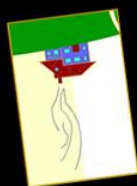


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Glossary and Links

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Elder Scrolls Online or ESO - A MMORPG set in the Elder Scrolls universe created by ZeniMax Online Studios in partnership with Bethesda Softworks.

Hearthstone - A collectable (digital) card game by Blizzard Entertainment.

Live Action Role Playing or LARP - A live action version where players act out what the characters are doing, creating sort of a mix of acting and game playing.

Min/Maxing or Minimizing/Maximizing - The act of selecting talents, skills, abilities, or spells, for your character in a way that gets you the most effect for the smallest (point) cost in order to match your play style and desired build. When I say I am 'tweaking my character' this is most often what I'm doing.

MMOG - Massively multiplayer online game. A game where thousands of players log on at the same time and play together. Typically these have a monthly subscription fee.

MOBA - Multiplayer Online Battle Arena.

monies - lolspeak/leetspeak for "money".

noob, n00b, or newb - Short for "newbie". A person new (and unfamiliar) in a particular field or task.

Theorycrafting - The act of contemplating statistics in a game which are mostly invisible to a player in order to maximize your efficiency (without going beyond to a point where you are gaining too little.) When I say I am 'tweaking my character' only on very rare occasion am I theorycrafting. See related concept: Min/Maxing.

uber - lolspeak/leetspeak for someone who is superior. (Originated from the German language.)

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More waiting

Today I am disappointed. Apparently the government official who said there was a deadline of the end of last month to decide stimulus was incorrect. Apparently they could still debate it all through July. And half of that time they will not even be in session. So really I guess the only deadline is the 3rd, and after that they are off on break for two weeks. Which, I guess their job is tough, and I get that is how it's always been done, but I would think with everything going on other things would take priority.

I'm very tempted not to wait and order the new system now before something happens like it goes out of stock, or they change their mind and mark up the price due to demand. Once I have a system I can use unplugged, as well as what it can do my current one can't, I could try to make different kinds of content and see if anyone has any interest in that.

But I guess I really should wait. With just \$300-500 more my options would open up to a very good mid range to lower high-end options. While the system I'm looking at now is an amazing upgrade, because it is basically the base level of mid-range, there are a few things I really would like if I have the option.

And with everything as terrible as it is I guess I can wait. I am using almost no gas, so the very tiny bit I have beyond the money for that system is enough wiggle room to be ok for maybe a month on gas. And bigger bills, like school in September, car insurance starting back up in October, and the big web bill at the end of the year, all need help from donations to cover, which really isn't different than before.

So for now the systems are all on my wish list. Who knows maybe someone will completely surprise me by getting me one. There is yet another birthday rapidly approaching in about 1.75 months. And if I wait through July that should be ok.

So for the moment nothing has changed. I continue to wait. I hope very much I don't need to pay tax for the laptop if I do get it, as I have almost exactly the amount the

system costs. And this year more than ever with everything terrible going on I continue to hope I get help from supporters and friends, because that help has been critical in my continuing on so far.

And hopefully we can all hang on long enough to survive this rapidly changing world.

Day 4384 (V:108) - 7/2

Itchy nostril

Today I am still hopeful more stimulus money will come, allowing me to have a couple of choices for laptops. The one I can hopefully afford is great, but more would give me a few options for getting a 17.3" screen instead of 15.6", or better graphics, both of which would be very helpful.

I am extra hopeful because there has been recent news that the president is indeed trying to push it through, and he wants to get even more benefits to those in need to further encourage people in spending money to stimulate the economy. I don't know if it will get pushed quickly enough to happen before their two week break, but it's more hope than I had the past few days due to more negative than positive news about the possibility of it happening.

Really the only news for today is my nostril has been very itchy and bothered by hairs. I trimmed it the other day, but I guess that didn't help. It was bugging me enough I grabbed a longer hair and yanked it out hoping that was the one. It was super painful to do, but the pain subsided quickly enough. It's since been about half as itchy.

Today things seem to be cooling off, but it seems solid news about another stimulus isn't coming. So again I try to not be too sad. And I try to hang on until better days.

Day 4385 (V:109) - 7/3

Weekend visit

Today I got surprising news that the ex-roomie would be out for the weekend so I could be in the ex-garage. It was a pretty good day. I got to play quite a bit. I got caught up on some maintenance type stuff I'd been getting behind on. Tomorrow I'll probably do a bit for my site since research will be easier.

At one point in the day I made an in-game purchase for my game house. I set it up and I was going to start looking at it and such, but I started to feel overwhelmed, and so I left to go back out to do general questing. It's silly because I'm no closer or further from things in game no matter where I am. But something about being in "my home" where I'd arranged all the things, where I remember doing stuff to get those things, just made me overwhelmingly sad that I didn't have a home in real life.

It would have been really nice if I had more to spend on food (not at the food store). Getting an actual cooked medium fast food dinner to celebrate things would have been very nice. 😞 And at this point, it's likely very needed. I've been eating basically the same half dozen food items for weeks now due to my limitations and how much my body just can't handle these days.

But today was a nice surprise. A very needed break from overwhelming stress of being homeless, even more so now with the deadly virus. Hopefully it will help buffer my mood for the coming days after the weekend is over.

Day 4386 (V:110) - 7/4

No alarm

Today I slept with no alarm. I didn't sleep too much extra, maybe just about one more hour than normal. Playing and doing stuff felt very good. I've played a fair bit, did some work for my site, watched a few shows, and even did some job posting checks.

I feel weird though. I expect it's something nutrition based more than anything else, as that is getting to be the worst lately. But I felt kind of like I have an upset tummy, kind of like there's a headache, and kind of like I need to poop. I guess maybe it's similar

to a very very low level of food poisoning. But also I feel... I'm not sure, emotionally. I guess just a mix of thinking of past days in various homes during my life, and not having one now, and knowing very soon all of my inside time will be done and I'll be back on the street, out at risk where people walk around and I may catch the virus.

The day was good, but as always it came with sadness along with the good. I still don't have a clear path out back to a normal life. Now more than ever with all of the uncertainty of everything.

But all I can do is continue to try to make the best steps for me. Right now. To try to hang on as best as I can. Emotionally and physically. One day at a time.

Day 4387 (V:111) - 7/5

Back to exile, cried a bit

Today I feel very extremely sad. At about probably around 10 in the morning, not even 2 hours after I'd gotten up, I cried a bit. 😞 I was very sad today I will be back to exile. Each time I get to partly be me again I and I am put back out it hurts. 😞

Lately I've been thinking a lot about when I was young. I think it was maybe my second sleep over. I thought I was having fun watching a movie with the family I was staying with, but part way through I felt cold, scared, and covered myself with my jacket and started crying. I wanted nothing more than to go home. But I couldn't. They were very understanding and very kind, but I couldn't go home. My parents had gone on some weekend cruise or something, and I couldn't be picked up or taken home. Many times lately I feel like that. And I feel just the same as I did then. I want nothing more than to go home. To be safe in my room with my things.

I am also very sad I mostly played and tried to just feel better. But I'm also sad the world is in a position where if I had tried to do job searching or other work things I wouldn't have found any I could do. If there were jobs out there to be found they would be remote ones, which I'm not in a position to do yet, either due to laptop limitations, power limitations, or connection limitations.

As always today I tried to do my best I could with the opportunity I had. I played and watched a few shows, and I tried to not feel so sad. And with the world the way it is I

can't do anything more with what I have. I have to accept it is enough. That waiting is enough. That for what I have left... I am doing my best... and it is enough.

Day 4388 (V:112) - 7/6

Fat fold

Today I am extra sad, which I suppose I always am extra sad these days. Last night I discovered my chubby tummy, along with other parts, are now sagging. In the case of my tummy, somewhat a lot. I guess it shouldn't surprise me, with the rapid weight loss over these past few days, change in diet, change in routine causing additional and extreme stress; are all things that will change you. Especially with no real way to even do my previous 15 minute stretch workout, which I haven't even had the chance to do in a very long while.

I'm at the library, but not at the library. It's still so very weird to be here for "an appointment" to pick up movies and not actually go inside.

Someone said something terrible the other day. He said he thought the library might not open until the end of the year. I would be crushed if that were the case. I really don't see how that would be the case though. The library is considered in the same category as schools, especially grade school and middle school, in terms of services provided to parents and support for low income families. As far as I know all schools (grade and middle) will be reopening in mid or late August because parents are being devastated by not having daycare so they can work, lost meals through meal programs, etc. There is no way that most could make it through further extreme closures like we've had.

I expect the senate is on break now, until something like the 17th, so I doubt any second stimulus news will come anytime soon. So I am still waiting.

And so I try my best to continue to hang on emotionally and physically. And continue to hope I can wait and make it through until things get better. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4389 (V:113) - 7/7

Total unknown

Today I can't even begin to predict what the day might bring. School for the quarter is done. The senate is out so there won't be news of a second stimulus, continuing my hold for plans for a laptop, bills, etc. And with these things my days seem an endless span of void before me.

I will continue to try to hang on as best as I can emotionally and physically. Hopefully what little I have left will remain until I can have opportunity, and I can continue to hang on until then.

Day 4390 (V:114) - 7/8 Feeling worse and a bit better

Today I started the day feeling a bit worse. I had very terrible dreams. In one dream I was back in the library. I was walking through and it was packed. I was fearfully winding my way through the crowd and everyone was about two feet apart, and no one was wearing a mask. In my fear I cried out, "Why isn't anyone wearing a mask?" And one person replied the stay at home order had ended, and so it was safe. I had to explain that the virus doesn't care about our rules and it may not be safe for a year.

If that weren't stressful enough I had another stressful dream after that one. I was in a forest with a very cute new stuffed bunny. We were on an adventure. But as we walked through the forest I was very afraid I'd lose her. At one point I stumbled on a log and she fell into a rushing river that wasn't much wider than my hand, yet seemed several feet deep. She was washed away, but thankfully I caught up and pulled her out, smooshing the water out as best as I could.

So I started my day extra groggy, and extra depressed and sad. Even now as we approach evening I still feel groggy, and still feel a bit worried and distressed.

I guess I feel a bit better emotionally. Though not much, as it's difficult to lift my mood, because I got a glimpse of the old me. I'm updating my hardware recommendations lately, and did a touch of research, so it was nice to see nice things I can't afford that others might get and be happy with.

I guess there really isn't much change. And I saw a post saying stimulus most likely won't see any progression until the 20th, so I still have to wait for any news on that. But I still try to remain hopeful. Both because an upgrade is very much needed, but also because almost weekly I'm seeing signs that my old laptop might not last much longer.

I guess I survived another hot day. And I guess that is something. I have a little more hope having glimpsed the old me briefly, at least some form of it. But really all I can do is continue to wait, continue to try my best to hang on, and hopefully I can hang on long enough to make it to better days. Hopefully we can.

Day 4391 (V:115) - 7/9

Feeling small, abandoned, and crying

Today I have felt a bit like I've been crying all day. My eyes are teared and the crying feeling is in my upper cheeks. I haven't shed tears, but all day I've felt like if I let go, even just a little, I'd start crying and not be able to stop. 😞 I felt very small. As if I were a young child, left alone, abandoned in a corner in an unfamiliar place. 😞

I guess really there isn't any real news, nor any real change. My life is still terrible and limited to the point I can't change it. And there is no news of anything which could allow for change. While I always hope for such, these days I more often have to celebrate that there was no bad news to report.

So I try my best to hang on. I try to continue to survive one day at a time. I try to focus on staying hopeful in that each day I survive is another chance change and opportunity will come. And maybe someday I can recover at least some of a normal life. 😞

Day 4392 (V:116) - 7/10

Missing out

Today I feel very sad. Lately my brain has been fixating on what I feel like I'm missing out on. Most things are just regular daily things like showers or being able to afford games. But on days like today it thinks about bigger things. The streamer I watch was doing an extra interesting game and people were chatting and having fun. I watched what I could, but it was barely one hour of what would have been about a 12 hour stream. Yes, I could watch it later, but I wouldn't be a part of the fun. It is but a moment and then it's gone. Not something I can be a part of later.

I'm starting to get much closer to being able to quit soda. Yesterday I only had like 2, and it was only 2 or 3 the day before. Today was really extremely hot, causing sweating in parts of the day. I was expecting to only have 1 or 2 sodas today, but I think due to what I've lost from heat the body felt like it needed more. But more and more lately

my tummy feels upset at the thought of soda. And the emotional sadness of all the destruction of my teeth is now starting to outweigh the comfort I feel when drinking it.

There was a little news of newer laptops, but really nothing changed today. Save for the heat, since it had been getting cooler lately.

I continue to try my best to hang on. It's all I can really do. 😞

Day 4393 (V:117) - 7/11

Sweatingly hot

Today it was sweating level hot, which is rare for me. It must have been in the high 80s or even the 90s as that's what it takes to get me to start sweating.

Really the only thing today is I found some new laptop options, if I get more stimulus money. Without more my option is still limited to the good one I found about a week ago (or the original entry level systems I was looking at, which I'll avoid now since it's the same price for a great monitor and not terrible heat). So hopefully more comes, or if it doesn't hopefully there isn't tax on the purchase, as I have just about exactly enough for the listed price of the new low cost one. So I still try to hope things work out.

I suppose as sweaty as the day was, I survived. And really these days that is just about all I can hope for. 😞

Day 4394 (V:118) - 7/12

Fearful of news

Today I am fearful of bad news about reopenings. Lately the school districts in the areas have become very fearful that an August reopen date is too soon. And if enough pull back and remain closed the odds of the library reopening greatly decreases. The thought of another 5 months, 6 if we count the between time, on top of the already 4 months now, would be insane. Without things feeling safe and reopening my odds of finding a job, especially one remotely, is just about zero.

It was ridiculously hot again. Again I am sweating. Thankfully there was a stream I could watch for a bit in the late morning to afternoon, so that 'gave me something to do' while being out of my car during the hottest hours.

So today, because of all the things, I feel extra sad. I feel more like I won't get a chance for change. And I feel like what little I have today will continue to be slowly lost until the end of my days. 😞

Day 4395 (V:119) - 7/13

Regret for no laptop

Today I went to the library to return some stuff. I'd been thinking I would bring my laptop to get some extra time to do stuff while being connected with power, but with how hot it's been lately I didn't want to risk it. It seemed like it would have been safe though. When I checked temperatures after settling into the spot it showed it was in the low 80s, and the laptop is really only at risk if it's past the mid 80s, or into the 90s. It was still very hot though, as the salad in my car felt like someone had put it into the microwave for 20 seconds when I had it for dinner. And that was in a similar shaded spot as where I was sitting.

I may try to visit again Friday. Though I think it is supposed to be even hotter than it was today. According to the weather site it is supposed to peak in the 90s, then cool down to the high 70s by next Wednesday. So I may need to postpone any laptop outside the library visits until at least next week. But lately I've been giving it very serious consideration for maybe two visits a week since I found that super private spot with shade, a good signal, and power.

Really today was no different. I had more power than usual due to the library visit, so all day was on the tablet instead of needing to split time with the phone. But there was no new news of anything.

I continue to hope things get better. All I can see is more bad news about long-term effects of everything that's happening. I've been telling my sad story in the hopes it will help others avoid such sad stories of their own. But I guess it seems more and more inevitable for some. 😞

Day 4396 (V:120) - 7/14

Another unknown Tuesday

Today will be another day where I have no idea what might happen. I would guess things will remain on hold. I will guess there will be no change. I would guess there will be more bad posts about everything.

But I will try to stay hopeful. Hopefully help and opportunity will come for me. And hopefully for everyone. And hopefully we can all make it to better days.

Week 629

Day 4397 (V:121) - 7/15 **Hot under cloud cover**

Today is much hotter than I expected. It was gray and rainy looking, so I hoped it would cool down some as a breeze had come in at the end of yesterday. But I guess like a thick blanket in bed, the heat was kept in and it was nearly as hot as previous days.

There really wasn't any change today. Maybe the gray clouds kept more at home than usual, as the store lot was pretty quiet. Maybe the news of increased cases over the weekend caused it. Maybe there is more panic and more are staying at home. I will probably never know.

I continue to try to hang on emotionally, physically, and financially. And hopefully we can all make it to better days.

Day 4398 (V:122) - 7/16 **Hot and cold**

Today has been both hot and cold. Until about 1 the weather was very still. There is a slight grayness in the sky, but really the sun was just beating down and it got super hot. After 1 a moderate breeze started to come through, so the hot areas cooled down, and the shade started to become chilly. It's just after 2 now, but I think probably in the early evening I'll likely put on my long sleeve top and hoodie. I expect it may get pretty chilly as we get into actual evening.

There really isn't any news. Things continue on basically the same. The food store is in a paranoid cycle and has closed one side and is counting people again, but nothing else has really changed. No significant news to talk about. No new opportunities, or upcoming ones, to talk about. Really the only thing of note today is the food store had a 'buy 2 get 3 free' sale for a brand of chips and some cereal. So now I have enough chips to last probably two months. I considered getting the cereal too, as it's my old favorite, but it's a ton of sugar. With my tummy getting so unhappy when I sleep at night that would

likely be a big mistake. Just last night it was so bad I started coughing and felt the acid burning up my throat a bit. 😞

So, really no news. I still try to hang on to hope things will start to reopen soon so I can have full access online and attempt to get my life back again. But more and more it seems there is news things may stay closed all the way until next year (like how my college has already said they are doing online only until at least next year.) But I have to accept what I can't control, and try to let worries about it go. Which seems like everything these days. And hopefully we can all hang on until better days.



Too much sun.

Day 4399 (V:123) - 7/17

Felt at risk

Today was a bit different. Though I had nothing to drop off or pick up, I felt like I would detour to the library and be outside for a bit. I got to my outside spot and felt pretty safe. I had power and a connection. I put my mask down, as I could see about 50 feet to my right, 30 feet to my front, and there was a corner to my left about 6 feet away (on a building that is completely closed.) About an hour after I'd settled I heard a weird sort of snoring noise. It happened again, and a third time. I set my stuff aside so I could get up,

put my mask up, and went around the corner to investigate. There immediately after the turn was some young teen and his bike dumped to the side. And as usual for teens here, he wasn't wearing a mask. He was snorting. He didn't seem all that well. I went back around my corner and pulled my stuff as far from the plug as it would let me, moving further from that corner. I got maybe 10 or so feet total from the corner. I still didn't feel safe anymore. I kept my mask on. He left after about an hour, but I didn't feel safe like I originally had.

It was nice to have the time with my laptop, but I don't know if I gained much. I did simple things in my games. I couldn't find a group for important things. And it lagged a bit, dropping me completely twice while playing, which I forgot that connection might do.

Due to that and the random kid making me feel unsafe I may only visit every other week, or just when I have something to pick up or drop off. Sure, I am still exposed outside of the food store, technically far more so, but I also don't want to become a predictable visitor outside the library where visitors (who stick around) are unusual. (Plus there aren't close bathrooms.)

I guess today was ok. I saw a game friend online. We exchanged worried tells, and it was good to see she and her family are still ok. But thinking of that, thinking of the kid, thinking I have no safe place to be... it feels like it doesn't matter where I am, or how much I suffer emotionally. Because I have no home. I have no safe shelter. It will happen. 😞

Day 4400 (V:124) - 7/18

Heat induced migraine

Today the weather was mostly too hot. The gray seems to have mostly gone. Until about 1 there was no air movement at all, so it was ridiculously hot. So much so that I had to take a bit of water and put it on my head to cool off. All day I've had a heat induced migraine. The back, middle, and forehead have been pounding. And it feels like my eyeballs are being smooshed back into my head. It's nearly 3 now and the breeze is getting pretty strong, so it's barely starting to cool off.

It was a Saturday, so no news came out about anything. The day just seemed to drag on and on. The day was emotionally very rough. I felt bad and sad all day. I miss my games. I miss the people (even though there is almost never any kind of real connection to me.) And my heart sinks every time I think about not having a job and my inability to really try for any with everything going on. I feel so out of control of everything. 😞

But, at least so far, I have survived the day. And I guess that is something. So I continue to try to hope I stay ok. And hopefully we can all make it to better days.

Day 4401 (V:125) - 7/19

Fleeting meeting

Today was mostly too hot. It was again ridiculously hot until the breeze came in during the afternoon, in spite of my seeing a news weather report a cold front is coming in.

I had an odd moment today. I saw someone who is a friend of a regular at the library. She said hi, invited me to sit, and introduced me to her husband. I didn't know what to say. At all. People so rarely interact with me, and now it's been more than 4 months since I've had any interaction with someone like that who I rarely see. I kind of made an excuse to hurry away. Partly because I was embarrassed at not knowing what to say, but also because she and her husband are about 85, so I worry that they are in the highest risk category. After running away I thought to ask how she was, how they are managing with all the craziness, how is her daughter who moved to a new place in NY just months before it all started.

It reminded me that I am an outsider. And I have been so for so long seemingly small things completely escape my mind. I either don't think of them at all, or how to do the thing is seemingly completely forgotten.

Today passed extremely slowly. I am again exhausted. Again I had a migraine for most of the day. I've started the cycle again of relistening to a series of hundreds of 3-4 hour podcasts because I ran through them, yet the exile continues and I have little else I can do.

But this is what I have. This is what my life is. I have the limitations that I do and all I can do is try my best to hang on; physically, emotionally, and financially. And hopefully we can all make it to better days. And maybe someday being an outsider will be the thing I have a hard time remembering.

Day 4402 (V:126) - 7/20

Not enough sleep

Today I am complete exhausted. A few times I've nodded off to sleep. Last night when I got 'in bed' I started thinking of all the sad things I've lost that I will never get back. I didn't cry, but all day I felt like I might.

Nothing really happened today. No news. It was hot, but thankfully it seems to be cooling off a bit. Hopefully tonight I can sleep ok. And hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

Day 4403 (V:127) - 7/21

Trying to hope

Today I am trying to remain hopeful for good news about the stimulus money. The people are supposed to be back in session, so I'd think that should have priority since so many are suffering and need help.

I'm hoping it will continue to cool off too. I love warm to hot summers, but being outside literally all the time this is possibly killing me. It certainly isn't helping. So often my brain is so hot I can't think. And though I think getting tanned isn't really super harmful to the skin, since I never tan, I wonder how much damage my skin is suffering.

So today I try to remain hopeful. For news about the stimulus to pay bills and know what options I have for a new laptop. For news if I will get extra food money. To see if the weather continues to cool. And hopefully we can all make it through to better days.

Week 630

Day 4404 (V:128) - 7/22

Waiting

Today there really isn't any news. I'm still pretty much just waiting. Sadly, probably due to supply and demand and changes in production, pretty much all of the laptops I'm watching have spiked in price (at the online store I buy from). More so the closer the price is to the lower price ranges, not so much in the high end. I guess it's ok as I'm still waiting for stimulus news. Though at this point I've kind of settled on the one I'll get. I think the one at \$1200 with good monitor, good cooling, and fine graphics, is the best and safest choice. It leaves the most money for bills and a couple of games, should I get more stimulus. Spending 25% more for one with nicer graphics, faster monitor, and bigger hard drive would be nice (since I'd be very tempted to spend about \$125 more anyways for a bigger hard drive since the \$1200 one only has 512 gig), but that would probably take too much. I'll have to see how much things are when they finalize the next stimulus stuff, and wait for the prices to calm down.

Hopefully that will be soon so I can have options in life again. Everything on hold, unable to change, feels like I'm just watching everything slowly slip through my fingers, and will eventually leave me with nothing. 😞 Probably sooner rather than later. 😞

Day 4405 (V:129) - 7/23

Hot on one side, cold on the other

Today was the weirdest weather so far. In my car in the late morning I was getting pretty hot, so I went out to the bench outside of the store to cool off. Within about 10 minutes the hair on my arms were almost standing up from the cold. When I got up to go back to the car I tested a theory. Sure enough, standing half in and half out of the building

shadow one of my arms was warm, while the other was chilly. There was that much of a difference between shaded and sunny spots.

There isn't really much to talk about today. There was no new money news. There was a game show on which showed a couple of cool games coming soon that I will watch out for. But I still need my new laptop first, so I'm still trying to stay very hopeful that happens.

But that is really it for today. I feel pretty sad that my life is so terrible. 😞 Even more so now that the virus time feels like it will never end and I really have no way to recover while tings continue as they are. 😞 I will keep looking for and hoping for a way back home. But it seems all I can do is try my best to hang on, and just try to continue to stay safe as much as I can.

Day 4406 (V:130) - 7/24

Planned treats

Today I planned a few treats for myself. I got a food that, while not special, is something more rarely gotten. Just regular plain chicken strips, nowhere near as special as Chinese Food which people were talking about in the stream chat. I also decided to treat myself to some extra online time with my laptop by going to the library. I don't know if that really worked out at all though. I couldn't do what I wanted. It was extremely laggy, so I probably only really got 75% of the time I was there. And it limited activities to trivial things. Compared to the extra 6 hours of worry about the laptop, during which most of that time I couldn't see the car, or was nowhere near it, as well as worrying about heat in the trunk where it was, those facts really reduced the enjoyment of the couple of hours I got.

I guess that was really my day. Extra sadness lately of what has been lost, how my life has seemingly gone nowhere despite my efforts and hopes I could be more. Especially in these most recent years, feeling like what i have now is all I will ever have, and what I have is slowly being lost, and feeling very hopeless about everything becuae of

everything the virus has disrupted. But I guess I have to accept it. I have what I have, and

I can't control... anything.



I continue to try to hang on as best as I can. But lately it is becoming harder and

harder.



Day 4407 (V:131) - 7/25

Rested, but sleepy

Today I feel pretty rested. I'm down to about 1-1.5 sodas a day for most of the last week and I wonder if I'm sleeping deeper because of it. It's good to sleep deeper, as that is how I should sleep, but it's kind of bad in that reduces my alertness if there is any trouble I might need to be mindful of.

One of the best laptops I've had my eye on might be coming soon. It's listed on the manufacturer web site now and it wasn't before. It's a bit more pricy at \$1500, but that gets a decent amount more than the good one at \$1200. It's got a 99% color accurate screen, which is great for doing work on, up from 75%. It's also faster at 240Hz compared to 144Hz, which is really nice, but likely not as much of a gain as the color accuracy since most new games won't get past 85-100 FPS. It also has double the hard drive space with 1 tb included (which on the \$1200 system I'd want to spend at least \$85 more to double its space to 1 tb, so that really makes the price closer to \$1300.) And it's a stronger GPU at about 15% more powerful (on future titles which are more demanding that might even be a higher increase due to differences in the hardware.) So that is a lot of really great upgrades for the cost. That \$1500 is the amount I have in the 'what if' budget of getting a second stimulus at the same amount as the first, but that amount hasn't been confirmed yet. There is apparently still debate on how much would come. (And that budget would also still cover my year's cost for car insurance, web space, and a few other bills, plus a few games.)

It's mid-afternoon, nearly 'dinner time' for the weekend, and I'm exhausted. I'm nodding off and can barely stay awake. I was fine until now, but having been in the car

for a bit now the heat is just conking me out. I'll eat a touch early and hopefully that will boost my energy to be more awake. Though I suppose that doesn't matter.

I suppose I've survived the day so far. And with my life and the world as limited as it is these days it has to be enough. I am very sad, more than in my entire life lately, and every day it feels like my heart is breaking all over again. 😞 But there are tiny moments, fleeting and brief, where I'm not quite so sad, and do feel a little bit hopeful and can look forward. So I continue on. Try to hang on. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4408 (V:132) - 7/26

Dry tears

Today I am pretty sad. Last night as I was trying to fall asleep I thought back to my first apartment, when I was in my early 20s, when I thought my life will be a series of better jobs leading to a happier life. I thought how that not only hasn't happened, but now I am in an even worse place in life than I was then. In almost every way I have much less.

I cried for like half an hour. 😞 I cried for what has not been. I cried for what has been lost along the way. But most of all I cried for me, for how much time and life has passed where I haven't really had a chance to be happy. When I woke up in the morning after finally falling asleep I found the areas under my eyes still had dried tears I hadn't wiped away. 😞

There was no new news today, which isn't surprising as it's the weekend. Even more so because it's a Sunday. The day has come and gone as they all have lately, with me waiting, and suffering through. But I try to hang on to hope that things will get better someday. At least just a little bit.

Day 4409 (V:133) - 7/27

A tew inches tighter

Today I'm wearing different shorts which require a belt. I haven't worn something that requires my belt in a couple of months, as there isn't a lot of incentive to change cloths, so I can't be certain, but it feels like I'm having to put it about 2" tighter than before. I'm still curious just how much weight I've lost in these past few months.

No solid news on the stimulus money, but it seems pretty certain it will have at least the same amount as before. They are trying to get more for some, but I don't know if I'd qualify for any of those. I saw mention of a new August 7th deadline, so not this Friday but the next. Though I don't know if that means anything as they had a previous deadline of before the 4th of July weekend and that seems to have had no importance. I guess we'll see and I'll try to stay hopeful. It seems with that kind of deadline, and the delay to get out payments, I'd probably be looking at ordering the new laptop around my birthday. Which I guess is nice, but with a reminder of my age I can rapidly spiral into depression and fear thinking about things like I may only have about 36 years left. *If* I have all that is left to me to live.

So no real change today. More of the same really. And I continue to try to stay hopeful.

Day 4410 (V:134) - 7/28

Hopefully a good visit

Today I am going to the library to get a TV series they have on hold for me. Hopefully the connection will be good, as I'll take my laptop to have a few hours of extra use. The last two times were not great connections, so that's 2 out of the last 3 visits that weren't all that great feeling. I may start going every other week or so either way to get a change of scenery and maybe hopefully a decent connection. I'm not sure though, as I still don't feel great about the risk of the laptop in the car, especially if the connection is poor to the point that I can't do anything 'special' with the added time.

But I hope the connection will be good today. I hope for good news about the stimulus. And I hope we all get help and opportunity for change, and we can make it to better days.

Day 4411 (V:135) - 7/29
Sprinkle in the morning

Today I am feeling a fair bit extra tired and sad. Tired I think because I have slept deeply, but because of my extra sads, I can't sleep well. Lately my remaining very front tooth has been throbbing a lot, which probably shouldn't be a surprise since it's nearly completely gone. 😞 My remaining upper K9 has the entire side gone now, so even though it feels strong on the remaining sides it likely will be rapidly lost. I'd guess with the rate of the corruption so far, all six of my top front teeth will be gone within 2-3 more years. Two are already completely gone, and what remains of the others vary between 75% and probably 40% gone. 😞

Additionally the thought of the library staying closed through the end of the year - the one spot I could connect and have power (when school is closed) - has felt pretty emotionally crushing, as my best chance for a real job will be remote work, which I would guess will be impossible without that constant ability to connect during 'business hours'.

Speaking of that, I suppose the good news is it's looking more and more like a second stimulus is assured; meaning a very good creativity and gaming laptop may be in my near future. Of course that doesn't guarantee I'll find such creative work, even contract work or part time would be far more difficult than normal since I have no existing contacts to get back into the field, and likely those jobs are already filled by those who were already working that field.

It sprinkled a bit in the morning. Rain drops are still marking my windshield. It was nice to have the cooler time, but now in the late afternoon it seems all other evidence is gone and it's back to regular hot weather.

Really no change or news today. Just regular sad feelings, and increasing worry as time goes on. So I try to focus on good things. And I try to stay hopeful better days come soon.

Day 4412 (V:136) - 7/30

Crashing in game

Today my phone crashing during my card game is really upsetting me. For, well, all the time the card game has been out for mobile the phone has crashed while playing. At first just once every few games. But now, this past week or so, it's been at least once every single game. Which is far too often since games are only 5-10 minutes each. I'm getting really close to deleting it off the phone and just playing on my tablet where it has no problems. 😞 Sadly though that would mean I'd have to flip my stream watching to phone. And watching on the phone is about 25% of the size if I want to have chat open.

It was a bit cooler today. Hot in the sun in late morning, but in the shade it was actually genuinely cold. I was even kind of getting a headache from it being so cold in the shade.

I didn't check for stimulus news today. Mostly I forgot. Really though I'm sure someone will post about it if things get finalized. I don't think I'll miss a formal announcement.

Today was a lot of pain; physically and emotionally. And while I'd love to say it's almost the weekend, there's no point as that's meaningless to me. And really hasn't meant anything for many years. I guess though as painful and sad as it was, I survived the day. And so I continue to try and hang on to hope. And hopefully I can hang on until better days.

Day 4413 (V:137) - 7/31

Hopeful for special dinner

Today I decided to get a special dinner to try and cheer myself up a bit. I was originally going to do it Saturday, as historically that has been special dinner and a movie day, but after getting notice from the library I had movies to pick up it made more sense to do it today instead of making a special trip just to get dinner. Hopefully it will be ok when I eat it, as it will have been in the sunned trunk about 4 hours when I get o it. It's pizza in a box, some chicken, and a teeny bit of salad. I know the chicken will be ok, but

not great, but I do it overnight somewhat often. Pizza is a bit more questionable, as it's more sensitive to heat.

I got my special dinner at the healthy food store. I still have a gift card with money for there. The hot and cold food bar area was indeed nearly all closed. It was weird to see the rows where there would have been people and food were empty. I was right in that the pizza was in the protected area. To my surprise they did indeed have some prepackaged cooked foods. I wondered if they would do that. But it was vastly overpriced. Like some as much as 60% over normal. They had lasagna, which I usually get a 3"x3" piece for about \$3, at the 5"x5" size of the prepackaged one they were asking \$10 for that. Many other items were similar. Sure, probably a great small meal, but vastly overpriced starting at \$10, and averaging closer to \$12, with highs of \$15.

My library time was ok. It wasn't great. Again it was not the best, so I did just basic activities. It was private though. Only a few people walked by while I was sitting out there. I did hear what I thought were doors to the building behind me. I wonder if they are getting ready to open that building. It would seem weird if they did.

I guess the day was ok. Hopefully my treats in an hour or so will indeed be treats and I can cheer up a bit. Everything seems so out of my control and like I have no chance to get back to a normal life with everything going on. 🙄

Day 4414 (V:138) - 8/1

Pizza was fine

Today has passed a bit more quickly than normal. I had a research project in the morning which helped burn an hour, so now it feels like it's just past noon when it's really almost time to move the car to the evening spot.

Pizza last night was not as special as I'd hoped. It was fine. I guess I would describe it as maybe east coast style? Thin, floppy, had some extra spices I wasn't familiar with. It wasn't bad, but as long as I can remember that in the future I will probably pass on getting it again. (Especially since the store was crowded and people stood way too close.) I'm a basic guy, so I prefer a bit thicker crust, and minimal spices.

Being the weekend there was no news about, well, anything. The weather was warm to hot, and a few times during the day I zonked out from exhaustion.

I've had some pretty massive tooth pain lately, or probably more accurately tooth root pain. A throbbing extreme pain that would likely cause most to cry uncontrollably. I've overdosed on pain pills the past couple of days and it feels like it may be settling down now. That and the state of the corrupt, and the missing, make me always aware of how bad things have become. 😞 And likely how much more I will lose before I could ever have a chance to even consider fixing any. 😞

I guess though I survived the day. And with everything going on these days that has to be enough. Everything will remain sad for likely quite some time, and many won't make it through for various reasons. So I continue to try to hang on as best as I can. And hopefully I can hang on long enough to make it to better days.

Day 4415 (V:139) - 8/2

Wishful thinking

Today I am writing a bit early, as it's Sunday and nothing goes on on Sunday. I guess it was a bit more of a restful day, as I had no stream to watch, freeing up my power and time for whatever.

It's the early afternoon now. Outside of trying to play a few games on my phone and crashing a ridiculous number of times, the day has been ok. My mind is looking forward to the new laptop and day dreaming of the couple of new games I should be able to play.

Mostly my mind is just looking forward to getting the new system, opening up the possibility to look for graphics work I could do remotely, and the possibility of a few hours of regular homeless play a day. At least hopefully partly getting closer to previous homeless normal.

While that order can't happen yet, if they are to keep the deadline for the second stimulus I should be able to finalize plans on things within the next 5 days, so that is pretty exciting.

Until then though all I can do is try my best to push back all the sad feelings and worry and try my best to hang on emotionally and physically.

Day 4416 (V:140) - 8/3

Extreme heat returns

Today really isn't anything to talk about save for that my tooth pain, thankfully, seems to be calming down. I took some pain pills in the morning to be sure, but didn't really need them. It hasn't been hurting really at all today. But pushing on the jaw area above the tooth still feels...odd. No pain, just odd. As if it were something like my elbow or forehead and it had been bumped and is a touch swollen?

It has become extremely hot again. It is cooling a touch now that there is a slight breeze, but the weather thing on my tablet showed 85F a little bit ago, in spite of the forecast predicting mid 70s this week.

No stimulus or laptop news to really speak of today. But honestly with all the procrastinating they have done I wouldn't be surprised if we don't hear news until Friday.

It occurred to me I was kind of prepared for all this time with things shut down by my early homeless days. I still have fading memories of days spent in the car, literally doing nothing in those first few years. At one point I had a pen and paper book and planned characters that were never played, but in those early summers I really had nothing beyond that. I'm not really sure why I didn't go to the library. I can only barely remember the 1-2 hours allowed for computer access on the public systems barely felt worth it, and unless I had school homework I really had nothing else to do.

But today I guess I survived another day. I always fear I will catch something and these terrible times will completely end me. But there is little I can do to make my routine safer. Being in exile nowhere is really any more or less safe. 😞 And something that might feel safer in one way often feels less safe in another. There was an elderly person passing by while I was outside the store on a bench who said, "They took your sitting area away, eh?" And I could tell he felt sorry for me, and he knew it was one of only a few options I had. It is strange now to consider how extremely different my life is from

everyone else. As inconceivable and unimaginable a thought to so many; I can't just go home.

Day 4417 (V:141) - 8/4

I expect nothing

Today I expect nothing will happen. While it's not a weekend, I think nothing will move on the stimulus. If nothing moves my plans remain plans and nothing changes. Things remain on hold. Maybe there will be laptop or game news, adding to my knowledge or options, but I don't expect any plans will change.

Really all I can hope for the day is nothing bad happens. If nothing bad happens, I can mostly continue the same. And if so, I can hope the few things I have left will bring me at least a little joy through all my sadness. And hopefully with that I can hang on until help and opportunity come. And I can continue to hang on emotionally and physically until better days.

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Day 4418 (V:142) - 8/5 **Cold and slow**

Today I had to take some stuff to the donation place for my ex-roomie. Since it's only a block or two from the library I decided to detour there for some laptop time. It was kind of bad. While it was private and quiet, the connection was so bad I could barely do even casual play things. And in the last hour that I was planning to stay it got so bad that it was effectively dead, so I gave up and left 45 minutes earlier than originally planned.

The day was weirdly cold. It has gone from the mid 80s of the other day to probably the low 70s with gray rain clouds over head all day. I may need to wear pants the next few days.

No news on the stimulus yet, so nothing has changed in terms of plans. Oh, I did get a very nice gift card yesterday. 😊 I can get nice cooked food with it. I will probably hold it until my birthday in about two weeks, then maybe do another in a month, and the last the month after. That would be a nice treat to help keep me healthy.

I suppose I survived the day. And I guess that is about all I can do these days. So I try to hang on as best as I can. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4419 (V:143) - 8/6 **No more gray, way too hot**

Today started gray and cold. It still looked like it might rain and there was some pretty fierce wind last night. By a bit before noon all the clouds had gone and it got ridiculously hot again. There is still a cool coastal breeze trying to come through to cool things off, but it ranges from barely there to none at all. Hopefully as we get into evening it will become more prevalent and cool things off.

I am very sad today for a couple of reasons. First, there was a bit of a crack pop after lunch, as two fragments on either side of a bottom tooth came lose. The backs and

between spaces of my bottom teeth are noticeably corrupt, but nowhere near as bad as the top. I'd guess the ones that remain will probably have about 10 years left before they start to get critical like the top. (I've lost a few in the back on bottom already.)

The second sad thing is I'm getting more confirmations on new laptops that the battery in gaming, or creativity programs, is much lower than the time people are referencing. The higher end ones, which take more power, will be as low as a single hour, with not much more than that in the less demanding systems. It may not be the case for all games, as some take less power to run, but it means realistically no matter what system I get I probably shouldn't expect more than one or two hours per day gaming unplugged. If I just use it for web surfing and maybe lower resolution video watching it should be fine, as that's what is being done for the ones which reportedly have 3-8 hours of unplugged time. But realistically I probably won't feel safe using it more than a couple days a week because the amount of risk and exposure to elements wouldn't feel worth it (in terms of hours of use vs. hours of at risk.) So, it's very disappointing to hear I will more than likely remain trapped as long as I don't have access to somewhere with power.

Of course that still depends on the second stimulus. And once it does get finalized, the money has to get to me. Then the laptop I want has to be in stock and shipped. So I may still be looking at late this month or even next month before anything would even possibly change.

I've also been sneezing a lot lately, and very congested in general. Likely the wind has pushed some allergens into the air. Last night I also had some disturbing dreams, so that never helps.

So today, in nearly every aspect, has felt like just a reminder that I have very little in life. That what I do have is ticking away. That I have no control over anything in my life, and that my limitations will continue to hold me back, and I will be unable to help myself towards change. Which feel more and more lately like that may not come until there is a solution to the virus so the world can return to some kind of previous normal.

Day 4420 (V:144) - 8/7

No crying, because nap

Today I am very sad. I got sad stimulus news in the late morning that, not surprisingly, they are still at an impasse. It won't not happen. It's just, as I expected, this deadline was as meaningless as the last.

That sad news triggered sad thoughts about my situation not changing. How sad I am being at my 'now I just sit for hours in my car' point in my day. Not able to play. Not able to watch things. Not able to see a charity stream that's happening this weekend. All I want in life is a humble home where I'm free to cook and eat regular foods, have an ok job that isn't terrible, and have a little extra to play games. Maybe even have an opportunity to find friends to do 'real life' things with, or even love. There were so many sad thoughts I was nearly crying. But then, pretty rapidly I again crashed and fell asleep for about an hour. I suppose the nap has helped reset things for a bit, so I guess that's something.

So today has turned out extra sad and difficult. And again I am back to not knowing when a second stimulus may come. I was very tempted to gather every penny I had and order the less expensive mainstream laptop, but I know I would regret that if the second stimulus does come, because just a few hundred more will get me one that is significantly better.

So I continue to try and accept things are what they are and I can't control them. And I try to hang on tight to the few happy things I do have. And hopefully I can hang on emotionally, physically, and financially, and make it through to better days.

Day 4421 (V:145) - 8/8

Zonked again

Today moved incredibly slowly. Being the weekend there really wasn't any news or fun things to watch, so I just played my card game for about an hour and that was really my day. It was super hot again, and I zonked out for over an hour.

I'm still trying to stay hopeful and hang on for more stimulus. I do suppose every day that ticks away things will continue to get worse for many, so hopefully that will push them to a quicker decision.

I guess today was just a day of waiting. And I suppose I survived another day and continue to do my best to hang on to hope and try to make it to better days.

Day 4422 (V:146) - 8/9

A break from sads

Today I decided to try to take a break from sad things. I went over to be outside of the library for a bit. There were a lot more than I expected there, at least in the early afternoon. It thinned out by mid to late afternoon to almost no one.

I guess it was ok. The first hour I was there the connection was so bad I was considering just doing offline things. But then it cleared up and was ok for the remaining three hours.

It was a nice break to play and be somewhat private and calm for a bit. Though I expect in the evening, and certainly tomorrow, the sad feelings will return.

Day 4423 (V:147) - 8/10

Not my spot

Today really the only news is my regular day parking spot was taken and I hoped the person wasn't an employee, so I took a spot next to it. I was wrong and the person left so late in the day as to be not worth trying to take it after they left. I had barely any shade and it was insanely hot, so I spent most of the day in an extremely hot car.

I didn't even bother checking for stimulus news, as the part I need may be weeks off from happening. Though I really don't get it. If the second \$1200 is the one part both sides agree on why wasn't that filled and done, and then just hold off on the things they don't agree on? It makes no sense to me. I suppose it's fine for me though, as the first bill I

would want to pay won't come until late September and isn't due, even in part, until October. And as long as it's this hot I wouldn't want my laptop out in the heat anyways.

There was a bit of game news. An expansion that is coming for one of my favorite games has finally gotten a price, and that is \$10. So that is great, as I was expecting \$20 or possibly even \$30. That will happen on my birthday, so that is super happy. (Though it's the last expansion the game will get, so that's super sad.) The other thing was a video with some details for a game coming out in mid November. Hopefully things will be sorted by then because there is no way my current/older laptop could run it at all.

I guess that is really it for today. I am feeling pretty extremely sad. But there also isn't really anything I can do. So I continue to try my best to hang on and make it through to better days.

Day 4424 (V:148) - 8/11

Probably a library visit

Today I will probably make a trip to the library. I have something to return, so I expect I'll stick around for a few hours in the hopes the connection is strong enough to play and do stuff for a bit.

All I really hope for the day is that it starts to cool off and the connection is strong enough to have the opportunity to do stuff. And hopefully with that I can try to relax a bit and continue to try to hang on.

Day 4425 (V:149) - 8/12

Nice peeps / Migraine

Today has been a mix. The morning was good. I saw some 'regulars' in the chat in the stream that I watch and people were friendly and we chatted about stuff. There are usually only 100-150 people there, so most of the regulars see each other quite a bit, since only about 10-15% talk. (Which was extra nice compared to yesterday where I felt kind of ignored, and one mod even made a couple of comments to me that, while I'm sure not intended, seemed kind of hurtful.) The streamer was actually sad when I said I should go and we chatted for a minute about how I don't have access to power and things are limited. So it was nice to know he cared.

