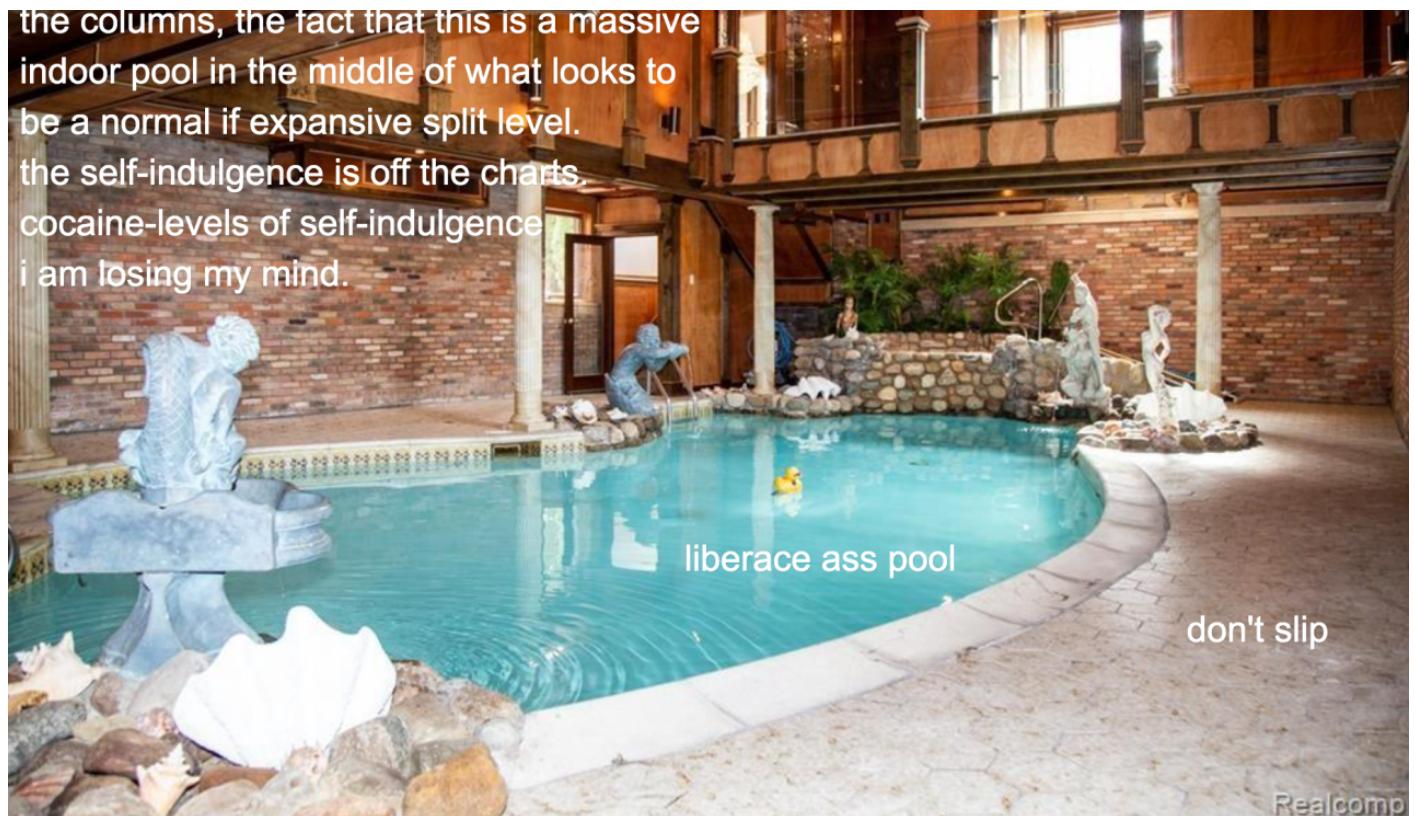


the columns, the fact that this is a massive indoor pool in the middle of what looks to be a normal if expansive split level.

the self-indulgence is off the charts.