A few hours later, starting just a bit after noon, likely due to the heat and my general exhaustion, I got a pretty bad migraine. It started at the base of my skull, and along my jawbone joint area. After about half an hour it also felt like someone was grabbing my skull from the front, and both squashing the sides and pushing their thumbs into my eyes at the same time. I'll take a couple more pain pills and hope that helps, but usually these don't go away until it's night and I can be somewhere calm and quiet for a while.

No stimulus news yet, and I'm getting more and more worried I'll have to spend all I have for the ok system. It wouldn't be a bad system. It's just not as good as the better one. But the concern is it will take every penny I have, maybe a touch more. So paying bills won't be an option. While I still don't have any bills until October when insurance payments restart, and that can be paid monthly (with 30% interest added on top), I worry about other bills, like the \$150 for web space in December. There is still time, but that time will come quickly. And I still sometimes worry my current old laptop won't hang on much longer. It's still doing ok, but things like clicking programs to open and nothing happening for 30-60 seconds (when it should respond immediately) is becoming more frequent. And I think I mentioned on game start sometimes it shrinks to a really low resolution, like 640x480 for a few seconds.

I guess as sad as things are, and as sad as they are to consider... this... is my life now. I can't change anything and nothing can change without opportunity. So, I continue to wait for a couple of things to change to create opportunity to hopefully change. And in the meantime all I can do is try to continue to hang on.

Day 4426 (V:150) - 8/13

Maybe presents

Today was too hot. It was so hot that when people parked next to me and I put up one side window I almost immediately started sweating. And even with both sides rolled down it was almost so hot to cause a bit of sweating. I had a very slight coating of sweat all day.

Last night I got news from dad he has already sent a birthday card early and I may get it as early as Friday. His mail tends to be late though, so I don't know if I'll check that soon. He also said he may send a gift card for the online store I shop at, so there may even be something else.

The streamer I talked about the other day confirmed if my address he had was still correct, so there may be a something from him. 😊

I suppose even though it was way too hot, and I was pretty sad, today wasn't that bad. There should be a movie to pick up tomorrow, and if so I'll spend a few hours with my laptop outside the library. The connection wasn't great before, but it's something. So until things change I try to continue to hang on until better days.

Day 4427 (V:151) - 8/14

Extreme heat warning

Today was good and bad. The morning stream was pretty good. I chatted with the chat room people a bit.

There as a "hey there," when I was outside the store. A lady said "she seems me around there all the time" and asked if I wanted a coffee from the coffee shop at the food

store. I probably seemed like an ass when I replied, "Nah. I'm good." It was a nice offer and nice to know she noticed and cared. But my brain is so outside of normal, I am so fearful of unfamiliar things or unfamiliar people, I always react like a scared wild animal, I just kind of pushed her away before I even realized what I was doing. 😞 I didn't see her come back my way, so either she went back a different way to a car, or I did seem like an ass and she avoided going past me again. I guess time will tell if I see her again.

My time outside the library was also kind of bad. I had an extremely poor connection for about two hours. Then, by the end of the third, it had been completely dead more often than not, and so I gave up trying to play anything. (Though again, oddly my tablet seemed to have no problem at all connecting and doing stuff.) I suppose it was for the best, as at that point it was getting extremely hot. I was starting to sweat in the most minimal of clothing, and my system was pushing towards feeling uncomfortably warm. Even my tablet was uncomfortably warm. I managed to stick around for the remaining 1.5 hours basically without using stuff. Just sitting doing basically nothing in a somewhat shaded area, but it felt very lonely and wasteful.

The next few days my life may be more of the same though. There was an "extreme heat warning" in the weather app when I checked the temperature. It's expected to be 90-100F, or higher, basically up until my birthday on the 20th. Which is very sad news, as I was considering bringing my laptop to outside the library on Tuesday and Thursday. But if it's as hot as it was today I really won't be able to use it or my other devices.

I guess really today was just another sad reminder of my limitations and how different my life is, and how differently it's made me think, even more so instinctually react. 😞 I hope someday I can recover and leave this worst life behind me. I know I may never reach "my best life", but something not terrible would be a nice change.

Day 4428 (V:152) - 8/15

Bearing the heat

Today I have basically made it through the heat. I was in my car a bit in the morning during the parts I know it wouldn't be too hot. Then I was not in my car over by

the store during the hottest few hours. And just now after it's been shaded for a few hours I'm returning. I'm still looking at basically 6 hours before it really starts to cool off after the sun has been down for a bit. But the heat wasn't that bad, and it was more manageable than I originally thought it might be.

There may be a stupid amount of sad news about the stimulus though. It seems the houses may yet be in another break for a month. Seriously? It seems like they are in for two weeks, then out for a month, and that's a normal cycle?

So... I survived the first day of extreme heat, so far at least. But with stimulus so far delayed I may be looking at at least a month before my options change. Maybe there are presents back at the ex-house to find later. But for the moment there seems to be many sads. And all I can do is continue to try to hang on.

Day 4429 (V:153) - 8/16

Thunderstorms and fire tornados

Today there is some crazy weather. From about 3 in the morning until 9 there were crazy thunderstorms. It was pouring rain almost nonstop. It was louder than ever, as it seemed like it was right overhead. And there were reports of fire tornadoes yesterday.

I got a nice present of two batteries yesterday. 😊 I charged one and was considering bringing it, but I didn't just to be safe. They are basically the same size as my phone, so I expect that is about three times the battery size, maybe more.

I'm glad I didn't bring it though. While it was not as hot as I expected, at least in the shade, it was ridiculously hot overall. I had thought by 1:30 my car would have been cooled enough to sit in it, as the hottest times are about 11 to 1. But even after rolling all the windows down I basically immediately started sweating when I got in. I'm still unsure how safe it is to use any of my devices at all much past about noon in this heat. I was originally going to take my laptop to the library Tuesday, but I'll definitely not with this heat going on. I may Thursday because it's my birthday and something should be ready for pickup by then. But I'll have to see if it's cooling off to at least the mid 80s by then. If not I may need to continue to not use devices between about noon and 5.

I also got early b-day monies from dad, so I dropped that into the bank. Checking my balance I still have enough for the ok laptop, but will probably be a touch short if I have to pay for tax and/or shipping. So again I'm really basically waiting on the stimulus to see what my options are and what extra costs there are on the purchase. With the news they are out until at least early September I probably won't bother even checking on news until next month.

I hope the heat ends soon because it's really extremely difficult to manage. And more importantly even if I don't use my devices too much heat can be very dangerous. But it's yet another thing I can't control. And all I can do is continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4430 (V:154) - 8/17

Indirect heat

Today it felt so much cooler than the weather app said. It shows 95F right now, and yes, I'm nearly sweating in my car, and am only not due to the breeze. And the heat has caused a pretty bad headache, but it feels about 10F cooler than that. And even cooler in the shade. I guess because of the storm there is a gray cloud layer that is blocking the direct light. Everything is a diffused medium brightness. While I suppose not surprising, it's very weird because it's causing a huge amount of humidity, which isn't something we get on this coast. I've seen it like this maybe three times in my whole life.

I brought the battery with me to recharge things. Though my devices are old and don't support fast charge, so it may be more often used as a power supply during use than a recharge. It looks like the tablet will pull it's normal 20% recovered per hour if it's not doing anything, so that is a very slow recharge rate. What I may do in the future is recharge during the time I'm sitting in my car, and use it as a power source if I drop below maybe 80%.

I'm very sad today. The battery is very helpful, but it's sad my life is at a point where I need to consider such a thing. It's sad that anywhere I scratch comes off with dirt because it's been like 160 days now just wiping down in a low level 'sponge bath' with no access to a real shower or bath. I'm sad it's been like two months since I had clean

laundry, and sadder still that clean cloths likely would make very little difference in how I smell or feel. But most of all I am sad these limitations prevent me from getting a real job, one I'd feel safe doing during all of this, and that means that can't/won't change until things reopen. And it seems very unlikely things will reopen for 4 months or more.

Day 4431 (V:155) - 8/18

Hopefully not too hot

Today I hope it's not too hot. I hope things start cooling down. I was originally going to go to be outside of the library for a bit, but with the temperature hitting 95F yesterday it seems risky to have my laptop.

That seems like all I can hope for. Stimulus won't change, so nothing related to that will change. And since everything is connected to being inside somewhere, unless everything suddenly reopens it seems unlikely anything else could or would change for me.

Everything is the worst ever for me. I have very few comforts left, but I am very glad I still have those. There are still things I could yet lose. But while I have these few things I can try to hang on. And with everything out of my control, it really is all I can do. 😞

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Day 4432 (V:156) - 8/19 **Smells like burning**

Today there is a gray haze everywhere. Last night starting I think around 8 I started smelling a burning smell. At first I was worried it was my laptop because I was playing at the time and it was pretty hot, but it was everywhere. This morning I've heard it's somewhere sort of close on fire. It's not as bad as the time a couple years ago where I could barely breathe. Now in the mid afternoon it's actually clearing up and quite a bit easier to breathe. Though I am still easily seeing the light haze looming overhead.

There is a bit of troubling news on the stimulus, but since they actually aren't in session I won't believe what I hear just yet, as it may just be someone trying to generate click bait articles. But there is no positive movement, and no guaranteed stop, so I will continue to hang on to hope.

I guess I survived the heat, which thankfully also seems to be cooling. And I survived the smoke in the air. So I continue to try to hang on as best as I can, and hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4433 (V:157) - 8/20 **Drop off, no pickup**

Today the library curbside services were closed due to the poor air quality. It's a lot better than yesterday, but I guess due to all the fires everywhere they were being careful. I had a couple of things to pick up, but at this point I may have to wait until next week. I was hoping to have them for my birthday, but I guess that won't happen.

I went to be outside to have time with my laptop anyways since I wanted to get a cooked food for my birthday. It's kind of a triangle of about 1 mile each way, so it made more sense to spend 50% more gas to potentially have a few hours of laptop time vs. not. Sadly, again after just two hours my laptop couldn't connect at any speed that would

allow me to do anything. Which I guess was fine, as I just played my birthday game expansion.

Not really anything else to say for the day. There are still a small handful of hours left, but it looks like yet again a sad homeless birthday. A few said happy birthday on the social page, but I don't know if there will be any more gifts or anything else. It's fine really. I just wish things weren't so bad that I was counting down my remaining years instead of counting what has passed. Now more than ever it feels like this will be all I have. 😞

Day 4434 (V:158) - 8/21

Still smoky

Today it's still pretty smoky in the air. It's not super bad though like the other day. I guess it's been an ok day so far. I watched my stream and played just a tiny bit. There was a sad article about the stimulus, but even though it was a reputable source, I think they are just doom calling, since nowhere else was reporting those same thoughts. They are out for weeks, so there isn't any reason to believe anything bad has happened.

So I guess today, bolstered by presents and well wishing, I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4435 (V:159) - 8/22

Smoke in the afternoon

Today I had a self surprise and decided to take my laptop to outside the library. There was really no one around, as it got a bit smoky in the afternoon. The connection was pretty bad. It was barely useable and I disconnected several times in my MMO. I just gave up and played my birthday expansion in offline mode. It was an ok time. Better than what I would have otherwise had, but not as good as it could have been.

I guess I made it through the day ok. I was pretty sad, but also had decent distractions. And so most of another day has been survived. All I can do is continue to try to hang on.

Day 4436 (V:160) - 8/23

Surprisingly visible

Today someone said the fires were visible from where we are. I find that hard to believe as our area is flat, and the closest area on fire is probably 30 miles away, through hills and near the coast. Maybe if you drove north to about 1/4 the way there then you would be heading up a hill and might see the fire.

The morning was mostly clear, both in visibility and smoke smell. Now in mid-afternoon the entire sky is just a gray hue. It's so thick it hangs down to the street like a fog. It's a thicker smoke smell, but not unbreathable. It's like standing maybe 10 feet or so from a fire or BBQ.

I feel terrible for all the people losing their homes and their stuff. 🙄 I'm sure the most emotionally important stuff to me, and my important gaming stuff, could probably squeeze into my car. But the remaining probably 80% or more of stuff would be a pretty big loss. I can't even imagine what that would be like.

The area that is on fire has had bad fires probably four times over the past 20 years. Though there is mostly forest and hills between my area and there, it would be crazy if it got closer. Smoke is my big concern, as this time I don't have anywhere to go inside to recover. A few years ago when it got really bad I could go into the library for 8-11 hours depending on the day. I remember it took half of that time for my lungs to recover from all of the rest of the exposure I'd get.

There is supposedly a presidential press meeting happening now. So maybe there will be some news about the stimulus later. I've moved my saved money to my bank, so if there is a final decision more is not coming then I should be able to have it all in one place and decide what to do by Tuesday. Everything seems to be getting worse, and my laptop may be showing more signs of impending death, so I'll likely want to grab a new

one when I have the chance so I don't miss my shot. But I will continue to hope for more stimulus.

For now all I can do is try to not inhale too much smoke, and try to stay safe from the virus. And hopefully I can hang on long enough to make it to better days.

Day 4437 (V:161) - 8/24

Plan to continue waiting

Today looking at stimulus news I have planned to continue waiting. While there was some stuff over the weekend it isn't stuff that affects me. And while the one news site is still calling doom and says people shouldn't count on a second stimulus check, since it's the only thing both parties agree on, and they are out of session until the 8th, I'll just continue to wait maybe 2.5 weeks until the 10th and see what the news is then. At that time if people are saying they can't agree, then I'll go ahead and get the good system. I'd still like to hang on and pull 300 out of a second stimulus (if it's the same amount as before) for a better one if I can though, as it's a fair bit better specs.

The good news is my online game friend sent a big birthday money gift last night, and another friend did too, so I will pretty much be guaranteed to have enough for the good system and an additional 512 gig M.2 drive, maybe even a 1 tb one (which I'd need as the lower cost systems only come with 512.) So that should be super happy. But again, I'll continue to wait 2.5 more weeks to hear official word on how things might progress once they've been back in session a couple of days.

Today is warm, but not overly hot. It's mid-afternoon, so it probably won't get much hotter. The air has been bad off and on during the day. The library seems to be having services again, so it must not be too bad.

That's really it for the day. No real news. Just waiting. As I have been for months. But I guess I survived the day

Day 4438 (V:162) - 8/25
Unknown Tuesday

Today I don't know what to expect. I'll be going to be outside the library, so hopefully the connection outside is ok. The past few times there it's been pretty bad. I have a movie and TV series waiting for me though, so hopefully I can pick those up since I couldn't last week.

Hopefully there won't be too much smoke. Hopefully it won't get too hot. And hopefully I can survive and hang on until better days.

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Day 4439 (V:163) - 8/26

Cool and clear

Today the weather is cool and clear. I was actually cold enough to be a bit shivery earlier in the shade. The smell seems to have cleared and I don't smell burning anymore.

I had been very tempted lately to go ahead and get the good laptop and not wait for the better one. The reality is the higher specs on the nicer one would be helpful over the next 5-6 years I'd have it. And, really, the first new game I want that isn't out yet, comes out in November, so I don't really need one immediately since I won't be in classes again until next year, and the possibility of working remotely from somewhere like the library also seems unlikely until next year. So there isn't any reason not to wait really.

Nothing really new or changed today other than the weather and smoke. Just a regular virus time homeless day. So I continue to wait. And I continue to try to do my best to hang on.

Day 4440 (V:164) - 8/27

Unending stuffiness

Today, and really yesterday, my nose has been stuffed with congestion and runny. It kind of hasn't stopped. I'm pretty tired too, so I may have a cold. I don't have any other symptoms though. Unless there is a little fever too, but that would be hard to tell with the heat.

The day was gray, looked like rain, and cold, in the morning. It's late afternoon now and it's still a bit gray. It's getting very cold suddenly. It seems the heat wave is gone and it's rapidly turning to winter. So far this week nearly every day I've been cold in the shade to the point of having pants, and all top cloths, including my hoodie.

I've been pondering more and more if I should go ahead and get the good laptop or continue waiting for a higher-end one. On the one hand the better graphics are only about 15% better FPS, not a huge difference when you are talking about demanding games

where you are going from 60 to 70 FPS at extreme settings. I think though long term it may be more important because it has 8 gig of ram compared to the 6 of the good system. Right now that doesn't matter, but in maybe 4 years or more that might be beneficial. Also, if I do get the second stimulus check, that 300 difference is a lot. Especially if you consider splitting it between bills and games. That would mean two full price brand new games, or like four that are older or on sale. That would be quite a lot more than my current 'second stimulus budget' allows of like three. I guess though at this point there are only two weeks until the 10th and we should know more about the stimulus. So I guess I'll continue to wait, see what options there are, and what potential new laptops there are.

I suppose I basically made it through the day. And so I continue to try to hang on until better days.

Day 4441 (V:165) - 8/28

Still pondering a purchase

Today I am still pondering going ahead with purchasing the good system and not waiting for more stimulus for a better one. The screen is good color accuracy, and it seems unlikely a higher-end one would be more color accurate (without spending about 500 more). It would be faster, but 240 Hz vs. 144 Hz wouldn't make a difference if the graphics on either are unlikely to have many games where it goes beyond that 144 FPS speed. And while the stronger graphics would be better, it's unlikely that higher capability wouldn't really be needed in games for a few years, far enough away there would no doubt be more powerful laptops.

Recent reviews have also stated a few times that the specs on the good system is "the best bang for the buck", and specs like what's in the higher system are kind of detrimental. They perform better, sure, but the higher parts cause higher battery drain, so they drain the battery faster, and run the system hotter.

The thought of that difference going to bills and games (assuming the second stimulus does eventually come) is becoming more appealing. And with recent word a second stimulus might not come until late September, or even November, or later, pushes the system out further and further if I wait. And with how uncertain my future is, even

though I feel fine and haven't caught more than a cold so far, again having the things now seems very appealing.

No real news today. I hope things are ok, as there seems to be more smoke again. It's like a light fog, and I can smell the smoke smell again.

I'm super exhausted. I feel like I'm going to flop over at any second. I'm a bit less stuffy, so that's good. It's mid-afternoon, but I've survived so far. So I try to continue to hang on emotionally and physically. And hopefully I can make it through to better days.

Day 4442 (V:166) - 8/29

Ordered

Today I decided to go ahead and order the good system and not wait for a second stimulus to consider a better one. I started the day rewatching the half dozen reviews of the system. Someone said their review system came with the higher specs (basically what I would be waiting for), but they felt that they weren't worth the cost in terms of price increase, and since they cause higher battery drain and heat they weren't ideal for that reason either. Also, compared to its bigger desktop version it's only 15% lower performance, and has the same ram amount. So, it will probably be years for that standard to change.

I hope I don't regret the smaller screen. I hope I don't regret changing brands. (Though the one I got is supposedly the highest selling laptop manufacturer.) I hope nothing bad goes wrong. I hope there aren't unpredictable other reasons I regret it. Hopefully it will be a great little system that I have for years to come. It is supposed to be delivered Friday, so it will be about a week from now before it's set up and I can start testing it out.

I decided to go be outside of the library. As the day went on actually more and more people started showing up. When I got up to leave I saw why. Apparently now 'curbside service' is open at least on Saturdays too. So that was unexpected good news. Though they still show no signs of fully reopening. Sadly I think it may indeed be the end of the year or later.

I'm exhausted, but less sniffly. I was cold most of the day. But I suppose I made it through. And now the new system is on the way, so I have that to look forward to. There is enough left to pre-order a game, but until I hear that more stimulus is coming I have to hold onto everything I can to cover bills. So I try to continue to hold on. And hopefully I can make it to better days ahead.

Day 4443 (V:167) - 8/30

Happier and sadder

Today I felt both happier and sadder. Happier because the new laptop will soon be here. I can look forward to being able to play any game, new or old. I could also do whatever for at least a couple of hours on battery. The weather is cooling and not quite as hot.

Sadder because even though I could play any game, now with all the money spent I won't have any new games unless they are gifted. And I may not want to use it unplugged because it feels unsafe, both in that it might get damaged badly by a drop, or someone may try to steal it. And, of course, with all my limitations I'm still greatly limited in what jobs I could get. And with the likelihood that won't change anytime soon, with the coming cold things are likely to get a lot colder in as quickly as just two months, meaning I may have to be in my car much more just to try and stay warm.

I suppose I am happy and excited about the new laptop. Though I am genuinely concerned about using it outside of the food store. I may just change my once or twice a week visit outside the library to two or three times a week, and only use it those days. There, even though there is the same concrete floor under me, I would at least have no people passing by, save for a walker once maybe every two or three hours. Astonishingly so far it seems empty of visitors like me. Only occasionally on some visits have I seen someone at the plug near to the library doors. My preferred spot seems undiscovered, save for a few people using it as a different walking pathway.

I try to stay warm enough. And I try to continue to hang on emotionally and physically. I can't do much else with my days as things are. 😞

Day 4444 (V:168) - 8/31

A little bit happy

Today I am a little bit happy, but exhausted. Last night I made a few notes in preparation for the laptop change; what things to download, what to copy, in what order, etc. I guess my brain got a bit excited because I couldn't fall asleep until more than two hours after 'getting in bed'. So I'm probably got fewer than 6 hours of sleep.

But I'm a bit happy thinking of being almost in a position to play any game again. And the streamer was playing my favorite shooter, so I chatted quite a bit in general and with some of the chat regulars.

The day has been super chilly, and completely gray. I wouldn't be surprised if it rained again soon. So far I've had no desire to take off my hoodie, and it's mid-afternoon. Which is weird as I was considering changing back to shorts this morning. I'm glad I didn't.

I guess no real news today, but I suppose there is also nothing bad to report. Just the same level of bad with very slow degradation and loss of all the things in the background that comes on any day in my sad life. So I continue to try to hang on. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4445 (V:169) - 9/1

Shipment 1 of 2

Today really the only news will likely be my first package arriving at the ex-house. It's either my M.2 drive or USB-c cable, I don't know which. But one shipped separate from the laptop for some reason.

I'll probably take my stuff to be outside the library for a bit. I have a couple of movies to drop off. Though I have pretty low expectations for the visit. The connection was ok last time, but still disconnected several times. The last four trips haven't been great, so I may just do lower priority things. I guess in about a week I'll finally find out if it is the connection or something with my old laptop's wifi partly dying. As long as the connection isn't worse on the new one I'll be happy.

I'm not sure what else my day will bring, but I will try to expect nothing.
Hopefully something good will happen and surprise me. But, as always, I will try my best to hang on.

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Day 4446 (V:170) - 9/2 Exhausted, but excited

Today I am completely exhausted. I slept pretty good last night, but I woke up a few times. I think that, and the loss of the other night, plus some sniffles from maybe allergies, has left me exhausted.

I'm excited about my laptop coming, but also worried about its limitations. It's one of the best screens in its price range, but a few have mentioned backlight bleed. I don't know how it would be worse than my like 7 year old system, but I hope it's not. And, of course, it's 15.6" vs. 17.3", so I worry it will feel small, but the most realistic option for a 17.3" would have been \$500 more. And I worry about the graphics,. While not the lowest in this generation, it's also not the strongest. It's at about the bottom of mid-range, so hopefully it will be fine for me, as it really is pretty much all I can spend; even assuming a second stimulus comes.

But it's nearing late afternoon, and my day holds nothing for me. So I try to continue to stay awake. I try to not worry about things I can't control. And I try to hang on and hope for better days.

Day 4447 (V:171) - 9/3 Unexpected delivery

Today had a strange twist. I went over to the library in the morning to be online with my laptop and pick up a movie. Shortly after they opened I decided to check the status of my delivery, since I hadn't checked since yesterday, and it said it had been delivered. 📦 I left immediately, leaving a few hours early, to go to the ex-house to move it to my area in the ex-garage. Hopefully I can set everything up quickly later tonight, as this surprise caught me off guard. There are a couple of things that I still need to copy, in

addition to removing the SSD temporarily from the old laptop so I can put it temporarily in the new one to copy things over to the M.2 directly.

I guess the day was ok other than that. Parts after that move felt rushed, while others felt extremely slow. Over the next few days I'll finish the transition, the new system will hopefully be great, and I'll test my games and such.

So I feel my spirit lifted a bit today. Hopefully the change will work out well. And hopefully I will have just a little bit easier time trying to hang on until better days.

Day 4448 (V:172) - 9/4

A bit warmer

Today I feel pretty exhausted. Due to trying to set up the new laptop, and things taking much longer than expected needing to set up the SSD externally because reasons, I'm probably only running on about 4 hours of sleep. I also wanted to test it and finish getting it set up, so I took it over to outside the library today to connect and do things.

It's a pretty great little system. My MMO oddly doesn't run a lot faster. It's averaged 70-100 FPS during the time I monitored it. But in my favorite shooter it went from low settings and still feeling sluggish to now ultra and flying. It also ran my card game at redonculous speeds, but that was kind of to be expected. And, I had no problem with the connection. In fact, I helped do a guild raid and had zero problems with the connection. Which I think I haven't done a raid on that connection in probably a year or more.

It is quite a bit warmer than I'd like though, whatever I was doing it was blowing borderline hot air up, granted that means the fans are doing their job, but even idling after it started it felt a bit warmer than it should be. Now, it's possible that was in part due to the warm weather. I guess the weather app said it was over 80F, though it didn't feel like it in the shade. After all, hot air means the system can't cool well. I'll have to see if I can do at least a little indoor testing and then see how it handles the heat.

I didn't test the battery, but I did get an odd notice the battery had drained to 25% and the system would take 1.5 hours to fill. So I wonder if the cable had jiggled out or something. I have no idea how long it had been unplugged. I'll have to monitor that

tomorrow. (I later discovered this may have been in part to using 'turbo' mode, which I guess overclocks everything so much the plug can't provide it enough power and it uses the battery as extra power. Though that isn't supposed to drop it below 40%, so it must have been a true power loss at some point.)

I'd prefer a cooler running system. But the power of the graphics seems good. It's a very bright and colorful screen, way more colorful than my last. And it probably weighs half what my old system does. But I don't really have a choice without spending about 1/3 of an as yet still uncertain second stimulus. Which really that would have been too much more to spend in these uncertain times. Maybe next time the chipsets won't run so hot (most manufacturers are having trouble maintaining the heat). And maybe next time I'll have the option to consider going back to a 17" if I discover the 15" is too small. So far I'm fine with the size change. It is notably smaller, but I haven't done anything yet where it felt too small, or too much of a loss.

I am exhausted, but I feel pretty happy. Hopefully things will work out ok with the new laptop in the long run. And hopefully it helps make things a little bit easier to hang on.

Day 4449 (V:173) - 9/5

The day almost forgotten

Today I am even more exhausted than yesterday. I've been confused and forgetful all day. This morning I got some super good news. The ex-roomie is out of town for a few days, so I can have some time in the ex-garage. So today I've spent most of the time trying to relax. I spent a little bit of time with a movie. And just now I spent about 1.5 hours setting up what I think may have been the last things I needed to set up with the new laptop.

I went out briefly to get some food. Man was it crazy hot. Out of nowhere another heat wave has hit us. And again we are seeing 95F and extreme heat warnings. Thankfully the extreme heat is when I can be inside. And while the ex-garage has no active cooling to speak of save for a fan, it was acceptably hot compared to the extreme heat outside. So, if

the coming days are like today, me and the new laptop should be just fine. It does worry me a bit though, both for myself, and because if it gets too hot I shouldn't use the laptop.

So today was pretty good, and hopefully the next few days will be as well. And so I continue to try to hang on as best as I can, emotionally and physically.

Day 4450 (V:174) - 9/6

Over 100F

Today the temperature is over 100F outside. I think it's nearing 105F just now in the mid-afternoon. Thankfully in a few hours that should be going down, as I don't ever remember this area hitting this kind of heat before. I think the only time I've seen this kind of heat was when I was young and we'd visit my grandparents in Phoenix, Arizona.

The laptop is doing surprisingly well. It has temperature monitoring software as part of special control software, so I've been watching temps. While it feels warm, and even somewhat hot for a laptop at times, it's inside temperatures are within 'fine' ranges. Which means the fans are doing their job. Also, it has a manual override to kick the fans into max speeds, which gets to redonculous levels, further helping to cool things. I would love to see lower temps, but even with the cooler air in the ex-garage I wouldn't be surprised if it's 85-90F in ambient temperature. So I can't really judge the cooling/heat properly until we are out of this insane weather. It's actually gotten so hot I'm not going to game for a bit and do other less demanding things.

I feel pretty good, though this extreme heat is exhausting. I think the laptop is finally set up, as at this point I'm doing nitpicky things. And I try my best to enjoy my games and new laptop. And I try to continue to hang on until better days.

Day 4451 (V:175) - 9/7

Goopy eyes

Today I have goopy eyes. It was happening yesterday too, I think. What is happening is I do my normal blinking, but it feels like every half hour or so there is gunk

in the bottom, and my contacts get blurry, and so I wipe and it feels like the skin is wrinkled and like I'm wiping away dirt and gunk. It might be my contacts are too old. Because of everything going on I've really not been able to keep track of their age like I used to. I can probably guess it's due to age, as they must both be two months old or older by now. I will try replacing them in the morning and pray it's not some kind of infection that immediately transfers to the new ones.

The little laptop has been handling the heat great, certainly better than I have. For the hottest hours, when the outside started to peak over 90F, I've been watching videos. The laptop has stayed cool and inside it's reporting low temperatures. Meanwhile it peaked over 103F outside and I am here in a low level sweat (and it's now showing it's cooled back down to about 85F outside.) So it has very much proven quite capable of dissipating its heat, as I'm sure the old laptop would be struggling in this heat.

Also it's weird to go back to the old now. While the larger screen is larger, I think the tighter pixel density on the new one makes it feel sharper, so it feels easier to see. And I always feel like the old one is so completely washed out in colors now in comparison. I guess I've very quickly gotten used to the new one.

So today the new laptop seems to continue to be a good choice. I have a bit of a struggle with the heat, but I try to hang on.

Day 4452 (V:176) - 9/8

Last vacation day

Today is what will be the last day of this vacation time. I don't know when exactly I'll need to be back out in exile, but I'm sure I will rapidly become sad again. Especially if it remains hot, as it has been way too hot lately to use any devices outside. I worry that the weather app predicts it will be over 85F for about another week, as that is really the risky point for devices.

But I can't control the weather. Nor can I control really anything else in my life. So I have to hope I survive the heat. I hope I can continue on. And hopefully I can stay safe from the virus and everything else. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

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Day 4453 (V:177) - 9/9 **Orange night all day**

Today has been really weird. It's not even remotely close to the 100F+ days it has been the past few days. In fact, I think it is barely into the low 70s. There is this extreme cover, a deep orange or maybe brick red, that has blocked all sunlight. It looks like it's early night or past night and extremely early dawn. I looked around for news and apparently it's particles from nearby fires trapped super high up in the atmosphere. There is a very light ash rain, but apparently it's so far up in the air that the air quality we breathe isn't really affected. In a matter of days it's gone from one extreme to the other. It's crazy.

I guess there isn't much else to say. It's yet another homeless day. Back to normal exile. I suppose I'm happier it's cooler, as I can close my car windows completely, so I feel safer in the car. I guess for sure it's back to pants weather, as looking at a 10 day forecast things really only peak at 80F. So I continue to try not to be too sad. I continue to try to hang on. And hopefully I can make it through to better days.

Day 4454 (V:178) - 9/10 **A bit better**

Today I'm feeling a bit better. I went over to be outside of the library area. My connection was 100% solid and stable. So I don't know what has been going on for years, but it apparently seems connected to something with the old laptop's connection there. I tried to look for fancier things in my MMO to do, but couldn't find any. I guess that's ok, as I watched a stream and did other game stuff, and then did some editing.

I felt almost and old homeless normal today. As if I were back in school with a solid connection and no worry about strangers doing anything unpredictable around me. (Though that can still happen at school, but it's far less likely than out in public.) I was kind of chilly, even with regular pants on and an extra under layer tank top. It's rapidly

gone from nearly 100F the past few days at this time to today and yesterday probably only being in the mid 70s. It seems pretty crazy.

I feel pretty good, but my time here is done. After I 'eat dinner' I'll move the car then be in my homeless outside of stores with my tablet time, and likely rapidly go from feeling pretty ok to feeling pretty sad.

But, as always, there isn't much I can do but continue to try to hang on. And hopefully someday I can make it through to better days.

Day 4455 (V:179) - 9/11

Orange becomes gray

Today things still feel very sad. The orange skies have turned to gray, at least in the immediate area, but the cloud cover persists. The sky is just one big light gray blanket. There is still a very light ash fall, which seems a sad reminder of what is lost for some. 😞

I feel pretty sad in general again, but I suppose nothing has really changed. Except for what feels like a notable cavity in one of my few remaining bottom teeth I chew with. It seems minor, but with the corruption near the gum on all my bottom teeth they are likely much worse than they otherwise appear. But I try not to think about it, as all work is way too expensive to consider. Even a single tooth in most cases would be more than all the money I've had this year.

But that's normal loss, so it's to be expected these days. So I try not to fixate on it. And I try to continue to do my best to try and hang on.

Day 4456 (V:180) - 9/12

Almost feel better

Today I am almost feeling better. With the extra garage time lately, and going to be outside of the library to get at least a few hours to do stuff, I'm feeling a bit better. I even peeked at working on some possible new content. Though that would be tough to commit to with how limited my time with my laptop is. And I still don't know if it would generate any real interest in me and my stuff. None of my content I've made so far has seemingly ever drawn any real interest. Even the content that was newsworthy before other agencies covered it barely received any views.

I guess it was a pretty ok day though. I played a bit. I did job stuff a bit; though I still feel any kind of job is a long ways off with things the way they are. And so I guess I feel a bit more hopeful about the future. And with that, I try my best to hang on emotionally and physically until better days.

Day 4457 (V:181) - 9/13

Battery test

Today I tested my laptop battery in my car. I did some writing and some file backup and manipulating. I also did a small game test. Which, crazy thing, the laptop reached all the way to the wireless inside, probably 75 feet away, with basically the same signal strength as if I were very close. I don't know if I can do that every time I try, but good to know as we get deeper into the cold weather and sitting outside becomes less and less of an option.

The battery life was disappointing, but not, I suppose, unexpectedly so. I knew it wouldn't last long. In total during my test it lasted just over 2 hours with the screen at 50%. Of that, 20 minutes was playing a demanding game and using the wireless, where it drained about 1.5% per minute. And the other 1.75 hours was doing writing and light photo work, where it drained about 0.43% per minute. I guess it should be double that if I were doing just light video watching online, but I don't know. It doesn't seem like my 20

year old photo program would take much power to run. Maybe it was due to the saving onto USB when I'd altered the things. Though I didn't use the USB all that much.

I guess it was an ok day. It certainly would have been better just going to be outside of the library again, but I will probably limit that to Tuesday and Saturday, and add Sunday as a day to use the laptop in the car for writing and other light things. I just worry so much about the system being at risk outside since there is so little I can control for, and everywhere outside is hard concrete.

For the moment the skies have turned back to an almost normal color. Though they are still grays, and the sky still has remained covered in clouds. It's not as dark as it has been though, and it's borderline warm, though I've not yet removed any clothing layers today.

I'm still horribly congested and sniffly with occasional sneezes. Overdosing on what little nose spray I have left will work, but only briefly. An hour later I'm completely stuffed again, so there seems little point in trying to clear it. But I guess I feel much more ok than I feel sad, which is something. And, as always, I try to continue to hang on emotionally and physically. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4458 (V:182) - 9/14

Lingering cold

Today my cold, or allergies, continue non-stop. I've spent the last 4-5 hours sniffing and blowing my nose and there seems to be no end in sight for my congestion. I'm extremely sleepy. No doubt a symptom of lost sleep since this cold is wrecking my throat at night and giving me weird dreams. My ears are ringing a bit too. I hope I get over it soon because, even though the weather app says it should be in the 80s, it feels like it's barely in the 70s. I always have an extra tough time fighting colds in the winter.

I feel pretty sad today. The stream was a cute game that was nice to watch, but slow. So I spent a lot of time just listening while looking around. I saw a lot of people coming and going and thought to myself how they are leaving a home to get things they need then going right back home again. And I thought how it's getting harder and harder for me to remember doing that. There are only distant memories of me being in a home

now. And there are very few memories of being in a home and having a good care-free time.

But I continue to try to hang on; physically and emotionally. It's all I can do.

Day 4459 (V:183) - 9/15

Library day

Today will be an outside of the library day. All the times with the new laptop have had stable connections. It even looks like some firewall issues that existed before don't seem an issue. (Previously shooters were firewall blocked.)

I don't know for sure what I will do with my time, nor if I will have fun, but I will have a decent chance at things.

Though I still worry. Outside is not a good place. For me or my laptop. It should be safe. No one should really be close to me. Nor should anyone be mean or violent. But I worry. 😞 With everything so bad and sad in my life I can't help but worry.

All I can do is my best to do the best that I can with what I have. And try my best to continue to hang on as best as I can. And hopefully someday I can make it to better days.

Week 638

Day 4460 (V:184) - 9/16 **Sprinkle in the morning**

Today it sprinkled in the morning for a few hours. It was enough to have the rain smell, and the car was rained on during that time, but things dried out pretty quickly.

I've got an editing project I've been working on. Since I have to use a free program it's going a lot slower than the subscription one I'm used to. And, technically, it's the best software for color correction, so if I'm going to edit I should get better at using it. But I feel pretty ok doing it. Maybe even a touch happy. Who knows, I may yet still find a job editing someday. With everything as crazy and unpredictable as it's been I really have no idea where I may go in the future. And even before it all started it felt like I no longer really had any control.

There were people I chatted with in a stream this morning. And we had fun doing an extra thing at the end of it. So I guess I feel kind of happy today. But, I can't continue editing now, nor can I play my games. My day is not like everyone else where I can just do my regular things whenever I want. I have to wait for my windows. And these days those windows are very limited.

But I try to not be too sad about my limitations. I try to make the most of what I can. And I try my best to continue to hang on.

Day 4461 (V:185) - 9/17 **First video**

Today was an ok day (at least so far.) I had a movie to pick up and drop off, so I went to be outside of the library. Again I had no problems at all with the connection on the new laptop. I watched a stream while playing a game. The people in the chat had a good time. After, I finished the first video of my podcast. I still don't know if there will be any real interest, but I guess we'll see. If I do two more with video and they don't get about 100 views each over those weeks I'll probably not bother doing more. I guess we'll

see how I feel about it. Now that I did one I can 'save as' and save a lot of time on some of the element creation since I can just do very small tweaks and move things around.

The day seems warmer again. I may drop my under layer and go back to shorts. There was a lot of stuff on my mouse pad and screen protector today though. I wasn't sure if it was ash or not. I don't smell any smoke though.

I guess overall so far today was pretty good. A nice change from other things lately. Though I barely got any sleep. I'm still extremely exhausted. And there is lymph node pain in my neck and I have a headache, so this cold is not going away. But I try to continue to hang on as best as I can.

Day 4462 (V:186) - 9/18

Still feeling wrecked

Today I am still feeling pretty wrecked. I got some sleep last night, but not as much as I'd hoped after that night of no sleep. I still feel off, in general, as well. Maybe it's because of my cold that won't go away. I feel a bit lost, confused, trapped. I guess too I'm depressed about all my sad things, and how now more than ever I feel trapped with no way out.

I guess I am honestly surprised about the video though. I was expecting it to have no views for weeks, and while I haven't checked on the time stats, as of a little bit ago it already had 4 views. Which while not great, was far more than I expected in even the first two weeks. Almost no one watches the stuff I post, so it has been a nice surprise.

I guess today was ok though. I want more. Which isn't saying much since I have nothing. Just little things. More sleep. More time with my shoes off. More showers, or even a bath. Maybe a nice hamburger and fries for dinner. More warmth. More quiet. Really, just a regular life.

But I can't have those things. And I don't know when, or if, I ever will again. And so I continue to try to hang on as best as I can.

Day 4463 (V:187) - 9/19

New subscriber

Today I guess I feel pretty ok, almost even a homeless normal. (At least at the moment.) I was surprised to see the new video not only has about 10 views, but there is a new subscriber to the channel. 🙏 So that means at least one person found the new video, and thinks it's good. And, of those 10 views there were two 'thumbs up', which seems a surprisingly high ratio for the number of views.

So far I've just been outside of the library. I had a pretty good time, though there were four people who walked by me during the day. I guess it was ok, but they should at least have said hi or something to give me time to put my mask up. That area is only about 3' wide, so they get way too close passing by.

But now I'm in my car, about to 'eat dinner' in the early afternoon. So I think my day will rapidly settle to sad since my time with my laptop is over. I also got word a game friend has an aunt with the virus. So that makes me very sad and worried, even though she supposedly will be fine.

I guess I survived the day. And so all I can do is continue to try to hang on as best as I can. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4464 (V:188) - 9/20

Casual restful day

Today I decided to have a casual restful day mostly spent in the car. An odd thought to be sure, since I spend so much time in the car. But I still feel pretty sick, so the thought of a padded chair and more controllable temperature and sound volume sounded more appealing than other options. Plus I have some listening to catch up on. Normally I have about one show every other day I listen to, but for some reason I have about four things I'm behind on.

The past week there were a few days I got just a touch sweaty, so I decided to remove my undermost shirt layer and go back to shorts. It was a good decision. Where the shade is the temperatures are moderate, but in the sun it's a bit on the hot side. I guess the

weather app said over the next two weeks we should be peaking into the low to mid 80s (with things cooling to the 60s at night.) So it seems we are back to shorts weather for a bit.

I got a nice confirmation today about my laptop as well. A channel I've seen reviews on a few times that focuses on graphic design and production software compared the one I got to the 'cheaper' 17" model I was looking at and in productivity they are almost identical. Also, even though the 17" has liquid metal cooling it seems that it may be out of necessity, as my laptop was actually not only cooler, but a touch quieter, in the comparisons. So, yes, in gaming that \$1700 17" model is about 20% more powerful in FPS, but at a 40% price increase. But in non-gaming the little one I got basically matches its power.

If I had the spare money, if I'd have gotten both stimulus checks at once, mmmmmaybe I'd have gone for the 17". Both because it's 17", and that's what I've been using the last 9 years, and because it was the manufacturer I'm familiar with. (Though I'd still likely have been hesitant, as even now reviews of that model are extremely rare.) While the screen size is noticeable the smaller 15" seems quite a bit more portable, and it's a decent amount cheaper, so I may stick with 15" in the future.

It's not even 'dinner time', so I'm writing a touch earlier than usual. But things seemed to have turned out ok so far. I may even zonk out a bit later. My cold still has me feeling pretty exhausted. But for the most part I feel maybe not quite so sad, and I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4465 (V:189) - 9/21

Wounds

Today I feel sad about my wounds. Maybe it's this lingering cold that has it at the front of my mind, but the past few days I've become very aware of wounds on my right arm and other places. The spots started as tiny pimple-like spots, maybe bites, maybe my eczema, I'm not sure. But now there are a few divits about 1/4" around.

It's nothing terrible, certainly nothing life threatening, but it makes me think about, and feel very sad about, how difficult it is for me to take care these days. I can't

just get a shower and be all clean overall, then put a fresh bandage on, then be careful and restful during the day. That's not an option for me. I do have bandages, but really with poor food options, and limited rest options, my recovery of anything can be extremely slow.

I suppose I'll be fine. And eventually hopefully fine overall. But days like today I feel extra sad, and extra limited, and everything feels difficult.

Day 4466 (V:190) - 9/22

A Tuesday

Today is another Tuesday. I am still doing predicative writing. I suppose I've done Tuesday predictive writing to varying degrees most of the homeless time now. I used to not. I used to do the writing and post at the end of the day. I think I stopped due to classes, or fear that I'd not get a chance to post in time.

These days it seems strange. To think ahead for a day and really... expect nothing. Stranger to be in a bad spot in life and expect nothing will change. That nothing will get better.

But I have to continue to try to hang on emotionally and physically. Because I hope, someday, that things will eventually get better.

Week 639

Day 4467 (V:191) - 9/23 Extreme stuffiness and sneezes

Today I have extreme stuffiness and sneezing. Today and yesterday I have had tons of sneezing almost nonstop. I don't know why this cold or allergies won't go away, but it's the worst. I'm also just extremely exhausted and a bit extra hungry, and have massive congestion and lymph node swelling along my neck, causing pretty massive headaches. 😞

I guess the day was ok, though it was a pretty standard homeless day. It's evening, as I forgot to do the writing earlier. I'm trying to relax and let the troubles and sadness of the day leave, as it is now dark and it's easier to relax. But I'm still so very congested, my ears are ringing a bit, and I feel a touch feverish and dizzy. I started feeling a touch dizzy yesterday too in the late afternoon. I hope I can get some extra rest and recover.

I guess this cold or allergies happen every few years. I am now remembering something about an entire December I felt like this a few years ago. But I guess nothing bad happened. And so I try to continue to hang on.

Day 4468 (V:192) - 9/24 Runny nose day

Today is runny nose day apparently. Some sneezing, sure, but mostly the nose hasn't stopped being congested and running down my face. Which, I suppose, is better than being completely stuffed and having headaches. Though the runniness and sniffles have pretty much wrecked my throat.

Today was pretty good. A walker came by twice at my spot in the library, coming from the side that I have no warning on. So that was annoying as it gave me no time to put on my mask. The regular walker didn't show up at all. And in the late afternoon a

super old guy came stumbling down the path. I'm not sure if he was drunk or just unstable due to age, but he seemed like a zombie with his unstable shuffle towards me.

The temperature today was warmer overall. But the shaded area remained cool, so I stayed as late as I could, which is about 3:15 when the sun starts to hit the area I have the laptop in. The signal was solid and stable the whole night, so that was good.

Today was a nice 'day off' from worry and trouble, but now going into late afternoon and early evening, I'll be back to regular homeless times. But I try to not feel too sad. I try to not let my limitations get me too down. And hopefully I can make it to better days ahead.

Day 4469 (V:193) - 9/25

Still wrecked

Today I am still completely wrecked by my cold. I'm still completely congested and stuffed up. My tummy is starting to get weirded out by all the congestion I think. It feels sick, hungry, full, upset, just a little bit of each, all the time. I am exhausted, and usually I feel extremely hungry.

The streamer I watch had a pretty fun stream, and chat had a good time, so there was that. Really the day has been pretty regular besides that. The weather got a bit confused though, as it's warm, but there is a cold breeze, so there is a weird mixture of warm and cold.

So, as always, I continue to try to manage my best and try to hang on.

Day 4470 (V:194) - 9/26

Symptoms lessen

Today my cold symptoms are finally lessening. There were some weird dreams last night, and I'm still wrecked in my throat. But there have been few sneezes, and not a lot of snot. It could be because I'm overdosing on allergy pills instead of just taking one. You aren't supposed to take more than one every 24 hours, so I won't overdose for long.

I'm still starving though. I feel like I could eat double my normal amount of food. I'd love to get some cooked food, but I only have one meal left on the gift card. I thought I'd bring my card with me to a different place, but I didn't, as the pizza slice was just meh, and everything else is very expensive. I am getting short on regular food money though (and money overall) so I have to be very careful.

I guess today was good. I was outside the library and had a pretty good time. I feel like I'm forgetting something though. Like there is something I'm supposed to do or something happening that I should be a part of. But I can't think of what it would be for.

I feel extra sad due to my cold. It makes me think of activities (shower, sleeping in, just laying around and watching stuff) that I can't do, and makes me hungry for foods I can't have (chicken soup, pasta, minestrone soup, hamburger and fries). All I can do is the same as always; try to not be so sad, try to push out thoughts of things I can't have or do, and try my best to hang on emotionally and physically.

Day 4471 (V:195) - 9/27

Heat spike

Today I wondered when I woke up if I should get my laptop to do stuff in the car for a couple of hours. Though if I have it I am much more tempted to just go outside the library, so I considered that too. I decided not to though, as I'm still behind on listening to things, and because I'm still wiped out from these allergies, or cold, or whatever.

I'm glad I didn't have it with me, as there seems to be a bit of a heat spike. If I were to guess, due to my being genuinely hot in the car, it's probably about 90F or hotter. So it's probably better I didn't have it with me, as heat like this isn't good for electronics.

No new news that I know of. It's the weekend, so pretty much all news has stopped for the moment. Nothing bad or good happened, so really it's just another day I continue to try to hang on and not be too sad. And hopefully I can continue to hang on long enough.

Day 4472 (V:196) - 9/28

Worried about dad

Today I am a bit worried about my dad. It's his birthday soon, so I sent an e-card. He replied and said last Friday he fell over and wasn't feeling well. Later they took him to the hospital and discovered his heart rate was extremely low at around 30 BPM. They put in a temporary pacemaker and I guess Sunday did a surgery to put in a permanent one. I guess he says he feels much better now than he has in recent times, but still.

He's 30 years older than me, and if we go by the age his dad was when he died I would guess that means he has about 6 years left. While I hope he gets those and more, I worry. We will never be close, and even if I wasn't in this terrible spot I don't know that we would ever be as close as we should. But it would be nice to not be so distant. I just don't think it will ever be possible, since he always said I'd be a failure.

I'm still very hungry and exhausted. And I guess it's getting very hot again. I saw a weather app saying it was 95F. If it stays this hot I worry I won't be able to do much with my laptop until things cool down. Over 90F is bad for anything electronic as hot ambient air means things can't cool down.

I guess overall things really didn't change. So I continue to try to hang on as best as I can.

Day 4473 (V:197) - 9/29

Possibly hot Tuesday

Today will hopefully not be too hot. I'll be outside of the library in a shaded spot, so hopefully I can stay cool. At least until around 3, when the sun starts to rapidly encroach where I sit with the laptop.

There won't be a stream to watch, which is very unusual, but I have some stuff to edit, so I have that to do.

Hopefully I can get good sleep. Hopefully I can be restful and calm. This cold seems unending, and I try to struggle through it. So hopefully I can continue to hang on and make it to better days.

Day 4474 (V:198) - 10/1
Shade shift

Today someone was in my parking spot in the morning, so I parked next to it assuming it would also get shade. It seems, now walking back to the car from my morning time near the store, it has no shade at all. The two spots that have shade from the tree seem to have shifted. In the months I've been parking in this lot it seems the sun has now shifted about 40 degrees in where the sun and shade hit. The spot I'm writing in used to get shade by now, but looking at the angle it may be 2-3 more hours before it starts getting any.

I'm still extremely congested, sniffly, and have pretty extreme sinus and lymph node pressure. Which is terrible news as yesterday and today that has led to pressure in my jaw, which has led to near blinding levels of pain in my teeth. I've had to kind of overdose on pain meds to keep it under control. If, and that's a big if, I remember to take the normal dosage every 4 hours it seems manageable with a high dosage of normal. But if I forget and it goes longer I have to go beyond a normal max dosage to keep the pain manageable.

So far today I was in the shade, and it was chilly enough to have my hoodie on. Now in the sun, in my car, I'm hot, not quite sweating. I'm purposely not rolling my windows down much to see if the heat helps penetrate my sinuses and drain me. It doesn't feel as hot as the weather predicted the heat would get to, so that's good. It seems strange to think all these years I've missed the heat, and been sad about missing summer weather by being forced indoors due to my sad life. And now for that same reason I'm forced into weather that is unhealthy for me.

I guess as always this just seems like a reminder that I can't control things. And all I can do is continue to try to hang on emotionally and physically.

Day 4475 (V:199) - 10/2

Not too hot

Today the weather app said it was just over 100F at the high point. It didn't feel quite that hot though. It did feel hot, as I am down to just my t-shirt, but it didn't feel sweatingly hot. My system stayed cool enough too, which is great. It wasn't really hotter than it gets when I'm normally gaming.

I'm still extremely sneezy and hungry. I am still almost continually stuffy, and I made a huge pile of nose blowing tissue while outside the library today.

I guess besides the weather turning hot again lately nothing really changed. Nothing was really better, but I suppose no worse. Just a regular homeless day. And, I suppose since I got to play and do stuff outside the library, that at least is something. So I continue to try to hang on emotionally and physically. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4476 (V:200) - 10/3

Not as hot

Today isn't as hot as it was yesterday, supposedly peaking at 95F. I decided to go over to the library outside spot. I've been extra sad lately and I thought it might help. (And it might indirectly help recover from this cold, since there would be 3 people passing by me all day as opposed to 3 passing by every 15 minutes.) It didn't feel very hot in the shade until probably about 11:30, at which point I was down to just my t-shirt on top and starting to feel a little uncomfortable.

There was a re-run stream, and even though there were 30 people in chat no one was talking, so it was a very quiet day.

I spent a lot of time doing 'maintenance' things I haven't really had the chance to do, so I've gotten caught up on that. After, I had a couple of hours to play. But I didn't do anything fancy, just 'daily' stuff in my MMO really.

I think there are more fires lately. Yesterday and today things smell a bit smoky. There is a bit of a haze too, though not as bad as yesterday or the day before.

I guess for today being yet another homeless day I don't feel too terrible. Really nothing changed, but I guess nothing negative happened either. And these days that is at least something.

Day 4477 (V:201) - 10/3

Sad inside

Today I felt a bit happier on the outside, but still very sad on the inside. Even on days when I come to be outside the library and things are mostly private (probably even more than if I'd have been inside) my mind still thinks of what I'm missing, what I can't control or have, and how my life is different from everyone else. 😞

It was, I suppose, about as good as I could have hoped today would be. Only a couple of people walked by, and I had time to put my mask on when they did. It was below 80F until about noon, and peaked I think in the low 90s around when I left the library spot. The laptop was fine though, and a few points when I was not gaming the laptop fans quieted down to normal idle speeds, indicating inside wasn't affected by the hotter than normal temperatures outside.

I'd have preferred to be cooler though. From about 1 on I had a hard time thinking. My brain just got hot and sleepy. I suppose I didn't need to think since I was just doing basic stuff in my MMO and played a bit in single player games.

Oh that reminds me, I re-downloaded a game that's four years old I may play again. It defaulted resolution to the most ridiculous settings it could. And what previously took more than a minute, sometimes two minutes to load, was loading instantly. So the combination of better system tech overall, and the faster speed of the M.2 over SSD, seems to have vastly improved its performance.

Though as part of my sad feeling today I wanted to play my new games more than anything. Likely because I now know I can (with the new laptop). But even though the ones I want aren't out for about 5 to 6 weeks, I feel like I won't be able to play them at all because I don't have any money for them. If dad sends a lot of Halloween money, and I get other donations, it may be possible to get one. But with a big web space bill at the end of the year, that has to be paid before I can do anything else.

So today I feel great loss. Both for things I have lost so far, things I can't have, and things in the future I will likely miss out on as well. All I can do is try to hang on tight to the things that remain. And hopefully I can make it through to better days.

Day 4478 (V:202) - 10/4

Dodging the heat

Today I felt pretty sleepy. My cold or allergies are still kicking my butt. I'm still extremely congested. And my lymph nodes in my jaw and neck are swollen, causing me to clench my jaw all the time, which makes a bit of a choking feeling and soreness in my jaw joint all the time. I have to actively concentrate on not clenching my jaw.

Today was warm, but not too bad. In the later morning there wasn't shade on my car yet, and the new sun angle was burning in the side, which caused me to get really extremely hot. So I left my car for about two hours and watched videos and played my card game for a bit.

The day was pretty sad. Thinking of what I miss. Thinking how very extremely tired I am from all the constant overstimulation of being outside (and at risk) all the time. But I guess I survived the day. And these days that often feels like that is all I can do.

Day 4479 (V:203) - 10/5

Cold start

Today started out so cold that I wondered if I should go back to the ex-garage and get some different cloths. I think today peaked in the low 80s, so it didn't get super warmed up. But at the start it was in the high 60s, which felt frigid when compared to the peaks of 100F just a few days ago. I guess apparently by Saturday there's a 40% chance of rain (whatever that % means), so I guess we'll see if it continues to stay cold.

I almost didn't take an allergy pill in the morning. Since my congestion is non-stop I figured why bother. But in just a few minutes past when I'd have normally taken one I started sneezing, my eyes started feeling itchy, and my ears started ringing a bit. So I went

ahead and took one, and pretty quickly the symptoms disappeared. Though the congestion remains non-stop. 😞 So I've been sniffly and had a runny nose all day. 😞 I had some decongestants a few weeks ago and they did nothing at all to alleviate my congestion.

Not much else really new for the day. I've been extra super sad lately. This cold certainly isn't helping. There are brief moments when I'm playing or watching game news, but it's become more and more rare to be happy these days.

It's my mid-afternoon now, but at least so far I have survived the day. And so I try to continue to hang on.

Day 4480 (V:204) - 10/6

Continuing cycle

Today is another Tuesday and so the weekly cycle continues. I expect I'll be chilly outside the library until around noon when things start to warm up.

I think the stream I normally watch is going to have some different times. But I'll probably just do regular stuff in my MMO, or play solo in a single player game. I've preferred my single player games lately. When I have so many sads, like I have lately, I just would rather be quiet and calm and alone. And in my MMO things always feel busy and noisy, even when they aren't.

I guess what exactly I do these days doesn't really matter. With things they way they are all I can do is try to hang on. Happy or sad, without opportunity things will remain the same, unchanging. And it may still be several months before things change to the point that there are opportunities.

So until then I try to continue on. I try to hold on tight to what remains. And hopefully I can hang on emotionally and physically. And hopefully I can recover to a better life before too much permanent damage is done to me. 😞

Week 641

Day 4481 (V:205) - 10/7 Expected warm, got freezing

Today I continued to wear shorts expecting the weather would go back to warm. But now in the early afternoon it's barely reached 70F. I've been so cold I was slightly shivering and clenching my jaw and getting a headache from it. I should have just stayed in my car instead of being out near the store watching the stream I watch. But I'll be fine. I'm sure within an hour I'll feel warmer, though the car isn't a whole lot warmer than outside.

I guess the Saturday storm is coming fast. It wouldn't surprise me if it started raining tonight. And with that I would guess from tomorrow on I'll be in full winter clothes again. I'll get my pants instead of shorts, and I'll put on an additional under shirt layer.

I guess I'm mostly ok other than that. Though I'm still pretty sick. My sniffing still hasn't stopped. I have a bit of sneezing again, and there is a lot of behind my eyes headache pressure. I feel just a touch dizzy too. Though that is a common additional symptom when sick and I don't get enough sleep. With everything going on on top of being homeless the stress is overwhelming and it is extremely easy to never get enough sleep, even under the best conditions. I still wonder how many weeks of recovery sleep I'll need once I'm no longer homeless to not feel exhausted all the time and to have clear thoughts and memory again. 😞

But that is not my life right now. I don't know when, or if, it ever will be again. All I can do is continue to try my best to hang on. 😞

Day 4482 (V:206) - 10/8 On the edge of relaxing

Today I was outside the library. I think I figured out why I don't feel great even when I get chances like this. With the time I have 'having a normal homeless life' - at least

as close as I can get with everything closed - by the time I start to feel relaxed and start to enjoy the time, it's time to leave. And once I go all the sads return, and more than likely the following day will not be outside of the library, limiting what I can do to my tablet and phone. So it is a constant bouncing between just ok, and barely hanging on.

I guess all in all today was about as good as I could have expected. At least so far. The connection was fine. And I accomplished what I thought I would not gaming. I accomplished the basic stuff I thought I would in my MMO. And I guess I got ok progress in a game I play casually. It didn't ever really get very warm. I think I saw something that said the temperature was in the low 70s. But with my extra layer and pants I was warm enough. I am still very sniffly, but for a few hours things were not sniffly. So maybe that is an indication I'm maybe finally starting to clear up.

But there were no surprise changes; I suppose good or bad. And there were no new opportunities. So things continue on as they have been. And I suppose these days it is enough that I simply try to hang on. 😞

Day 4483 (V:207) - 10/9

Cold stays cold

Today started off cold and has remained cold all day. I've had all my layers on, and even in my car, which has had the windows closed all day, I don't know that I'll take off any layers.

No news of change or any change that I'm aware of. So I suppose it is just another day I survived. My cold or allergies continue to linger. I'm still sniffly, a touch sneezy, and my ears are ringing just a bit. I'm pretty tired too, but I can never tell if that is from a cold, or from general sadness.

I suppose all I can do is continue on for now and hope for better times in days yet to come.

Day 4484 (V:208) - 10/10

About a dozen found

Today I was feeling a bit sad in the morning. I checked my videos and almost no new views were there. I don't expect millions of views, nor even thousands, and even getting just a few hundred is unusual for me. It seems strange that in years past I've been the first to post footage of a thing, or an event, yet no one seemed to care about what I was reporting. In another universe that could have led to a reporting job, or attaching to a video company that reported on these events, or maybe even becoming one of the top people to post future breaking news like that. But nothing has become of it. My channel remains obscure and almost completely unknown.

I decided to search for my name. I do it every few years. I found about a dozen sites that list my podcast. At first I was mad someone would post it, especially if they aren't directing the traffic to my site (preventing my tracking from seeing a hit and thus misrepresenting my actual listener number.) But I guess it really doesn't matter. Some even had places for people to comment on them or like them, but they remain empty and unliked.

Does no one care? Do my opinions and thoughts not matter to anyone? In years past people have said I did, and my stuff I posted helped in some way. But more and more lately I feel like nothing I post matters. There are so many other sites covering things. And it seems less and less like people draw inspiration or strength from my content or sad story.

I suppose nothing really has changed. I still feel as I have. Validation, or lack of it, hasn't really changed my thoughts about me lately. Would I continue on with the things I do now if I were in a stable home? I don't know. I'd like to think I could do more. But I may never really know if it matters to anyone, or changed their lives in any way. Certainly not if I never hear from anyone anymore. And it feels like it's been quite a while. Though these days my mind is wrecked, and it's difficult to remember anything.

So I continue on as I have been. And hopefully I can continue to hang on, and things do eventually get better. 😞

Day 4485 (V:209) - 10/11

Profoundly sad

Today I guess many would describe me as feeling profoundly sad. I decided to be outside the library to get extra online and playing time, but I spent nearly all of it offline playing a single player game, where I wouldn't interact with others. I still feel very much like I've failed at everything, and the things I am passionate about and do attempt to do are either extremely limited in how I do them, or if it's things I can do or share with others they still don't care.

I guess at the end of it, the day isn't really any different from any other. No better, and I suppose no worse. And so I continue to try my best to hang on, hoping there are better days ahead.

Day 4486 (V:210) - 10/12

Constant sneezing, again

Today I have been sneezing basically non-stop, again. I'm super sniffly, my eyes are a bit itchy, and I've been a bit hot feeling due to my sneezing fits.

I guess the cold rain that was supposed to arrive last weekend has done the opposite. Today it's a touch warmer. The weather app says it's 85F, but it doesn't feel quite that warm. I guess it's supposed to peak around 95F later in the week. Then next week it drops back down to 75F. So I'm thankful for at least a brief return to warmer, though these crazy temperature changes may be what's set off my allergies.

I guess today is pretty normal other than that. I still feel extra sad, but still nothing has really changed. I try to continue on and make it to better days. 😞

Day 4487 (V:211) - 10/13

Hopefully fewer allergies

Today I don't know what the day will bring. I expect I'll be outside the library. I have a TV series to pick up that I've been looking forward to. Hopefully it will be quiet, calm, warm, and my allergies will ease up from their craziness that they've been lately.

I guess though, more than anything, I hope everyone out there can manage ok with everything going on. And we can all make it through these terrible times to better days.

Week 642

Day 4488 (V:212) - 10/14 Sniffles, sneezes, hungry, not hungry

Today I am wondering if I'll have to start overdosing on allergy pills again. I'm sneezing a ton, and super sniffly. I'm also feeling a bit hot (from so much sneezing), and my eyes are itchy, so I wonder if the normal dose isn't enough. 😞

I have a weird hunger too. It's probably for certain vitamins because I'm starving for certain foods I could get at Panda. Yet the thought of anything I have, or could get at the food store, is like 'meh, I'm not hungry'. So I'm starving and not hungry at the same time.

The shade has been pretty chilly up until recently as it's past noon, now nearly 2, and I'm in my car only partly shaded and it's pretty warm. It got surprisingly hot yesterday at nearly 100F, but it didn't feel like it.

I'm so exhausted from these allergies or cold. So hungry, so tired, and if I had a home I could hopefully have foods my body craves, and the extra rest it wants. Being without... I don't know how much longer I'll continue to be sick. Things take forever to recover from like this. 😞

All I can do is continue to try my best. 😞 And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Day 4489 (V:212) - 10/15 Feels appropriately hot

Today feels appropriately hot compared to the temperature app. The app says it's gotten up past 90F, and by about 11 I had taken off all shirt layers save for my T-shirt. Thankfully it was so hot yesterday (apparently over 100F) that I decided to go back to shorts. So I'm warm, but not overly hot. It's still weird that it's supposed to drop back down to like 75F next week.

I actually forgot my allergy pill this morning, and oddly my nose and congestion feel way better. I've used nose spray with the correct dosage only twice ever in the past nearly 8 hours. (Compared to as much as once an hour at the worst congestion times.) I've sneezed maybe half a dozen times total, and extremely briefly got a hot flash when sneezing. But mostly I've not sneezed, nor felt the need to blow my nose since early morning.

I had a pretty good time playing my games today. Though I did decide to play the shooter that I have a love/hate relationship with and I was pretty quickly reminded how annoying and frustrating it is that people constantly run into my line of fire. I'm grinding the (free) season pass to get a special thing before time runs out early next month, and again I really question if doing that is worth it.

But overall I guess I had fun with my time. And though the stream I watch was a game I don't really have any interest in, I guess I felt ok chatting with people in chat.

I still feel very sad overall. I still miss... well, everything a 'normal life' would have. And I still feel uncared for and not appreciated or wanted. But I guess that's the same as always, and since I had an ok time with my game, I feel slightly better than average. So I survived the day. I try to continue on. And hopefully I can make it to better days ahead.

Day 4490 (V:212) - 10/16

Pain in my neck

Today ever since early morning I've had a pain in the back left side of my neck, down across my shoulder. I'm guessing that got messed up somehow. It's not an unbearable pain, just like 'ow'. My cold and allergies seem better. Maybe not improved over yesterday, but with no allergy pill I've sneezed just a few times, have only a bit of sniffles, and only needed to blow my nose about three times so far.

I took today extra outside of the library. The sun continues to change it's time and barely past 3 it got into my area. My legs were immediately sweating in the direct light, so I had to pull them in tight. I scooted my laptop close, but it was still a bit in the direct light. Thankfully the group I was in ended after just a couple of minutes like that, so

things had gotten warm, but not dangerously so. It was already a bit warmer than usual in general, as it was probably over 100F again, but the temperatures in the shade seemed fine.

I did notice the other side of the building does have a plug, and with the way the sun moves it's always in shade. But so far it's ok being where I have been. I'd rather stay where I am as it's less suspicious seeming. That other side has a couple of chairs and tiny tables. So I don't know if there are workers who use it, or if it's just left over from days past when they were open. I do hear people inside sometimes, or see them go in on very rare occasion, so I'd prefer to keep as low of a profile as I can and just be perceived as someone passing through while using the library. Especially if I'm looking at three or sometimes four times a week for the next probably 2-3 months before things reopen. Honestly at the rate they are reopening this area back up it seems like until a vaccine is found, or cures come out, things may stay the same.

I guess the day was ok. I had fun watching the stream and playing. But I always feel like an outsider, and always in the back of my mind I'm constantly thinking about what I'm missing, and what I may never have again. 😞 But all I can do, especially with everything limited like it is now, is to try to continue on. 😞

Day 4491 (V:212) - 10/17

Feels hotter

Today feels hotter than it has the past few days for some reason. I was originally going to stay in the side part outside of the library for a couple hours longer than I have been, but it feels 10F hotter than it actually is. The temperature showed 95F when I shut my system down as the sun encroached into my main spot, and because it was so hot feeling I decided to not take any extra time.

My neck still hurts a lot. I don't remember if it was yesterday that I took pills for it or not. It's not super painful. I'd say maybe 3 on a 1-10 scale. But it impairs motion a little bit, and it's like 'ow' and stiff feeling. (Though my neck and shoulder muscles are always extremely stiff.)

I guess it was an ok day other than that. I had an ok time in my MMO, and even helped a guildie do a thing. I played more than I wanted in the shooter I love/hate. I'm still

really on the fence about continuing to play. It takes so much grinding just to do the smallest of things, and many of the things are taken away at the end of the season. I'll probably just continue as I have lately, do it mostly free and drop it completely for long periods of time when it seems too grindy. (Which is often lately.)

I guess I survived the day so far, and so there is probably no reason I can't continue to survive. But I am still exhausted, sniffly, and very sad all the time.

Day 4492 (V:216) - 10/18

Felt weird

Today I decided to dodge the heat and be outside the library in the shade. I figured since the library should be closed it should be extra private and quiet. It was. There were some people maybe in the later morning and early afternoon, but that was really it. It was basically empty and quiet for the most part, save for the few people coming by to drop off voting ballots.

When I moved out of my normal spot to around the corner to avoid the sun it felt very weird. I think it was more due to the fact that no one was around than anything else. I felt even more homeless and abandoned than usual. I'm not sure if I'll continue doing that or not. I guess it depends on how things go after the time change and how quickly it gets to colder weather.

I guess today was an ok day. But I am still extremely sad. And I still miss... everything. 😞

Day 4493 (V:217) - 10/19

Suddenly cold, and a headache

Today the weather has suddenly turned cold. There was a cold breeze and it didn't feel anywhere near as warm as it has been.

I've gotten a headache over the past few hours. I don't know if that is from the cold weather, my allergies or cold, or a lack of something like caffeine. I often get

headaches if I don't have any soda at all, and so far this morning I haven't had any at all. So I'm having one now and took some pain pills as well. I have had a pretty big craving for chocolate chip muffins lately, or something else with chocolate. I can't remember the last time I had any. Maybe a month ago? I normally try to avoid it because too much makes my tummy upset. I'm lactose intolerant and with how limited my diet is these days I've become really susceptible to stuff upsetting my system.

I guess the day was ok other than that. It... is yet another sad homeless day, like so many before, and seemingly so many yet to come. I'm taking a quiet break in my car, not listening to anything, windows almost completely closed. Which is strange because before I was homeless I was like this all the time. I love the quiet. But now, so often if I don't have constant noise things feel too quiet. The quiet times now more seem like times my mind repeats thoughts of sadness and loss, so it desires distraction so I don't get too sad.

But all I can do is try my best to continue on. And hope someday things get better.

Day 4494 (V:218) - 10/20

Don't know

Today I don't know what to say. I have a podcast scheduled for this weekend and I have nothing to talk about. With no money for games there is nothing for me, even though there are so many things on my wish list. Similarly, with my life in general no money means no change, the same routine over and over, and there is nothing to look forward to to talk about.

So I simply try to continue on. As I must if I hope to eventually make it through these sad times. 😞

Week 643

Day 4495 (V:219) - 10/21 Half on, half off

Today is the second day I've had cold cloths on, then off. In the morning and evening it's been cold. From about 11 to 5 it's still been pretty summer time warm. It's like the weather can't make up its mind.

I'm sneezing quite a bit. And I'm oh soooooo tired. I'm a bit extra hungry too. My allergy/cold seems to be going crazy again.

I guess today was ok. It seemed to pass incredibly quickly. Though it's not over, now at my writing time, it feels like it's barely approaching noon (more than three hours past.) I don't know if that's because I had fun, so my mind was occupied, because of my cold, because of my exhaustion, or what.

Nothing else to say really. My mind is very occupied with what I don't have still. Doubly so since I expected we would get a second stimulus by now. So not only is it thinking of what is missing from a normal life, but what is being altered by not getting more stimulus yet. (There is still time to be ok on bills without it, probably, but plans will quickly need to change if things don't go as expected in the next months.)

But I can't control what I can't control. And lately it feels like I can't control anything. 😞 But I must continue and try my best. It's all I can do. 😞

Day 4496 (V:220) - 10/22 Very sad, very tired

Today I am extremely tired and extremely sad. Lately on the social pages I've posted stuff I'm excited for and no one seems to care at all. There is one I've been a part of probably 3-4 years now, and though I don't post frequently I can count the number of times people have replied on one hand. Just this morning I posted about a game I'm super excited for and someone replied, 'haven't seen anything that makes me care about that

game, don't care, never will.' And another person hadn't ever heard of it (despite it being 'a AAA title'.)

About a week ago in another one I was trying to help troubleshoot some tech issues someone was having and a moderator was like, 'nope, you're wrong, it's not that. Stop trying to tell them to test this and that and push them different directions.'

And, sure, I get it. On the one page 95% of stuff they talk about are games or shows I would never play or watch, so sure it's not a match there, so why would they care about what I post, so maybe I should stop bother trying there. And with the other group, again, mostly they aren't interested in the same things.

But this morning someone replied to something and was like 'oh that's cool. That's like so-n-so's famous art style.' And they were interested and hadn't heard of it before.

So I don't know. On the one hand it really doesn't look like I'll ever 'find friends' in either of those places. It's been 3+ years basically that I've been there and I haven't really found any yet. But on the other hand it is really my only social connection these days. And on extremely rare occasion I do talk about something someone hasn't heard of and I introduce them to a new thing.

I guess I'm just rambling because I'm tired. And if I had a normal life with shelter, food, and games, I probably would just shrug it off and not care. But with nothing, with my sad life what it is, it just seems like validation that no one cares about me, I won't ever find new friends, and nothing I do, am passionate about, or say, is worth anything to anyone. 😞

Day 4497 (V:221) - 10/23

Maybe a small sign of hope

Today there is maybe a small sign of hope. I had a TV series to pick up from the library, and instead of not letting people in at all, the front entrance area is now open. So I went in to collect my own item instead of a librarian doing it remotely. Now, it may not really be as much of a sign of reopening as it is to protect themselves by reducing the number of workers. Like this, I'd say they could cut staff by half from what they had previously. With them doing all the work before they had two people scanning cards, 2-4

around the side delivering to drive-up people, and 2-4 inside gathering for walk-up people, whereas now it looked like there was one at the door, then 2-3 watching general people activity, and 1-2 others for help specifically with additional non-hold pickups. I still don't expect they will open until next year, or maybe even 6-8 months from now, unless there is real sign of a vaccine progress. But I try to stay hopeful.

My parts hurt. Various things on me feel sprained, sore for seemingly no reason, or straight up hurt. I also have a headache and my ears are ringing slightly. It doesn't feel like allergies. It's probably maybe lack of vitamins. I guess I should take one of the pills I have.

I guess today was good. I spent until almost noon doing some video editing. As long as I expected, but sadly not less as I'd hoped. After, I got to play a bit. Not as much as I'd like, as the sun was basically burning into my area because I lost track of time. And I should still be able to play an hour or two later tonight as well, so that is something.

I'm sore, tired, hungry, still allergy affected, and sad about so many things. But I try my best to continue to hang on.

Day 4498 (V:222) - 10/24

The reflection

Today I decided not to go around the corner when the sun started to encroach on my spot outside the library. I did pack up my laptop and change to just my tablet though. As the sun got on my feet and then legs, I felt warm for the first time all day. I hadn't taken any layers off yet, nor did I during the rest of the day after. It was nice to be at least a little warm for a bit.

But as the sun glared more and more into my area it also reflected more and more onto my screen. I only stayed about 30 minutes extra before it was too bright. But as it passed onto my screen, the reflective nature came out and I saw an old man there. Sunken eyes with bags, wrinkles under the cheekbones, and a bit of skin loose under the neck. Is this me now? Is this tired ghastly sight what I've become?

I don't think I'm always like that. The dark circles and puffiness I can supposedly change. And I don't remember seeing the sagging on my cheeks before. I hear elasticity of

skin has to do with diet as well. So maybe that can change in time when I'm not in this awful position.

But this ghast reflected back might be me for now. I don't know when I'll get a chance to sleep enough to remove the bags from under my eyes. And I don't know when I will have good enough diet again to recover and reduce my loose skin.

So today I yet again wonder... even if I do ever get back to a home, can I ever be me again? Or has this journey forever taken too much of a toll?

Day 4499 (V:223) - 10/25

Very tired

Today I feel very tired. I don't know if it's a mix of missing vitamins due to diet, allergies, general exhaustion from stress, or what. But I feel very very tired. Not necessarily sleepy, which is strange, but just overall tiredness. And I still feel like I've recently been walking way way way too much, as if I've walked several miles.

I was outside the library again today. It was quiet, but not as eerily quiet as it was last week. There weren't many around, and pretty much my only constant companion was the 'keeka thwumpuh' of the voting box being opened and closed 25' from me just around the building's corner. There was an occasional walker or parent with youngling in the lawn area, but they were very few.

So far my days not at the library have evolved into Monday and Thursday not there, to give the illusion during the week I'm not there all the time. But really the past two weeks have kind of shown that might not be necessary. Yes, there are one or two regular walkers past my area during the week, but that's really it. The rest are very rare, or don't notice me (since I'm to the side of a walking path, half-hidden by bushes and a half-fence.) And I only saw the gardener who doesn't like me maybe two days during the week, and he was far enough from me he wouldn't have been able to see me.

So I may increase my visits, or keep them to this schedule, I'm not sure. The big problem is it doesn't have a bathroom. Which while it doesn't limit my food choices too much, is a bit of a limit. But more-so the weather will be the big limiting factor. Unlike the previous months it is rapidly starting to get cold. Today I haven't yet taken any layers

off, and my knees were so cold they felt chilled. So the cold may very rapidly become an issue more than anything else.

So I guess, as always, I really have no control, and really can only pick the least bad of several bad options. And I won't know what the future will hold. All I can do is continue to hope my options improve... in time. 😞

Day 4500 (V:224) - 10/26

Way too cold

Today started out way too cold. I knew it was getting too cold lately, so I've added my final winter layer of long underwear over my regular underwear. I was very tempted to go to be outside of the library, but I didn't. I continued my plan of not being there all the time. In a way I'm glad I did. With the extreme cold, and what felt like a strong icy breeze, it was way too cold to stay out in the morning. So I just went back to my car after only watching about one hour of my stream I watch. I guess my exhaustion hit me too, as I almost immediately fell asleep for about an hour. At about 11:30 it was warm enough to be outside to watch the rest of the stream, though even then it was still chilly.

I may just go outside the library all the time during the bulk of my days though. It is really too sad to not now that it is so cold. It wouldn't be if it were still warmer. It is the same cold outside no matter where I am, so there is that, but I could do whatever with my laptop, which hopefully would help me to not feel so sad. At least until it gets too cold to be out at all. Then I don't know what I'll do. And November, December, and January are going to be really freezing. Possibly two months past that if it's a cold year.

I would worry about gas though, as that puts my gas cost back up to about \$7-8 a week compared to what that probably is for a month of me not going. Donations have almost completely stopped lately, save for the two scheduled per month, and those really don't even quite cover car insurance. If dad sends his regular amount over the holiday I'll be ok through the end of the year on bills. But things like if I go to school next year, or my bills after the end of the year, I'd have no money for. 😞

Today I saw extra sad reminders about Halloween. A few times I saw people walking buy with spooky things from a craft shop in the shopping center. I can't

remember the last time I bought decorations, let alone when I could put them up. I miss that terribly, and this is yet another year that's come and gone that I won't be able to. With other holidays rapidly approaching that I won't be really celebrating because of my sad life.

But it seems I can control nothing, especially now with everything going on, adding even more limitations to my life. 😞 All I can do is try my best to hang on. One day at a time.

Day 4501 (V:225) - 10/27

Cold Tuesday

Today I expect it will be very cold. It still seems so weird that we've dropped from mid 90s weather to low 70s in just a couple of weeks. I mean, sure, this is when it's supposed to be cold, but such a sudden dip seems weird.

I hope I can continue to hang on. Limitations of where I can connect or get power, let alone both, are limited enough with everything going on. Adding on a possibly plummeting temperature and I don't know how I'll manage to stay warm and healthy enough to hang on emotionally. I guess all I can do these days is continue to try my best to hang on, one day at a time. 😞

Week 644

Day 4502 (V:226) - 10/28 Slightly warmer

Today, and actually yesterday too, it has been slightly warmer. I don't know if it's genuinely a bit warmer, or if it's because that freezing wind isn't around, so it just seems warmer. Either way, for the moment I am not so cold. I still have my full winter layers on though, and at no point in the day am I taking any off, so it's still on its way to getting very cold. The time shift this weekend may actually help with not being so cold in the morning, but I'm sure overall the weather will be extremely cold all the time. 😞

My most anticipated game has been delayed by a month. 😞 It's still coming pretty soon, but not as soon as expected. I'm actually considering getting something else first that comes in a couple of weeks, since the other could likely be gotten with gift money that will come through the holidays. I'm still very worried about the bills. With still seeing no second stimulus in sight, I'll have to be extremely careful with any money I have since there is still a bigger critical unpaid bill, and the mystery of if school will reopen at the start of the year or not. (Which would require an additional \$75.)

I had an ok time in my game and chatting with people in the stream. I guess for what the day can be, today (so far) wasn't that bad. Of course it wasn't in a home. It wasn't even in a building at all, but it was more than nothing in my car. But I'm still so very sad. 😞 I still miss so many things. 😞 And every year end seems to be getting worse, and each feels like the odds it will be my end become greater and greater. 😞

Day 4503 (V:227) - 10/29 Otherwise good day turned bad

Today was an otherwise good day turned bad. 😞 In the morning I decided to go outside the library while it's still 'warm enough' to do that, as I spiral into great depression

if I don't. (And even if I do it's difficult to not be so sad.) I was pulled over and given a ticket for brake lights being out. Apparently the top one works, but the back two don't. I tried changing the fuse, but there was no change. So now I have to spend nearly all of what I have to get lights in the hopes that fixes the problem. And on top of that I'll have to go through the whole ordeal of going somewhere to pay them like \$40 to check that off that I did it. (The person swears their local station can do it, but I very distinctly remember checking everywhere and the closest one was like 30 minutes away.) Which I not only don't have money for the lights, I definitely don't have a spare \$40 or more for the ticket. 😞

And so all day I've been nervous and feeling like I'm going to throw up. It's going to take all the money I have for gas to try to get lights. I'll be left with one normal week of gas and that's it. 😞 But the greater fear is; what if the lights don't fix the issue? I suppose the fact that the third works indicate it should, but it seems odd that both side ones are out. What if it's an issue on the line? Or the computer, which I've been told is on the fritz? I have to sell the car? It's worth nothing due to all its issues.

I guess I'll know more in maybe a bit when I go get the lights. But I may not be able to verify if they seem to be working until at least several hours from now when it's dark. And even if it's the 'best case scenario' and that does fix the issue, that's still about \$50, or more, to fix, and I have no money. 😞

Today it seems like a reminder I am not in control. 😞 Things I am blamed for which are not my fault, yet I am made to suffer the consequences. 😞 And even trying to do stuff to alleviate my sadness and depression can lead to more suffering because my not normal life forces me into these choices. 😞

Day 4504 (V:228) - 10/30

Fixed, and dead signal

Today I feel a bit better. Yesterday the change of the lights did seem to work, both seem to be working as they should. So that is... dealt with. It's not "taken care of" though

as I still have to get the ticket in the mail, do whatever to get it checked off, and pay a fee of around \$40, which I don't have money for.

The bad news yesterday continued in the evening as my signal went completely dead while watching things. As I feared, since the store I sit in front of closed all their locations, they also shut down their wireless. I was really hoping that was connected to the mall building and that wouldn't happen. So now I not only have to use a different store signal, which are all worse in that area, but I have to sit somewhere else, which will both be in a 'higher traffic area' as well as being a worse signal.

Today outside the library I tested defying the sun, as the time change will shift it to a pretty early time. I put up an umbrella to shield things. While it shielded electronics ok, it didn't shield me much. The glare and squinting my eyes made it difficult to see, and my chest and head were very hot. I guess really there isn't much choice and I'll have to go around the corner or go to my car. I guess it's fine, even after the time change it would only be 2 hours of my time.

So today I feel a bit less worried about the ticket, though this stress will remain until it's clear. 😞 But the thought of needing more money, and the total of what I need for that, for the web space bill, gas, and if I do go to school next quarter, just to get me through to the end of January, feels like an overwhelming sum. Thankfully I suppose it's only about \$100 over what I expect to have if dad sends his yearly amounts, but that is a huge amount these days. And that may not happen since he had heart issues lately and had to get a pace maker. This doesn't even count the two games I'd really like to get during that time, which even just the base versions would be another \$125. Without them, I'll have nothing at all for the Xmas and holiday time.

But all I can try to do is adjust to change I need to adjust to. And hopefully help and gifts will come in time. And hopefully I can continue to hang on, physically, and hopefully the more difficult task of hanging on emotionally. 😞

Day 4505 (V:229) - 10/31

Sad holiday

Today is a very sad holiday. Normally it would be pretty ok, even more so one of the better holidays if I were in a home. But I'm not. 😞 So all I have to celebrate are a couple of movies I got from the library to watch alone. 😞

I'm extremely low on food too. Counting out what I have things may get very rough in the next few days. I'm not sure where the money went. I don't remember eating too much more than normal. I was really hungry a few days due to this cold, and I did eat a bit more, but with how short I am things seem way off. Well, I have what I have and that's it. Thankfully I have a gift card for a food store, so that helps, and I'll get a special food thing to have at least a little celebration tonight. But it will still be tight. And then nearly all of the gift card money will be gone. 😞 Which, granted that's what it's for, but I'd rather save it for special occasion use more than 'every day food needs'.

I suppose other than extra sad feelings about the holiday the day wasn't too bad. I had a good connection, though with my sad feelings and limitations I just did pretty basic things online. But I suppose I survived the day so far, and hopefully I can continue. Hopefully I can hang on. And maybe someday I can have a regular Halloween time again. 😞

Day 4506 (V:230) - 11/1

Different patterns

Today I extended my time outside the library. I hid from the sun behind my umbrella again. Of the 2 hour window of sun about half of that didn't need shielding. It was gray and overcast enough that it diffused the light to the point of being just a light overall glow. The latter half did get overly hot on my chest and face. To be safe I even took of my headphones during that time and put them in the shade so they wouldn't get hot.

I still worry about being there every day though. No one saw me today really. There was an old man that came by, and a couple of others started around the corner of the building, but turned around upon seeing me. None of those people would be likely to remember me. Really it is still just one regular lady who wanders by during the week that is the only regular. Even the gardener who doesn't seem to like me who was regular seems to show less than once a week these days, and often in places he wouldn't see me.

I guess being there more is ok, especially since the bulk of the foot traffic will likely be almost zero after the election box is taken away. And I suppose I should enjoy it while I can. While gray skies may become more common, making it easier to avoid the sun during those hours, I'm sure I only really have two months, at most, before it becomes really too cold to be outside at all. Things will rapidly become worse once that happens.

But my life continues to be terrible. And really there are just reminders that these days I have no control. And in the coming months I suppose I will have even less. All I can do is try my best to adapt how I can. Try to continue to distract myself how I can. And try to hang on to what little happiness and health remain.

Day 4507 (V:231) - 11/2

Heartbroken and worried

Today I am feeling heartbroken and worried. I got a gift card from dad for Halloween. Which while great, isn't something I can use for bills, so that has thrown off my estimate of what I could get from him for paying bills. While it's not impossible to get enough cash to pay the bills, it seems much less likely. So I am worried I may not have enough to pay the critical bills that are coming due very soon.

Additionally, without what I expected, it seems unlikely I'll be able to have enough to get any of the games I was hoping to get. 😞 Even just getting one seems like it may be impossible to get at this point. 😞 And in a week the first of the three will launch. 😞

I was worried in the morning, as I heard a pop when I plugged in my laptop. There was no power to the laptop or tablet. Thankfully the plugs out there are made like indoor

ones, and pushing the reset button on the circuit fixed things. But it made me very fearful, as that is really the only spot I can use for both power and a signal. While I may be able to get a signal outside of the food store, without power my laptop can only game for 2 hours at the most. And now with the preferred spot being in a dead zone that forces me into a high traffic high risk area; to both my laptop and my health.

But I suppose all in all today was ok. When the sun came I was warmed for a few hours, a rare thing these days. But as the spot fell into shade I got chilled again. I worry it will get very cold very soon. The weather app showed it would have a high of 55F on Friday for some reason. Today it showed 75F, so something seems off that it would drop that fast by Friday.

But still, now at the close of the day, while it was a better day, I feel more heartbroken than ever about my chances of having enough to pay the bills. And the biggest is only 1.5 months away. 😞 And that I may have no new holiday games at all this year. 😞

Day 4508 (V:232) - 11/3

Hopefully ok Tuesday

Today will hopefully be ok. I hope it will not be too cold. I hope the spot I go to is ok. I hope what little gas I have left continues to hang on. I hope help for the bills comes soon. And above all I hope we can all continue to hang on.

Day 4509 (V:233) - 11/4
New boots are old boots

Today I am wearing an old pair of boots. My most recent pair has been ripping open down the right ankle, and today when I was walking it would open to the point of my feeling the cold outside. So I swapped to an older pair I had 'just in case'. These are not torn open anywhere, and the bottom is actually a lot less worn. It does feel a touch smaller though, as a few of my right toes feel smooshed.

I must have slept badly too. My left shoulder and neck side feel sprained and have been hurting quite a bit.

I've been getting extremely depressed about no money lately. More and more I worry I won't have enough for the bills in about 1.5 months. And with things like the first of the three games I'd really like to get coming out in a week I feel more and more brokenhearted with each piece of news I see about its upcoming launch.

But I am alive. As much as I suffer and hurt, I suppose there is that. And so each day I can continue, it is another day I hang on. And eventually I can hopefully hang on long enough to make it to forever better days.

Day 4510 (V:234) - 11/5
Feeling more brokenhearted

Today I saw some pretty detailed videos on two of the three games I've been wanting. Both showed even more features and game play elements that I would enjoy. If I had the money I would have pre-ordered them already. So the fact that I didn't, and may not for who knows how long, breaks my heart that I can't play even more. Doubly so for the one that launches in less than week. 😞

I knew this was a part of the risk since my stimulus only covered the new laptop, but the old laptop wouldn't have been able to run these games. Nor really any other new

games. But now with no second stimulus in sight, and things not changing overall, I'm basically not getting much help, and I am getting more fearful help for bills and having money for games won't come. 😞

So today I am extremely sad, and will likely be more and more so through the holidays. I suppose I will be fine without the new games. And really if I have enough to pay the bills and get gas I will feel much better than I do now. But the thought of no games, no gifts for the holidays, makes me feel more like an outsider as I hear everyone else talking about the nice things they will get. 😞

But all I can do is try my best to hang on with what I do have. And hopefully everyone can make it through these terrible times. And maybe I can hang on long enough to be ok again... someday.

Day 4511 (V:235) - 11/6

Too cold, layer of dust

Today it has indeed become very cold. From the looks of the weather app it isn't going to be warm again anytime soon. Which may mean this is the official start of the cold winter layer weather. I've already got an undershirt, t-shirt, long sleeve shirt, and hoody on top, and underwear, long thermal underwear, and pants on my legs. And at no point did my jaw stop clenching from cold today. I guess I'll have to put on my second pair of long underwear, and get another undershirt and shirt. But the greater concern were my hands were partly numb, and my feet weren't much warmer. When it gets this cold that usually means I won't be able to stay outside for long.