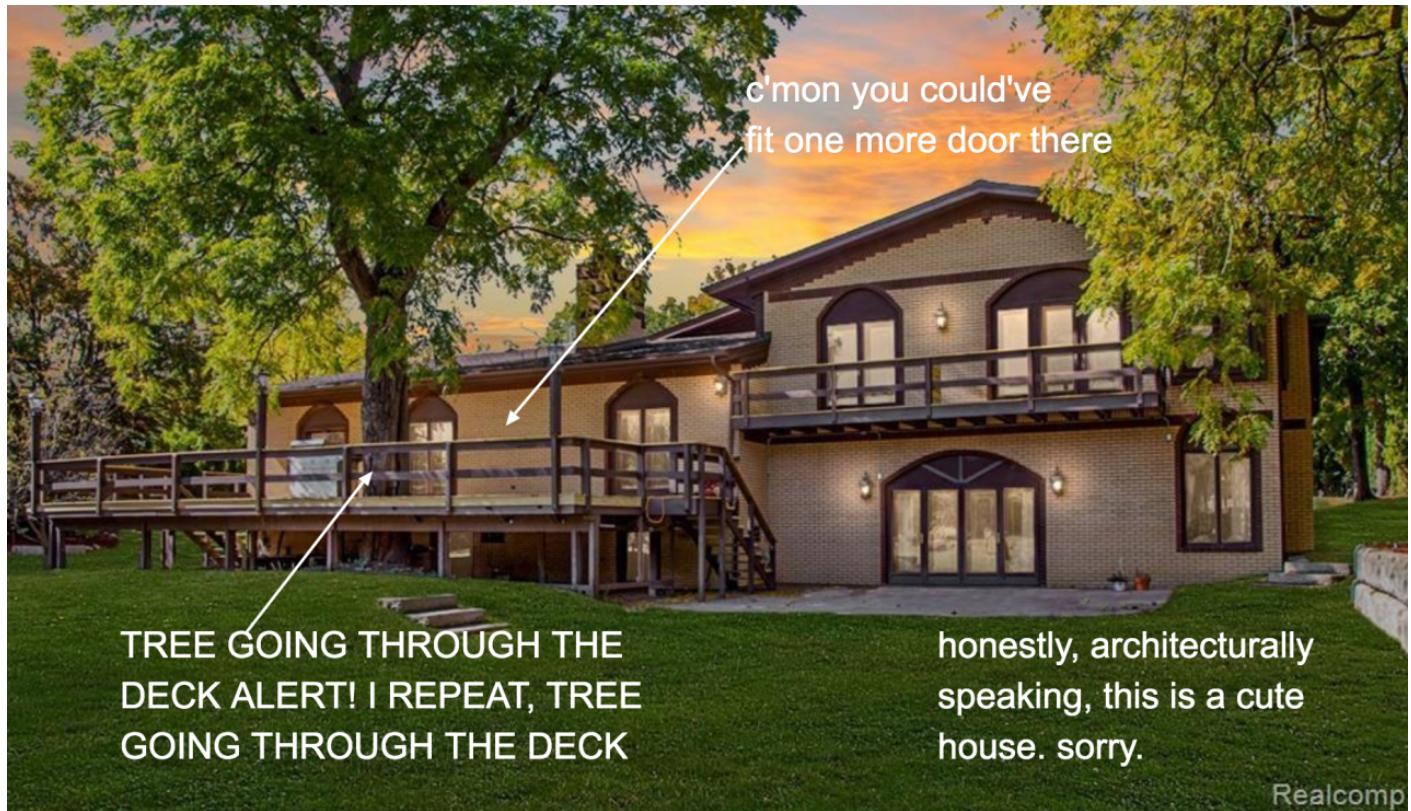
cocaine-levels of self-indulgence

i am losing my mind.



Ok now *this* is why I chose this house. It also explains why this house is 10,000 square feet - at least half of that is just this pool alone. The funniest bit is, I can't for the life of me tell WHERE this pool is by looking at the exterior of the house. In fact, I'm not sure how they managed to fit so much house in that small of an envelope, but at this point, it's so weird I'm inclined not to ask further questions. Some things in the universe are not meant to be known to us.

Rear Exterior



Ok I changed my mind. WHERE IS THE POOL. WHERE DID THEY FIT THE POOL IN ALL THIS.

Anyways, I'll let that haunt you for a little while.

In the mean time, I'd like to take this space at the end of the post to announce that I've started a little side project devoted to my other love in life, professional cycling. It's a newsletter called *derailleur* that aims to tell the stories of contemporary professional cycling in an unconventional, narrative-driven way. If you're into such things, feel free to check it out: derailleur.substack.com

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