There was a pretty big wind today, kicking up a lot of dirt and dust. My laptop and mouse pad had an almost constant micro layer of dust all day. It's possible the rapid extreme cold was because of the wind. And all I can do is hope and see if they seem to warm back up if it stops.

It even rained for a little bit in the evening. Not long, maybe 15 minutes, but enough that I worry I may need to start carrying an umbrella for rain, not just for covering my equipment during 'the blinding hour'.

I guess though I had as good of a time as I could. I had a connection and could play my MMO and keep my mind occupied. Though it was still pretty fixated and worried about bills and the games I can't have, and how rapidly things could get even more terrible without help. 😞

But I can't control what I can't control. Things don't look like they will reopen anytime soon, certainly not during the cold upcoming months. And with virus cases still climbing I remain more worried than ever. All I can do is try my best to stay safe. And I suppose, more importantly, stay healthy physically. And try my best to not be too sad emotionally.

Day 4512 (V:236) - 11/7

Peak of 60F

Today it was freezing cold. Even with both thermal layers on my legs, and now two undershirts, a t-shirt, and two long sleeve shirts, along with my hoodie. My hands and feet were partly numb almost all day and the temperature barely peaked at 60F. Several times I considered putting my mask up just so my face would be a bit warmer. When I packed up for the night, after several hours gaming, I didn't need to cool the laptop because within 30 seconds of it not gaming it had cooled down to the 40c-50c idle temperatures.

I don't know how I'll continue outside for much longer. I can only pray this sudden cold weather is caused by the wind, and that this goes away very soon. The thought of needing to stay in my car all day just to barely be warm enough is extremely depressing. I can basically write off several months of life once that happens, as I'd only have a couple of hours with my laptop a day, at most, and really no signal for my tablet unless I spent the gas to get to outside the library. My being outside with my laptop is weird enough, but also hidden enough, that I won't be noticed. I most certainly would be noticed sitting in my car there.

But, as always lately, it seems all I can do is try to adapt, see what few crumbs of my life are left, and try my best to hang on. 😞

Day 4513 (V:237) - 11/8

Dust, wind, rain

Today it was very cold again. At first it didn't feel as cold as yesterday, but as the day went on it did not warm up. I think the day peaked at 55F. It was also really windy, and had been for most of last night. Though at first the wind didn't seem that bad, but again, as the day went on it didn't let off.

It was so cold I was shivering a bit. And since I could, I 'left' about 2 hours earlier than I planned and just stayed in my car. I knew it would be fine because, being a Sunday, the only people really around were dog walkers and a rare person going to pick something up from the restaurant around the corner. So I knew my sitting in my car, even with my laptop out, wouldn't really be noticed or considered super odd for such a 'short' period of time.

Not too long after I'd gotten into my car it rained. Not a lot, basically just like the other day, a brief heavy sprinkle for about 15 minutes.

I guess overall it was an ok day. I had a reasonably good time in my MMO, and I listened to some stuff in the background. The day passed quickly enough.

But it was windy again. And there was still dust everywhere, which makes me worried as to how much might be getting into my system. And after I thought of how different, and how much better my life would be if I were in a home. I'd be safe from the virus. I'd be warm and not shivering. I could relax, and in doing so do some stuff for my site I've been wanting to do. I could do more job searching, shower, so many everyday things.

But as I say seemingly so often lately, that is not my life anymore. And I don't know when it could be again. All I can do is try to continue to do my best to hang on. And hopefully I can make it through.

Day 4514 (V:238) - 11/9

Chilled

Today was pretty chilly, but not quite as cold as the past couple of days. The wind must have indeed brought the cold weather, as checking the weather it shows it will be going back up, just a touch, maybe 3-5F during the week. So that should be good.

I guess today, at least so far, wasn't too bad. I watched the streamer I watch and chatted with some people in chat. A few mentioned new games they were excited for, and while I was sad, I wasn't too sad. I was more sad at the overall homeless feelings. Like how cold I am now, being outside, how I can't shower regularly, or sit up proper in a chair, or cook food. 😞

But I guess really today was about as good as it can get for me lately. I still hope for help and donations. I still hope for a cure or vaccine so things can at least start to go back to 'normal'. And I still hope I can make it through to better days.

Day 4515 (V:239) - 11/10

Hopefully warmer

Today I hope the day gets a bit warmer. Yesterday I took off my gloves at around 10 and didn't put them back on. And though my feet and hands were a bit chilled, they weren't numb. So I hope today is warmer. And I hope help and donations come soon. And I hope above all we can all make it to better days.

Day 4516 (V:240) - 11/11

Heart feels bad

Today my heart feels bad. I don't really know how to describe it. In the morning to the early afternoon it felt the worst. I guess I could describe it as when you are very nervous, but only at 15% of the intensity. It felt bad, the walls felt unstable, and I didn't feel good. It might be congestion clogging it up from a cold, as I am pretty congested and sneezy. I'm not sure.

The weird thing is today is one of a few I can be in the ex-garage. The ex-roomie who doesn't like me is out, so I can be here with my stuff. So I slept in this morning and didn't have to go anywhere. (Though I did need to poop, so I went to do that. And maybe that helped elevate my heart rate to feel more normal.)

So far I feel heartbroken. I'm very worried this year may literally kill me from a broken heart. With all of my sadness, terrible health due to drastically reduced food options, lack of really any shower or other self care, and the overwhelming stress I already had, things are very bad. And they weren't even good to begin with before all of the extra virus closures and stress.

But all I can do is try to hang on. I try to enjoy what I can. I try to stay as healthy as conditions allow. And I try my best to hang on physically and emotionally. 😞

Day 4517 (V:241) - 11/12

Still feel sick

Today I'm still feeling pretty sick, mostly in my heart. It is probably a mix of extreme depression, poor diet, and maybe a cold. I have been sniffly and sneezy today for a bit. The biggest is likely poor diet. Even when things were open I didn't have the best options for food, but with access to the microwave they were enough. Now with no micro and being forced to eat ready to eat foods my options are severely limited. Over the past

few days I've just eaten the same five things. Partly because that's all I brought for these days, but also because there aren't a whole lot more things I can eat.

I took a vitamin maybe thirty minutes ago and I feel slightly better. I'll try to do that every day for a bit. Also, tomorrow I'll be getting the last special gift card food, so I'll have some freshly cooked food and vegetables with that.

I guess I should try and look at more options on what to eat, but really without a microwave my options are so very limited, more so because of the many things I can't eat. But I am just feeling worse as time goes on, and with how my heart feels so bad lately I'm getting worried. 😞

But I really can't control anything. I really have no options since everything is so terrible. 😞 All I can do is try my best to hang on. 😞

Day 4518 (V:242) - 11/13

Laundry

Today is a pretty ok day. The ex-roomie invited me in to the side of the house to do laundry and a shower, so the laundry will be done for a while and I finished the shower a bit ago. It's crazy how warm and ok I feel now. Before the shower I was bundled in covers, wearing my 6 layers, and was still a bit chilly. Now I'm sitting on the covers, have just a long sleeve shirt and sweat bottoms, and I still feel a bit warm. It's kind of mind boggling how different I feel now.

My heart felt a bit bad earlier, but it feels better now after the shower. I also did get the fancy fast food, so there are those vitamins going through me. The ex-roomie said she will do spaghetti in a few hours, so I can have some extra fresh cooked food.

I guess today is really about as good as my day can get physically, and almost as good emotionally. I am still very sad about the bills coming, and not having money for that. And I am very sad about the game that launched that I can't have. But I have more comforts than usual today; my old games, a connection to watch and play stuff, and fresh food. So I continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4519 (V:243) - 11/14

Heart still feels bad

Today my heart still feels pretty bad. Checking my heart rate it's about 60-65 bpm, which is actually pretty good for me. Still the only way I can describe it is it feels like I'm kind of scared. I guess it's just stress, as my back has been insanely painful lately, especially in my mid and lower back. Or it could be a cold, as I'm still very congested and sniffly, and sneezing at times. I guess I'll try an allergy pill.

I guess I slept ok, but really I kind of feel like I just want to go back to sleep. I do have that opportunity, but I know I wouldn't actually fall asleep for a nap. And even if I did, it would more than likely mess up my regular sleep patterns.

In the evening my inside time will be over, and things will be back to my very sad normal homeless life. So I'll see pretty quickly if it has anything to do with being still and restful, as I'll need to be up and moving around. But for now, even though my feeling bad has me not wanting to play games, I am trying to enjoy the time I have left. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Day 4520 (V:244) - 11/15

Lasagna smell

Today was warmer than I expected. I was chilly, but not to the point of being cold. I brought my gloves, but never wore them. The weather app says the temperature will get a touch warmer as we move into the week and cold again next weekend, so I should have a bit warmer days ahead. It felt more like spring than winter.

I'm not sure if my heart felt bad. I didn't notice it feeling bad. But that might just be due to the 'outside noise'. The day was somewhat calm and quiet. There was more than usual activity for a Sunday, and some kids came barreling through my area. I was half tempted to yell at them. If any kind of bike ever hits my laptop that'd likely be a fatal blow.

I did get a faint smell of lasagna. It smelled so yummy. 😞 Looking around I saw no one in sight, so I have no idea where the smell came from. I don't know the last time I had any. It would have to be back when I could still use the microwave.

I guess, all in all, the day wasn't bad though. Not as bad as it could have been, that's for sure. And I'm becoming less sad about the game that launched that I can't have.

So I guess I hung on ok today, physically and emotionally, but my heart still breaks thinking about how much I miss a regular life in a home. 😞

Day 4521 (V:245) - 11/16

Different sick feeling

Today I am feeling sick, but in a different way than before. This time it's almost certainly due to a cold. I feel maybe a bit feverish, but mostly I've had a pretty bad migraine headache most of the day, my eyes hurt, my neck lymph nodes feel swollen, and it feels like my tummy is a bit upset.

I feel pretty tired too. But not in a sleepy way, in an exhausted from everything I did today kind of way. Though that isn't really surprising due to all the normal stress I'm under due to my very sad life.

Lately I've been feeling very sad, unwanted, and uncared for. I think it's really just indirect feelings because everyone else is talking about good things happening to them, and I have nothing, so it seems like people are intentionally ignoring me.

I am still extremely worried about the bills. The big web space bill is due in just about a month, and really the only gift giving time is turkey weekend in a couple of weeks. If dad sends a big amount, and if that amount is in cash, then I would be able to squeak by. But these days those are pretty big iffs. Additionally they would require I completely tap myself out of everything, leaving extremely little for gas, and nothing at all for school or the fix it ticket.

At the end of today I am still extremely worried about bills, worn out feeling, probably sick, and feel pretty heartbroken. 😞

Day 4522 (V:246) - 11/17

Trying to be hopeful

Today I am trying to be hopeful. Hopeful that it isn't too cold to be outside. Trying to be hopeful I don't feel too sick. Trying to be hopeful I don't feel too sad. And most of all, hopeful that help for bills will come soon, and that I can pay them in time.

Really all I have these days is hope. 😞 And it's getting harder and harder to hang on to. 😞

Day 4523 (V:247) - 11/18

Dizzy spell

Today had a very strange and worrisome event. I was sitting and playing my games as I try to do lately to try and self comfort, when out of nowhere for seemingly no reason I got extremely dizzy. My view literally was spinning. And while I knew I wasn't moving, it felt like I was falling over (to my left, counter clockwise spin) or absolutely would if I tried to get up.

I was thinking about stressful things. I had been, and still am, extra depressed today. But really my day was no different than any other. So I really have no idea why I would suddenly be dizzy.

I guess the dizzy spell passed quickly enough. It was probably just a couple of minutes really, and it hasn't happened since then. But it still got me very worried, and I suppose I still am. I knew laying down wouldn't alleviate the issue, so I was very worried about what I'd do if it continued.

I guess the day was ok, for what it could be. I've actually felt just slightly better lately, enough to update my site, which I guess looks like it hasn't been done in about six months. So I guess that is an indication things maybe aren't quite as bad as they've been.

I did get a super yummy pizza gift card today. So that is something very yummy to look forward to. But I am still extremely worried about the bills, as there are still important ones coming very soon I can't pay. 😞 And I don't know what to do. 😞

I guess, as always, all I can do is try my best to hang on. And I hope that generous and caring people send help in time. 😞

Day 4524 (V:248) - 11/19

Until the lights came on

Today I stayed outside the library until the evening lights came on. If it were warm I'd have even stayed an hour longer. I don't know if I'll stay as late as I did very often because it's starting to get very cold after dark and remain so until late morning.

I guess I had an ok day. I had fun with stuff, but I can't help but still feel sad about everything. I did an update to my system recommendations and I was very sad to see one page hadn't been updated in six months, another even longer. In a home where I'm comfortable and not as stressed I'd be updating those pages about every month. And do a big check at the end of the year for outdated sections. But with everything going on, especially times like this which seems no one cares about me, it is very difficult to find motivation and be in a decent mood to do it, even though I may be helping people by doing so.

There were no donations today, so I'm still getting ever more worried about bills. But all I can do is continue to try to hang on.

Day 4525 (V:249) - 11/20

Feel better, feel worse

Today I feel a bit better and a bit worse at the same time. I feel a bit better maybe emotionally. I have all my sads and worries, but they don't seem to bother me as much today. And I sort of feel a bit better physically, but I also feel a bit worse physically because my ears have been ringing, my eyes feel like they are being smooshed into my head, and I've had a horrible headache all day.

Last night I cried quite a bit. 😞 I again thought of the kitty I had to put outside so many years ago. I don't think I'll ever forget seeing her crying outside in her cat house on the porch when it was raining. I still remember she purred when I pet her, but she was so sad she didn't move. It breaks my heart every time I remember it. I remember she made my allergies so bad my eyes would almost swell shut. In the years she was with me I'd grown more allergic. But was it really so bad? Was it really so often? Could I not have

found pills to take? She loved me so much and I put her out (because she was an ex-es cat and we'd broken up.) 😞 Today me would do everything to keep her, especially since she was 9 and didn't have many years left. And I have to try my best to forgive past me, because I don't remember the pain I was in that led me to that decision. I have to try, but I don't know if I ever can.

Today was a bit extra rough because the stream I watch was celebrating something and lots of people decided to get pizza. Even though someone sent me a gift card for pizza I have to save it. I should wait for something I'm celebrating when I feel good, or save it for a special occasion (like Xmas is coming up), especially if that occasion involves food places having reduced hours, or for a time when I'm very sad, or very hungry. It's the only special food gift card I have left really. And I suppose more importantly, being the end of the year, I suppose there is always a change my food stamps may not get approved for renewal. So I'll be very stressed about that until sometime between December 5th and the 10th when they usually do the renewal call.

But it's night now, and I suppose I survived another day. Though I continue to be more worried about bills the more days that pass that they are unpaid. And I constantly grow more worried, for many reasons, that I may meet my end. 😞

Day 4526 (V:250) - 11/21

Picture day

Today was apparently picture day outside of the library. I didn't know why, but from probably 11 AM on it was almost constantly busy with people taking pictures and videos of each other. Some even in more formal, or outfit looking, attire.

I got a good sized donation so that will be very helpful. I won't have to worry about being late with the insurance payment at least. There are still big bills in just about a month, just four weeks away, which I'm sure will fly by. So I'm still very worried about that. But I am trying to hold on to hope help will come around Thanksgiving.

I guess today was reasonably ok. It wasn't so cold I couldn't be out, but the only time I was even remotely warm was when moving my car to the evening spot and blasting my heat.

I hung on ok today I suppose, but I am still very worried about bills, still miss all the base comforts of a home, and continue to try to stay hopeful that help will come in time.

Day 4527 (V:251) - 11/22

Picture day, part 2

Today was pretty busy outside the library from about 11 on. Again there were a ton of people taking pictures, many of which were again in what looked like celebration cloths. But it's strange because it's not one group of people. The ones dressed seem to be Asian women and (east) Indian women. I suppose it's possible both have a holiday that falls on this weekend, but I can't think of any my Chinese relatives would celebrate now. And I really don't know any Indian festivals save for Diwali, which I think is closer to October?

I was super cold today. I had my gloves on for about the first hour I was out, and even would have kept them on if it weren't so difficult to use mouse and keyboard with them on. I had hopes of warming up finally during the blinding hour when I barely started to warm as the sun came up onto my body. But sadly there were rain clouds, and they covered the sun, and within about 5 minutes of losing light I quickly got as cold as I was earlier.

No donations today, so I still worry about the bills. I don't feel great still. My ears are still ringing, I have a bit of a headache, and my eyes hurt just a bit. But I guess I had as ok of a time as I could, all things considered. And I survived the day, so I continue to try my best to hang on. And hopefully help and donations will come in time.

Day 4528 (V:252) - 11/23

Small bill paid

Today because of the recent donation and monthly help from a friend, I paid a smaller bill. So that is good. It's a monthly bill though, so it will come back around quickly enough.

The day was relatively quiet and calm. It was just a teeny bit warmer than the past few days, as it looked like it rained last night just a touch, leaving behind just enough cloud cover to trap in a bit of warmth. It's evening now and the clouds seem gone, so I don't suppose we'll see rain again and it will go back to being colder.

Someone showed up at the plug outside the library nearish to me during the blinding hour. I told them about the plug around the corner, where there wouldn't be blinding sun. They looked at me like they were going to get up and come fight me, and at the same time, so totally confused that I wondered if they spoke English. They settled in and were constantly mumbling. I hope I never see them again. Both because I hope they have somewhere safe to be, and because I always worry that more people showing up might attract more attention.

I did pay one bill today, so I feel a bit better. But still being what feels like an impossible amount away from the bigger bills I still worry. (Though to be safe I really only would need \$250, which isn't that much to most normal people, especially if that total is split between several people.) But all I can do is try to continue to hang on as best as I can, and hope enough help and donations come in the next few weeks.

Day 4529 (V:253) - 11/24

Another predicted day

Today is another predicted day. I expect it will be colder than Monday, which will be sad. Though I have some cheese to eat, which I guess is something. I haven't had any in probably months. Normally I would have some every two or three days, but without being able to micro I can't have my normal foods. With the world effectively being a

fridge for the next few months I have the option to get a block. I got a little one on sale for \$2, so that is a super cheap food for a few meals.

I don't know what to expect for today. Even more so what to expect for Thursday or Friday. More than ever things will be closed, so I will likely have to be extra cautious being out, as it will likely seem very suspicious.

But, as always, it seems all I can do is try my best to hang on, and try not to be too sad or worry about what I can't control. And hope that help for the bills will come soon.

Week 648

Day 4530 (V:254) - 11/25

Tired, cold

Today I am pretty tired and pretty cold. I was chilly all day and never really warmed up much. I suppose though it wasn't really unbearably cold. It is supposed to get colder pretty quickly, so I think what little extra warmth I have will rapidly be gone.

A friend sent some help, so that is super good. If I burn everything I have saved I nearly have enough to pay the big bill in a few weeks. And, by then more help will come from some monthly help, so I could use half of that and have enough. Though that would take everything I have, making me short for another bill, so I do still need help. Hopefully dad's money will come. I sent him an e-card and let him know everything is terrible, so maybe that will at least influence if he sends cash instead of a gift card.

My back is killing me again from extra stress lately. Hopefully more help will come and I can try to relax a bit. But, as always, all I can do is try to hang on, and hope help comes in time.

Day 4531 (V:255) - 11/26

Unusually busy

Today outside the library was unusually busy. It was dead when I got there, as I expected, but within a couple of hours for whatever reason it got very busy. The crowd ramped up more and more, and by the early afternoon it was just as busy as it would be on any other weekend day the library was open.

I did leave not too long after that though. I am spending a few hours in the ex-garage and the ex-roomie brought me out some turkey day foods, so that was super nice. 😊

It was also super sad, as it always is, to have the nice thing, to be near my stuff, and to remember what a regular life is like, only to lose it again.

I was extremely sad about the bills too. Unfortunately dad sent a gift card again, putting me further back from my estimated amount I'd have for bills, as this is the second gift money time he's done that in a row. I did get some unexpected help from a friend yesterday, so if I 100% burn out and don't pay car insurance until maybe later in December after more gift money comes, I can pay the big bill on time in mid-December. But that puts me in a bad position. So I am still very worried about the bills.

It's even worse today because there is a game sale going on. There are two single player games on my wish list I'd love to get, one at \$16, and one at \$24, both down from a usual price closer to \$60. So not only am I sad I can't pay bills, but I'm also very sad that I'm missing out on some amazing sales. 😞

But as always, I can't control what I can't control. My life is spinning out of control, and all I can do is try my best to not get sick and try to hang on. And hopefully help will come soon. 😞

Day 4532 (V:256) - 11/27

Weekend day like

Today it felt like a regular weekend day. But that's strange, because it's not. I suppose it's an extra weekend-like day, in that it's part of a 'long weekend'. But from about 11 on I stopped worrying about how dead it felt, as again the 'weekend crowd' quickly showed up and the area was very active after that. It was a touch chilly in the morning. I don't think my hands have ever not felt chilled today, but it wasn't so bad as to be uncomfortable. In fact, if it weren't for a breeze it might have even been warmer today.

But today I am really extremely sad. I started the day feeling very much like an outsider. I'm one of only a few I know in the area with nowhere to be. And even of the few other homeless I know, most of them have at least a temporary place to be on holidays.

i do suppose I did have that yesterday, but now I am again rapidly turned back to my terrible homeless life which has nearly nothing.

I may feel a touch better tomorrow, as the library has something on hold for me to watch. So I can at least be distracted and feel like my life is still going on, that I can still take part in new and different things for me, and I'm not stuck stagnating.

But really today all I have felt is extreme worry about the bills, profound loneliness, deeply unwanted, uncared for, mostly in the sense that no one really bothers to know me, and fearful of my future.

But there are people who do care, as few as they are. And I have survived cold lonely winters while homeless before. And I suppose, above all else, I have no choice but to continue on and try my best until help and opportunity come along.

Day 4533 (V:257) - 11/28

Chilly, then passable

Today was pretty chilly. Even though it was very difficult to do anything with my gloves on I kept them on until nearly noon. Though I didn't really get any kind of real warmth until the blinding hour. By about 3:30 the blinding hour had passed, and the sun was behind some trees again, so I started to get chilly and put my gloves on again.

I guess all in all the day was passable. I got what felt like ok progress on my games and nothing happened to upset or sadden me. Though at several points during the day I did think about how much more I'd be enjoying the day if I were in a home doing the same things. Just to be warm, able to pee, get a snack, not worry about people coming by, would greatly improve my mood and day. But I don't have that, and with everything going on that seems less and less attainable than ever. 😞

But I try to continue to do what I can to stay happy. I try my best to stay warm and stay safe. And all I can do is try to hang on and hope that help comes in time. 😞

Day 4534 (V:258) - 11/29

Small pockets

Today I am wearing my new pants I got when the store I sat in front of was having the closing sale. I think they were normally about \$40, but after the sale price reduction they were \$5. I don't know that they are a whole lot better than the normal jeans I wear that cost \$25 though. They feel maybe a bit more sturdy, but that might be because of the newness.

They have strangely small pockets though. I guess shallow would be more accurate to say. I'd say they seem to be about 75% as deep as normal pockets. I guess I don't need deep pockets, as my wallet and phone fit fine, but it's kind of odd.

I guess today was ok. It was chilly at first, but I warmed a tiny bit during the blinding hour. I felt both deeply sad, and I suppose, a bit better than normal. My mind is still thinking about being in a home. So, that is super sad. And a little nothing video I posted yesterday has gotten 65 views, meanwhile my video version of my podcast has gotten like 3 in that same time. And the previous ones only have 5, except for one which has 10. So it does seem sad people 'care more' about the little nothing videos than the ones I 'put effort into'. It again makes me feel like I'll never recover because the things I care about and put effort into aren't things people seem to care about at all.

I guess though so far today I felt ok. Though the connection was unstable in the earlier part of the day, so I only did about half of what I expected to in my MMO. But I guess it really doesn't matter, as the progression I'm working on is 'just in case', so it's date I'd want it completed by is likely after I'm stable in a home again. But there was no help for bills today, so I am still very sad and worried about that. And it's not even fully dark yet, so there are still about three more hours left today that I will be a bit worried.

But, as usual, all I can really do is try to let what I can't control go, which is most things. Hope that help for bills come before it's too late. And try to continue to do my best to hang on.

Day 4535 (V:259) - 11/30

Probably food poisoning

Today was kind of bad. I was interrupted shortly after lunch with an emergency level of need to go to the bathroom. 😞 My tummy also felt like someone had punched it, and I felt a touch dizzy. I think it was bad lunchmeat and a mile case of food poisoning. It's 'dinner time' now and I'm feeling much better. Though I don't expect I'll have any more lunch meat and just toss that last meal worth, just in case. I have plenty of chips and cereal to hold me over, so I'll just do that and probably get salad to help calm things tomorrow. While I do feel mostly better now, I only feel like I have about half my normal appetite, so I expect that just having snacks will be fine.

There was also very sad news about the streamer. Apparently his dad, who he was super close with, passed sometime in the early AM my time. It was sudden and unexpected as he was healthy and planning his retirement. Their only guess is it was an unexpected fatal heart attack. That is a terrible loss for him and I'm very sad for him. 😞

I guess today was ok though. Because of the mid day drive I got warmed up a bit. The connection was solid all day, so I did what I expected/hoped. And though I still feel a bit sick, I was healthy enough for today.

I am still extremely worried about the bills, very worried that I am in a high risk category for my own sudden fatal heart attack, and increasingly worried about everything. Things don't seem great for recovery, especially with everything going on and my state headed into tighter lockdown again. (Though the changes really are only to the number of people who can go inside stores, and their hours, so the changes shouldn't affect me.)

But, as always, all I can really do is continue to try to hang on.

Day 4536 (V:260) - 12/1

Yearly call

Today I am pretty worried about my yearly benefits call. I'm not worried in the 'what will be asked' sense, as I always just say "no change" and "zero" a bunch of times. I'm worried because I don't know what exactly qualifies or would disqualify me. I'm

pretty sure I'm only qualifying because I'm homeless. I've gotten notice that due to my age, and lack of any medical conditions, without working 20 hours or more a week I shouldn't be getting benefits. But I always get so worried and nervous that I feel like I'm going to throw up. Because if I'm denied, that's it. I won't have any way to buy food, and no way to get any money to do so. 😞 All I can do is hope it goes ok, hope I continue to qualify as long as I need it, and more than ever this year that they are understanding.

As always though, I have no control over anything. All I can do is answer the questions during the call and hope I qualify. Hopefully I will continue to, as that will calm my nerves quite a bit. And hopefully I can continue to hang on until help for the bills come, and I make it to better days.

Day 4537 (V:261) - 12/2

Food approved

Today I feel a fair bit better. Pretty early in the day I got notice from the food stamp people. My heart was racing as I checked what the notice said. The first one I checked said my food money has been re-approved through 2021. Phew. So at least I can still have money to eat. The second notice was also, I suppose, good news, in that it said the amount I can earn per month (without losing my food money) is \$1383. Which really with what my life is these days is vastly more than I'd need to get by. (Though in this area that likely wouldn't even cover most 1 bedroom apartments.) And, good to have a higher number if I do find work again. (Back when I started that number was closer to 1k.)

So the rest of the day that I was at the library was a bit more relaxed than I have been. And now at night I got extra food because I'd kind of been shorting myself 'just in case.' I got myself a treat as well. Nothing super fancy, just some chocolate chip muffins.

I've still been pretty extremely stressed about bills though. My back has been sore and clenched up most of the day. In a couple of days I'll pay the big web bill. It will take everything I have to do that though, shorting me for car insurance (for January) for the moment. I'll be using gift card money I got for my birthday, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. I suppose though since that was saved for school it's not a total loss, as checking the schedule everything will be online again next quarter. And for what I need to take doing it online isn't really an option.

I will have to sacrifice everything for the bill though, and I'd hoped that gift money could be used for, well, gifts. I guess I'll have to hope enough for the remaining bills come for Xmas. And then, if there is anything left, maybe then I can get a gift. 😞

So I feel better and safer about food money, but still extremely worried about bills. But, as always, all I can do is try my best to hang on. And hopefully help will come in time.

Day 4538 (V:262) - 12/3

Muffin surprise

Today when I got back to my car after my library time I was surprised by muffins. I'd forgotten that I got them. They have been such a rare treat for me.

I guess today was ok. I had what felt like good progress in my games, and I got more done than I expected I would.

It was pretty cold today. I'm pretty sure it was a new low. I think the temperature said something like 45F when I settled in, and barely above 60F in the warmest time. Oddly it didn't feel too cold. I didn't even have my gloves on. Which maybe that's a good sign for surviving, as things shouldn't get a whole lot colder. I think the peak cold here in the coldest winter time will be about 30F, but I think 40-60F is about where the days will be when I'm outside and not in my car. I guess we'll see as time goes on, and I'll deal with that as it happens.

I was very worried about bills today, and I think my back is still kind of killing me because of it. I've had a fair bit more stress than usual, but I guess there really isn't anything I can do about that beyond what I am already trying.

As always, all I can do is try my best to hang on, and hopefully help comes in time.

Day 4539 (V:263) - 12/4

Failed attempt / more restrictions

Today is an extremely sad day. I got news two hours ago and still feel so nervous and anxious about it I feel like I will start uncontrollably crying or that I'll throw up. The state is nearly going into panic over recent rises in cases and are making things more restricted. Stores capacity will be more limited, and restaurants can't have people in the store at all. At first I was completely panicking thinking that I couldn't be out at all. But after I'd calmed down a bit I found an article that stated outdoor activity 'for mental well being' is still ok. So I should still be able to do what I've been doing.

Though things will likely have to change. I expect I shouldn't be outside the library on Sunday at all since it's not open. And since it basically doesn't open until about 1, maybe get there later instead of showing up at 8-9. And instead of leaving as its entering dark hours I may want to leave in the late afternoon. So, basically reducing what is usually 8 hours there to about 5, and go back to probably not being there every day.

I don't really know though. I'll take things tentatively next week and see how things go. I'm very worried, but I'm trying not to cry or be worried.

I also got bad news when trying to use my gift cards to pay the big bill. They will only accept a single payment method. So the gift cards can't be used for that bill. I will have to continue to prey enough cash help comes in time, as it's due before Xmas. I put out a call for help on the social page, but it seems unlikely it will be noticed, as it seems hardly anyone looks at the page.

I also got bad news checking on the most wanted game. Checking the site where I have the gift card balance, the PC game code now shows "no longer available", so I may not be able to buy a PC version through them. 😞 Which would mean it is a lot less likely I will be able to get it. 😞

So today had all kinds of bad news that will require adapting to some things and continuing to hope help comes in time. It seems more and more lately all I can do is try my best to hang on and hope help comes. 😞

Day 4540 (V:264) - 12/5

Big help

Today started out kind of sad. I was worried about the changes because when I got to the library outside spot no one was around. That wasn't really unusual though, as things don't get busy until closer to noon. But I couldn't help feel nervous and worried about people seeing me as an outsider. But I reminded myself about noon being the time people come, and reminded myself technically changes don't happen until tonight. By the time I'd calmed down a bit people were showing up, and it was reasonably busy after that.

Oddly there weren't as many doing general stuff, but there were 3-4 times as many people picking up stuff from the library.

I spent much of the afternoon doing dungeon things in my MMO with a guildie. We chatted for a bit and talked about my sad life. They sent some help that was a huge donation. 🙏 It was so big it will cover the web bill, the car insurance, the fix-it ticket, and even have enough left to pre-order the most wanted game. So that pretty much ensures I should have a very good Xmas time. 😊 Also, there is the indirect additional benefit that I didn't need to use any of my gift card cash I'd gotten for previous gifts. I will still have to be pretty careful with that, but it also seems pretty likely it would be ok to spend some on the second most wanted game, which is releasing in very early February, and then saving the rest for bills coming in the future.)

So now at the end of the day I feel pretty good. The money is on the way to my account, so hopefully I can do the things Monday. I already feel much less stressed, so that is very helpful. And I even feel a bit hopeful again that I won't feel so sad when Xmas comes around since I'll at least have one fun thing and important bills paid. And if I have more gift money that comes in a few weeks, that will further the odds I can spend a bit on the second game and have more for future bills. Getting more might help me feel like I have a choice of things again, instead of feeling like I'm forced to do X with the cash out of necessity.

As always though, everything is still extremely sad and uncertain. But for the moment things feel a bit brighter. And so I continue to try my best to hang on until better days.

Day 4541 (V:265) - 12/6

Felt normal

Today was a test of the new stay at home conditions. Though the more I debated changing my patterns the more I felt like I would just be depriving myself of what little I have. So, I compromised. I arrived at my spot about the usual time. But every time I heard a car I tried to look up to see if it was anything unusual. The same went for people walking, jogging, biking, or with dogs. The morning was a bit unusually slow, even for a

Sunday. But not unusual when I added the fact that it was mist raining. And as the day went on, especially as we neared noon and the mist rain had stopped, it basically reached a regular sized crowd.

So at least for today, things seem unchanged. There is the curfew, so at night things do become extremely quiet, but outside of that nothing really seems changed. People still seem to be driving around the same amount. People seem to be walking and outside the same amount. And, sadly, people still seem to be casually wearing masks, not wearing them all the time. But, overall, I felt pretty comfortable not changing my pattern today. I'll see how tomorrow goes, but it looks like I may have nothing to fear. At least for a few weeks, until we are closer to Xmas and New Years and being outside at all seems extremely unusual.

But today I feel a lot less fearful of change. It seems more like it was a 'be ready for change' than actual change so far. Outside of that I just try to continue to do my best to hang on. And hopefully more help will come, and I can hang on long enough to make it to better days.

Day 4542 (V:266) - 12/7

Still felt normal

Today again pretty much felt normal. In fact, if I hadn't heard about the changes I may not have even noticed that anything was different. Really the only difference was there weren't really parked cars across the street from my sitting spot because the people in that building are one of the few groups which are fully shut down during the restrictions (until the 4th?).

There were fewer people walking dogs or out and about, so there is that, but since those numbers vary from day to day I'm not really worried. If tomorrow goes like today did I will feel safe and consider things unchanged compared to before. I will try to not worry about the changes until things change again, and again seem like they may affect me.

Today the most important bill for this time of year has been paid, so I feel a lot better about that. I also got the most wanted game, and it already got to 60% downloaded

before I had to shut down, so there should be plenty of time left before Wednesday early evening when it's unlocked to get the rest.

Things are still terrible, but I try not to think about them, for I have no control over them. All I can do is continue to try my best to hang on. And hopefully I can make it through to better days.

Day 4543 (V:267) - 12/8

Maybe unusually warm

Today is supposed to be warmer than it has been. Monday it was about 10F warmer all day, which seemed pretty unusual. Today is supposed to be about half that. Then later in the week it will be back to being cold.

Hopefully today will have a regular crowd and I will start to feel less worried about the changed restrictions. It seems so far nothing really seems different to me. Hopefully people will be better though. And hopefully those who are not well will get better. And hopefully soon we can all make it through to better days.

Week 650

Day 4544 (V:268) - 12/9

Dry knees

Today I am a bit worried about my knees. I noticed last night when I had an itch there is about a one inch area on each that is super dry and cracking. I guess it makes sense. There are now four clothing layers in that area, and for the past basically two months I've knelt on each on super hard concrete a few times a day at the spot outside of the library to do things with my backpack. I guess I'll have to try to remember to keep an eye on it if it gets much worse or not, as well as try to be mindful not to be on my knees too much.

I guess today was a decent day. My most anticipated game is technically unlocked now as I write this, though it will be a bit before I can try and play. Yesterday dad said he sent stuff for Xmas, so hopefully more cash help is on the way and I can save for bills. Maybe even extra to get some stuff when it comes up on sale (as it always does this time of year.)

I guess overall today was ok emotionally. The weather was a touch warmer still, and there were people out and about, with no sign of weirdness, so I feel pretty secure that my routine won't change. At least not for a bit until we get to Xmas week where things will no doubt get weird overall. But I feel a touch better emotionally, a touch worse physically (my physical health is getting pretty bad with all the closures and food limitations), and so I continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4545 (V:269) - 12/10

Very painful knees

Today my knees have been very painful if I kneel on them where the dry spots are. I put some cream on it this morning, but I don't expect they will be better for a week or two. I'll have to be extremely careful to do my best not to hurt them more until they can heal.

I guess it was an ok day other than that. I feel... weird. Maybe sad but not extra sad. I wonder if it's partly the new game. My world is very terrible and sad, and the world in the game is also struggling. I don't really think it could be that though, because I have been familiar with that world since the mid 80s when the pen and paper version first came out.

I think it's more likely my knees being hurt. It reminds me because of limitations I have in my life I am being hurt in different ways. I can't really take care of myself. And because the world is unlikely to change very soon, I grow more and more worried about the toll things like this will take on me before I can be somewhere safe.

But I can't control what I can't control. I can't be safe in ways I can't be safe. My limitations are what they are, and all I can do is my very small things to try my best to adapt. 😞 So I continue to try my best to hang on. And hopefully I can make it to better days. 😞

Day 4546 (V:270) - 12/11

Not the game

Today I feel better. I still feel a bit weird and a bit off, but not like yesterday. I played a bit of the new game last night and today, and the feelings almost certainly aren't because of the game. In fact, now that I'm getting used to how the systems work and finding out what I like I'm having a super fun time with it. Though it's far more of a role playing game than a shooter, so I'm only doing about one mission per play session. Which is totally fine. I just thought it would be the other way, more action than not. Though I'm still in sort of the starting area, so it may be more story heavy. I really like the stories and characters though, so it's fine taking it slower than I expected.

I guess today was ok. It was rainy and it got super cold in the afternoon. I'm a bit concerned though because this person seems to have 'moved in' around the corner of the building from me. Mostly I don't see him, but he's been by every day for about a week now. The reason I worry is because he doesn't fully seem stable. He will wander around and mumble to himself. He was talking to himself so loudly today that I could hear him from about 40 feet away, with my headphones on, with my game sound on. So I worry he

will bring unwanted attention, or worse, cause people to panic and lock up the power outlets (or shut them off) in order to discourage people from being outside. If I lost this spot that would basically be it. The food store connection is no longer strong enough to use, and doesn't have power anyways. So if I lost power outside the library, then I'd still have a good signal, but only be able to use it a few hours with my laptop, or be limited to my tablet. All I can do is hope things work out, or better still he moves on and doesn't keep returning.

Everything is pretty terrible though, and I just have to try to accept what I can't control, try my best to distract myself, and hopefully I can hang on until better days.

Day 4547 (V:271) - 12/12

No mumblor

Today seems better. I feel better emotionally, but still pretty off physically. My health is getting pretty bad and worrisome, especially since it's winter and I can't do things like try and work out a little to try and counter bad effects.

I suppose one good thing is the mumblor didn't show up at all while I was there. Hopefully this means they are gone and won't be back, but I won't feel safe until it's been a week since I've seen them.

I had fun with my games today. People are chatting a bit more than usual on the social pages, so I didn't quite feel as lonely. Though the temperature is back down to 35-55F, so overall it's very cold, and as such I feel very sad, lonely, and fearful of my health for the future.

But as always, there isn't anything I can control. So all I can do is try to continue to hang on as best as I can.

Day 4548 (V:272) - 12/13

Sort of vacation

Today I am on a sort of vacation. I got word in the morning the ex-roomie who doesn't want me around is out of town for work for a while. So the ex-roomie who would be ok with my being in the garage until I have a home again said it was ok for me to be in there.

So today was a pretty good day. I got to be with my stuff, and as part of that I could bundle up a fair bit more than usual. While I couldn't say I was "nice and warm" I was 'warmer than usual', which is something.

I also got money from dad, and in a huge surprise it was both a higher amount than he usually sends, and it was cash. So I decided to spend a bit on two games that were on pretty big sale which have been on my wish list for quite a while. I think both were on there for about a year. So that is super happy. The rest will be saved for bills. It seems there are always bills to worry about even though I have so few. I have the fix it ticket soon, and thankfully a little break until about May, but pretty soon I'll have some big ones again.

The only sad part about today (other than my normal sad things) is there seems to be a higher than normal amount of dust and such in the garage, and it's been triggering my asthma. I think it's because I got into some stuff I haven't been into for a while. I'm not super bad, but I am struggling a bit. I took an allergy pill and it didn't seem to do anything. I really wish I could still get the over the counter inhalers. They weren't great, but in minor attacks like this it would be enough.

So today was a pretty good day. And I will try to hang on to better times as much as I can while I have a chance.

Day 4549 (V:273) - 12/14

The big sleep

Today started later than I expected. While I did 'get in bed' later than I thought I would, I slept for what was at least 10 hours. I can't think of the last time I slept more than

8. Usually I average 7-8 most days, closer to 7 than not, 6 if there is trouble and I'm worried. I don't know if it is my body trying to catch up a bit, or the allergies, or a cold, or what.

I started the day feeling good, but now I feel kind of bad. My heart feels not the best, and my mid and lower back are killing me. I'm sitting nearly identically to how I do outside, and it's not like I get a lot of activity on a normal day, so that's not different. So I don't know why things feel bad and are hurting. I guess I should take some pain pills, but I don't know how much they will help.

I'm feeling pretty good being with my stuff emotionally, but as always there is a sadness too. That it's all in boxes and I don't know when, or if, I will ever be back in a home again.

Day 4550 (V:274) - 12/15

Vacation Tuesday

Today will be another vacation-like day. I don't know what the day will hold. I should still have enough food I don't need to go out. Basically food is on a two day cycle. So hopefully I can continue to rest, try to relax, and do my best to continue to hang on through these terrible days. And hopefully I can make it to better days ahead.

Week 651

Day 4551 (V:275) - 12/16

Still sore back

Today was pretty good. I didn't sleep quite as long. I think I got about 9 hours, which is still more than normal. The night before was again 10, which is crazy.

I did need to go outside for a bit to the food store and it seemed warmer outside than it was in the ex-garage. It was the same a few days ago too. I guess the ex-garage is just always a bit colder than outside. I think the only time I've known it to be warmer was in the summers when it gets really hot, and then the outside rapidly cools at night. I think that's the only time it remains hot.

I had a pretty good time today. I tried to relax. My back is again kind of killing me though. I guess softer surfaces aren't great for it. Though I did lose right around 4 hours to editing, so that was sad. Adding video versions has significantly increased the amount of work. With my 5-10 views on them so far each I'm not sure the extra average 2-3 hours is worth it, even if it is only once every 3 weeks.

But I was ok today. A bit chilly. A bit sore. But I suppose better than normal. I certainly felt a lot safer. But even in the ex-garage everything feels pretty sad and terrible still; an uncertain future. 🙄 But I continue to try to hang on. And at least it was a little easier.

Day 4552 (V:276) - 12/17

Bacon and pizza

Today was pretty good. I got to do laundry, which I thought I barely had anything to wash, but after taking off all the layers I have to wear to stay warm in these cold times it was nearly a full load just from that. I got to run that while taking a shower.

I got some yummy treats too. While I did that the ex-roomie was getting some bacon ready to put in soup, so I got to have some. I don't know how long it's been since I

had any. Probably at least 7 or so years, as the only time I remember having any was spending too much money for a breakfast from a fast food place in celebration of a lot of overtime and an extra early morning shift.

I got another yummy treat too, as she got pizza. It was a thicker crust one, which I like, and I overestimated how much I would eat by getting three pieces. It was fine, as most of a piece is left for tomorrow.

I guess today was a pretty good day if still very sad because of the sad things that are always at the back of my mind. 😞

Day 4553 (V:277) - 12/18

Normal sleep

Today was the first day I had a 'normal' amount of sleep of 8 hours. I guess if I do ever get back into a home that seems like good news, as that means sleep may catch up in as little as a week. Though I'd still guess it would be several to fully return to a normal eating and sleeping schedule.

I shaved my hair down this morning, a sort of final step after shaving the sides off yesterday. It seems the top is even worse than I thought. The thinness now goes basically completely over the top. Only the 'back' of what once was a mohawk can still grow a normal thickness. It makes me very sad, as I feel very old thinking about it or seeing it in a reflection. I know it's likely not something others would really 'see' or care about, especially if I start fully shaving and wear hats all the time. But I can't help but picture my grandpa, or even my dad in his later years. It reminds me of my age, my mortality, and the fact that at most I probably only have 35 years left. And of those years my mental faculty and ability to control my parts to game and do daily things may only last half that long. And too, many don't even get their full life expectancy. What if I only have half? A quarter? Less? A bad end feels closer and closer all the time. 😞

Day 4554 (V:278) - 12/19

Vacation is over

Today my vacation time is over and I'm back to my regular homeless (during virus time) life. It was a very sad day for a great many reasons. It's also indeed starting to get colder. I don't think I saw the temperature above about 45F all day. My hands were half numb all day and night. At one point I had a hard time playing games because I couldn't feel my finger clicking the mouse button.

I guess things aren't all bad though. Yesterday there was a warning message on my phone about the area being at a very high alert status. I checked the website it referenced and saw nothing different. Checking a social feed they had for the site there was a reference hospitals are at 7% (below the 15% they want to feel safe), but it also stated 'there were plenty of beds still'.

The crowd outside the library was just as high as when it was at its lowest alert level in my area. So people are either tired of staying inside, or no longer care about the restrictions in terms of what's open or closed. I did notice more people have masks on than before (who were just walking around), and two families did not come down the building path to cross past me (whereas before families would sometimes repeatedly cross in front of me), so I guess people may not care to follow all the restrictions, but are being more careful, which may be the more important thing anyways.

But things are still very terrible for me. I suppose, so far, my health is hanging on, as poor as it's getting. And with now my most important winter bill paid, and my most recently wanted game, and two other big ones gotten on sale, I have several things to help me hang on. (At least for a couple of months until big bills start to near again.)

So I try my best to hang on. I hope the vaccine does well and we can get a swift return to normal. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4555 (V:279) - 12/20

Fading rapidly / misfiring mouse

Today memories of my vacation are rapidly fading. It feels like a month ago when it has only been a couple of days. It was super cold again and my hands were kind of half numb up until nearly 1 when we were approaching the blinding hour. These days about 1-5 are the only hours my hands and feet aren't at least partly numb.

My mouse has started dying further than just having terrible wireless battery life. For the past almost week, mostly just when not gaming, it will misfire clicks, causing a single click to be registered as double, or double to be triple. I'm going to have to be more careful with clicking. Thankfully it doesn't seem to be affecting gaming at all yet, but my need for a replacement may come much sooner than not. I expect I already have nearly all I'll get for Xmas time, so I'll have to see if anyone sends one for a gift, as there isn't spare cash for one. While I do have probably a teeny bit of cash left from previous gift money, really I should keep the two gift cards I have and that cash for bills. They will come much faster than I'd like, no doubt.

Today seemed to pass pretty quickly. I think it was probably the cold affecting my brain function. I remember the day, what I did, how I felt, but it felt like I was running on automatic. Just doing the same pattern as before, and it was no different this time.

I guess, all in all, it wasn't a bad day. Things were about as peaceful as they could be outside the library. My back hurt a bit, and I have a bit of a headache and ringing ears, but other than that I seem ok. (Those might be due to a cold. I'm congested and a few times during the past 24 hours I've coughed up a tiny bit of yuck.) But I suppose overall my health isn't too bad, and I continue to hang on.

Day 4556 (V:280) - 12/21

Butt towel

Today I did something different to try and keep a bit warmer. Thinking back to years ago I did this before when I was hanging out outside of school all the time. I got a smaller towel and put it under my butt, so I wasn't sitting directly on the cold concrete. It

folded three times, though it was pretty thin, so I don't know how much it helped.

Especially since for the first hour or so I was there my breath was making a mist due to the cold weather.

There are new rumors that a second stimulus check may finally come. It would be half of what it was before. Doing some quick planning that would basically just cover the remaining car insurance cost for the year, as well as car registration (in July). Which both of those being covered would be a big help, as those are two of the biggest bills during the year. But since it's come to a vote at least twice before and not passed, I won't hold my breath. And with everything as terrible as it is for me, I always expect I'll be excluded from such things.

I guess today was pretty ok though. But I felt weird, and still feel weird. Maybe I have a bit of a cold or fever. My ears are ringing a bit, I feel just a touch off balance, and I have what feels like a sound or image echo, but things aren't really echoing, I just have the feeling like I'm experiencing that. It's hard to explain.

But I got to play some today. Only two people walked by, so I felt pretty safe. And with no one interacting with me things felt pretty calm and quiet. So again I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4557 (V:281) - 12/22

Xmas approaches

Today I will probably be thinking more about Xmas coming closer. I think I have all the gifts I'll get for the year. So far it is more than I hoped for in recent years, especially with how terrible things are for everyone this year.

I expect though when the holidays happen it will be very tough emotionally. I don't expect anything bad to happen outside the library, but it will be very unusual to be there. So I will probably not be there as much as normal. And with the food store's sitting area closed, once I'm not there I have nowhere to be but my car, which will be extremely unusual if I'm noticed.

But that is 2-3 days from now, and again a week later. Without really being able to plan for today, there's not much reason worrying about a few days from now. While some

can look ahead to the future, I am stuck looking straight down, as I don't know when, or if, what is right in front of me will remain.

Week 652

Day 4558 (V:282) - 12/23 **Worried for future days**

Today I am worried about the next week or so. The library website showed they will close pickups from tomorrow until the 3rd, so it may be very unusual for me to be outside. I expect the next two days will be empty, so I will probably stay for less time. But hopefully after that at least weekends and days will return to the normal amount until next eve and day.

I was a bit colder than usual due to a chilly breeze and a lot of gray clouds, but overall the temperature was warmer. The car was not frosted over this morning, as it had been nearly a week prior to that.

I guess it was a pretty good day, even though I was cold and did things differently than what I expected. So for now I continue to hang on. And hopefully I qualify for the second stimulus payment I heard actually passed.

Day 4559 (V:283) - 12/24 **Xmas Eve surprise**

Today had a few surprises. The day started pretty cold and a bit sad. It has been cloudy and threatening rain lately, so it's gotten colder pretty quickly. My breath didn't stop misting until nearly 1.

The stream I watch had some extra silliness, so that cheered me up a bit. And in the early afternoon it sort of became a regular weekend crowd outside the library. Though that may have been due to what I discovered a few hours later when I left. The library was open for pickups. I could swear the site said it would be closed today, but I guess that doesn't start until tomorrow.

Also in the afternoon the gray ghost sent a pretty big Xmas gift, so that was a total surprise. I'll have to check things, but most likely that will go to a replacement mouse so I don't have to worry about the continuing death of my current one. Or to a backup drive, as

the one I have now is too small. (Especially since the video podcast versions are 5-10 gig each. I've got about 65 gig being eaten up just on the 5 I've done so far.) I'll have to check what's what, but I'd like to not just spend it on bills. With the second stimulus coming I should be ok and be able to save enough along the way for the bills that are coming down the line.

So today had some surprises. It's not over yet, and tomorrow will be much rougher since I expect no one will be out. But we'll see. It is what it is and I can't control or influence much. But hopefully the rest of today will be ok, tomorrow will be too, and I can continue to hang on.

Day 4560 (V:284) - 12/25

Another surprise gift

Today was better than I expected. People were wishing happy Xmas a lot on the social pages, so that seemed nice. The time at the library wasn't completely empty. Like a slower weekend day to be sure, but enough people were around that I wasn't worried about being there. It was windy and cold, but the wind stopped by about noon, and now at nearly 4 there is a light rain.

I got a pretty big cash gift from the online friend who usually sends gifts for help. So, along with the previous gift I can preorder my next most wanted game (due out in February) and get a new mouse. The one I've been using is still getting worse, but it's still ok to keep as a spare.

So far today has turned out better than expected. It's still pretty early as far as the day goes, but I don't expect any issues at this point. It seems my fears were nothing to worry about, and things worked out ok.

So with all the nice things my spirit is boosted. At least for the moment. And I continue to hang on and hope I make it to forever better days.

Day 4561 (V:285) - 12/26

Confused

Today I am a bit confused. There were just a few people most of the day, but in the early afternoon it got much more crowded than I expected. And when I left I noticed the library lights were on. I looked closer towards the door, and sure enough they were doing pickup service. So that confused me. I thought they were supposed to be staying closed until the 3rd. I guess that must have been something else and they are doing the usual closed on the eve and day as they always have.

It's a good thing, as that means I don't really have to worry about seeming totally out of place. If they are still open for pickups during the day, then it would seem like I just came by and decided to stick around for a bit. As for the rest of the day I guess things went ok. It felt weird with the days being irregular. It didn't feel like a Saturday. The connection was a touch bad a few times, but overall fine. I was a touch warmer, but it's still really chilly. It poured rain last night and early this morning, but not after I was up and about. Now in the early evening it seems the clouds have completely disappeared.

So I guess while I am still very sad, and much colder than I'd like to be, today was pretty good. And I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4562 (V:286) - 12/27

Chilly all day

Today I was chilly all day. My hands, feet, and brain were about 20% numb all day. I never really got warm, and certainly was nowhere near as warm as I'd have liked.

The day did go much better than expected. There was guild chat, which is unusual these days. And I did do a lot, though not as much as I'd have liked. It certainly felt a lot less than I'd planned. I was kind of forgetful too. I forgot a couple of minor things I wanted to do. (Research the price of a thing and put something into my trunk that is in the front of my car.)

All in all I suppose it wasn't a bad day, and it certainly felt easier than I expected these holiday days to go. But I still have many sads, and miss so many very basic home things. But I continue to try to hang on until better days.

Day 4563 (V:287) - 12/28

Very cold

Today was a pretty good day, but I was very cold all day. I was shaking, clenching my jaw a lot, and my hands and feet were 1/3 numb all day. 😞 The weather app showed a high of 50F, but with a slight breeze and gray clouds it felt more like 40F, which I guess most of the day it was closer to that.

I guess that aside from the cold the day was pretty good. The connection was good enough. It died a few times in the morning for a few minutes each time. Not a major issue, but sad.

I'm still waiting for the second stimulus, but I am happy for the gifts sent so far and I got a few nice things this year. 😊 So I try to hang on through the cold weather, and hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4564 (V:288) - 12/29

Probably a regular Tuesday

Today will probably be a regular Tuesday. I found where my confusion on the closure dates came from. When I log on to the network outside the library it goes to a general city web page. So the 'closed until January' date came from there, referencing things like City hall services (though their building has been closed since the start.) The library specific site still references just being closed Xmas and New Years eves and day.

Boosted by recent gifts my heart is warmed, though my body has been very cold. But I continue to try to hang on until better days.

Day 4565 (V:289) - 12/30
Unknown topic

Today I don't know what to talk about. It was a pretty regular day. It was super cold until about noon, with the temperature being about 45F. The connection was stable and solid, so that was good. A few people came by, but turned before coming down my way. At least the adults did. A couple of little ones went past me, which honestly I worry about more. The daily walker is seemingly back. She doesn't seem to have a regular time now, but she had stopped coming for what felt like months.

I saw someone yesterday at the food store I haven't seen in a while. He was a TA for the lead writing professor. When that professor left he joined my professor for a quarter. I guess it's been two years since he moved to L.A. He is probably just about now finishing a four year degree, but I'm sure he's 'living the dream' down there. I've always thought I should move down there. Half for the warmth, but half to be around creative people. At this point I doubt I'd find friends, let alone work in a career there, since more than anywhere else it's a place you need to have connections.

But I'm glad for him. He didn't really seem interested in talking. And I suppose in all honesty in the four years I knew him at school he was never what I'd call overly friendly towards me. But he looked good. He wasn't hunched over like he used to be. He seemed like he was happier and lighter of spirit. He even looked like he's lost some weight around his waist. I'm glad he seemed to be doing well; especially since I'm pretty sure he's only nearing his late 20s.

I likely will never be able to 'live my best life' like he may be doing. Not without a bunch of money so I can suddenly do something like become a producer. And with how few seem interested in being around me, I doubt I will ever be able to make a network without people having a reason to interact with me. So I'm glad to see someone who I knew seemingly is doing well in life. (Especially since I think he had diagnosed depression as well as a few other things.)

I guess today wasn't terrible. I did get another gift, so that was nice. I am worried for tomorrow and the next day, as they are days people aren't likely to go out. But it is

what it is. I can't control others. But I continue to try my best to hang on. And hopefully someday I can make it to better days.

Day 4566 (V:290) - 12/31

Actually normal

Today was actually normal. It was a pretty slow start, but by noon there was an almost normal crowd. I suspect that was because, to my surprise, the library was open. I guess Tomorrow should be pretty easy. Though there is still tonight to get through, which I expect should be quiet and calm, but you never know with how weird things are lately.

I guess it was a good day, though it was again very cold. It peaked at 45F, and last night I heard rain. I had a pretty bad dream in the early morning, so that didn't help. But the day passed quickly and easily enough, so I suppose that's something.

As this calendar year comes to a close I suppose there isn't much to say. Things are worse than ever before for me, and as always there seems to be nothing I can do to influence the outcome. But I have gifts this year, a bit of money for bills, a new system to play games on, so I seem more ready for being ok in the future. I just have to keep hanging on until opportunity can come again.

Hopefully soon things will be better. And hopefully this next year will be better for everyone.

Day 4567 (V:291) - 1/1/21

Bite or sliver

Today my index finger on my right hand has been bugging me a bit. I noticed last night at some point it must have gotten poked by something. From the last knuckle forward it's red on top and maybe 15% more swollen compared to the left. I can feel the swollen parts down to my second knuckle if I curl my finger. I guess it's ok. It doesn't really hurt too much. Hopefully it will heal quickly from whatever it is and not get worse.

Today is the first day of the new year, but like all my other homeless years it really is just another day for me. As I expected it was pretty dead all day, and from the afternoon on there was a light crowd.

It's late afternoon, but I expect things will be fine, a slow normal. I don't know what the evening will hold, let alone the next year, but I continue to try to hang on until better days.

Day 4568 (V:292) - 1/2

Struggling groups

Today in my MMO there were struggling groups for some dungeons I did. I spent more than two hours struggling through content they couldn't finish, when both should have been finished in half that time. I guess in the grand scheme of things it's fine and will be forgotten quickly enough, but it does mean I spent all day in my MMO instead of breaking out and doing other things for the last 2-3 hours of my day.

It looks like the second stimulus came and shows pending, so I can go through and finalize my plan. I'm pretty sure it covers the remaining total for car insurance (to October when it starts again), car registration and smog if needed (I keep hoping it's old enough to not need to do that), the car insurance membership, and I think a little bit more. I'll have to check to be sure. If there is 'extra' I'd like to do things like get a new backup disk (video footage I've recently done is eating 65 gig just so far) and new boots would be great since I'm on an old backup pair.

So today wasn't great. It wasn't what I expected. But it's fine I guess, and it was ok overall. For the moment I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4569 (V:293) - 1/3

Feeling broken

Today I feel pretty broken. I must have a cold again, as I've been sneezing a few times a day for a few days, my lungs feel congested, and my ears are ringing. I'm veery

sleepy and extra hungry too, but there is a chance that is due to lost sleep from activities keeping me up on new years.

My finger bump is still just as bad. It might even be a touch worse feeling, as the swollen bit looks more swollen. Inside it doesn't feel so bad, as the tendon and second joint feel better than before.

Someone mentioned my domain was down. Researching things looked odd, as the regular person domain was still up, and both emails seem fine. So it seems like the pointer for the domain just stopped working for some unknown reason. I'd guess it was a change on the 1st, something server side that the domain wasn't flagged for. I had to spend more than an hour talking to support to try and fix it, but since I needed to go offline I couldn't verify if it was fixed.

So today emotionally I feel kind of broken. I'm probably sick. My finger still hurts. My lips feel torn up, likely due to the aluminum cans I usually drink from. And my domain is down. I guess though it was an ok day other than that. It was cold, but not unbearably so. I played my games, and though I wasn't 'feeling it' for my shooter, I did get some progress in my MMO, so that was something. And I suppose most importantly these days, I survived the day. And in these uncertain times, especially for me, that's something.

Day 4570 (V:294) - 1/4 Gray and not gray

Today has been an odd mix of weather. It started raining quite a bit last night, was clear when I got up and moved, then started raining a bit more a few hours after I'd settled at my library spot. It stopped and became sunny and clear for a while, but now it looks like it's going to rain again.

My finger is still swollen and the red part is still very red. I don't think it's getting worse, but it doesn't seem to be getting better very quickly.

The day feels calm, and I suppose oddly hopeful. I think that just has to do with the weather. Like right now as I've written a bit the sun is out again and warming things a bit. So I think the back and forth of the gray and sun makes me feel like change, and a sort of clean cycle.

I guess today has been ok. I started with about 2 hours to tech support to still try and fix my domain. I guess the previous fix didn't help, though it seems sorted now. Things still seem pretty terrible, but they don't really feel worse than before. And with these days being about hanging on more than anything else, I suppose that is something.

Day 4571 (V:295) - 1/5

Tired

Today hopefully I'll feel better. I've been so very exhausted feeling lately. My food money will cycle tomorrow, so maybe I'll get a bit extra and eat more than normal. Sometimes that helps when I'm very tired.

I don't know what else to say for today other than I hope I continue to hang on. And hopefully we can all make it to better days.

Day 4572 (V:296) - 1/6
Maybe an anaphylactic reaction

Today I have the worst allergic reaction in my life. I was granted a few days in the ex-garage again, but needed to go out to get food. So since it was super cold, I put on a warm wool hat I found maybe a week ago. It's pretty itchy, so previously I'd only worn it a few days (and had no issue for hours.) But today after I got back after only wearing it about an hour, very suddenly my lips and kind of my face started to feel swollen. I rapidly got pretty itchy all over, most intensely on my arms and legs. I started wheezing heavily and had an extremely high heart rate. I felt pretty bad all over and was very worried. After about 30 minutes things seemed settled to a point where I was just a little bit wheezy and most other symptoms had completely subsided.

I don't know if the second event was related, but about two hours later I started to feel extremely cold and kind of faint. I laid down and bundled up as best as I could, and after about a 30 minute nap felt fine again.

After my nap, and now some 6 hours later, I feel basically my homeless normal. I'm still not sure what triggered the event, but it had to be the hat. I hadn't eaten anything since getting up, so it couldn't have been a food reaction. (And I've never had food allergies before.) And my face and lips being affected first would be logical with a reaction to the hat, since that and my lips would be the first affected due to proximity.

Needless to say I tossed the hat off my head when the attack first started. It's now in a bag, and I'll put it back where I found it. Maybe the owner will pass by and see it and be happy. (Though it had been in the spot I found it several days before claiming it.)

Hopefully everything is fine and I won't have a reaction like that again. I've never had anything ever close to that, especially one that escalated that rapidly. But I can be in the ex-garage a few more days, so that will definitely help recovery if there are any lingering unseen issues.

Day 4573 (V:297) - 1/7

Forgotten writing

Today I forgot to write until now, just 'before bed'. I had my stream I watched, so things were normal in the morning. But then I had some video editing to do, so that ate up about 2 hours or a bit more. Which jumbled up my afternoon a bit. It was fine; nothing was really thrown off, just different.

I don't know if it's something to be concerned about, maybe just an effect left over from the allergic attack, but my pee seems different looking. I'll keep my eye on it, especially since I think it might be a bad sign, but it kind of seemed more orange in color, and a bit less water like. Which might be a sign of blood, which would be bad, so I'll watch out. I am eating a touch differently in my time here in the ex-garage, so it may be due to that too.

Today was pretty good, though through much of it I felt cold. And my back is hurting quite a bit too. Weird how a more comfortable spot causes back issues. If it weren't so cold I could maybe set up some chairs and try and sit up proper. With it being so cold there really won't be a way to do that and bundle up. Of course, I always hope things will get better and I'll be in a home again.

But today was a better day. And I had much more time with my system and being online. And though it may have actually been a touch colder, I was able to bundle up and be more comfortable. And that is something.

Day 4574 (V:298) - 1/8

Mostly recovered finger

Today my finger finally seems to be mostly recovered. There isn't any more swelling close to the second knuckle, and the swelling around the first seems almost gone. My pee still seems an unusually dark orange color for me, but I'm still taking extra medicine and eating the same foods as the past few days, so that isn't overly concerning.

It was pretty cold today, between 40-50F most of the day. I still have time in the ex-garage, and I got to do a laundry, so it's a better day than most.

For now I continue to try my best to try and stay calm and relax, and try not to worry about all the terrible things in my life. And I continue to hope I make it through to better days.

Day 4575 (V:299) - 1/9

Special dinner and a show

Today I celebrated a little, sort of, just because. I picked up some shows I had waiting at the library to watch and I got some special food on the way. Long ago, in the before time when I was in a home, I would often do a bit of a special dinner and watch something on Saturday nights. Today was a far cry from the comforts that I used to have, but it was more than the nothing I usually have these days.

I was still in the ex-garage, which was nice, yet a bit cold. So overall today was better than most. But, as always, all I can do is try my best to hang on. And hopefully I will make it through to better days.

Day 4576 (V:300) - 1/10

Out again

Today I am out again. My brief vacation time over. Back to a sad homeless life. In a way it kind of feels better to be outside. I have the sun on me, with fresh air. While the ex-garage is calm, quiet, private, and safe, it doesn't get any sun. And it resists warming, so in these colder times it's more like a fridge. It could be too that it feels better outside because it seems to be warmer than before, possibly a sign of hope that winter won't be as long or as cold this year.

I guess today is ok. But all in all it seems like just another homeless day in a long line of unchanging days with an uncertain future.

Day 4577 (V:301) - 1/11

Dehydrated color

Today isn't so bad so far. The weather is indeed turning a bit warmer. According to the forecast it should be 5-10F warmer in a few days. I don't know if that is temporary or if it's winter ending early. I hope it is that we are coming out of winter early. So often these past years they have run long. And with nowhere inside to be seemingly opening anytime soon it would be bad to have a longer winter.

I checked my pee color online and I was wrong about it. I guess the color I have is more often associated with being dehydrated. Which with everything going on doesn't surprise me. Earlier in the year I was almost quitting soda, but now that winter has come it's almost unavoidable. It resists the cold far more than water, and I hate the cold, especially cold drinks in cold weather. So I'm drinking almost no water lately. I got a sport drink today and I'm trying to have some water, so today the color looks a lot closer to my normal color.

My back hurts a bit, but I haven't been too cold today. My finger is almost completely not swollen now. Though now it has an odd red ring with a white area in the middle. It looks more like a small circle of bruising.

I did spend time switching to a new car mirror yesterday. It took over an hour because of the angle of the screws. I had to basically tear the side paneling half way off to be able to get an angle to undo the screws. It went back in place ok enough, but there were some weird metal bits along the window edge and two of the four fell off. I have no idea what they were for, and they didn't attach to anything I could see. But now there will be no obvious reasons for anyone to pull me over, so I guess that's a relief.

I guess today wasn't too bad. Sadly there is no good news to report, but I guess there's also nothing bad. And these days I guess that's something.

Day 4578 (V:302) - 1/12

Another year

Today closes the first week of yet another new calendar year of being homeless. The last has pretty much been the worst, and I am very thankful I still have enough support to have gotten through physically and emotionally. Though it seems we are still a long way off from things being 'back to normal' from the virus, I always hope this is the calendar year I will return to at least some kind of life in a home. Though I still feel so much has been lost along the way I will never truly be whole again. 🙄

Week 655

Day 4579 (V:303) - 1/13 End of the pee saga

Today marks the end of the pee saga. It is fully back to regular color. I suppose there really wasn't any reason for me to be worried, but I've never seen it that orange before. The only other time it was close was a few years ago when I started blood pressure meds and discovered the dosage was off and it was damaging my liver.

I guess today was ok. It was really chilly in the morning, but by the afternoon I actually started to feel like maybe I had too much on. So hopefully this is a good sign we are indeed moving out of winter. Last night was a different story though. From the afternoon until it got dark it was deeply gray as if it would rain again soon. Today there is zero sign of rain.

The connection was a bit laggy a few times, but overall solid and I had fun with my games. I got kind of upset at my shooter though. It's again at a place where I don't feel like I'm getting anything for my time. The rewards I'm getting are few and take forever to get, and really will just be taken away by a season reset in a month. I know every few cycles I question if I should just stop playing entirely, but there really isn't a better shooter that lots of others are playing. My new one I'm hoping will be great was delayed until April, so that is worrying. There will be a demo out at the end of next month, so I'll get a sneak peek then.

My mid and lower back are hurting quite a bit today, but overall it was a pretty good day. I didn't feel too sad or too hopeless, so I guess that is something.

Day 4580 (V:304) - 1/14 A brief vacation again

Today I was granted another brief vacation. I can be in the ex-garage today and Friday. I got to rest, play my games, and got a special dinner. I also am watching a show live I haven't seen in pretty much a year since I can't normally be online at this time.

I'm a bit congested, my back hurts, but overall I guess I'm ok. I still worry and feel sad about being homeless. And still wonder if I will ever been in a room again, let alone a home. And if I still have time, will I have opportunity to find friends to do things with again. For the moment, all I can do is continue to hang on.

Day 4581 (V:305) - 1/15

Feeling pretty sad

Today I am feeling pretty sad about my homeless life. I am still in the ex-garage, but again today seems like there are more reminders that this is not a regular life. This is not even the 'normal' that my life is now. I am struggling. I am forgetting. And above all it feels like all I can do is my best to 'react' to things happening now. Not plan. Not remember. Just try to react to how I remember I used to react once upon a time when I did live in a home.

I am very glad I have what I have left. I have my new laptop. I have some games. And with that I am in a good position to distract myself.

And hopefully I can hang on to enough of me to put myself back together... if I can ever get back into a home.

Day 4582 (V:306) - 1/16

Out and sad again

Today my mini vacation is over. When it was time to go I started feeling very shaky and very sad. I cried just a little. 😞 It is always very sad to be reminded of my sad homeless life, as if I'm being newly put out all over again.

I feel a touch better now (after a few hours). It's a nice warm day and I actually have my hoodie off for the first time in months.

I still feel very sad and very heartbroken. 😞 My life is what it is though. I can't control that. All I can do is try to hang on and make the most of what I have.

Day 4583 (V:307) - 1/17

Should be happy, but can't be

Today there were several reasons I should be happy. The day was bright and warm. I had my new laptop to play and do things outside the library. And I was relatively alone in the spot.

But for about a week now I've felt very shaky again. My mind obsesses over my mortality, various ways I could die, and how much sooner than my remaining years my life will be cut short. I'm not as bad as my worst times, but my nervous shake is back, and I feel very shaky and unstable inside. I feel on the verge of tears and breaking down nearly every minute of every day now. Even the few things I have that 'should be certain' are not guaranteed in any way, so any attempt to find comfort or feel safe and secure is always met with skepticism and fear, if even just in the back of my mind. And at the worst times, fear and obsessive thoughts about how I may lose those few remaining things. 😞

I am barely hanging on during the 'best days', like today. And while I may look and sound fine 'on the outside', on the inside I feel hollow, shaken, and like I am so fragile emotionally and physically that my shaking will simply end me at any given moment. 😞

Day 4584 (V:308) - 1/18

Still worried

Today I am still very worried about everything. It is a nice warm day though, currently showing 75F, and my hoodie is off. I am still worried about my life expectancy in general, but today it seems my mind is focusing on food and nutritional health. The longer things stay closed the more I become worried about permanent, and in some ways immediate, health issues. Without at least being able to microwave stuff I'm eating the same things over and over. And while nothing super bad seems to have happened yet, my body is showing signs it can handle those foods less and less. Now there is pretty much a 50/50 shot that any food I get will end badly, even the ones I previously knew to be ok.

Overall I still feel extremely shaken. My mind still seems focused on my mortality and uncertain future, with more feelings I am closer to my end than not. And I still feel like I will break apart and start uncontrollably crying at any minute.

Day 4585 (V:309) - 1/19

Possibly another vacation

Today I am possibly on another vacation. I got word later in the day yesterday I should be able to have a few more days in the ex-garage. Hopefully that will help settle my nerves. I think all the news about the new virus strain, and less news about vaccines and cures going out, has been the trigger to skew my thoughts into obsessing on negative things.

As always it seems all I can do is try to stay hopeful. Try my best to hang on physically. And above all, try my best to hang on emotionally.

Day 4586 (V:310) - 1/20

Not vacation

Today, and yesterday, it turns out I did not get vacation time. I am out in my regular homeless life. Though lately it hasn't been as regular, as my health continues to fade, and as part of that I become more shaken feeling, more worried, and jump at everything. 🙄

My finger is having issues again. A few days ago there was some bruising type scarring on the side and top. Figuring that might be connected to the material my body needs to get rid of I peeled and poked at it. It's torn off about a 1/2" x 1/4" layer of flesh in that area. While it doesn't look as terrible as it sounds, it is definitely a sensitive area that would be nice to bandage up. I suppose I should get some, as they tend to be pretty cheap, and I only have a few left so I didn't do it this morning.

We finally have a new president. The rude arrogant tyrant who was in power is finally gone. Hopefully for good. So hopefully that is something. The new vice president is a refreshing change and hopefully she will be a positive voice of change putting us back on track after having been thrown off track by the tyrant.

I am tempted to say it was a good day. And I suppose it wouldn't be inaccurate to say it wasn't in part. The gardener at the library who I thought didn't like me gave a polite 'hey' wave then went back the other way when he came near with his blower. (Though why he doesn't walk past me with it off to do the corridor on the other side of me is beyond me. That's a big probably 30' stretch left undone.) The weather was fairly warm from about 11 on. I was even tempted to take off my hoodie, but where I was sitting was borderline warm enough and too cold. And I got to play my games. Though there wasn't much real progress to speak of, I had a good time. And the little progress I had will be there when I need it. I watched the stream I normally watch and it was kind of extra funny today, so that was something too I suppose.

But under it all I was still a terrible mess. Inside I feel like a terribly scared shaking bunny on the verge of both tears and having a major panic attack if the slightest

thing goes wrong. Some previously stable things have become unstable, and any time that happens, even on the smallest scale, it feels like my entire world is reset to uncertainty.

As always all it seems I can do is try my best to hang on with what I have. Try to hope what is, or even just feels unstable will restabalize and not be an issue. And hopefully I can at least feel a bit more stable soon. And hopefully I can hang on long enough to make it to better days.

Day 4587 (V:311) - 1/21

Gray sky, gray feelings

Today I feel pretty down. I'm exhausted from lost sleep, on top of my exhaustion I already have. I feel pretty sad and down in general; very unloved and alone. I got something different to eat that I rarely get and it hasn't helped much, if at all.

The sky is a dark gray as well, looking heavily like rain, bringing a return of cold weather. I hope that is temporary, as it was almost returning to warmer weather the past few days.

I hope my sad feelings go back to normal soon. I can't let things become too sad feeling, as I'm barely hanging on these days even with my normal levels of sad. As always it feels like my life and everything is out of control. I try to find comfort where and how I can, but with everything feel more unpredictable than ever it is extremely difficult these days. 😞

Day 4588 (V:312) - 1/22

Rain and cold

Today it was very cold and it rained almost all day. In the morning I got a bit worried, as there was a brief sprinkle onto my area and my laptop due to a burst of wind. I was very worried I'd have to pack up and at least go across the street to my car until it lightened up. But it only happened that one time, and after moving my laptop closer to the wall (further from the open area) no other water came close to my area. I thought about

protecting it with the umbrella, but it's very light, so even the slightest breeze would blow it away.

There was something odd today. Hopefully it will maybe be good news, but it may be bad if I mis-heard. A lady came through and asked if she could take a picture of the plug. When she was walking away I said, 'Oh wait, why are you taking pictures of the plugs?' And I think I heard her say, 'The city council wants to be sure they can be accessed if people need them, so there you go,' implying I shouldn't need to worry about them being locked. Which really I wasn't worried about that, as only one of the like 5 around the building has a lock or is capable of being locked. If that was what she said, which I'm not totally sure it was since I was about 20 feet away, it was pouring rain, and I only had one ear uncovered to hear, then it could be good or bad news. Good if it's an unannounced thing, as that would mean I don't have to worry about access changing. Possibly bad if it is announced, as there could suddenly be a flood of people who need it.

Right now I'm really the only one around. Which is honestly still kind of mindboggling. Every once in a while someone else will come through for a few hours in the afternoon, but no one stays as long, or as frequently as I do. At least not that I've seen. I suppose it's possible they are in areas I can't see, as I only see one part of one side of one of two buildings.

I guess as with everything only time will tell if there is change or not. I am fairly confident I heard her words correctly. Though with how terrible and limited my life is, I can't help but at least feel a bit worried that I mis-heard and she actually said something like, "... they want to be sure people don't have access," and the "so there you go" was more of a neener-neener you are going to lose it kind of thing.

But I will stop writing now, or I may spiral into negative thoughts and become very worried and scared, and I already am enough of both of those as it is. Today I still feel shaky, alone, and kind of a bit like I might throw up. Though I don't know if that is general nerves, or extra physical struggle due to the extra cold.

Day 4589 (V:313) - 1/23

A little extra food

Today was freezing. It didn't rain, but it remained gray and cloudy, and stayed freezing cold, all day. There really wasn't any part of it that I was warm. 😞 My feet are still about 1/3 numb. 😞 I've been congested, sniffly, and occasionally sneezy for a few days now. I've been extra cold too. But that could easily be due to changes lately making me feel less safe than I used to, causing lost sleep. I got a bit of unexpected money lately, so I decided to have dinner for a snack, and then spent a bit extra on something cooked from a fast food place to have for dinner. I feel a teeny bit more awake and happier now.

But mostly today I was way too cold. Sad and lonely feeling, maybe partly due to the extreme drop in temperature lately, probably at least in part due to recent changes in feeling unsafe. The world is still sending mixed signals too, which doesn't help my nerves. Some news says there is a new more deadly strain, while other news says California is finally declining in cases.

I've been debating even more cloths lately. I already have two tank tops, a regular T-shirt, two long shirts, and a hoodie on top. And then underwear, two long underwear layers, a long short sweats layer, and then pants. And it's been so cold the past few days I've been debating putting on the extra hoodie and sweats I have in my car on top of this. I'm really hoping the weather turns back around to being 70-75F it was about a half week ago.

But as cold as I was, as cold as I still am, worried, sad, lonely, and heartbroken, I survived the day. At least so far. And lately that seems that is the most I can hope for. 😞

Day 4590 (V:314) - 1/24

Extrteme cold and rain

Today has been extremely cold all day. It's later afternoon, nearly early evening, and it's started pouring rain. I had been shivering quite a bit and my hands and feet were partly numb all day. I even blasted the car heat for about 5 minutes after moving to try

and warm up a bit, but now that heat is rapidly fading away. I expect t this rate it will be gone in about 15 minutes, which seems a bit fast.

If I weren't freezing cold I'd have probably had a good day. Time in my games was good, but a bit lonely feeling because of only a few being there and no one was talking. And with all the cold my mind had a hard time focusing on anything but how cold I felt.

I guess I had enough to eat, but would have liked more. I'd have liked to have more choice of what it was, in addition to it being cooked. I was warm enough, but barely, as the warmth I had was only enough to survive, and my extremities were cold all day, and many times I was shivering. In short, I survived. And I suppose I am grateful for that.

Day 4591 (V:315) - 1/25

Cutting wind

Today is warmer in a way. The overall weather is warmer, but I'm still shivering and having a tough time staying warm due to a wind that cuts straight through my cloths. I'm again considering leaving my library spot early to just be in my car. I was hoping I'd get some sun soon, as it's nearing 'the blinding hour', but it seems the rain clouds that have been here all day only parted for about an hour. And now as the sun would be approaching it's gotten dark gray again and the sun is blocked again.

I guess aside from that the day was ok. Things feel a bit more stable. I got decent rest last night. And I got something a bit different to eat. Things overall are still extremely sad feeling, very lonely, and hopeless, but I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4592 (V:316) - 1/26

Probably rain

Today I don't know what to expect. So many things feel changed and unstable lately. I should be able to be in my spot outside the library, but with all the extreme cold

and rain lately I don't know if I'll get my regular amount of time. I may get too cold and have to pack up and just sit in my car.

But all I can do is continue to hope things are ok.

Week 657

Day 4593 (V:317) - 1/27

Freezing warning

Today and yesterday the weather had a freezing warning. I guess the sudden cold and rain is some kind of tropical storm. My car was frozen over on Tuesday morning.

But things have turned a bit for the better. I am safe in the ex-garage for a few days. So while I certainly will still be very cold, I'm protected from the wind and rain.

I did just start crying now. 😞 I was let in for a shower, and during it the razors (not ones I normally use, new different ones) cut me up pretty badly. I got very emotional about the pain, about the blood, and about getting blood on my ex-roomies towel. I worry so much about all the things. 😞 I feel fine I guess, but I can't help but think what if I'm not? And still there is always the worry about so very many things that may end me which are not the virus. 😞

But for the moment I am a bit safe. So I have to accept this is about as good as it gets for me. And hopefully I can continue to hang on. 😞

Day 4594 (V:318) - 1/28

Pouring rain

Today the rain seems to have paused in the afternoon. It had pretty much rained for 24 hours straight before that. It's still pretty cold, but not as cripplingly cold as it was earlier in the week. Checking weather it looks like things will be pretty steady for a few days, though not unusually cold for winter time compared to previous years.

I got to sleep in, play extra, and get a special food for today. My back is hurting a bit. And I am still very sad my life is not a normal life. But I suppose all I can do with everything going on is continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4595 (V:319) - 1/29

Semi-regular

Today was a semi-regular day had I been in a home. I played some, watched some shows, and did some other things. I didn't feel quite as forced as I normally do. I didn't feel like windows of opportunity 'forced' me to do this, that, or another thing at specific times.

Though I was still reminded several times I don't have a normal life. I don't have a home. I should, and will, be back on the street. And it made me very sad thinking that this thing has happened to me. And it has affected so very many things in my life because of it. 😞

But still I try to hang on. I try to stay strong. And hopefully I can continue and make it through to better days.

Day 4596 (V:320) - 1/30

Clay bunny

Today started pretty good. For the moment I am still in the ex-garage, but I may need to go soon. The day was a bit warmer, I think peaking at 60F. I got another shower, and very gently shaved my parts, being cautious to do no harm. And though there isn't much, I did a laundry wash.

But as I was putting some laundry away something very sad happened. I have a little clay bunny I made years ago. I think there were pictures when he was new. And since he's been in storage this whole time he had previously lost his ears, and just now his head. I cried a little as I panicked to see if it could be glued back on. Not so much for the loss, as that this kind of clay rarely holds together very long, but more so because of my sad life he has not been able to be carefully placed and taken care of. In a home he would have been on a shelf, or on the desk my computer is on. And the fact that he is in storage, stored away unknown to any, unable to be properly cared for, made me think of me. 😞 The little bunny... is me. 😞

He is in a small bag now. Hopefully the glue on the head will hold. Hopefully he can stay safe and not further break. And hopefully someday I can try and put both our pieces all back together. 😞

Day 4597 (V:321) - 1/31 Return

Today I return to a 'regular homeless life'; at least for what qualifies as such with most things still closed and being on the edge of a cold winter. The weather wasn't so bad today. It certainly felt warmer than it has been. While a touch frosty my car wasn't frozen over in the morning, so I'd think it would have to be a bit warmer. There was almost no one outside the library. But for being a Sunday, being colder, and having gray rain clouds overhead nearly all day, it didn't surprise me.

I tried a card game I haven't played in more than a year. I'd forgotten it was pretty fun to try and figure out decks and I would often spend as much time planning as playing. I left the game because it's horribly unfair for free players. It takes far too much to try and get cards (if you aren't very good at it.) But I returned because the new one I've been playing for, I guess about six months now, has started turning more towards random cards. And I really hate that because that isn't strategy based, and it's not what I'm looking for in an online card game. Really I should probably uninstall them both and stop playing that type of game. I'm just so bad at it and eventually I get sad and frustrated.

I guess today was ok, but now being past the date listed for my fix-it paper I'm starting to freak out. I know the last time the court person literally bitched me out for going there, as the paper instructs you to do, without my officially mailed notice. But I still think if that's the case the paper shouldn't list that date or those instructions. I guess tomorrow I'll call and ask and confirm what I should do.

As always all I can do is try to not let things freak me out. Try to accept and make the best of what I don't or do have. And try my best to continue to hang on to what little I have left.

Day 4598 (V:322) – 2/1

Warm but chilly

Today is an odd mix. There is a little bit of wind, so it's a bit chilly. But since the afternoon started the sun has come out and it's started to warm up a little. It's early afternoon now and the temperature shows 61F, quite a bit up from the 45F I was seeing last week when I was here.

I tried checking on my fix-it ticket and it doesn't appear in the system at all, which is the same as the last time I got one if I recall. I think it took four or five months for it to show up last time. Someone is supposed to get back to me about it, but it seems unlikely they know anything so far.

The connection yesterday and today hasn't been great. It's not terrible, but it has altered my activities a bit. I suppose not by much. I can still do stuff and have fun, but it wasn't quite the routine of what I would have done when.

I guess, all in all, today was ok. It still doesn't feel great just to be waiting, especially since now I'm waiting for more things than I'm not. But I expect even with stay at home over, and vaccines going out, since there is still so much threat it seems unlikely any real change will come for at least three months, possibly longer.

Until it does it seems all I can do is continue to try to hang on as best as I can.

Day 4599 (V:323) - 2/2

Unknown Tuesday

Today is an unknown. I don't know if the weather will be warm or if it will go back to rain. I don't know if the connection will go back to being solid or if it will remain wibbly wobbly like it has been.

I suppose overall this isn't any different than it has been for several months now. So much is jumbled and unstable I don't really have much left in my life that is predictable or stable.

All I can do is continue to survive. One day at a time. And hopefully someday things will be normal again. And I can try and put myself back together again.

Week 658

Day 4600 (V:324) - 2/3 **Mystery pain**

Today I'm still trying to figure out the mystery of why my back hurts when I'm in the ex-garage. I have some more time to stay, so I've been safe in shelter. But again my back is hurting more than usual and I don't know why. I'm sitting pretty much identically to when I'm at school or outside the library. The only difference is my legs are out and straight and the laptop is on my lap, instead of being crossed with my laptop in front. I suppose I could try an experiment tomorrow and try to sit more cross legged and see if that helps, but it's harder to bundle up and be warm like that.

I guess today was pretty good. I'm very tired. I will get extra sleep and hope that helps. But basically I'm the worst in terms of physical health in my entire life. And with limits on food and limits on possible stretching or doing light workouts it seems unlikely things will get much better anytime soon. So I grow worried about even the smallest aches and pains.

But I was safe. I was restful. I got to play and watch some shows. So I continue to try to hang on to what I have left as best as I can.

Day 4601 (V:325) - 2/4 **Still some pain**

Today I have sat a bit differently, but there is still some pain. It's really too cold to not be bundled up, which means my legs pretty much have to be straight. I think it's more the softness of my back since I don't have that other places. I have lower and mid back issues, so I think the pain is a matter of lack of support there when on the soft surfaces.

I guess today was pretty good. I got a special food, so that is pretty yummy. It's a bit heavy for my tummy since it's been so fragile lately, so that isn't good.

I'm not playing a ton. I guess more than usual, but I'm finding I'm more often branching out to other things, usually videos, but sometimes news. I think that is due to

my not feeling as pressured on everything. I don't *need* to push my play between x and y time, and so I feel freer. And with that I can 'look up' and 'look around' and 'outside of myself' and see what is around me. In my normal day-to-day life I'm in such a terrible survival mode state that all I can do is put my head down and not look up at things that I fear and try to make it through.

I still have time in sanctuary for a bit, so hopefully I can continue to rest; physically and emotionally. And hopefully I can continue to recover, as I am so very scared all the time. Things are the worst they have ever been in my whole life, and I always fear I may not make it through. 😞

Day 4602 (V:326) - 2/5

Very bad tooth and jaw pain

Today I am feeling pretty good emotionally, but there is some pretty extreme tooth and jaw pain happening today and yesterday that has brought me down a lot. And today I've had so much pain I've needed to overdose on pain pills just to keep things manageable. Which means not only do I have a headache from too much medicine, but I also feel kind of sick in my tummy. Hopefully it will go away soon. Being day two of pretty extreme pain it should start settling down soon. Usually it only lasts a few days when this happens, so I hope this will be the worst of it.

Yesterday when it was happening I felt very sad. I have a hard time remembering what it is like to not be in some kind of pain. I've had tooth and jaw pain nearly all my life. I can't imagine what my life would be like free from the pain. I think only half a dozen times in my whole life since my mid-teens have ever been free from pain.

I still have time safe, so I'm warm enough. And I'm not outside at risk of all the things, so that's good. I'd be in a much better mood if this pain were gone. But I suppose, as it always is, it's a thing I have no control of in my life. And all I can do is try my best to hang on.

Day 4603 (V:327) - 2/6

Cut grass

Today was pretty good. There was some pain, but nowhere near as much. Though there was quite a bit during the night last night when I slept. It's manageable for now so far after taking a normal dose in the morning of pain pills, and half a dose just now.

The gardeners came outside. I can smell fresh cut grass. It seems strange that smells have always made me feel so peaceful. I'd say there have probably been half a dozen smells like that during my life that seem to always make me feel better. Fresh cut grass, rain on trees, a light smell of oranges or grapes. I suppose maybe some of those are connected to happier memories. Like the light orange smell, and partly grass, might be connected to my childhood at my grandparents in phoenix, as they had an orange orchard behind their house. I've never been sure why those smells. I really never smell them anymore now that I'm homeless. They are smells usually found in those areas.

I felt happier overall because there was less pain. I even thought to try a fancy thing in my MMO and got very good progress on a set I've been wanting to collect. Though I don't know if the few days I have left will be enough to finish getting the missing parts. When I'm on public connections I don't usually have the stability or time to try the fancier activities.

I got a lot of rest, which is good. But due to pain while I slept it could have been better. But again I try to rest as much as I can while I can, and hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Day 4604 (V:328) - 2/7

Almost none

Today there is almost no pain. I do have to be careful though, as I can take a normal dose if it starts to hurt just a little. But if I miss that window when it starts it can rapidly become unstoppable.

Still in sanctuary, so today has been pretty good. Things are still very sad in homeless times, so many things are still missing or sad because of it. But it is at least a bit easier to hang on.

And so I continue. I try to keep hanging on.

Day 4605 (V:329) - 2/8

A big sleep

Today I got a ton of sleep. I'm not sure why, but I slept at least 10 hours. I can't remember the last time I slept that much. I'd guess it's probably because I have a cold. For a few days I've been so very sniffly and sneezy. I've had to overdose on nose spray to try and stop the sniffing and it's barely had an effect.

Thankfully the tooth and jaw pain is gone, or at least back to its low level of normal. I took some pain pills with lunch just in case, but it seems like I should be ok now. At least until another event.

I'm still partly sheltered, and will be tomorrow, so I feel a bit better emotionally than normal. But my mind still fixates on what I don't have, and what I may never have. It thinks about being a dad and doing all the dad things, and the grandpa things, even just being in love with someone, or having friends, and doing those things. It even thinks about having a creative job or hobby where I'm acknowledged and appreciated. I'm finding it more and more difficult to not think about them as time goes on, especially with so many fewer years ahead of me than those behind me.

But I just have to accept it. We all have a finite number of days. And as much as I regret not having the things I missed out on, and may yet still never have, I have to accept it. My life has been what it has been. And if I don't accept that then I will never be able to look at what is left, to see what I can have.

Whatever my future has, or doesn't have, it has to be enough, or I will never be able to enjoy what there is with the time I have left.

Day 4606 (V:330) - 2/9

Near vacation end

Today is the last full day of my shelter vacation. Hopefully I can get what sleep I need. Hopefully I can have fun and enjoy it. And hopefully nothing bad happens.

I don't know if I will make it through these virus times. I don't know if I will make it through and recover from being homeless. All I can do is try to hang on. And hopefully I can make it through. And hopefully I can put myself back together on the other side.

Week 659

Day 4607 (V:331) - 2/10

A last day

Today is the last day to have sanctuary and then I'll be back out later. 😞 I don't know when, or if, I'll ever be back in a home again. Before all the recent terrible stuff happened I'd always thought I'd eventually find a new path and be back on the way to recovering. But now... now things seem so crazy it seems only those lucky enough to be able to work from home can hang on. And all of the rest of us can only hang on and try our best to survive through and hopefully things may eventually go back to some kind of new normal.

So I try to stay calm. I try to hang on. And hopefully I can make it through.

Day 4608 (V:332) - 2/11

Sticky start

Today the car had a sticky start. I think it did it about a week ago too. I turned the key all the way, the dash lights turned on, but there was a full second or two before it started up. It did it in the evening when I moved it again too. But after the evening parking I stopped, waited 30 seconds, tried to start up again, and there was only a 1/4 second pause (about normal.) For a couple of years now it's done this a few times a year, so I'm not super worried, but it will definitely worry me if it continues. If it's something like the starter I don't think that's a cheap fix. 😞

I guess overall the day was ok. There was a lot more sad than usual, as it always is with recently being put out, so I am a bit more down than usual. I did try to do a fancy thing in my MMO and though I got in a group to try, I didn't get the loot I was looking for, so that was sad.

The morning was a bit gray. The afternoon even more gray. So, there was no blinding hour, which meant I could watch a show during that time, but it also meant the

day never got above 60F. Now in the early evening it's started raining. It's not a super hard rain, and it does seem to be lightening up, but I have a feeling it will become a much heavier rain before it's gone.

While it was a better day for stability online and doing things in game, due to recently being put out, and car worries, things feel pretty deeply sad at the end of the day. 😞

Day 4609 (V:333) - 2/12

Quick start

Today I feel a bit better. The car started in the morning with about a half second pause, much closer to normal. Three other times I moved it during the day it started 'quick' (almost immediately). I'm sure my brain will still try and keep track of it, but it happens a few times a year, so I'll likely completely forget in a week.

Today was pretty cold. Mostly the air was still, but about noon a slight breeze started. And by 2 it was enough to blow my umbrella I was using to block the light of the blinding hour, so I had to keep one hand on it at all times. Which wasn't as bad as it sounded since I was just watching a show. But the day peaked at maybe 60F, and was closer to 50F for most of it. Quite a chilly day.

I tried again for a fancy raid, and actually got in one pretty early, but the dps had no clue what they were doing. Since it was a high end raid we failed for about 30 minutes on the boss before giving up. Which really isn't surprising as my record for that is about 50/50 so far (in 6 total runs.)

I guess, all in all, today was overall a better day. Things were still very terrible though. My mind still constantly thinks about what I am missing, what I have lost, and I feel pretty hopeless these days due to the world being turned upsideown. But I'm trying my best to hang on. And though I feel like I will crumble apart and just collapse crying, I continue to try to hang on as best as I can, and hope I'll make it through.

Day 4610 (V:334) - 2/13

Uneven conversion ratio

Today things feel like I'm peeing more than I'm taking liquids in. I guess that it's possible it's coming from stored water weight, I do think I've lost a lot of weight this last year, or possibly from the food I'm eating, but it seems weird. It seems like an unusual amount too, like 30-50% more than what I'm taking in.

I also weirdly feel like I'm forgetting something. Like it's a special day, or there is a live show I'm supposed to watch, or there was something I was supposed to do that I forgot about. I've been feeling like this for nearly 6 hours, so at this point I am very confused what it may be.

I guess today was about as good as I could expect. The connection was strong and stable. I got to try a fancy raid in my MMO (though again got no important loot.) The people in the raid seemed friendly, which is rare. And things were bright, but not so bright it prevented me from watching shows, so that was nice to at least get a brief amount of warm sun.

It was pretty cold though. I think the day peaked at 50F, and nearly all day I was clenching my jaw because I was chilly. In the afternoon a breeze started, so during the blinding hour I again had to have a firm grip on my umbrella to keep things shaded.

I suppose all in all today was pretty good. The nice people in the raid was a nice surprise and raised my spirits a bit, so I suppose today the good has outweighed the bad and sad.

Day 4611 (V:335) - 2/14

Must have been busy

Today many people must have been busy with sweeties' day stuff. It took a while to find a raid, which fell apart after an hour of failing on the first boss. It seemed almost no one was looking for groups, and even just regular dungeon ques seemed empty.

I'm worried about my system and the connection. During the first 2 hours of play I booped out of the game for no reason and was back at the login screen. I suppose it didn't

happen in the following 3 hours, and it's only ever happened today, but it still seemed worrisome.

It was again gray and very cold. I think it was 45F much of the day with a high of 55F. It was so cold I even put on one of my hats under my hoodie. Though it wasn't so cold that I was shivering like the other day, so that's something. It's still very gray now, and I wouldn't be surprised if it started raining in the late evening or overnight.

I suppose the day wasn't terrible. I was chilly, but warm enough. The connection wasn't perfect, but it was good enough to do the things I wanted to do. And though I have no sweetie or friends to celebrate with, I hold on to hope that maybe I will someday.

Day 4612 (V:336) - 2/15

Doesn't feel like Monday

Today feels weird. I'm not really sure why, but it doesn't feel like Monday. It feels like maybe a Thursday. I guess it's not important. All days are the same for me really. Even the traffic, due to all the closures, is pretty similar day-to-day these days.

It's again very cold and gray. So far it's been just sprinkling on and off. It rained pretty hard last night, and I expect it will again tonight. My connection was good, and there were no game drops, so that was good. The car has started normally for a few days now, so I'm not worried about that anymore. (Though I am always worried in general due to its age and slow death overall.)

There is apparently an envelope at the ex-house. I would guess it's a gift card for something, so that is a nice thing to look forward to.

I suppose I feel ok. I am still very sad, but today doesn't feel so bad, so I am hanging on ok. And these days that's about all I can do.

Day 4613 (V:337) - 2/16

Probably rainy Tuesday

I don't know what to expect for today. All the days pretty much blend together and are one day now. I expect it will be rainy and cold, but I am trying to stay hopeful it will go back to warm soon.

Hopefully it will be a good day. Hopefully I will stay warm. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Week 670

Day 4614 (V:338) - 2/17

Calm day

Today was, I suppose, a calm day. Nothing good happened. There was no fancy raid in my MMO. But I suppose nothing bad happened either. It was still pretty cold and while I wasn't shivering I was shuffling and patting my parts to try and warm up a bit.

I guess really it was just another day I tried to hang on and survived through.

Day 4615 (V:339) - 2/18

Warm at the end

Today started off very chilly at 45F when I settled in outside the library. It stayed cold most of the day. But by early afternoon, as it started nearing the blinding hour, it started to warm up a bit. I don't know what it had reached by the early evening when I left, but I was actually warm for a change, and even pushed up my sleeves a bit.

My in game friends sent me a super cute bunny pet. She's so cute. 🐰 I still can't believe the company has taken 6 years to do that. They have had pets since launch, and the bunny model has been in the game the whole time. I also saw someone mention the game in a social group I'm in. I think we have different schedules, but of the times I've tried to make connections and failed this was the first time to actually connect. So we chatted a bit in-game, but I think our schedules are different.

I am very thirsty today. I think because I've been sniffing and sneezing. I've seen a lot of flowers on the ground here and there, so I think plants have been blooming and triggering my allergies. It seems a bit early for that, but these are definitely allergy symptoms. Now that I think about it, that's probably why I can't really focus up close. My eyes feel a touch itchy and are probably affected by the allergies.

I guess more good than bad today, so that is something. And so I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4616 (V:340) - 2/19

Hot from sneezing

Today my allergies have been going crazy. I don't know why, but ever since I got to the library area I started sneezing like crazy. Like every 3-5 minutes I'd do 1-3 sneezes, sometimes more. That continued solid for 8 hours. There were times I had sneezed so much I got a bit hot. I had my hoodie off for a couple of hours because of it. It's early evening now and it's finally calmed down. I'm not in that area anymore, so hopefully if it was a local plant it will stop and things will continue to calm down.

I guess it was a pretty good day other than that. It was a slow start in my MMO, but by late morning I did get into a fancy raid. And all the suffering was worth it (they were pretty bad), as I got one of the two remaining pieces I need to complete the set I am going there for. So I'm very close to finishing. (Though that last piece could still be very problematic to get.)

I had decided to get a special dinner last night because I've been pretty sniffly lately. I guess it turned out for the best because all of this sneezing has caused me to overload on drinks and extra food to try and hype up my system to stop sneezing. So the extra cooked good food will hopefully help a lot.

So today was a rare good day, at least so far. So I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4617 (V:341) - 2/20

Fast day, changed order

Today was a very fast day for some reason. It passed at what felt like twice the normal speed. I guess it was because I had some stuff playing in the background that distracted me.

I'm still sniffly and sneezy, and extra hungry, so I took one of my food gift cards to buy some other extra food. I added a couple of things on the order and they said \$12. I was like, 'wait what?' The things I got used to be like \$1.50 each, so adding on the third item should have been like \$5 total. I took one of the two things off and that reduced it to \$8, which still seemed way off, but I said fine. It turns out the fries were double what I

expected, something close to \$6, and the \$1.50 item I used to get is apparently now nearly \$3. Which seems really extreme since you can eat it in about three normal sized bites. So, while super yummy, I don't know if it's worth it at that price. Back when I was last getting them, I suppose probably 5 years ago, the \$1.50 price seemed much more fair.

I guess overall today was a good day. But it was cold, probably due to the rain last night. And it passed very quickly. So even though I did kind of achieve something in my game, it really felt like the day came and went before I'd really done anything. I suppose the important thing is I continue to live. And I guess overall I'm ok. So I continue to hang on. And hopefully there will be better days ahead.

Day 4618 (V:342) - 2/21

Another calm day

Today was a pretty calm day I suppose. There is still a bit of sniffing and sneezing, but not as much as the past few days. The day was chilly, but not as cold as it has been. Checking the weather it's supposed to be 70F tomorrow, but I'm not sure if that's accurate as it barely got to 60F today.

I suppose the day was ok overall. As always, everything seems very sad because of all the things I miss or can't do, but I guess I didn't really feel as sad today. And that is maybe something.

Day 4619 (V:343) - 2/22

Little goal

Today there wasn't much achieved in my game. I did do an important little goal, so that is one of my current two goals done. I again tried for the fancy raid, and while they got a little done, they couldn't handle it really, so I didn't really gain anything.

It's been cold today up until the blinding hour started. Now that it's fully here it's actually getting a bit dangerously warm for my stuff in the sun, so I've hidden it with the umbrella. I guess that is the bad side of when it starts to get warm again. It will start to be

too hot in my main spot for a couple of hours a day. Not that I'd have to go far, but I'd have to pack everything up and walk at least about 50 feet around the corner.

My allergies are pretty crazy again. Lots of sniffing and some sneezing. I mentioned it in chat during the stream I watch and others said their allergies are starting too, so I guess everywhere is having an early bloom.

I guess overall things were ok. Though due to my allergies wearing me out I feel really sleepy. But in general I'm ok, so I try to continue to hang on.

Day 4620 (V:344) - 2/23

Maybe sunny Tuesday

Today will hopefully be a sunny day. Monday started gray, but cleared by the early afternoon, then started to finally get warm. It was almost even shorts weather outside at that point.

I don't know what to expect for the day. Really with things as they are my hopes are extremely low. I hope to live through the day. I hope my stuff is ok and not damaged, broken, or lost. But really with the world what it is due to the virus, that really feels like all I can hope for.

So I continue to try to hang on as best as I can.

Week 661

Day 4621 (V:345) - 2/24

Cold to hot

Today weather has been quite the range. The morning started out cold. I've taken off a sweats layer and left it in the car, but the morning was so cold I was considering putting it back on. The afternoon and early evening has turned out quite the opposite. I've had my hoodie off for a couple of hours, and now I just took off my two outer shirts as well. I think the next few days are supposed to even out again and not peak quite so much higher above the base, but it seems weird. I guess daylight savings is in three weeks, so I suppose we are much closer to spring than we are not.

Today was ok in the game, but again no fancy loot in spite of two successful passes through the fancy raid. There is an important patch on the 8th, so hopefully I can get the piece I'm looking for by then so I can put my full attention towards the things I'm hoping to do after the patch comes.

In terms of my sad life, nothing has really changed. Still everything is basically locked where they are due to the virus, unable to change. I suppose my back is hurting more than usual, but my sniffing and sneezing seems to have calmed down; at least for the moment. I suppose, as always, I survived, and that is the most important thing. And none of what little I have left broke or died, so that's good too. And so, I continue on. And I try to hold on. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

Day 4622 (V:346) - 2/25

Sad reminder

Today I had a sad reminder that things are terrible and uncertain. Nothing has changed just yet, there was just something reminding me that what little I have left could still be lost. I could survive, though the more I lose the more shattered I become. And the more of me that is currently safe is lost, the more I become an empty shell, unable to retain hope.

I suppose in a way we are always changing. After all, the idea of that is why I came up with my personal site domain name. But wanting to change, choosing to change, that is something different than being forced to change due to loss. A lot of the me that was, my history, my past, can be repaired. I can put me back together as long as what I have left remains. But the more I lose the less I feel I will be able to put the pieces back together. And the less I feel capable of remaining stable.

Nothing has changed... yet. But being reminded it might has shaken my confidence; what little of it I thought I still had. But I have to continue on. I have to focus on just today. And I have to remain hopeful I will still be ok tomorrow.

Day 4623 (V:347) - 2/26 **Cool day, feeling sad**

Today was a pretty cool day. It didn't get hot like before, but it was a bit chilly. In the afternoon it got a bit windy, so hopefully that doesn't get worse as it may go back to being very cold.

There was a special event in the stream I watch. So with the sad feelings yesterday, and extra special things today, I am feeling very sad, melancholy, and heartbroken. I miss a regular life. I miss being in a home. And more and more with everything going on it feels less and less like I will ever really recover. 🙄

Day 4624 (V:348) - 2/27 **Scary conk out**

Today ended with a bit of a scare. I made a delivery for the ex-roomie, and as I drove around the parking lot I made a very slow hard turn. The engine got slower and slower RPM, then conked out and showed the check engine and oil lights on. I was very fearful I'd driven too much for the day and it was having its issue related to that. But I waited about a minute (since I was totally off to the side and not in anyone's way) and then started and everything was fine. When I parked for the night I checked the oil and it

was below the low mark. Which is strange because I could swear I checked a few months ago and it was full. I guess I'll have to spend some money and get some as soon as I can at the closest spot in the morning, see how it does during the day, then check the levels again at night.

The day was fairly sad after that. I was kind of happy to get to my library spot. I'm still happy the workers (who are never there) seem ok with it, and it seemingly remains an unneeded spot. I still see no other regulars, or even visitors, and on the times I'm not there it seems there is no one coming to try to claim their spot as their own.

I had as good of a time as I could with my games and a couple of shows, but all day I've been on the verge of tears. I don't have a home. I have extremely few comforts of any kind. I so very much miss many things in life. And this may be it for me. This may be all I have, or less, for whatever remains of my life. Lately I feel more and more like I will never get a chance to recover. 😞

Day 4625 (V:349) - 2/28

Has oil

Today I got some oil for the car. I got the minimum one quart to see how it looked after putting it in, because they are like \$7 each. After I put it in the level showed at the very top of full, so that seemed surprising. I just parked for the night, but I figure I'll peek at it in a while to see if it still shows that, or if it was pulled into the engine during the day and I need to get more.

I guess I could say today was ok. I got a chance for a fancy thing in my MMO, and though there was nothing for me, one of the things I got was something someone else needed very much. So that was nice to at least have something to pass on to someone that needed it instead of just taking it apart for effectively nothing.

Though I was happy to be in my spot with a good connection and basically no one near me to put me at risk, I was still terribly sad. Just being able to cook and go to the bathroom easily whenever I want would be of great comfort. I don't know how long it will be before I will have even just those things, let alone other comforts of home. But all I can do is try my best to keep hanging on. 😞

Day 4626 (V:350) - 3/1

Cold to warm still

Today it's again a day that started pretty cold but is slowly moving towards being warm. I expect in an hour the sun will be on me and I may start to get too hot.

Nothing unusual today, which is good in many ways. Even as terrible as things are I would rather have no change at all than things go badly. Feeling very sad and brokenhearted still, but trying to lessen my sads with my games. So I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4627 (V:351) - 3/2

Trying to hang on

Today is an unknown Tuesday. I don't know what to expect. Something bad could always happen, but I try to hold on to hope because something good might also happen. But I really have no control over anything these days, so all I can do is try to continue to stay hopeful. And do my best to continue hanging on.

Day 4628 (V:352) - 3/3
An early bunny day gift

Today started kind of disappointing, but ended with a surprise. IN the morning in my MMO I didn't achieve anything I tried to do. I found no fancy raid to try for any gear. And even the basic dungeon I tried twice didn't get me the one piece of gear I needed. Though I know my time in game wasn't wasted, it felt like it and I was getting pretty sad.

But just after noon the card game I play super casually got a new expansion with a new bunch of cards. It's free to play, and I had a ton of in game stuff to make the new cards left over from when I used to play a lot. I had a super fun time with the new cards.

They have a mostly Egyptian type theme, which I've always really liked. I often forget that. I've never really known the exact reason why. Maybe it's because it was one of the earliest myths and legends I was introduced to. Maybe because when I was growing up it was a big part of modern myth and legend, as we were uncovering lost secrets the desert had buried, connecting my present with time from thousands of years ago. I even went to some local museums when I was very small to see the King Tut exhibit; one of my strongest memories. Maybe too part of it was because my parents taking me to that was during the time my dad actually seemed to care about me without judgment. I get now as an adult all of his indirect abuse telling me not to do this or that "or I'd never amount to anything" was because he wanted me to avoid failure, but that is never the way to do it.

So, since I loved it so much I decided to spend a little bit and get myself some cool early bunny day gifts. Money spent in the card game is really just for cosmetic things since the game is free to play. (You really can't buy an advantage, like in other card games.) So I unlocked a special reward path for playing during the celebration event that will get me lots of related stuff, and unlocked a special themed board that matches it's style to play on. Really there isn't anything I'd want coming in a month during the real bunny day, as the two new games I've been looking forward to for a long time were already bought with Xmas money.

So I guess overall, today ended on a positive note. It's warm now and I have a few layers off. I had fun with my card game for a bit in the afternoon. And even though I have been having some tooth pain, and been feeling very down lately about being homeless and missing everything, for the moment I feel just a little happier than usual. And I suppose that is something.

Day 4629 (V:353) - 3/4

Slow then fast

Today was an odd day. Almost no one was in the MMO, which has kind of been the case all week for some reason. I did not do a fancy raid, and even basic dungeons took forever to find a group for. So my time seemed to pass almost impossibly slow. What felt like 4 hours was only half that long.

Weirdly, even though nothing really changed, the afternoon seemingly flew by. It's as if the first 75% of my day was slowed down and then the remaining 25% went super fast speed, so overall the total time ended at its usual point.

During the slow feeling part of the day my brain did get fixated on the fix-it ticket, as the guy told me to check back around the 1st. I guess I did a different search than last time because it did show a ticket in the system, but it was from 4 years ago, so without checking I assumed that was my previous fix-it ticket. There is still no evidence this new ticket exists except for the paper in my car. I really hope there is some kind of 'time out' expiration if the officer doesn't turn in their portion by a certain time. I'm getting really tired and stressed out waiting for the notice to show up. I guess I'll check again near the end of the month and maybe contact the court people again if it's still not in the system.

I guess the day was ok. It was getting gray and looked like rain yesterday, but today by the early afternoon things cleared up, though the air remained chilly. It's like winter has returned instead of continuing to get warm. I suppose it was overall a good day, but because I didn't accomplish anything in my MMO I started to get very depressed at the lack of people (causing a lack of opportunity), and so I left my spot maybe 45 minutes earlier than I would and just stayed offline. I'm unusually tired too. My allergies

are coming back a bit, so there are some sneezes and just overall tiredness. But I guess the day was ok overall.

Day 4630 (V:354) - 3/5

Big goal reached

Today I reached the big goal I was going for in my MMO, clearing me up for the new big goal after the patch on Monday. I mean, it's just game loot, so to be better and more capable of doing a group activity I won't really be doing because of everything going on, but it feels important. I can struggle and try, and sometimes do the thing, and be ready for when I have a better life with more opportunity to commit to things. It doesn't seem like much, or really that important overall compared to 'real life', but with everything so uncertain and out of control, doubly so for my life, it's important to know I can achieve at least some things.

I guess the day was pretty good other than that. It was a bit chilly until the afternoon when I started being in the sun. Now it's a bit overly warm. But I guess in about 1.5 hours when the sun is going down it will rapidly go back to being chilly.

I feel very sad about everything. I had to poop and I just about had an anxiety attack going in to the store because there were just so many people there. But I at least accomplished my big goal in my game. And so tomorrow I can move on to the next. And I suppose that is something.

Day 4631 (V:355) - 3/6

Looks like extra

Today started with a bit of a surprise. Since I'm on a pretty limited budget for food I always keep the receipts to keep track of how much food stamp money is left. I was surprised to see a bunch things morning, as I'd forgotten today was the cycle day. But in addition to that normal amount, adding what I had left from before, there still appears to be about \$25-35 more than normal. I don't know if anything passed in the government, as

I'd heard they were trying to do that to help during the crisis, but there seems to be a bit extra, at least for this month.

I have a lot of tooth and jaw pain. That's been going on for maybe about a week now. I really wonder how different I would be, how different my life would be, if I hadn't had near constant jaw and teeth pain (since my mid-teens on.)

But my game time was ok. I accomplished a small goal I wanted to do before Monday, so that is good. I just have a couple of bigger goals to work on, along with a medium goal after Monday's patch. But the bigger goal may be tough to do, as it's an activity no one is really doing anymore.

But overall I guess today was pretty ok. The extra bit of food money was a nice unexpected surprise. The day was mostly cold, but tolerable. It was pouring rain and incredibly windy last night, so thankfully none of that stuck around. And no one walked by my area, so I never really felt at unnecessary risk. I guess the important thing is I survived the day. And these days that alone has to be enough.

Day 4632 (V:356) - 3/7

Not a goal anymore

Today one goal I was going to push for in my game has become unnecessary. I was going to do a new dungeon to collect a special set, but it seems that set was changed a few weeks ago on the test server and is now basically no good for what I was going to use it for. So, I guess I no longer need to look for that after the patch.

The day was pretty good, I suppose. It was pretty chilly, but not so cold I was shivering or anything. It barely got to 60F even though it was a clear sky and sunny all day. There was a very subtle biting wind, which is probably what kept the temperature down. But the area was quiet, calm, and no one got too close, so I didn't feel at risk being out.

I always miss a regular life, and still wonder if I will ever be able to get back to one. But today my mind didn't dwell on sad things too much, and so it passed harmlessly enough. I guess all I can do, as always, is try my best to stay distracted from sad thoughts and feelings, and hope to hang on long enough to make it through to better days.

Day 4633 (V:357) - 3/8

Unquiet mind

Today I feel like my mind has not been quiet. I guess in a way it makes sense. I've been 'talking to myself' not out loud almost constantly today. Early in the morning it was about the weather, and the turn back to being very cold and gray looking like rain. Should I get my other hoodie from my car and wear two hoodie layers 2/3 of the day to be warm until that gets way too hot? And too the big game patch was today, so rumblings in my mind about what to change on my characters has been pretty constant.

I guess it was all right. The day passed quickly enough. I kind of have a headache from it though. I guess soon it will be evening and my brain will quiet down hopefully.

I suppose the important thing is today I felt ok. And nothing bad has happened yet. And lately this seems like things to be grateful for, and all I can really hope for.

Day 4634 (V:358) - 3/9

Maybe rainy Tuesday

Today maybe a rainy Tuesday. Monday was very gray and on the verge of rain all day. I guess that would be fine if a bit cold, as long as there is no wind blowing the rain into my laptop sitting area during the day.

Looking at the V day numbers it seems we've passed a year in crisis in my area. What a crazy thought. I guess it makes sense though, as it is very hard for me to remember days before. Even my dreams have been about masks and risk for as long as I can remember.

But I try to hang on. I try to continue to hope if it continues I can be in a safe place as long as it does continue. And hopefully I can make it through to the other side and better days.

Day 4635 (V:359) - 3/10
Double hoodie

Today I had double hoodies on. It had indeed rained yesterday, as well as all through the night, so the morning was much too cold to not have it on. I've also put back on my half sweats under layer. It didn't rain past morning, but it stayed cold, with a brief biting wind in the afternoon.

The day started very worrisome. I got to the building and noticed not just one person in their office, but one in another I checked as well. I know they are ok with me being outside, but still, I worry. I settled in to my spot, got everything set up, started my system up and tried to connect... and no connection. I tried my tablet. No connection there either. I started to rapidly spiral into sadness for about 5 minutes. After that it seemed the connection wasn't coming soon and I decided to try and play offline things. It was ok, but really the two big games I have to play offline have both gotten to a part where they upset me and aren't fun anymore. So, in addition to my spiraling into sad thoughts of losing my place to have both a connection and power, I was starting to worry things would become really tough if I also didn't have anything I love at the moment to play offline.

Thankfully my offline play was interrupted about 45 minutes later with a connection notice. The connection was a bit wobbly for the next hour, but I could connect to all the things and start my day proper. It took a few hours, but I finally settled from my sad thoughts and chocked it up to one of the rare occurrences where the connection just had trouble, and now try to remain hopeful things will continue to 'be normal' for me at that spot.

I guess overall today was pretty good. It was a rocky start, losing nearly 1.5 more hours than I'd normally lose in a day. But I got most of my usual time, and by noon I wasn't too cold, though I never removed the second hoodie layer. I have it off now in the evening in my car, but if it rains again, or remains gray, I'll have to wear it again when I go out in the morning.

But for the moment things don't feel too bad, though I was pretty harshly reminded things are not in my control, and what little stability I have could very quickly and easily be lost. But I try to stay hopeful. And I try to continue to hang on.

Day 4636 (V:360) - 3/11

Pooping in the library

Today started incredibly cold. It rained a lot last night and this morning. There was the kind of biting cold you normally get in areas with snow. At about noon the clouds started to clear. And now in early evening there is only the slightest evidence of rain, though it is still cold enough I'm just going to keep my second hoodie on. It's not as bad as I thought it would be. Both are pretty much the same one, so it just looks like one thick one instead of the 'multiple layered hobo' look I expected it would have.

I had fun in my game doing a different thing. It took a lot of the day, and was just for the lore, but it's ok. I like the stories most and I didn't want to be rushed through by a random group causing me to miss it. Before I knew it the day had flown by in the blink of an eye. I guess it was fine. All my days are basically the same unless something bad happens.

At the end of the day I had to poop. As of this week the library inside front area is open to the public again. And, there is access to the recent returns area, where I sometimes find stuff to watch that I'd forgotten about, or am on the waiting list to see. By far it is the best bathroom option. And still one of only a handful of places I have access to a bathroom at all. But the best part is it's only maybe 100 feet from where I sit. No drive or special trip required to get there. (Just need to pack up all my things.)

I guess I made it through the day ok today. So I continue to try to hang on until forever better days.

Day 4637 (V:361) - 3/12

Pretty good, for what it is

Today my life is pretty good for what my sad life is these days. The connection was fine when I got to my spot, so it does seem that trouble day was one of the few random times.

I had a pretty good time in my game. It seems I did need to do the new dungeon with random people, so it's good that I did it already with guildies the other day. The group probably would have been fine with going slow to hear all the lore, but I always assume they will want to plow through as fast as possible. But they were actually nice, friendly, and one person knew about some secret bosses, so it turned out to be an exploring trip.

The day started a touch chilly, but not too bad. There was evidence of rain still left from last night. But it didn't really rain all day. The skies were clear, and by afternoon it was nearly warm enough to take off my extra hoodie. Oddly looking at the forecast it shows it's supposed to stay stupidly cold for the next week, so I don't know when it will really go back towards being warm again.

I got word the food stamp increase should remain. I guess they looked at what was being given to people and adjusted the amount to be more, so it should be a permanent increase.

I also saw news that another stimulus was approved. I won't expect it, as it's best to expect nothing in my life, but mostly it would be saved for bills. I very badly need new boots, as those are way past needing to be changed. I'm considering investing in a serious gaming small keyboard. My current one is good, but it's full sized, so it's a bit large for my backpack. It barely fits. Plus, it has no lights, so I can't use it in the dark at all. The laptop keyboard is... fine... but it has 'membrane' keys, which are super squishy, so that's not really precise or great feeling for games where you use the keyboard a lot. I kind of really need new tires, which is a minimum of \$300 if I get all 4. But I'd like to hold off on that until August when I've cleared the next registration, as I think that one requires a SMOG check, which the last two times the car has barely squeaked by passing. But other than reserving a bit for future games I would just save the rest for bills and a cooked meal

now and then. But again, I won't make an official list and plan until I actually see the money in my bank account.

Everything is still the worst in my life. 🙄 Lately I've had a little cough and a bit of congestion. Yesterday there was a very small wheezing in my lungs. I took an allergy pill and am a bit better, but it seems I've gotten a bit of a cold. Probably from, heh, the cold. But emotionally I feel pretty ok today. Though all the things I miss have constantly been at the back of my mind lately. But I try to put away the sad thoughts. Try to focus on just right now. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Day 4638 (V:362) - 3/13

A quicker day

Today felt like a quicker day. It's basically over and it really only feels like it should be half over. I had a good time in my game. I had a couple of good groups and tried a fancy raid. I did get a bit of loot in the raid, but not exactly what I was going for. But still, it was some progress.

The day started pretty chilly, but it wasn't too bad. There were no signs of rain, and now in the evening there are no clouds at all. I don't think it's warming up yet, as there was still a brief biting winter wind, but hopefully it will start to warm up again soon.

I guess there isn't much to say about today, other than I continued to hang on.

Day 4639 (V:363) - 3/14

Time change, sky change

Today it has gone from clear skies and possibly warming up right back to gray threatening stormy rains. I guess that's why the weather forecast showed it would be really cold for a week.

I guess there isn't much to say about today. I don't feel super great. My cold has changed to a general overall tiredness and my forehead feels a touch warm. Though that could be because it's super cold out, making my extremities cold, making my warm parts

feel warmer. I won't worry about it unless it gets worse, as it is probably just the cold or allergies plus losing sleep to the time change.

I guess I had fun in my game today. It was pretty slow, I guess because it's a Sunday. Maybe too people were 'grinding' for special points due to the patch change. I did get one chance for something I needed from a raid, but didn't get what I needed.

I felt pretty lonely today. I tried putting stuff on in the background to listen to, but there really wasn't anything except junk I don't really care about. Game chat and social places were quiet too. Though I guess overall today was ok. I continue to hang on. And I suppose that is the most important thing these days.

Day 4640 (V:364) - 3/15

Too cold for everyone

Today the day was too cold for everyone. I think I saw only half a dozen people walking around near me all day. I haven't seen the workers in the building for a while now, so it looks like they aren't back yet. I guess those I saw were just here for a special day.

It was bitingly cold again today, with the day starting at about 40F and peaking at barely over 50F. The sky isn't completely rain free, but the clear skies are trying to come through.

I guess, outside of clenching my teeth most of the day from cold, overall today was ok.

Day 4641 (V:365) - 3/16

Hoping for warmer days

Today I hope will be warm. I don't know what to really expect though, as the past few recent days have been pouring rain during the night. I hope stimulus comes soon. I hope warmer days come soon. I hope everything goes back to being ok soon. But until it does, I try to hang on.

Day 4642 (V:366) - 3/17
A brief moment

Today there are brief moments, mostly of happiness. It started with an extremely cold day. Every breath poofing out a cloud, with the temperature showing around 35F. A few hours later I got to go back to the ex-garage to have a few days inside. Hopefully this extreme cold will be gone before I'm back out.

I checked my bank in the morning too, and the next stimulus shows as pending, so hopefully that will clear tomorrow. I'd really like it to show as actually in my bank before spending it. Sadly, making a list of needed things, like new boots and big bills, a big chunk of it is gone. There is some room for saving for my next MMO expansion (just over a year from now probably), getting a game on sale, saving some for an as yet undecided full price game, so, there is a little for fun things. After those there is only a few hundred left, which will be eaten by things like gas. Small bills may come along too, so it could also be for that. Things will be not quite so tight or worrisome at least for a bit, but not so free that I'm completely free from worry.

And in a bit of sad news, the fix-it ticket did finally come. But with everything going on they are giving people a lot of time to clear it, so I have until late May to fix it and clear it. Which I fixed it months ago on like the next day after I got the ticket. It shows that is a \$25 fee, but I clearly remember paying closer to \$50 to clear it last time. I guess maybe soon I'll go take care of it. I just hope I don't wind up waiting hours and hours in a line to get it done.

Out of nowhere my dad sent gift card money for Saint Patrick 's Day, so that was super helpful. I guess his side of the family is Scottish, Irish, and some English. I kind of knew that already, but I still don't know the details. I don't think even dad knows them.

So today had some good, some bad. But I feel ok. I get to hopefully sleep in... if I can sleep, which has been difficult lately. But I feel better than usual, so I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4643 (V:367) - 3/18

A few things

Today started with ordering a few things. It wasn't much, as most of the stimulus is going to bills. But I got a new umbrella, as my old one is literally half broken. I got some new boots, which are very overdue. Though I did find ones 10% cheaper than I had on my list (which look the exact same, by the same company, so I'm not sure what's different.) They were about 30% more expensive than I remember. I guess I haven't bought myself new boots in about 5 years, so I could just be remembering incorrectly. And I bought a bit fancier ten keyless keyboard. I hope it fits in my bag ok, as it's a lot thicker than y current one. (Though about 5" shorter in length.) This one has lights, so I can use it in the dark. I'm very sad my laptop keyboard isn't that great. It's got squishy membrane keys which are already not holding up the best, so I figure if I can reduce my use of that to only using it when I'm not gaming then it may last a bit longer for just typing.

I guess it got a touch warmer, but it was still a bit cold and rained in the afternoon. I didn't see much of the outside, so I could try and maximize my inside time. I felt pretty good, though I am still very wrecked from cold weather and stress. And my back didn't feel the best from so much stress.

But today was a bit better. A few nice things are on the way and will hopefully lift my spirits. And so, I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4644 (V:368) - 3/19

No blood

Today was pretty good, but ended sad. There was sleeping in. There was a shower, with gentle shaving, so no blood. There was a laundry. There was even a bit of chat about TV shows.

But in the evening I was back to my sad homeless outside life. 😞 And things are very sad again. But I continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4645 (V:369) - 3/20

New boots

Today my new boots came. They seem to fit great, but I only tested for a minute. I don't expect any problems, as I've gotten them from the same company, and pretty much the same boot, like three or four times now. This one is 1/2 size bigger, but it's the size I remember being most comfortable with. Often with boots they don't have half sizes, so I have to go down to a 9, which often makes my toes feel a bit smooshed. It will take a while to start relaxing the things so I can tighten the laces just right. Honestly I'm surprised there hasn't been a better design for laces to have different tension in different areas. I suppose you could do that with two smaller laces though, or maybe tying a knot where you want to start a different tension area.

I guess the day was ok other than that. It was a bit chilly, and in the afternoon the skies got gray for a bit, but it wasn't too bad. It was pretty much just a regular homeless day.

And so, I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4646 (V:370) - 3/21

Three spare

Today was ok, I guess. It passed pretty quickly, with the majority of the day repeatedly failing in a raid. What should have taken 20 minutes took over 2 hours to finish. I guess I lost track of time.

The day started cold. My breath was poofing again in the morning. By noon things weren't terrible. And I think in the early afternoon the weather showed around 65F. So hopefully we are heading back towards warmer days.

I put my old boots in the trunk. I guess now I have two old boot pairs and a sneakers pair, so that is good in case of another emergency. My new ones are loosening up quicker than expected, so that is good.

I did discover my tripod bag has some moldy spots on it. I suppose that shouldn't surprise me after being in the trunk for a few years now. It wouldn't be terrible to toss the

bag. It was just a cheap \$25 tri-pod, and I'm sure it doesn't really need the cover. I'll keep it as it is for now though. I suppose at some point I should really just drop a lot of the extra stuff in there. Besides the boots I have a few other 'just in case' items that are really just taking up room and probably not needed.

I feel pretty sad today. I miss 'normal' things. And with more and more getting a vaccine, a return to the way things were actually kind of scares me. I think finding a job and a place in a 'normal' world would be harder than ever before for me now. Not only do I have all of the difficulties I had before, but when it happens, I'll have to compete with all of the people who have now had a hard time because of the virus. The thought of it makes me feel like collapsing into tears and losing all control from all the stress and worry. 😞

But there is so much I can't control. And so much I can't influence.

All I can do is try to continue to hang on.

Day 4647 (V:371) - 3/22

Still a bit sad

Today I'm still a bit sad. I think part of it is the realization the other day that it's been more than a year since the virus shut down started in my area, combined with the realization that as terrible as things are, in an odd way (if I don't lose what I have left) I feel less bad than the way things were before. I think a lot of that is due to the fact that a lot of things I should have now just really can't be had at all, so I can't miss them. I think too part of it, even though I almost never interact with anyone, is that I don't feel as out of place. Maybe that's due to the lack of interaction, maybe because no one really 'looks at you funny' if you do seem out of place these days. Normal is so far gone that odd and unusual seems almost normal.

The weather is colder again today. Clouds are coming back and it really feels like it's going to start raining, though the weather shows it's supposed to be getting back to close to 70F.

I played my game and had fun, though didn't really have any big gains to speak of. Though having fun 'today' and being distracted 'now' is likely the most important thing in my position these days.

For the moment I feel ok, but a bit sad, but maybe not as sad as some days these days. And so, I continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4648 (V:372) - 3/23
Maybe rain

Today I have no clue what to expect. Things are the same as ever these days, and I have nothing unusual happening. I suspect it might rain though. It looked like it Monday.

As always, all I can try to do is do my best to hang on.

Week 665

Day 4649 (V:373) - 3/24 Reducing layers

Today I had reduced layers on. I removed one layer of the long underwear as well as the long sweats I had on over them. It was a touch chilly without them, but only until late morning, then it was fine. Now, and in the past couple of days I've only kind of been sweating in my car in the evening, so I may take off the other long sleeve shirt and tank top, so that too would leave one layer of each instead of two.

Really no other real news today. It was a touch warmer than it has been, but it's still very gray for how warm it is. I had fun in my game, but there were no real gains to speak of.

I guess it was a pretty good, if average homeless day. And I suppose that is something.

Day 4650 (V:374) - 3/25 Feels like forgetting

Today I feel like I've been forgetting something. Pretty much all day I've had the feeling. I don't know what it is or what it could be. It kind of feels like I'm in the wrong place. Like maybe this is a dream, or a memory, or I'm supposed to be someplace else. I've kind of felt sleepy and spaced out lately in general. Like there is one game I'm playing lately, and while super fun and interesting, my eyes literally half close and I see 1/3 of the screen when I play.

I guess overall the day was ok. There was maybe a 20F change though the day. It started pretty cold and smelled like it would rain. I had to put on not only my second hoodie, but my spare sweats as well. In the mid-afternoon I was warm enough that I took those off. Now in the evening in my car it feels just about right for what I have on again.

I had fun in my game and had a few chances for special things, but didn't make any real progress. I did get one large surprise though. In one raid I was a "support dps",

which is because to be a full dps I'd have to do at least double the numbers I pull (I've tired but there's just something I don't get.) But somehow I wound up as the second highest dps in the group, by a decent amount. So either most dps were just terrible, or I'm a lot better than I thought. I think the first, because in all tests I've run my dps isn't really that good. (For the higher content, again, I'd need to do double, or ideally triple, the numbers I do.)

I guess overall today was ok. Most importantly I made it through ok. And though I feel like I could fall asleep, and still feel like I'm forgetting something, I guess it was an ok day.

Day 4651 (V:375) - 3/26

Reminded of heat

Today when it was the blinding hour I was reminded of the heat. I was playing a game, sheltered by the umbrella, but the system seemed hot when I passed my hand over the keyboard. Checking temperatures it was fine. I guess because it was nearly 70F showing on the temperature outside it likely just felt warmer overall because that is quite a bit warmer than the temperature has been lately.

I got pretty upset in the game today. I effectively lost 2 hours to groups failing dungeons. I get it. They were new, not very skilled, don't know what to do, etc. But about 2/3 of the way through I was getting very short tempered and upset. It set my day's plans back quite a bit, and so instead of that play time being for other things it was just lost. I think in the future I will simply set aside X-Y time for that activity. It doesn't gain me a ton in terms of loot or progression, so I think to avoid too much failure and lost time if it goes past that I'll just stop, if I've done all I planned in that time or not. Losing that wouldn't be as bad as losing 'more important' activity time. Especially now if I may need to go back to either not gaming after 3 or moving my spot because of increasing ambient temperatures in that area.

I guess all in all today wound up ok. I am... calming down from being upset. I did sort of get a tiny bit of progress for something. And really in a few days the lost progress will be forgotten entirely.

So, as always, I try to not be too sad about my limitations and what I can't control. I try to continue to hope what I still have won't be lost. And I try my best to hang on.

Day 4652 (V:376) - 3/27

Hot in the afternoon

Today it again started to feel hot during the blinding hour. I was in a group, so I didn't move, otherwise I probably would have considered it. It was warm enough overall from about 2 on. I was considering taking off my hoodie, but since the sun starts to warm up my headphones I have to keep the hoodie on to pull the hood up to protect it.

I got called to try and help someone today, and boy was that a mistake. I just met them yesterday (one of the fail groups) and they seemed capable enough to do the thing they asked for help with, so I agreed. I guess I wasn't paying attention to the time, so even though there was progress, at the point I'd had enough I'd lost 2 hours to something that should have been 45 minutes, and they still didn't finish. I had nothing to gain there either, so I was just being nice trying to help them with the thing. Needless to say, since I lost time with them yesterday, and today, I won't be helping them with that again anytime soon.

I didn't get to do a raid or anything fancy, but I do suppose I got a tiny bit of progression towards something I'd been trying to do, so I guess that is something.

I felt kind of lonely today. I had stuff running in the background while I was playing. Mostly game news or game related things. I don't really remember any of it. Though it was really just to have background noise, so I don't need to remember any of it.

I've had some weirdness swallowing lately. It's like the bite is bigger than I thought, or like I'm swallowing air with the food, and I can feel it sllloowwwly going down inside my chest. I don't think it's anything to worry about. I did a quick search and that can be related to my acid reflux. I suppose if it gets worse or doesn't go away soon I'll worry about it. But it's already much less bad than it was yesterday when I first noticed it.

So I guess overall some good and some bad today. But I guess the important thing is I survived the day and am reasonably ok.

Day 4653 (V:377) - 3/28

Nothing fancy

Today was nothing fancy. I didn't do any fancy raids in my game. I had bland boring food. I watched a show that was meh. Overall the day had nothing truly fancy.

The only thing that might be fancy is I got my keyboard. But I'm not really sure how I feel about it in quick non-use tests. It's easily four times the weight of my basic one. And even though it's probably 5 inches less long, it's probably twice as thick, since the keys are big and travel further than the basic one. Part of that means it's in a much higher position for my fingers and wrists, possibly too high to use without a wrist rest. And it's much louder than the basic one. Like WAY louder. I think it might annoy people if I were to use it in the library or a classroom. A nice keyboard like this might be too much for my sad life. I'll have to test it over the next few days and see how it feels and sounds in actual use. I may feel the benefits are worth the costs.

I guess overall today I just felt melancholy. I miss a home. I miss basic things like showering and sitting at a desk when doing stuff and not needing to worry about extreme temperature changes. And most of all I miss me. For what is here is only a shadow, an echo, part of me that reflect pieces of what were once a whole; now shattered and only perceptible one piece at a time.

Day 4654 (V:378) - 3/29

Heading towards keeping

Today I am leaning towards keeping the new fancy keyboard. Checking the height vs. the old basic keyboard the back is nearly the same (the old one has it hiked up) but the front, and most of the key area, is about 1/2" higher on the new one, which is a big difference. The greatest difference is near the wrist, which is the potential trouble spot. After using it for not quite 6 hours today I'm starting to get used to that difference. Checking the clicks at the same time, the new one is closer to the same volume than not. And, surprisingly, it seems quieter gaming than when typing. I'm sort of just varying the

distance of the press of the wasd keys when gaming as opposed to fully pressing keys and releasing each time.

There are some possible downsides though. Due to its smaller size it's impossible to place it on top of the laptop over the keyboard like I can with the other one. It pushes the keys underneath. I suppose small pen sized standoffs would prevent that, and I'll test if that's an option later tonight. But even doing that the wrist part might be too high to be comfortable. Also, the default lighting even at the lowest setting was almost blinding in the dark. I literally couldn't see 1/3 of my screen because it was washed out due to the brightness. I have the software downloaded now, so I can control and adjust lighting, so hopefully I can put that down to about 10% so it can be used in the dark. I need stealth light, not 'I'm a lamp' light.

I'll need to spend more time with it for sure. I do wish it was 'low profile' like my basic one. And honestly I'd forgotten my favorite desktop keyboard I used for years was also 'low profile' like the basic one I have now. Unfortunately there are really only two ten keyless low profile mechanical keyboards. One is by a company I know nothing about, at about double the cost. And the other is by one of my favorite companies, but because it's extra fancy with wireless and a rechargeable battery that can last up to a month, it's nearly triple the cost. So, hopefully in time as TKL keyboards become more popular more options will open up and I can change in the future.

I guess the day was fairly uneventful save for experimenting with my new keyboard. Nothing fancy happened in my game, but I kind of didn't try for anything fancy. I just stuck to smaller goals and got the slightest progress.

I think I have a cold again, or the previous one changed, I'm not sure. I had trouble getting to sleep last night, so I'm extremely tired, and I've been sneezing and have had congestion most of the day. The swallowing issue is less, nearly gone, but my tummy is still super acidic feeling, so if they are related that's not surprising.

I suppose I close the day with sad, but hopeful feelings.

Day 4655 (V:379) - 3/30

Checking Tuesday

Today I will again be testing my new keyboard and seeing if I for sure want to keep it. I may switch back to my old one on Wednesday though, at least for a bit, to remind my brain what is different, how different, and are the benefits worth the limitations on the new one.

I don't really know what to expect today. Monday was chillier than I expected since it had gotten up to 75F on Sunday. It probably didn't get much higher than the high 60s Monday, so I don't know if today will go back to being warm or stay chilly. More temperate weather is better though since I am still outside all the time.

Hopefully I can get over my cold. Hopefully I can find some peace and happiness. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Day 4656 (V:380) - 3/31
Odd stranger

Today there was a very strange event. I was in my spot, getting pretty into my game, so I wasn't really paying attention to the things around me. Suddenly I get the odd feeling of a presence nearby, though no people had walked past me. I look forward, which granted is too close as the wall is only maybe 6 feet from me and I don't wear a mask when sitting there because most turn and go back the other way before crossing me, or they simply don't stop and pass by in a couple of seconds. But standing there looking like someone I could only think to describe as a woman somewhere between 45-55, not wearing a mask, wearing clothes that make her look like a hippie straight out of the early 70s, with a half crazy half elated smile on her face, holding up a peace sign. I'd guess she may have been standing there as long as 5 minutes up to that point that I noticed her. I started at her like 'what the poop' for probably 15 seconds, confused if I knew her, and confused that if I didn't why did she go off the walking path roughly 3 feet further back, to cross through the dirt area, to stop at a right angle to a walkway. I chuckled as I assumed she must feel overly lonely these days. (Assuming she misses contact with people due to the lack of mask and staring at me with a ridiculous smile.) She turned and started walking away, still grinning, when I laughed and said 'Um... hi?' as I chuckled.

It was nice to see a visitor, I suppose, but coming from a direction I never expected, not wearing a mask, getting too close for me to be comfortable, especially just standing there facing my direction for who knows how long, I'm not sure I exactly appreciate the visit.

Today started chilly, probably in the mid 60s, but by about 3 the temperature was 82F. Now nearing evening I'm in my car with just my underwear, pants, and a tank top on, and I'm still getting pretty sweaty. It's supposed to plummet back down to the low 70s, but for the moment I'm too hot. I worry about my laptop and other stuff in temperatures this hot.

I suppose I survived the day. And I suppose it was nice to be acknowledged, or recognized as someone who needs to be outside, or whatever that was. And hopefully temperatures will be calmer soon, and I can continue to hang on until better days.

Day 4657 (V:381) - 4/1

Another stranger

Today there was another very weird stranger encounter. Someone came by with her mask half on asking if she could 'use my hot spot'. I guess since I'm so off lately I fixated on not having a hot spot and it took me a few minutes to realize I should tell her about the open connection all around there. (I guess she assumed I was using a hot spot because I'd taken my phone out and put it next to me.) She went a reasonable amount of distance away to go to the next plug, so I wasn't worried after that. (It's about 15 feet away.) But after maybe an hour when she packed up to leave she came over and asked what I was doing, with her mask fully down. I said I was playing a game. She sat down slowly about 3-4 feet away, with her mask down, and asked if she could watch. I quirked an eyebrow at her, put on my mask because she was way too close, and replied, 'with a deadly viral outbreak going on I'd really prefer you not.' Thankfully she put her mask up and left. (Though she came back about 3 hours later.) It's like, I'm honored she felt I was seemingly friendly enough, and seemed trustworthy enough to ask, and feel bad for her being so sad she would ask a total stranger something like that, but really? Asking a total stranger to sit next to them, with no mask on, while you have half a mask on, with a deadly viral outbreak going on? Not the smartest choice. And at what I'd guess was her mid 20s, choices she should know better than to make.

I finally took care of the fix it ticket Tuesday. At least the checking off part. I still have to get a check to mail it all in. But now I've discovered an issue that is freaking me out. The light goes out. I have no idea why. If I pop the plug out of the socket and put it back in, it's fine again. But I did that this morning, and at some point during my 1 mile drive it is shut off again. So it's either the casing, which looks like that's about \$15 per side, or maybe something going on with the wiring causing some kind of short that popping it out and plugging it back in resets. I'm fine for a while. They certainly can't

give me another ticket for something I have a ticket for already. But what if I get a new plug housing and it's not fixed? Every time I drive, especially at night, I'd be at risk of being noticed and caught. I don't know... overall I'm very worried about the car in general. It doesn't like to drive more than 5 miles at a time. It doesn't cool well. It's borderline failing SMOG. And just overall the engine is 124k miles, so no matter what I may not be able to keep it much longer. 😞 Anytime there are even the slightest issues starting or driving I just about have a panic attack.

The day was super hot again. I had my hoodie and long sleeve shirt off by 11 in the morning. I think it was pushing 80F again by noon. But it wasn't as hot as yesterday. And I'm not sweating in my car now in the evening. So all I can do is be thankful I made it through the day. And hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

Day 4658 (V:382) - 4/2

Completely corroded out

Today didn't go as planned. It wasn't necessarily bad, just disappointing. I got to my spot at about the usual time. I decided to play on an alt just for a little bit in a new game that released yesterday. I had a much harder time than expected. So while it was fun, it wasn't as fun as it would have been if I'd have been on my main character. I planned to do my MMO for about 2 hours, then go back to the new game, and then play another 2-3 hours there. I got in a... bad group in my MMO. I wound up spending an extra hour for almost no gains at all, and that ate up any possible time to look for fancy raid activities. So now I was doubly sad and disappointed. Then, when I tried to go back to the new game it wouldn't load. They were having server troubles, and you can't play offline. So what should have been 2-3 more hours of play there turned into 15 minutes.

Due to the extra lost time and feeling sad I decided to go get the money I need to pay the fix it ticket since you can't do that online. (Unless you are blowing off proof of repair, which is nearly \$200.) I took a look at the connection and light again since the light worked for only 2 of the 3 trips for the day. Popping out the light the entire thing had crusty orange corrosion. I could clean the light off pretty easily, but I don't think I can clean the connection without special cleaning stuff. Maybe I'll check online to see what

that would take. But the good news is that I found replacement plugs that are only \$5. So, with them that cheap I'll assume the other side is just as corrupt and order two. I'm glad I discovered that, as now I feel 96% confident that's the issue (as opposed to only maybe 60% before.) I guess I'll know more when I can get back online and see what it will take to clean. I have some rubbing alcohol, so if it can be done with that I probably have enough.

I guess the day wasn't a total loss. It was cooler. Nothing bad happened. There were no weird strangers. I didn't get to do what I hoped or planned for the day, but I guess that doesn't really matter, especially in the long run. All I can do is continue to hang on as best as I can.

Day 4659 (V:383) - 4/3 **Probably not fixed**

Today I tried to fix the corrosion. Apparently it's just a mix of baking soda and water, which I have water and baking soda was \$1.50, and that supposedly will clear the corrosion. I don't think it worked. Most of it is still inside behind the 'electrical contact paddles' which are too tiny for me to clean. And probably 40% of the entire corroded area was still uncleaned when I finished. Plus, the light had a challenging time when I put it back. So I'll just see if the fix holds. But if the light goes out, even just once, I'll change the housing. I really don't want to be worrying all the time that I could be pulled over again because of it being out again.

I guess the day was ok other than that. It was reasonably cold again, peaking in maybe the low 70s, and being gray and rainy looking nearly all day. I'm surprised it didn't because I swear I felt some rain while getting out of my car and walking to my outside spot.

I had fun in my MMO, though didn't do anything special. I had fun in my new game, though the servers were dead for a bit, so I lost another hour I could have played. And there were some super yummy bunny sugar cookies on sale at the store. So overall today was pretty good.

Day 4660 (V:384) - 4/4

Special bunny day dinner

Today was about as good as I could have hoped for. The spot was quiet and calm, as there were maybe only a dozen people passing by all day. The connection was stable and strong, so I played as much as I expected. I only briefly tried to look for special raids in my MMO because it's a holiday. And even though it's not celebrated as much as others, any holiday it's almost impossible to find a raid. Which is fine, as I just spent the extra time in my new game.

As I kind of expected the car light fix didn't work. Within two trips the light was out again when I checked it. So I ordered the parts and they should be here Wednesday. I suppose it only cost me \$2 to try the fix, and with the stimulus money that shouldn't be an issue.

I was surprised by a card from dad. I mean, he almost always sends one, but often it's late. This one had money, so that is super helpful. But I think I will put it into game savings. I haven't checked my money to see if I'm on track, but it should be close enough I don't have to worry for at least a little while. If the plan is correct I'm ok on bills to the end of the year, which covers the three big yearly things.

Since it was bunny day, and as always I am alone, I decided to get a fancy dinner with gift card money. I had a bit of it already. 😊 I'm still having to take smaller bites though. It's not painful like when the event started, but the extreme acid in my tummy is still happening. I figure when that calms down my throat and chest swallowing issue likely will too.

Today I feel good, but sad. I suppose in a weird way balanced, emotionally and physically. Neither is too good or too bad. And I am seemingly at peace with both amounts. As always though, I hope to eventually be back in a forever home. And hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

Day 4661 (V:385) - 4/5

Freezing again

Today the weather seems to be going back to freezing again. There are still gray clouds most of the day, and today there is a cold wind. Checking the weather it's going to stay cold in the mid to high 60s through the week. I guess I'm glad the hot weather is gone to spare my electronics, but my body is sad from the cold.

I'm pretty sleepy today. There was a bird chirping most of the night nearby, so I lost a lot of sleep. I've got a cold, I'm pretty congested and a bit sneezy, so I feel pretty worn out today. Mentally I guess I'm ok. I feel alert enough. And I had fun in my MMO and new game, though even though I got in to a raid I got no progress on loot, so that is sad.

I guess today I continued to hang on. And that is something.

Day 4662 (V:386) - 4/6

Hopefully not too cold

Today I hopefully won't be too cold. For the past few days I've had to have my second hoodie on (when not in the car). If it gets much colder I'll have to also grab my car sweats to wear over my pants, or considering putting the thermalish layers back on.

I'm not sure what to expect for the day. I hope it's warm enough. I hope I get enough sleep. I hope I recover from my cold. And I hope I can be online and play my games. And hopefully I can continue to hang on until better days.

Week 667

Day 4663 (V:387) - 4/7 **Light observation**

Today was ok. It started good. I was ahead of schedule for my things in my MMO, so I got a chance to check for raids. But it was very slow, so there were none. So I played my other new game for a bit longer than I expected, which was super fun.

I saw some news in the afternoon that made me a bit worried and sad; stuff about the virus and times they want to 'fully reopen' things in my state. It worries me for a few reasons. Mostly I don't think enough people are safe. There are no appointments in my area to get the vaccine. And I know it takes at least two shots, a few weeks apart, so I don't think their time table of two months from now is realistic. Also, I won't feel really safe until most people have gotten the vaccine and cases are nearly completely stopped. So now I'm worried about how things are now, and how things may be in a few months.

I got the car light today. It came with some weird white goo completely filling the socket area. I don't know what that's for. I can only guess it's to protect it while it's unused, or it's some kind of sealant. I dug a decent amount of it out of it, but left maybe 30% in just in case it needs it for some reason to function. Checking the light and testing it immediately worked fine. I'll observe and retest over the next few days before I stop worrying though. And in a couple of days if it seems fine I'll change the other as well, as I assume it may be in just as bad of a condition.

Overall I guess today was ok. Though I am still very worried about everything. But I try my best to relax. And I try to hang on. And hopefully I can make it through to better days.

Day 4664 (V:388) - 4/8 **Saturday rally**

Today I got some potentially bad news about a rally happening in my outside spot on Saturday. It's listed as happening from 1-2:30, which isn't a ton of the day, but if there

is a lot going on I should expect 1 hour before and after for setup and tear down. There are lots of places around the building for plugs though, so I'm hoping I can just go to a different part of the building and be displaced just a bit instead of completely. But I could potentially lose half or more of my online plugged in time.

Today was ok, but not as great as it could have been. The connection was a touch unstable, as every 30 to 45 minutes it would lockup for about a minute and disconnect me from what I was doing. It was pretty disruptive, but I managed to do my MMO daily activities, but it prevented me from looking for a raid. I also tried to play my new game with a friend and the connection had issues there too. I played by myself for a few hours in the new game after, and things were fine.

I'm very super tired today. I've been sneezing and sniffly a lot. I coughed up some yuck yesterday and today just a bit too. The flowers that are in bloom smell very nice, but they are possibly why my allergies are going crazy. 😞

I guess that was really it for today other than mailing in my fix it ticket stuff. I'll check the light over the next few days, and maybe in a week that will show clear on my record and I can finally be done with it.

But I guess I survived the day ok. And so all I can do is continue to try to hang on.

Day 4665 (V:389) - 4/9

Too cold

Today was a pretty good day. It started way too cold though. I could see my breath in the morning, and I never took off my second hoodie.

I guess I had fun in my MMO, though nothing special happened. Because there was no one doing raids I left early and played a bit extra in my new game. It was super fun.

I am a bit worried about tomorrow since I don't know what will happen. I guess I'll plan to do my regular day and expect people will come to set up things around noon. I don't know what the day will hold, but hope I can just change my spot if need be, but stay at a spot with power and a connection. It wouldn't be the end of the world to lose about 3-4 hours of one day, but it would be a bit sad and disappointing.

I hung on today, and hopefully I can continue to hang on until better days.

Day 4666 (V:390) - 4/10

Undisturbed

Today I was not disturbed by the meeting parade activity. I guess the person who wanted to test my plug was totally wrong about where they'd set up. I'm to the side of a building across from the library. Between the two is a third building that's a meeting center. And between all three is a concrete grass fountain area. They set up in front of that meeting building, and when they got ready to march they wound around the center area. So, outside of maybe a dozen people total through the day coming near or by me, I was undisturbed and didn't need to move at all. 😊

The connection was kind of bad though. Again every 20-30 minutes it would lock up for about 30 seconds, causing me to disconnect from my game, and causing a pause in any video I had on in the background after it ran out of buffer. I guess it wasn't bad. And I got to play what I wanted for the time I wanted. I did get to try for a raid in my MMO, but I didn't get any loot I needed.

My food has been wrecking me lately. More than a year of basically the same 3-4 main foods is starting to upset me regardless of what I pick. Since I have a bit of wiggle room from the stimulus I have lately been craving and considering pasta. Weirdly the place I looked to see if they had any apparently only does soup and sandwiches. I could have sworn they had pasta. Sadly that means the only place I know for sure that does pasta would be the expensive food store. And when I was last there they were even more expensive than usual, asking effectively \$12 for a single meal. Back in the day when they were open I'd get a scoop of pasta, a bit of chicken, some potatoes, and a small salad for usually around \$8. So... it's unlikely I'd be willing to spend so much for a single meal of just pasta.

I guess the important thing is I survived the day. Maybe super sniffly from my allergies, super tired from lost sleep, super acidic tummy lately, still sad about everything, but, I survived. And these days that has to be enough.

Day 4667 (V:391) - 4/11

Slow day, easy day

Today felt weird. It seemed like time was passing pretty slowly. I was getting ahead in my MMO and was done with daily things pretty early, just before lunch. But the connection was dropping again, a lot. This time it was closer to every 20-30 minutes during the day. I casually checked for raids, then left the MMO early because I kept disconnecting. I was going to play my new game on my main, but I dropped a few times there too, so I spent more time on my alt. I watched a show at the end of the day and that didn't get interrupted at all.

I guess it was a pretty ok day. It was quiet, calm, and only a few people came by. I was cold most of the day. It's still not quite warm enough sitting on the concrete, at least not until late afternoon, just about when I'm leaving. When I left today, and even now, it feels a couple hours earlier than it actually is. I'm not sure why.

I'm still having a lot of allergies. There was a lot of sniffing and sneezing today. And though my eyes are half closed, I don't really feel sleepy. Tired, as I often am, but not really sleepy. But I suppose overall the day wasn't terrible. And hopefully I'll make it to better days ahead.

Day 4668 (V:392) - 4/12

Somewhat disappointing

Today has been somewhat disappointing. The frequency of the connection pausing has increased today to about once every 15 minutes, making doing any group activity impossible. I finished my solo MMO stuff and left early, with no chance to look for any groups because of how often I was dropping. I played in my new game with the extra time, so I guess it was ok. My new game seems much less sensitive to whatever the issues are that the connection is having.

I guess on the plus side today has been a bit gray, so there is less crowd than usual. It has been like a soft blanket overhead, creating a calmer and quieter tone to everything.

My allergies are still going pretty crazy. I guess I should take an allergy pill, though they really seem ineffective. But I guess I am warm enough. I had ok food. I played and had fun. And so I survived the day ok.

Day 4669 (V:393) - 4/13

Hopeful

Today I am hopeful things will be warmer. It got up to a bit too warm a few weeks ago, but lately it's become cold again. I'm hoping for good news, but I won't be too hopeful in case it falls through. It's not life changing, but could help at least a bit with comfort.

As always I really don't know what to expect for the day. All I can do is try to continue to hang on.

Day 4670 (V:394) - 4/14

I forgive you, driver

Today the nice thing happened. I have time to be in the ex-garage and be safe from the outside with a solid and stable connection. 😊

I decided to repay my ex-roomie with some pizza since she's shared hers like three times with me lately. And while I was let in for a shower, and they were on the couch some 15 feet from the front door, the pizza was apparently delivered. Yes, maybe it's my bad as I've not used that service before and they did send an email to track the delivery. But I was in the shower. Apparently it was delivered with no doorbell rung. So when I went to leave and wondered why it hadn't arrived yet, it was waiting outside, nearly completely cold.

But you know what, I forgive you driver. Maybe you were having a bad day. Maybe you are having a tough time with everything and extra scared about everything. We all are really. So I won't complain. I won't mention it to the service. I don't expect to use the service again, as this was a special thing, and I'd be eating it cold anyways. (Plus the extra \$5 delivery charge, and 10% price increase for minimum tip, was a pretty extreme increase.) So, I forgive them. It's ok.

I guess today was ok. I played and had fun. I got some special pizza and have enough left for a few days food. Things in my life are still very uncertain and I don't know if I will make it through. But for the moment I am ok. And in my sad life, right now, this moment, may be all I have.

Day 4671 (V:395) - 4/15

Relaxing day

Today started with sleeping in. 😊 I went out to get some food, so that was a bit sad to be leaving inside, but it wasn't too bad. Today has been relaxing, warmer than if I

had been outside, and so far, fairly calm. I'm still super sniffly, but hopefully the inside time will help me recover.

As always, all I can do is try to hang on.

Day 4672 (V:396) - 4/16

Flakey knee

Today has been ok. I didn't sleep as much as I expected I would, only getting 7-8 hours, but it was ok. I got to do some laundry and a shower (again), so nothing is stinky now.

Though I did notice something strange I've never seen before. My right knee has been feeling very dry and hardened lately. Maybe as long as a few weeks now. I haven't really paid attention to it, because of my eczema my elbows and knees get pretty easily dried out, especially lately with wearing so many layers. But before getting into the shower I scratched at it and some dead skin flaked off. It was a kind of flakey like after a sun burn, but in thicker sheets. After I cleaned the top of my knee of the dried skin, it felt fine. The skin underneath was normal color and not sensitive, unlike new skin from under a burn would be.

It's later than I would normally write, but since I can stay again there are probably still about 6 more hours before I 'go to bed', so I still have more playing and some show watching ahead of me for the evening. Hopefully I'll have a chance to do a rare raid in my MMO, but I still have one more cycle in the wash, which might interrupt important things in about an hour, so I'll have to wait for that before looking.

I guess today was about as good as I can hope for these days, so I try to enjoy the extra things I have today, and hopefully I can continue to hang on until better days.

Day 4673 (V:397) - 4/17

A break from games

Today was ok. I didn't sleep as much as I thought I might for being able to sleep in, but I feel ok. I had a lot of fun playing my games today. I didn't get into any fancy raids, which is always sad when I have a chance to use a good connection. I played my new game, but not as much as I have been lately. I'm at 'the end game' which really just boils down to way too many bad guys rushing at me, so I'm not sure how long that cycle will hold my interest in it's current form.

I decided to take a break from gaming for a bit and do some editing. I didn't originally plan to do it until tomorrow or Monday, but it was a nice break. I actually like editing. I just wish more cared about what I'm putting out. I still have no clue how my audio version is doing, but seeing things like no views, or less than 5 views total, on my videos makes me feel like I'm just wasting my time. I guess if even just a few find it useful that's fine, but last time I checked the detailed statistics it showed an average view time of less than a minute. 😞

I guess I feel pretty ok at the moment. It has been a nice vacation, but in a few hours I'll be back to my regular sad life. I hope I remain ok. I hope I can stay healthy. And I hope I can hang on emotionally. Each year it is becoming more and more difficult, and I feel more and more shattered and broken. 😞

Day 4674 (V:398) - 4/18

Fear of ants in my pants

Today I was afraid I'd get ants in my pants. For about the past month, very slowly, the tiniest of ant populations has shown up at my outside spot. I don't mean tiny in number, though originally it was, but I mean in size. These ants are maybe 1/3 the size of normal ants. They are super tiny. They are going crazy in my area and I was worried they'd crawl up into my pants as I sat there.

The connection was pretty terrible. I barely could do single player stuff in my MMO, and even just doing that I was disconnecting or lagging heavily every 5 minutes or

so. Even when trying to play my new game solo, because it requires an online connection, even that had trouble staying connected. I gave up trying to game earlier than usual and tried just watching a show. I guess that wasn't completely terrible. The issues worked kind of in my favor, as the commercial breaks were often interrupted and cut short.

It was super hot today. I'm in the early evening now, in my car, and I'm almost completely sweating. I hope shad comes soon because it's way too hot. I took off my hoodie by noon, and took off my long sleeve shirt by about 3. I think it might be time to remove the last extra under shirt layer, because if it continues to be this warm I will get too hot.

Today was disappointing, sad, and very lonely. But now that it's evening when I'd be alone anyways, the struggles are fading from my mind. Though with the connection issues increasing in frequency unless someone happens to come to work in the building it's likely it will go unnoticed and continue to get worse in the coming days. But all I can do is continue to try to hang on.

Day 4675 (V:399) - 4/19

More open, more closed

Today started badly, but has ended with a nice surprise. In the morning I thought the connection was fixed, as things were stable and clear... until about almost exactly 11 AM. At that point it crashed hard, and I couldn't really stay connected. Of the time I tried to do things I got maybe 15% done, and the rest of the time I was sitting staring at a non-responsive screen.

I left the spot early to discover the bathrooms outside the library and city hall building is now open most of the day, and the library has changed their hours because all of the building is open, but just for browsing. So, I guess that is a step forward, but it still makes me worried about my future.

I got good news that I can be in the ex-garage a few days more, so that was especially good considering the connection was effectively dead at the outside spot.

I decided to see if the pizza place could take my gift card to get some pizza to celebrate, but the building was closed with the lights off. Apparently there was a note

saying the location will sometimes be closed now. So I guess no pizza for me, at least not today, and not from there.

So I guess good and bad today. Mostly though the changes make me more worried about the future. Things already felt the worst to me. And though I was feeling hopeful about re-entering the graphic arts field when this all started, now with everything that's happened I feel more uncertain than ever. 😞

Day 4676 (V:400) - 4/20

Sleepy Tuesday

Today really the only thing I know is I will likely sleep in and feel sleepy. I'll be able to play games and watch shows uninterrupted, so that's good. I really don't know what to expect for the day.

As always, all I can do is try my best to make it through and continue to try to hang on.

Day 4677 (V:401) - 4/21
Barely eating

Today I have been barely eating or drinking anything. At first I thought it was to avoid needing to poop, causing me to leave and go outside. Since it's not on the way anywhere I'd be going that special trip would take 20-30 minutes of my day. But upon reflection I think it's more a deep depression. With everything that's changed, and seemingly getting closer and closer to recovery, I think subconsciously I'm getting more and more afraid that what was an already difficult recovery for me will be even more difficult since I'll now be fighting with so many others; who are in better positions in life, trying to also recover.

As always though, I can't change what can't be changed. I can't control what I can't control. And while I accept that things were very bad, now worse, it still makes me feel very lost, alone, and worried I may never recover. 😞

Day 4678 (V:402) - 4/22
Appointment tomorrow

Today I'm back to my sad life. It must be super hot because I've been in the car for just a few minutes and I'm on the verge of being totally sweaty everywhere. I'm also starting to feel a bit nervous sick. I checked the vaccine site again and there was a place at the edge of my safe driving range that has appointments, so I set one up for early tomorrow. I've been getting more and more nervous hearing people say it made them feel sick. I hope I feel ok. I've already been having a super rough time with the crazy allergies lately.

Not much to say for today. I got to sleep in. I got to play on a stable connection until a few hours ago. And now I'm back to my regular sad homeless life. I pray the

outside connection works when I try tomorrow. Hopefully the drive doesn't kill the car tomorrow. And so, I continue to try my best to hang on until better days.

Day 4679 (V:403) - 4/23

Poked

Today I had my appointment to get poked. My car made the trip ok. I wonder if that's because I drove on regular streets, not exceeding 40 MPH, compared to the previous slightly longer trips where I'd drive for 15 minutes on the freeway at 75 MPH. It was basically the max 5 miles I'd allotted for a safe distance, so I didn't expect any trouble.

When I was in the waiting area to be poked I kind of started freaking out. 😞 It was a lot more scary and traumatic than I thought it would be being there. I had to remind myself the barriers were just in case, and for privacy, not because everyone was sick. I managed ok and calmed down pretty quickly once I got to the observation area.

The rest of the day was about as good as I could have hoped for. There was one hang on the connection in the morning right when I arrived, but after that it was stable and clear all day. On the way to my night spot I got a special food to cheer me up. I wasn't too sad at that point, and had no symptoms other than minor shoulder soreness, but it was nice.

So I guess things moved forward a tiny bit. And I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4680 (V:404) - 4/24

Almost April showers

Today it was almost raining. All day the skies have been gray and cloudy. And it looked like the sun was under a blanket. I guess it's good though, as the extra cover meant no extreme heat or light during the 'blinding hour'. So while I did have the umbrella up so I could see my screen better, it wasn't too hot or too bright to continue using my system. So I got about 1-1.5 hours extra I could use it past my normal spring or summer hours.

I think today was better than I feel like it was. I think my depression is lessening what would be otherwise happy feelings. I didn't get a fancy raid in my MMO, as almost no one seems to be doing them lately. I did help a guildie do a thing, so that was nice and fun. I had enough food that was ok. And I was 'warm enough', though I was borderline chilly all day due to the clouds preventing the warmth from getting through. The connection was stable and strong until late afternoon, where it dropped me a few times during important things. Hopefully it will stay clear.

I guess I managed ok today. And I guess I hung on ok. But I really wonder if I will ever recover and have the basic freedoms I used to have ever again. 😞

Day 4681 (V:405) - 4/25

Depression blindness

Today I have been pretty sad. There was an online convention this weekend that I've been wanting to do. I think it's the third year they've done it, it's always online, and there is a nice charity component of it that's for a good charity. I've been pretty sad I can't do any of the things because even if I tried to commit to a 4 hour thing, there would be no guarantee I could stay connected. And even if I could, it wouldn't be great for anyone. But this time I was extra sad because there was a raffle. My eyes saw prizes I could get for \$3 or \$6 entries, but the ones my eyes saw were things I couldn't really use because of my sad life. There was a live broadcast of the giveaways, and one of the things I could have entered for were super cute stuffed critters that were also dice bags. Somehow my eyes never saw those prizes. And the entries for them were really low, like 5-10 people. (There were 4 given away.)

I've always known my brain and eyes selectively ignore information based on what I can or can't do, or what I can or can't have, but it's extra sad to think about what I might be missing because things might be categorically skipped. 😞

I suppose it's not a big deal to miss the thing. I've already missed previous years. Another missed cycle of a yearly thing I've already missed shouldn't be a surprise or something to mourn. But I do. I see things I miss and I wonder what could have been. And I hear the ticking clock of my life continuing to count down with every beat of my

heart. And I wonder how many good things remain before that time runs out. And I wonder; of those, how many will I continue to miss? 😞

Day 4682 (V:406) - 4/26

Mixed day

Today has been a mixed day, both in weather and emotion. Overall I feel pretty sad still. Kind of even so much so there is 'reduced interest' in all the things. But I feel ok too. The weather was cold, and I grabbed an extra undershirt, and even put on my extra hoodie. Off and on the day has been clear and barely starting to warm up, but also been gray and seeming like it will start pouring rain. I'm still sniffly and sneezing from allergies, so that's not the best.

I guess I made it through the day. And that has to be something.

Day 4683 (V:407) - 4/27

Unknown

Today I don't know what to expect. It's been wavering between cold rain and going back to warm the past few days. The connection has been much better lately, but it still drops me a few times a day.

Hopefully it will be warm, but not hot. Bright enough, but not overly bright. And hopefully the connection will stay strong and stable, so I can try and distract myself with all the things.

Day 4684 (V:408) - 4/28
Super hot again

Today it is super hot again. I survived half of the blinding hour, but when the sun was fully on my area I had to leave (about an hour earlier than usual.) I'm in my night spot now, and it's only been about 30 minutes, and I'm pretty sweaty. There is a cool breeze though, so hopefully I'll rapidly cool in about an hour when the sun starts to set.

I guess today was ok. I got in a fancy raid, but lately my MMO has been pretty empty. I wonder if younglings and many adults are going back to their places. The connection was solid and stayed connected, so it seems it may be free of whatever trouble was happening.

I'm pretty sneezy, still heavily affected by allergies. And I still feel pretty sad overall. But I got good time outside the library, so that helped to not feel so sad. And so I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4685 (V:409) - 4/29
Warm enough, cool enough

Today the temperature was pretty even. It was bright and warm. I took my hoodie off around, I think, 1, but it wasn't hot. It was cool enough I felt fine staying through the blinding time. (My tummy did feel a bit off, so I did leave about 45 minutes earlier than I otherwise would have.)

I felt better than usual I suppose. I laughed a couple of times, which is pretty rare for me these days. The connection was strong and stable, so my online time was undisturbed, and I did get a chance for a fancy raid, though I didn't get any items I am missing.

I guess, all in all, today was pretty good, and I survived ok.

Day 4686 (V:410) - 4/30

Hot to cool

Today weather was a bit weird. It started pretty warm and I even took my hoodie off at like 9:30. But within about an hour I got chilly and kept it on for the rest of the day. What was seemingly like a start towards a hot day turned into kind of muggy and gray and rainy looking cloud cover.

The connection was kind of laggy. So much so I got kind of depressed and left only doing about 2/3 of my normal online game playing. Since I was lagging and nearly dropped a few times, my heart was broken and I just wasn't interested. But then, I kind of have felt extra brokenhearted lately in general. I spent the extra time watching a special stream of a game I'd love to play, but can't. (It's a console exclusive.)

I guess today was ok. There were some nice things to it. But, as always these days, there were many things that made me sad and worried. And all I can do is try to hang on. 😞

Day 4687 (V:411) - 5/1

Strangled awake

Today seemed pretty calm. I had a good time in my game, so in the early afternoon I felt like doing different things than I normally do. Which is good because the connection started to become unstable at that point.

It was strange weather though. It was warm, cool, and at one point I could swear I felt a sprinkle across my face, as if it were raining and the slight breeze carried the mist to me.

I am extremely exhausted though. My allergies are killing me. I think I'm not sleeping much at night. I was woken up probably more than an hour earlier than usual because my nose was plugged completely shut. I could barely breathe.

I guess overall today was ok though. I played as much as I felt I wanted to. And I did some different things. So I guess I made it through ok.

Day 4688 (V:412) - 5/2

Feeling kind of sick

Today was ok I suppose. It was kind of cold in the morning, being closer to 60F most of the day than not. I had to go get my extra hoodie from the car and wear that most of the day. It wasn't until the afternoon that things warmed up to about 75F. Even then, since I was in the shade, it felt pretty chilly.

I feel kind of sick. Though I suppose that isn't really much of a surprise since my allergies and congestion have been going crazy for probably about a month now. So this likely is just mostly a variation of that. Though I've had salami a few days now, and that doesn't do great in warmer weather. Though it's not been in the sun, it's been 'room temperature' this whole time. Which I guess isn't terrible for hard dry salami, but it certainly would fare better in winter weather.

I'm actually a bit less congested today so far, but fofoooo. I'm totally exhausted having lost a lot of sleep lately. I do remember large portions of last night I was only half asleep because of the congestion almost completely preventing me from breathing.

I suppose the day wasn't terrible. I feel ok-ish. My mind was constantly fixated on thoughts of death or great harm, so I've been much more sad, depressed, and worried deep down than usual. But all I can do is try to let go of those thoughts. Try to accept things are what they are. And try my best to hang on; emotionally and physically.

Day 4689 (V:413) - 5/3

Upset

Today a couple of things upset me. Much more in a disruptive imbalanced way than any other way. First, in the late morning a person who I can only think to describe as a vagrant started hanging out at the bench closest to me. (Rail thin, had a cart with bags of stuff in it, not super well kept appearance.) The first thing that got my attention was that I noticed him smoking. It's not super close, probably 15 feet away, but that is close enough if someone smoked a lot it could trigger my asthma. But what really upset me was when he came to the bush just about 6 feet from me and started undoing his pants. I was like,

"Dude?! There's an open bathroom right around the corner over there." And he just proceeded to pee saying he was sorry and can't wait. Really? You have a cart with stuff in it, and are peeing outside of city hall, on the street side of the building where there are cars passing by and offices with completely windowed walls right across the street? He's been out here 4 hours now at the time I'm writing this and in spite of staring at him every 30 minutes or so he's showing no signs of leaving.

The next thing happened maybe 30 minutes ago. The gardener came by. (He talked to the vagrant guy and I'd hoped he was shooing him away, but I guess he kind of knows the guy.) And without saying what he was doing he turned on the sprinklers to test them. Now in his defense they are designed to spray away from me, and he only had them on for maybe 15 seconds. But it's kind of a breezy day. I've got my laptop out, which he can clearly see, and I'm only 4 feet from the nearest sprinkler, and maybe 6 from the next closest. You'd think he'd at least warn me and give me the option to move before testing. He seems nice enough, and was distracted by the vagrant, so I'll assume he 'didn't want to bother or burden me by telling me, or possibly make me feel unwelcome'. But still. If the spray were any stronger, or persisted longer, or gods forbid one aimed at me, there was a decent chance it would hit my laptop.

While there are still a few hours before I leave, and a few hours of the night after that, I am feeling pretty irked and off balance. 😞

Day 4690 (V:414) - 5/4

Hoping for better

Today I will hope for a better day. I will hope that vagrant person doesn't come back. (As he calls a lot of attention towards my area.) I hope other things don't disrupt or upset my day. Though I do realize how extremely fortunate I am to have decided to come to this spot, and likely due to the nature of this area's income level, other's haven't needed it (and pushed me out.)

But I have so very little left. 😞 I have so few nice things. 😞 And I am so very fragile and easily shaken these days by the smallest of things. 😞

Week 671

Day 4691 (V:415) - 5/5 **Shorts weather**

Today and yesterday has been shorts weather. I'm glad I decided to change off of full pants, as it's been 80F+ these past few days. Though it was a bit too chilly in the morning. I had my hoodie on until about 11, and my long sleeve shirt on until about 1. Unlike Monday, where I had both off by about noon. I think the weather showed it will be like somewhere between 75F and 85F to the end of the forecast period (I guess 10 days?)

I guess today was ok. The signal seems strong and stable again without issues, so that's good. The streamer I watch has been off this week, so that is strange to not hear him or be distracted by chat.

My allergies are still killing me. My nose has still been completely stuffed up. My tummy feels a bit off lately too, possibly from all the congestion going in there.

I guess I'm ok. And I survived another day.

Day 4692 (V:416) - 5/6 **Chilly breeze**

Today has had a chilly breeze. I am still in shorts, but I kept all my top layers on. I even kept my hoodie on all day, even though I expected to take it off immediately after getting to my spot.

I guess today was a good day. The streamer I watch is off for the week, so it's still odd not to have people to talk to. I have been listening to stuff though, but it's really just junk news or things of passing interest. Still all game things, or things I'm interested in, but not really anything I'm likely to remember.

I'd prefer silence, but I think in a way I need it to not be right now. At least for the moment. I think I need it like I need the games. It further distracts my brain and senses from paying attention to my surroundings. With just the game my ears hear the world

around me, and my eyes become easily distracted. And my attention, and thus non-surface thoughts, focuses on sad things and my place in the world.

I guess things weren't too bad. It was way cooler than what I expected, which was more good than bad. I'm still super congested, which is bad, but the connection was strong and stable, so even though I did nothing special in game, that was good.

At least for the moment I continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4693 (V:417) - 5/7

Disruptive

Today the connection was unstable again. In the morning it threw off my routine in timing, and though I caught up, I didn't have time to look for anything fancy in my MMO. Then after, when I went to try and catch up on the seasonal stuff for my (old) shooter the server was down for a few hours, so I was disrupted from doing that.

I guess it was ok. I spent extra time in my card game. And I got caught up with a show. But the connection being unstable was disruptive and made me a little bit sad.

The day was pretty quiet and calm overall. There wasn't much chatter online, and though a few more people did come by my area, they passed by quickly. It has also still been cooler, closer to 75F than 85F. There was a chilly breeze in the afternoon that made it feel colder.

I guess I survived the day ok. I am still super exhausted from my congested nose keeping me from sleeping. But I guess, as with everything else, I just have to keep trying to hang on as best as I can.

Day 4694 (V:418) - 5/8

Return of the heat

Today the heat returned. When I left I think the weather was showing 85F. I'm ok in my car now, as I have shade for the moment. But in probably an hour it will be directly

behind me, and I fear I'll start sweating like crazy as I'll be unable to avoid it. There is an increasing wind though, so it may cool down faster than I expect.

I did about what I hoped to in my game. I am still pushing to finish a thing by Monday, and I should be able to finish tomorrow, so it should be fine. But the day passed quicker than I expected. At one point I pondered what to do next and realized it was time to go to the car.

Today I was pretty hot. At least from about 1 on. And I was almost completely stopped up the whole time. My nose and allergies are still going crazy. But hopefully things will cool off a bit. Hopefully the connection will stay strong and be ok. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Day 4695 (V:419) - 5/9

Hot, cold, hot

Today was pretty weird weather. The morning was so warm that I was tempted to take off my hoodie even before getting settled in my outside spot. I did take it off when I got there though. Though within an hour I was chilly and put it back on. Then two hours later I was warm enough to want to take it off again. And an hour after that took off my long sleeve shirt too.

I guess it was an ok day. The connection was so unstable it dropped me from a group in my MMO. So after that I just tried to push through my shooter season pass thing. I have tomorrow to try and finish, so I should finish pretty easy since what's left should only take about an hour.

I felt kind of sad today though. I don't know if it was because of my allergies and having a migraine, or the sads gave me a migraine. But for a lot of the day my eyes hurt, my sinuses hurt, and there was a throbbing in my jaw and cheek bones.

I guess the day was ok other than that. My sad life is still the same sads. But for the moment I continue to try my best to continue to hang on.

Day 4696 (V:420) - 5/10

Feeling weird

Today I feel weird. My lunch/dinner food might be kind of bad. When I had some for lunch I didn't feel great after. That food often kind of upsets my tummy though, so I wasn't really surprised. And the feeling was basically gone in about an hour, so it wasn't super unusual. But I feel really exhausted too, like I've been out in a huge crowd at some live event for like the past 4 hours.

The streamer was back on today, so I got to watch and say hi to people in chat, so that was nice. 😊 The weather was both colder and warmer. I had my hoodie off as it was warmer in general, but now in the mid-afternoon a cool breeze has been getting stronger, cooling things down. The connection was... good enough. It wasn't amazing, but it wasn't worse than average.

I'm suuuppper extremely tired today. But I guess overall, at least so far, today was ok.

Day 4697 (V:421) - 5/11

Maybe hot, maybe cool

Today it's supposed to get up to almost 90F. But it was supposed to be almost that hot yesterday too, and at the time of my writing it showed 85F, but it felt closer to 75F (in my shaded spot outside). So I don't know if today will be hot or cold.

I don't know what to expect for today. There are no unexpected or expected plans. The only plans I have is getting the second vaccination shot Friday. So I guess today I will continue to hope for the best, and hopefully nothing bad will happen, and I can continue to hang on until better days.

Week 672

Day 4698 (V:422) - 5/12 Cooling, dropping

Today was a cooler day. It seems the max temperature is lowering. I had my hoodie on all day, and I think it was barely showing over 80F when I left the outside spot, meaning in the shade where I was was likely a lot cooler.

The connection was kind of terrible today. It was fine in the early morning, but by late morning it was getting wobbly. I didn't even try to find fancy activities in my MMO and just played my shooter. Even though that seems to have fewer issues when solo, even that started getting wobbly. And when I left the game and was just trying to watch a video, even that would drop down to the lowest setting and would pause to catch up. So at least for now, it seems unstable again. 😞

I guess it was an ok day. I am surprised my food lasted overnight with how hot it was yesterday. I did decide to put up my broken umbrella in the back window to block the sun, and it's kind of perfect since the size is half of the new umbrella. So I guess all in all I survived the day ok, and I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4699 (V:423) - 5/13 Appointment

Today was kind of meh. The connection was ok, but the game I would have played in the afternoon shut down for maintenance. While I did the daily things I needed to do, I lost an hour or two I would have otherwise played.

Physically I was not the best either. My nose was clear at night, but after getting up it's been plugged 90% of the time. That has also given me a bit of a headache, nearly a migraine. And my tummy kind of disagreed with the food I got, and was grumbly for a few hours after eating.

I have my second poking appointment in the morning, so I'm a bit nervous about that. About half the people who said something about it said it made them pretty sick feeling. I didn't feel any symptoms after the first, so I'm hopeful that I'm in the half that's not affected.

I also got my car registration in the mail, which is due around mid-July. Sadly it does require that special old smog type check. I'll probably do it soon. But I worry that maybe this is the year the catalytic converter test doesn't pass. Or what if something else has gone bad and it needs hundreds to fix it? Hopefully I'll pass and be safe for at least another two years. Since it's the older type hopefully they will just stop requiring me to do it, since the car is 25 years old and apparently almost no one has those kind of test machines anymore. (At least I don't have to worry about the ticket anymore. I didn't mention, but I was checking online after mailing it, and it did show as "closed" after a bit, and the lights haven't had any issues since.)

But as always, things are out of my control. I can just do what I need, hope for the best, and hopefully I can deal with any issues that come up. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Day 4700 (V:424) - 5/14

Feeling fine

Today was my second poking appointment. It was very different from the first time. At first when I arrived I was worried they were closed or I was somehow in the wrong place. Only a couple of people were walking towards the building and there was no line outside at all. I checked in at the door, walked straight to the poking check in, where there were twice as many people working as before, then walked right over to wait to be poked. I think I waited second in line for less than a minute.

It's now about 8 hours from the poking and not only do I not have any arm pain, but I don't feel sick at all. The later isn't super surprising, as I felt no symptoms the first time, but I was very worried as half the people who have mentioned their second shot said they felt sick. I was super careful to stretch my arm every 15 or 30 minutes though, as it

felt fine the first time and I didn't. And I took a multi-vitamin yesterday and today to prepare my body. I got some fresh cooked food to further help my recovery too.

I guess the day was ok. The connection was good enough and I did what I wanted. The day did seem to pass very quickly though, even though the appointment only ate about 45 minutes of time.

So I guess one big boon to feel better lately. Hopefully the next will come next week when I pass smog with no issues. If I can I'll immediately pay off the registration so it's done and I don't have any worries. I was hoping to get tires after, but that would require more stimulus money. There was word California would be getting more, but the time I should have gotten that is basically by today. There will still be processing for as long as a month more, but unless mine has somehow been delayed and is coming later it seems more likely I didn't qualify for this extra round.

Well, at least for the moment things seem fine, which is really the best I can hope for. So I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4701 (V:425) - 5/15

Still feel ok

Today I am still feeling ok. In the morning my shoulder was a bit stiff and sore and I did feel a bit... off, but not really sick. By late morning I felt pretty much normal. At least normal for my sad homeless life.

I suppose there wasn't anything really different today other than that. I had an ok but regular time in my games. I decided to watch a couple of shows. And that was really my day.

Though on days like today things feel tougher, because I can't do the things others can (like have a fresh cooked soup, and be extra restful to recover.) I suppose I continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4702 (V:426) - 5/16

Started feeling sick

Today started by feeling a bit sick. I guess it really started yesterday. I felt a bit off, but not really sick. Over the course of the day, mostly as it got into night, I'd say more and more it felt like my body was remembering what it felt like to be sick. Not actually sick, but the memory of a migraine, slight dizziness, fever, and all over body chills. But again, not actually feeling that way, because checking my temperature I felt normal, maybe a bit cold if anything. It's difficult to describe. I guess when I was sleeping and a bit through this morning it was closer to actually feeling sick than the memory of it, as I had some pretty whacky dreams, and did genuinely feel like I had chills.

My dreams for about the past week or so have been pretty good. They haven't been the usual fixation on sad homeless life, but instead they are made up things in new places, with new people. I think that's a sign that, at least subconsciously, I'm feeling more hopeful about the future.

Now nearing evening I guess I'm feeling better. I feel less actually sick-like, though all day my nose has been super sniffly and I've been sneezing a ton. My arm still feels a little bit punched, and the lymph nodes in the area are still a touch reactive. But overall I guess I'm ok.

At least until tomorrow, when I'll try and do the smog. Partly because it's been chilly lately, so there is a very slight chance that will help. But mostly because if there is an issue it's probably better to know sooner rather than later, as the due date for the registration is the due date and that won't change based on smog.

But for the moment I continue to try my best to hang on to what little is left. And hopefully I can make it through to better days.

Day 4703 (V:427) - 5/17

Better than expected

Today was better than expected. I went to the smog place early and hoped for the best. The guy was actually surprised how well the car cleared the test for its age. He even

said there wasn't an issue with that one test part I asked about that it's had issues on before. Though he did say the oil light came on, so I talked about the issues it's had and why I've set the 5 mile distance limit. He said the issues are probably connected in that if the engine senses low oil pressure it cuts off the fuel. His guess is what is probably happening is an oil gauge sensing issue, or I think he said maybe an oil valve? I didn't ask how much that would be to fix, because I'm assuming even if that were fixed it wouldn't fix the overall heat issue when I drive far. (Plus I have no extra money.)

But passing smog meant that I could pay the registration without fear, which is one of the biggest and most important bills for the year. (I don't have to worry about smog for another two years.)

So today there is a huge relief, both in something I was worried about that could happen, and something I was worried about that was a yearly bill. And I got word I can be in the ex-garage for a bit, so that is some extra nice news, especially since I still don't quite feel 100% from my poking. So today closes pretty good. Certainly on a more positive note than it otherwise would.

Day 4704 (V:428) - 5/18

Sleeping in Tuesday

Today I don't know what to expect. I will sleep in and get some extra rest. I'll be in shelter and safe, hopefully with a strong and stable connection. So that is about as good as things get for my sad homeless life these days. And hopefully that will help me continue to hang on. 😊

Week 673

Day 4705 (V:429) - 5/19 Dinner and a movie

Today was good, but also very sad. I visited the ex-roomie for laundry and we watched a movie after she cooked dinner. Though I had to wait for her to cook, and the longer I waited on the couch the more sad I became. I thought about how it was 'my spot' when I lived there, as well as many other thoughts. I almost started crying 😞, but I managed ok.

So today was different. I was inside, not outside overexposed and overly drained by too much sun, too much noise, and too much heat or cold. It was a better day, and it was a worse day. But I suppose everything is sad and painful these days.

Day 4706 (V:430) - 5/20 Special things

Today there were a few special things. I can still be safe inside, so I got to sleep in. I had to go get food, and I got a special food. (Which for some reason getting that and four things at the store took 45 minutes. 😞) And in the evening I got to watch 2 live things I don't normally get to watch.

Everything was still very sad though. Even the most simple things take so much longer, or simply can't be done while homeless. 😞 But at least I have a little less sad today.

Day 4707 (V:431) - 5/21

Feeling pretty sad

Today I have been feeling pretty sad. It was a better day in that today and probably most of tomorrow I am still in shelter, but I've been extremely sad and on the verge of tears all day. I think I'm just home sick. I want to have and live in a home again. 😞 I want to have simple things like showers, cooking, or sitting at a desk when on my computer. 😞 I want to stop having to worry about if I will still be able to eat, sleep, and live the next day, so I can look beyond it. 😞

Day 4708 (V:432) - 5/22

Sad day, hot day

Today is very sad. I still felt extreme depression when I was sheltered, and now in the afternoon I'm back to my regular sad homeless life.

It feels way hotter than the weather says. It's showing in the low 70s, but it feels more like the low 80s. I'm overly hot and even sweating here in the car.

I'm not sure what to say for today. I was sheltered near my stuff in the morning. I played pretty much a pretty regular amount. Though I did sleep in, getting 10 hours of sleep, as I have each time I could sleep in. But yesterday and today I felt pretty profoundly sad. Maybe because I keep hearing everyone's plans for 'when things re-open, I'll do this and that'. It's not really that I'm jealous of that specific plan. I'm jealous of the ability to have a stable enough life you can have a plan to make. With everything unstable and uncertain in my life all I can do is hope for a minimal amount of time with my games, shows, and job searching, and hope that nothing bad happens.

While I was extremely sad, I expect in a few days I'll be back to my regular homeless life, my regular routines, and things will fade in memory. And my life will go back to the same endless homeless day it has been. 😞

Today seemed to pass extremely slowly. I started by watching a bit of game news on something I'd play casually that comes out in about 2 months. After maybe 30 minutes of that I started my day and played my MMO while an old game downloaded in the background. I did my usual MMO things, then stopped for lunch.

After lunch I played the old game for about an hour because it's doing an anniversary event and there's been a lot of news lately about its sequel. I didn't get any special loot, but I guess it was fun enough. It's one of the few PvP games I ... guess you could say I enjoyed the most. Though I left because people in the random game mode, for the most part, seemed to lack even the most basic tactical knowledge. And in the competitive mode they did nothing but complain to each other. I just did the random mode, and, well... it seems nothing has changed. People still were doing very dumb things, and even there in a few matches people complained at each other. I don't know if I'll play more to try for more event things or not. There is a new game coming Tuesday that I've pre-ordered, so I expect that will get a lot of my attention.

After that I played my (old) shooter for a bit. I guess it's fun, but every 'season' rapidly devolves into repeatedly doing the same few things over and over and over and over. In the 6+ years it's been out it's barely changed at all. I'm constantly amazed how many keep playing it and sing its praises.

After that I watched a bit of a show while I had 'dinner'. And that was really my day. Really, basically, just an average homeless day.

I guess today was ok, though I don't feel so great. I don't know if that's because my lunch/dinner meat is wrecking me, or if it's a cold or general allergies. I've been extremely tired, had a headache most of the day, and have been sniffling and sneezy. As usual, all I can really do is hope tomorrow is a better day.

Day 4710 (V:434) - 5/24

An odd hello

Today there isn't much to say of real consequence. There have been the pole construction people making noise and generally making me feel bad (due to the system disruption) for a few hours now. This is the third time they have come and messed with this street pole over the past two months, and it likely means they will be here tomorrow making a lot of noise most of the day too.

The person who walks by me pretty much every day (for the past few months) said something as she passed by. She had pulled her mask half off to say it and was smiling. But I was super busy in a dungeon, and can't hear voices clearly with my headphones on anyways, so I pulled off one ear and said, 'what?' half smiling. She repeated (?) that she missed me last week when I was gone. She didn't slow her pace, she probably walks this route during a work break, and she was rounding the corner when she said that, so I just chuckled and smiled. It's odd because I've seen her weekdays for at least a few months now, maybe more, and she never seemed to acknowledge me before. (Just walk by doing stuff on her phone.) I guess it's just one of those touchstone things. Like I'd heard from a few people back in the day in the school times where they felt things were right when they'd seen me as they passed by on their way to class.

That's really it for the day. I feel kind of wrecked still. I'm exhausted feeling, kind of headachy, and it feels like I'm warm enough to take off my hoodie, but if I did I'd start to get chills.

I guess, as always, I tried my best to hang on, and hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

Day 4711 (V:435) - 5/25

New game

Today I'm not sure what to expect. I have a new game I pre-ordered that releases today. It's gotten mixed reviews though. A few kind of slam it pretty hard, while others

really like some of its aspects that make it unique. I also got a game on super crazy sale for \$15 on Monday that's usually \$60, so I grabbed that to play too.

I hope I am warm enough. I hope I feel rested and better (since I've been feeling cold kind of sick lately). Hopefully I'll have fun with my games. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Week 674

Day 4712 (V:436) - 5/26 **Alone time**

Today I felt a lot like I wanted to be alone. In my MMO I didn't really talk or engage with anyone. I basically just spent a couple of hours doing my daily solo things and left. I played my (old) shooter for a bit, where I didn't really talk to anyone. (Though there I effectively never talk to anyone anyways.) And then I played a new game for a little bit that is a single player game. And after that I watched a show for a bit.

It's getting into evening now when I have to be in my car and I wish it wasn't so warm so I could put my windows up to block out the sound of people and cars and such. I guess I'm just feeling extra sad lately.

There are some large scratches on the outside of my right forearm. I don't know where or how I got them. Maybe I scratched in my sleep and my eczema caused it. I don't know. It looks like it will take a few weeks to clear. Maybe that is why I feel extra sad lately. It's a reminder of how I can't really take care of myself. And how when I get hurt there isn't really extra care I can give myself to get better.

I'm not sure the reason or cause, but I guess I just feel extra sad lately overall. And all I can try to do is my best to not feel so sad. And hopefully I can hang on until better days.

Day 4713 (V:437) - 5/27 **Still pretty sad**

Today I am still feeling pretty sad. As the day went on things made me feel more and more sad. There were people being asses in my MMO. Then I felt like I "needed" to do dailies in a card game I sometimes play, and the shooter, so that was a few hours I would have rather been playing or doing other things. And by the time I said I was too sad and was going to just do what I wanted and try to emotionally take care of myself, it was effectively too late. It had gotten to the blinding hour, and really (unless I move spots) at

that point I can only watch shows because the screen becomes too hard to see details clearly.

I guess lately I should just spend more time doing what I want (that I am able to do) instead of just doing what I feel I am required to do with things that don't really matter. Only a few seem to worry or care about me, and there is currently no one watching out and caring for me emotionally or physically day-to-day, so I have to try to do it myself. 😞

All I can do is try to continue to hang on. 😞

Day 4714 (V:438) - 5/28

Feeling kind of sick

Today I'm feeling pretty sick. I'm still pretty exhausted and I've been super sneezy. I took an allergy pill and a decongestant but they barely have done anything for me. My chicken I had left from yesterday for lunch and dinner today really didn't help either. It reacted... badly with my system.

I did try to break from my 'normal' routines to do more of what I wanted, and I do feel a little better emotionally. But I think the physical issues are dragging me further down. All I can do is try to manage as best as I can with what little I have, and try my best to hang on.

Day 4715 (V:439) - 5/29

Fast day

Today started out very cold and slow feeling. It was gray and looked like rain up until noon. I did my MMO daily stuff quicker than expected and almost did a fancy raid, but they couldn't get enough people. Which is fine, as the two leaders didn't seem trustworthy or capable.

I played a new game for a bit in the afternoon that is super cute and more casual in style. Then I watched a show. When the day was over it kind of felt like it had just begun.

I remember the time passing as it should, but it only felt like 2/3 of a day or just over half of the time happened.

I guess it was a good day. Even though I did get super good rest last night, I feel exhausted, and still very sad. 😞

Day 4716 (V:440) - 5/30

Cold, hot, cold, hot

Today it is suddenly hot again. In the past day or so it's gone from a peak of the low 70s to the low 80s. I was pretty sad today still. I guess less congested and sneezy, but still so extremely tired I kind of felt like I was half asleep most of the day. When I was playing my games I was kind of just reacting, not really thinking or analyzing anything. I stopped playing early to both watch a show and to keep the heat generation in the laptop low. Its temps showed as fine, but I kind of wasn't in the mood to play anymore because I was so tired, but also I was starting to worry as the outside temps started getting over 80F. By 2 I was so warm I'd taken off my hoodie and outer shirt and rolled up my pant legs to be like shorts.

I think my food stamp money got a boost. I checked the amount this morning and it showed nearly a full month of money, which seems odd since my cycle date is the 6th, so it should have only shown about 1/4 of the full amount. I suppose it's possible since its increase I've not spent that increase, and if that were the case for 2 or 3 months then that would explain the extra. I didn't get any warning or notice about extra money (like I got back in the day when they paid benefits early due to the government shut down), so I'll just consider it a one time boon and not worry about it. I try not to fixate over the amount because counting it out and budgeting it constantly becomes extremely stressful. (I normally do a casual check at half way, and then start monitoring below \$50.) I did also buy a small hot food to see if I could and it does look like I can still do that. So, if they start putting out soups again soon I guess I can sometimes get something cooked. Or maybe I could pick up smaller cooked items.

But I'm still feeling pretty bad and sad. I think, as much as I'm used to terribleness in my life, these new world changes are making me feel like recovery will be impossible now. And my life will just continue to get worse and worse. 😞

Day 4717 (V:441) - 5/31

Quick day, hot day

Today seemed to pass pretty quickly. In the morning the streamer I usually watch was busy, so they started later and ran later than normal. That was probably a big part of why the day seemed to pass quickly. I did have fun in my new game too though, so that may have helped.

I'm still pretty sad though, and still a bit sneezy. I'm not sure why I'm still so congested and tired. 😞 The day got super hot. As I'm writing this the temperature is showing at 88F. Though in the shade where I am I'm getting a cool gentle breeze (though the sun will be on me in about 30 min), so it feels like the high 70s.

I guess today was ok, so I try to hang on.

Day 4718 (V:442) - 6/1

Expansion

Today my MMO got an expansion that I pre-purchased a while ago, so there should be lots of new fun to be had. Hopefully the day won't get too hot, as I worry about my system when the temperature gets so hot. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Week 675

Day 4719 (V:443) - 6/2 **Red pepper**

Today I didn't want to have lunch meat or ready to eat meat foods. I got a cup of grapes and cheese, and also got a red pepper, which seemed drastically overpriced at \$2, but I guess it's been all this time since I've gotten them.

The day passed very slowly. I thought it was nearly 1, but checking the clock it was only 11. But the afternoon passed very fast. From 1-4 it felt like only about an hour had passed. The day did eventually get pretty warm, but it started looking like it was going to rain.

I'm having fun with my new MMO expansion, and I suppose nothing bad happened today. Except for the pepper and fruit making my tummy feel a bit odd. But I guess it was an ok day and I didn't feel too sad, so I try to hang on.

Day 4720 (V:444) - 6/3 **Fast day**

Today passed pretty quickly. It was because I was having fun with my new MMO expansion. I remember bits and pieces of the day, but nothing clearly. I'm still pretty sad. I'm feeling pretty exhausted too, and kind of partly asleep in my brain, so that may have contributed to the fast passage of time.

Today wasn't terrible, but I'm still sneezy, exhausted, and sad inside, but I try my best to hang on.

Day 4721 (V:445) - 6/4

Burning rubber

Today was pretty good, I suppose. I was still pretty sad but my new expansion is distracting me. And I got to do a new fancy raid. I suppose technically I didn't get anything I needed, but I got some stuff that will help eventually, and some things I might need someday.

I got some stuff at the food store, and while I don't normally get a bag - it's probably been a year since I've grabbed one - I got one today. It smells pretty bad. I'd say it smells like burning rubber. I'd guess it's because it's recycle plastic, and I'd guess tires from the smell. But fooooo, considering this is from a food store I don't know why they agreed to this material. (They've been using this one for maybe 8 months.) I mean, it's fine if everything is in boxes or in their own smaller bags, but I'd worry as a shopper that something put directly into the bag might absorb some of the smell.

Nothing else really special or unusual today, just a regular homeless day. I got to shave and make a few parts clean in the morning in the outside bathroom, but I've done that a few weeks now, so it's routine. It... helps, but it's nothing hugely different. And so, I continue to try my best to hang on.

Day 4722 (V:446) - 6/5

Odd goal completion

Today I completed a goal in my MMO that felt odd after completing. I got not just one, but both, of the missing items I needed to complete a fancy raid set in a single run. I've been trying that one for what feels like probably a year or longer. Maybe I was kind of in shock that I got both and completed it in a single go, especially since those have been the only missing pieces for the last like 25 runs. But I felt no excitement, nor relief that I don't need to do that one anymore. I think a big part of it is I'm really just collecting things like that to 'be ready' for the day I'm in a home and free to run whenever I want. Currently in the few hard things I get a chance to do I'm like, 'hey I have this, but also

have options,' and no one seems to care or voice a specific need. So really having the 'best' options seems unimportant or like no one cares that I can make the run better.

I guess the day was pretty good. It was quiet and relatively calm. The weather is cooling, and I guess by Monday it's supposed to peak in the 70s for at least a week. It does look cloudy and gray lately, so maybe there is some kind of storm coming.

I'm still pretty sneezy and exhausted. I feel like if it was an option I'd just take a quick shower, have an early dinner of pasta, and go to bed like 3 hours earlier than normal. But I can't sleep early, and I already had what counts for 'dinner', and the desired things are not an option. So, as always, I have what I have, and my routine really can't change, but I try my best to continue to hang on.

Day 4723 (V:447) - 6/6

Wanted to share

Today I wanted to share some super yummy grapes I got with the squirrels near me. There are one or two that have always hopped past me. I forgot they do that sometimes just before lunch until after one went by. I put out two grapes on the edge of the walkway for them to see and come get. But they didn't come back. Before that spot started to get too sunny I moved them over to some local trees I've seen them in. Hopefully they will find them later. The trees are to the side of my view, so unless I look for them I won't see if they got them.

I noticed on a chat app it still listed a group I raided with. But I haven't grouped or raided with them in like three months, so I left the group. I kind of immediately regretted it. But, that chat area is not the guild. I was never officially asked to join, and even the two in-game that I have 'friended' haven't really spoken to me in that time. Though, I guess due to how sad and terrible things are it has felt like almost a year.

I guess I shouldn't be sad though. I really only left the potential of a friendly social place. In practice nothing was said in that group really during that time I forgot to check. (Like half a dozen things were said total.) And none of that was directed at me.

Something odd did happen a bit later though. Someone randomly came up and said hi. They asked how I'd been and said they wondered if I was ok because they hadn't

seen me chat in the zone like I used to. It was very unexpected and nice to know I was noticed and missed. I suppose it was that someone felt comforted by seeing my particular 'in character' chatter even though we'd never met. Again that, 'I am a touchstone for someone' effect.

I suppose today was pretty good overall. I'm sad I couldn't share my food with the squirrels, but hopefully they will get it later. And it was nice to find out I was noticed and missed. But I still feel so very exhausted, and so very sad that my life is so limited. But I try to hang on.

Day 4724 (V:448) - 6/7

Reverse day

Today seems like what I do is being reversed. My MMO server has been down for maintenance all day so far, so I played the game I usually play in the afternoon during the morning, and hopefully soon I'll be able to play my MMO, since it's now early afternoon nearing mid-afternoon. If it continues to stay down I guess I'll continue to do my later day stuff 'first' and hopefully get to play some in a bit. Though in a few hours I'll hit the 'blinding time' and pretty much all I can do then is watch shows because the screen gets difficult to see gaming things due to the overall area brightness.

In the morning things were extra quiet, so I got an extra undisturbed time when I did my shaving and stuff. Not really a huge deal, but since it's just a regular bathroom, not a shower area, it feels less weird to do things undisturbed with no one around.

I checked the trees for the grapes and I didn't see them. I suppose it's possible the sprinklers hit them and washed them away, but since the spot I put them is 2-3 feet from the ground I hope the squirrels found them to eat.

It is actually getting pretty chilly and not super warm like it has been lately. In the past half hour or so this crazy wind has started up, which seems extra bad in that it's kicking up a lot of dirt from the path near me, triggering my allergies. 🙄 While the sky looks a touch hazy it looks otherwise normal, so I'm still curious what has caused the 10F drop.

I guess overall it's just a regular homeless day. And so, I continue to try to hang on.

Day 4725 (V:449) - 6/8

Chilly Tuesday

Today the only thing I know for sure is it will still be chilly. I don't know what my day will hold for me. Hopefully I can play my games. I will hope for job things, but really that seems unlikely with things like they are. But, as always, all I can really hope for is things don't get worse, and that I can continue to hang on.

Week 676

Day 4726 (V:450) - 6/9 Cold but hot

Today was pretty cold. I was considering getting my second hoodie from the car to stay warm, even though I'm back to pants and had an extra undershirt on. It was almost winter kind of chilly. There were rain clouds and a cold breeze too. I was very tempted to leave my outside spot early because I was so cold.

But now in the evening in my car I'm hot. The cold is only outside the car, and even with the windows down a bit I regret having the undershirt, as I'm kind of sweating a bit. Hopefully things will calm down soon.

I don't feel great today. My tummy and... digestive system is a bit unstable. I think partly due to the allergies and cold that just won't go away, and maybe just genuinely being upset about today's chicken that I got yesterday. I've been feeling maybe a touch feverish, still sneezy sometimes, and still very exhausted.

My food money has built up quite a bit extra, or it's from a boon, I'm still not sure. I found news online that it was increased by 15% until September due to the virus. So I suppose since I've been eating the same that's where the extra has come from. Hopefully I can hang onto most of it and continue to build it up just in case. So far it's added up to 'an extra month', so that is quite a bit. I did try and get a hot food the other day and it didn't qualify, so I guess the other day when I did the person incorrectly labeled the hot food I got. I'm not sure. It would be nice if I could. I'll probably try again with something small eventually, or with a cooked soup if they return.

I guess today was ok though. There was the stream and chat to distract me. I actually won an older game in a giveaway yesterday. My game was stable and I got to do a fancy raid a few times. And I watched just a bit of a show.

I am still very sad and having an extra hard time lately, but I suppose I am continuing to hang on all things considered.

Day 4727 (V:451) - 6/10

Extra cool, extra hour

Today was still pretty cool for having been 80F+ just a few days ago. I think the temperature showed it peaking around 72F today. There was a cold breeze, which almost made things too cold in the morning. I almost went to the car to get my extra hoodie. But the cold temperatures mean the umbrella was enough to keep the laptop from getting hot in the blinding hour, which meant I could stay an hour later in the spot than I have been. (Before it started to blind me at eye level.) So I got a little bit more play and show time than I have been lately since the time change.

I started the day kind of backwards. There was a call for a fancy raid that I got in, which actually turned out pretty good since I got a loot I needed, which allowed me to complete two side sets I've been working on. I didn't get other raids later, which seems odd because many are doing that one lately, but I did all my other regular things after that.

I'm still ridiculously tired though. Not really exhausted, as lately I've felt that way and dozed off in my car during not ideal times (when I'm waiting in the evening). So I don't feel quite that sleepy today, but it's close. I'm super congested too, but I don't know if the congestion and exhaustion are a cause or a symptom. With my life as terrible as it is I'm under ridiculous extreme stress all the time. The only way I could even think to explain it would be to say to imagine being at a theme park or outdoor concert and festival event, but that level of physical stress doesn't let up. It lessens at night, when things are quiet and people settle, but it never goes away to allow you to recover. And since it's been nearly 13 full years, it's apparent I'm not likely to ever really get used to it in the sense of my body settling in and being healthy (like in a home) under such conditions.

But all I can do is try to manage as best as I can. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

Day 4728 (V:452) - 6/11

Still no pizza gift card use

Today was ok, I suppose. I had a pretty good time chatting with stream people in the morning. And I had a pretty good time in my MMO, though nothing fancy happened. It was chilly and I kept all my clothes on, but not so chilly that I felt I needed to get any extra layers from the car.

Because I've been feeling extra sad and extra under the weather lately I decided to try and see if I could get pizza with my gift card again. Not surprisingly the guy said no, claiming it's giving an error and not going through. Since it's been like four months now, and this is the third time he's said no, I asked who's responsible for fixing that. He claims it's a corporate thing, and that he's informed them and nothing's been fixed. While places have been affected or closed in these times, I find it hard to believe a major pizza chain would ignore maintenance on its gift card system for those like me who need it in these hard times. I guess I'll try and find a way to contact corporate and see if what he claims is true. (I also don't really trust this guy because every time I've seen him he's had his mask either off, or not covering his nose. This time within a few feet of his co-workers and customers.)

I guess the day was ok. I am super exhausted. I had some pretty bad congestion coughing in the morning. I took a decongestant pill and allergy pill, but I question if either did anything to help.

I guess all I can do is continue to try to hang on.

Day 4729 (V:453) - 6/12

Feel sick day

Today I am still feeling pretty sick. I feel super congested in my throat down through to the center of my chest. I'm still exhausted feeling, and sneezed several times during the day.

It's gotten back to pretty warm. The temperature was in the low 80s when I last saw and it's supposed to be around 80F all week. There is still a pretty strong chilly wind though, so I guess that helped keep things cooler.

There was a yearly game show going on, and will be over the next couple of days, but there wasn't anything really exciting shown yet. This show has become less important over the years as things can very easily just be announced and shown on the Internet. There's really no reason for a big show like this anymore. Certainly not like there was 20 years ago.

The day passed quickly, but I guess was ok. I feel kind of sick from this cold, and had a bit of a migraine for a while. I hope nothing is wrong internally that is causing these symptoms to persist. All I can do is try my best to hang on.

Day 4730 (V:454) - 6/13

Sick from pain

Today I am feeling pretty sick from too much tooth pain. I overdosed on pain meds to try and stop it, so I feel sick from that a bit too. The pain has been a bit less for a few hours, but it's still bad.

I guess today was a good play day though. I did some stuff I wanted, so I progressed with that, but there was nothing special other than that. There was the game show happening too, so I saw a couple of interesting things. Nothing coming soon that looked amazing though. But I suppose anything coming soon we already knew about.

So I continue to hope my pain goes away. And I try to continue to hang on.

Day 4731 (V:455) - 6/14

Feeling sick from extreme pain

This morning and last night were pretty terrible. Starting very suddenly around 8 last night I started getting immense pain in my lower left jaw (or maybe the last two corrupted teeth there.) It got so intense I was starting to feel feverish and ultra dizzy when

I moved my head. It felt like I was going to throw up. The intense pain and throbbing continued through the night. I have no idea how I managed to sleep with it happening.

Today I got some special tooth pain stuff. It's kind of subsided after taking a pain med in the morning. (I overdosed yesterday to no effect.) So, I have that if things get really bad again. So far, in the mid-afternoon, it's pretty much normal levels of constant pain.

I'm very tired today. I probably lost a lot of sleep because of the pain and sick feelings. I guess today has been ok though. It was hot yesterday, but today has been overcast with the cold wind again, so it's probably closer to 72F than it was the 82F of yesterday.

Hopefully the pain will soon be gone. And hopefully I continue to hang on.

Day 4732 (V:456) - 6/15

Hopefully pain free Tuesday

Today I hope there is no pain, especially at the unbearable level it was at Sunday night. A normal person would have likely been crying and throwing up from the pain. It was tough to not even with my extreme tolerance.

But hopefully it will continue to lessen. Hopefully soon I will be pain normal, and continue to hang on.

Day 4733 (V:457) - 6/16
Considered going in

Today was so extremely hot I considered packing things up and going into the library. I think it was around 11 that I was already down to just my T-shirt, and by about 1 I kept having to stop my brain from thinking I should take that off too. I think the heat was cooking my brain thinking I should take my shirt off outside in public. (I mean, I could, but it would still be weird.)

I think the day peaked in the low 90s, and part of why I didn't go in when I noticed that around 2 was that the sky almost immediately became clouded over and a cool breeze came, making things feel cooler. It's supposed to hit 96F tomorrow, so if I notice it's passing the 80s by the time the library opens I probably will pack up my stuff and go in. I'd like to avoid it though because I have more privacy and freedom if I'm outside. But since we are hitting summer I don't want my laptop out in 85F+ weather too many days. Though the cooling shows no sign of having trouble, I'd still rather avoid it.

I guess today was good. There was no stream in the morning, so that felt odd. As mentioned it was pretty hot, and I think most of the day I had a heat headache. That might be exhaustion too, as things were pretty bright. I did have fun with my games, and the signal was strong and stable most of the day. The mask law has been relaxed in my state, but for the places I go everything is pretty much exactly like it has been. I don't know if that's because people are volunteering to be on the safe side, or if they just don't know and are following what others do near them.

But my stuff and I survived the day. And so I continue to hang on.

Day 4734 (V:458) - 6/17

Escape the heat

Today I was considering staying outside, but by noon it had already gotten over 90F. When the library opened at 1 it was pushing 92F and I decided to go inside. There were a lot more inside than I expected only 10 minutes after opening. The seating area was almost 50%, which is I think full under the current restrictions. (They weren't stopping anyone from coming in but I do think things are still capped below normal levels.) Sadly my usual spot was taken, but with only one other person at the table I was ok with it.

It was easier to be inside than I originally thought. I was still nervous, but not super nervous. And it doesn't really hurt that it showed a peak of 100F not too long after. The connection either got upgraded or my old laptop was seemingly suffering a bad card. I think I'd only get 5-15 mpbs before, but testing today on the new laptop I showed nearly 100 mbps. So what I feared might be a slower connection than outside is actually about 2-3 times faster. Though it does still firewall block my old shooter at the library, so I will have to vpn through if I want to do that, but that's fine. I don't play it that much these days.

I pray the heat is lower Friday and Saturday. My tablet weather app shows it's supposed to be 92F and 88F, so things may be too hot the next two days since the library is closed. If it's around 90F or higher I may have to limit play to a few hours at a time and then just stick to videos or use my tablet. Though internal parts run hotter than external temperatures even in hot weather, I get nervous when it gets so hot.

But I guess not counting heat today was pretty good. Though I do have a very sore jaw and cheek muscles. It's like at the neck along my jaw, and then sort of my cheekbones towards my ears. I'm not sure why those muscles hurt so much. 😞 It's like if I clench my jaw super tight it might be those. 😞 But I guess I survived the day ok. And so I continue to hang on.

Day 4735 (V:459) - 6/18

Blazing heat

Today is still way too hot. By late morning it was nearing 90F, and when I saw the peak before leaving it was nearing 98F. I had my laptop fan on max most of the day. The temperatures were fine. In fact, the internal temperatures showed lower when idle in the heat than they do on a cool day when gaming. I took a few extra breaks I wouldn't have normally taken to keep things cooler, but I felt ok about temperatures.

I tried buying a soup today and the food stamp money didn't cover it. So, sadly I had to pay \$4.25 cash for it. For how much soup I got, that's about 50% more expensive than the name brand canned soups, so it wasn't worth the cost, even considering I can't cook the canned soups. I'll try to avoid that because I really don't have extra cash for that. If I'm going to spend extra cash I'd rather get a full meal since there are much better choices.

I guess I survived the heat and the day ok. My brain is being cooked, and things feel a bit weird because of it, but I guess I'm ok. Hopefully it will cool off very soon, but all I can do is try to continue to hang on.

Day 4736 (V:460) - 6/19

A bit of a scare

Today started with a bit of a scare. I don't think it's anything to worry about, but it has me shaken. It took hours for my heart and system to settle, and even now nearing evening I feel shaken and worried about what little remains. 😞 I am barely holding things together and at the edge of extremely poor health already. 😞

Since I was sad and worried about everything I didn't eat as well as normal. I did eat pretty much what I normally would, but I slowly picked at it. And with each tiny bite I just really didn't feel like eating, though I was hungry and knew I had to eat. Even now nearing evening after 'having dinner' I both feel like I want to eat a lot more and feel like I'm going to throw everything up from stress, worry, and sadness. 😞

I suppose besides that things are ok. The day was cooler. In the morning the temperature was just over 70F, and it wasn't until afternoon that it felt warm, and not until the blinding hour that I started to feel hot. I was not worried about my system temperatures at all, so hopefully things are cooling down a bit.

I guess I made it through the day. I can't control anything. 😞 I can only try as best as I can to survive and make it through. 😞

Day 4737 (V:461) - 6/20

Feeling very unhealthy

Today I'm feeling very sad and unhealthy. The morning started ok. I had yummy foods and kind of felt on the way to actually sort of being happy. At least as much as I can with my sad life, as I always feel some level of sadness deep down. But things started to turn pretty quickly. I started feeling more sad than usual. I kind of lost my appetite and only wound up eating half as much as normal for lunch and dinner. And when I did eat I barely picked at it, and swallowing even the smallest bite felt like my throat could barely swallow. It pushed into my chest and felt... very bad. I was worried something bad would happen as the pains just stayed in my throat and chest, like something had stuck; maybe a heart attack or like I'd just pass out or something.

The day was pretty warm, but not a blazing heat thankfully. I think it topped at around 82F. Most of the day I had my hoodie on. And I think it wasn't until afternoon that I took off my outer long sleeve shirt.

Today I feel extra sad. 😞 I feel extra trapped and limited. 😞 Extra helpless. Extra alone in my struggle. 😞 And I feel like all that lies ahead for me is bleak and unchanging hopelessness. 😞

Day 4738 (V:462) - 6/21

Still closed tight

Today I still feel very sad. I just got into the library and am settled, so I'm out of the sun and outside weather. Though today it was actually chilly compared to before, at barely 75F when I moved. There aren't many here. I'd guess maybe because it's not as hot as last week. I still feel very sad overall, fearful of change, and worried things may not change. I actually feel kind of shaken now that I'm here, like I may break down and start crying due to fear and stress.

I checked over at school in the morning. I had an odd feeling they may be open. But it was still locked up tight. Even outside areas like the sportball field and outside bathrooms, which seems odd since there were some people walking around (some with dogs some without.)

I guess all I can do is try my best to hang on. Try to choose the best options from the limited choice I have. And hope I make it through ok.

Day 4739 (V:463) - 6/22

Split Tuesday

Today I don't know what to expect other than it will again be a split day, with part outside, part inside, and the rest in my car. I hope I can start to feel safe and comforted again soon. Even 'good' change is super scary and difficult for me lately, and still I worry with so many others trying to recover if I have any real chance now.

But as always, it seems all I can do is try my best to take care of me, make what seem the best choices emotionally, and try to continue to hang on.

Day 4740 (V:464) - 6/23
The way the cookies crumble

Today started very poorly. The closed throat was so bad that on Monday shortly after my writing I snuck some food in the library and it was having a tough time going down, so I took a drink of water, which was easier, but that got stuck in my throat shortly after swallowing and came right back up again. 😞 Tuesday I could barely eat. And when this morning started it was about the same. I could barely take bites. I didn't really feel at all hungry. As the day went by I didn't feel any better in mood or health, but I did become a bit more hungry. So, through the day I wound up eating 3 or 4 small meals instead of the 2 normal ones, each time taking the smallest of bites.

I got some chocolate chip cookies when they were on sale Monday. The ones at the food store are baked there and pretty yummy. And when they are on sale they are cheaper than the brand named ones. I put them in a bag to carry with me because I didn't want them outside in the car in what I assumed would be 85F+ heat. Today I noticed it seemed like some had been crushed, as the bag's bottom 2" or so were all crumbs. Oddly, after moving the solid ones to a solid container, probably only 3 of the original 20 had been completely crushed. A few others were partially crushed, but half were totally fine. (I'd only eaten probably 5 to that point.) So while sad, it isn't tragic. I'm sure the crushed bits will still be yummy, and with my tummy and throat issues lately a near powdered cookie might actually be easier to eat.

I guess the day was ok. It's cooled down to around 75% for the moment, so that is nice. But I am exhausted, in the worst shape ever, fearful of death due to my health issues, and feel generally extremely depressed all the time. My games and shows do still occasionally make me smile, but there is a still constant sadness and heartbreak. 😞

Day 4741 (V:465) - 6/24

Still barely eating, much sad

Today I'm still barely eating. I guess I did get a bit hungrier for dinner, but I barely ate lunch, and had no desire to have a between meal snack. I am still in a high amount of tooth pain, but it can mostly be managed with the stuff I got. But I am still also very extremely depressed. 😞

I guess I made it through the day ok though. Nothing new bad happened, just a recent level of the same amount of bad and sad. 😞

Day 4742 (V:466) - 6/25

Showing steel

Today has been pretty sad and disappointing. Yesterday I got help from the Gray Ghost. I was excited to think of what to get with it. The morning was given to help lift my spirits a bit and get food. I'd kind of settled into maybe pre-ordering a game I want and save the rest for food, but I waited to see if I should do something else with it. (Like maybe get some more contacts to have extra, or consider if there are any critical small needs.) The more I thought about it, the more I thought I should maybe check the tires that I know are old, especially since I planned to do them with the rumored extra money California was supposed to get. (Which I haven't seen any of that extra, so I must not qualify as the sending date is now long past.) This morning the right one was showing a strip about 2" long by 1/2" wide of steel bands, a few maybe snapped just a bit. That is basically past the super dangerous part, so I had no choice but to see if I could get some. I got the cheapest the place I got them last time had and got an appointment to do put them on Tuesday. It took everything I had been given and a touch more. In the afternoon I got a call saying they probably won't be in before my appointment time, so I had to change that to Wednesday. It should be fine. It's about 10 miles of driving between now and then total. But it was heartbreaking to be given a gift to lift my spirits, then to be forced to spend them on something necessary for something so basic.

I guess the rest of the day went pretty much as expected. Though I did accidentally use about triple the amount of aftershave when I did my shave in the morning, which kind of made me have a normal after shower amount of smell, which was a nice change.

I guess there will be some stress relief knowing new tires will be on, but it still feels heartbreaking. 😞

Day 4743 (V:467) - 6/26

Slightly better

Today things seem slightly better. I had a good time in my MMO in the morning and got quite ahead on daily things. Though it gave me extra time to look for raids, I didn't find any. I even had a bit of fun in my old shooter, which I haven't played in what feels like a month, but probably really only has been a week or two.

I still had to take little small bites, but my throat doesn't seem as bothered lately. And though my appetite hasn't fully returned, I am a bit hungrier than the past few days. The tooth pain is less today, though would still be pretty extreme for a normal person. I put the numbing medicine on in the morning, and when I started to feel pain again it didn't really bother me to the point of feeling like it was worth putting on again. I guess I could have to keep the pain as low as possible, but pretty much I've always had a low level of jaw/tooth pain my whole life. Certainly since my mid teens on. And the number of times I've been pain free has been pretty infrequent.

I guess really today was about as good as things get for me these days. Though lately hanging on has been much more difficult emotionally and physically.

Day 4744 (V:468) - 6/27

Cheese

Today was ok, I suppose. I played my MMO and had fun. I played my card game a bit too. I wanted to play my shooter some, but I was out of time. The day seemed to pass much more quickly than I expected. I'm not really sure why.

I didn't want to eat chicken yet again today, so I decided to just have some cheese, grapes, and a handful of chips. I fully expected it to go badly and need to do extra bathroom trips, but everything was fine and normal. I didn't need to do extra, nor did the cheese affect me badly. Which is surprising. I am still taking pretty small bites, and the cheese is extra soft, but my throat didn't have any issues today. So hopefully the closed throat phase of my stress issues is lessening. Though the stress is really increasing lately, so I guess we'll see in time.

The early part of the day was chilly. It took all day until I left my outside spot during the blinding hour before it even got up to 75F. And now in the early evening in my car it's extremely hot feeling, and I'm just in a T-shirt and shorts (took off my boots and socks.) I'm overheating and sweating even with the windows down since there seems to be no breeze.

I guess today was ok, but I still feel sad and heartbroken overall. And it's getting tougher and tougher to hang on. 😞

Day 4745 (V:469) - 6/28

Smaller bites

Today I had most of my regular (old) appetite, but I guess my throat is closed up a bit more again. (I do feel a general nervous shake and back tension from a scare I had about 7 hours ago.) A few bites were a bit rough going down, so I did smaller bites. I'm not super worried, but I am likely to do two smaller meals later instead of one all at once dinner.

I guess I feel ok-ish. There is a new (short run) web show to watch, so that should be fun. I'm pretty sleepy. I guess overall I feel a bit better than last week, but still very

worried about me long-term. While things are starting to open back up to a new normal, we are in the last week of the Fail year, and my future looks less promising than ever before. 😞

Day 4746 (V:470) - 6/29

Maybe a return to showers

Today I may get a regular shower, like in the before time. While school was locked down when I checked last week, I checked online and there are half a dozen classes in the pool sport area. So hopefully the locker rooms will be open and the showers will be able to be used. It would be odd if they weren't since they have classes in classrooms as well in that area.

Hopefully everything will go ok with the tires tomorrow. I got a reminder email on Monday referencing the Tuesday date. The guy that called was supposed to change that to Wednesday, so maybe their record is separate from the web system. If there is any trouble they will be yelled at (for not having my tires in the first place, and then messing up the appointment time twice.)

I don't know what to expect for today, even the shower is just a hoped for thing right now. Nothing in my life really feels certain or guaranteed anymore. Everything feels like at-risk hopes. 😞

Week 679

Day 4747 (V:471) - 6/30 Inside

Today I am inside, though the ex-garage isn't the most comfortable since it's hotter than outside, and way hotter than the library would be. But it's quiet, calm, and has an unblocked connection.

I got my tires in the morning and it didn't take too long, though it was only about 15 minutes less than I expected. The guy did say my old tires that I was keeping were fine, though he did say they were getting close to the 10 year point they recommend replacing them even if they are fine. (About 2 or 3 years.) So, no worries about tires for quite a while.

Though I feel kind of extra sad today. Maybe because there is still a lot of pain, which reminds me of my lost teeth and lost health. 😞 Maybe because we are in the last days of the Fail year and I am still getting further from recovery instead of closer. It seems all I can do is try to continue to hang on. 😞

Year 14

Day 4748 (V:472) - 7/1 Washing

Today I was still inside and spent more than half the day washing. So that threw off my games, as it cut everything into 30 to 50 minutes before I had to stop and do a laundry thing.

I guess other than that the day was ok. I was very hot. The ex-garage was quite a bit hotter than outside. But deep down I was also pretty sad. I'll have tomorrow inside, but after that I'll be back outside... on the street... alone. 😞

Day 4749 (V:473) - 7/2

Afternoon sad

Today I am feeling pretty sad. It will be the last day inside, then back out to my sad homeless life. I guess the day has been pretty good so far with a bit of extra sleep, playing, ok food, and a quiet and calm place to be.

It's early afternoon now and I'm feeling pretty sad about needing to be back out. I guess it's what I'm used to now, and things are very slowly starting to go back to a new version of the before time world, so in some ways maybe I won't be as sad soon.

But I am still incredibly sad. I feel incredibly lost. And it feels like no one cares who I am or what I could possibly do, and that I will never find my way back to a regular life. 😞

Day 4750 (V:474) - 7/3

Unexpected stress

Today there was a ton of unexpected stress. I suppose I should have expected it, being back out on the street. 😞 But I guess I forgot to account for that. And though I knew I felt very sad most of the day, I was not expecting some lunch to get stuck going down and to toss those few bites back up. 😞

The day was mostly ok other than that. My MMO was pretty slow and quiet, as it can often be on holiday weekends. I tried playing a bit of my (old) shooter from inside the library and that worked fine through the VPN for about 1.75 hours, then started disconnecting me pretty frequently when I tried to do group activities. I would guess the connection had just become unstable (through VPN) because I've used it to play back in the before time, but I guess I won't know for sure until I can try it again Tuesday. (My outside spot has slightly different permissions and has no trouble playing it without the VPN.)

I still feel pretty sad now in the early evening. And my chest inside around my heart and sort of along my stomach below, feels a bit cramped, like when you get a bit of a muscle cramp. But I guess besides that I am holding on as best as I can.

Day 4751 (V:475) - 7/4

Calmer than expected

Today was a very calm and quiet day. I did get a scare around maybe 11 when I noticed a sheriff standing nearby, and when I took off my headphones she asked how long I'd been there. She followed with asking if I'd seen anything suspicious while I'd been there. I guess they got a 911 call that wasn't clear? She asked if I heard any phones ringing? She seemed as confused as I was. After she left I guessed maybe there was a silent alarm triggered automatically by maybe some kid bumping into the building glass? Though I question if it even has an alarm, since in the 9 or so months I've been here that's never happened before.

But it was calm, quiet, almost no one parked across the street in my view, and maybe only half a dozen people walked by all day.

In the morning until just about noon I did all my daily things in my MMO and got two chances for a fancy raid. Though I only got a couple of sort of useful items, nothing really needed. After, I played just a bit of my shooter. It wasn't as much time as I'd expected, but that's ok. I have super casual goals there and I'm always on the fence if it's ever really worth even doing.

I had to take tiny bites today still. Though the calm did a lot of good in recovering, there is still so much stress in my life I have to be careful with eating until my throat calms down again. Hopefully there will be regular showering again starting Tuesday. If so that might help a bit. I suppose I could check if the cafeteria area is open too. Though microwaving something at 9 AM when I pass through wouldn't be great, a few foods would last just fine for the next 1.5-2 hours before I ate it.

It's not quite evening yet, still just late afternoon, and I don't know how the night will go. The 4th is always a night of extra hiding and fear due to unexpected and unpredictable activity. But hopefully the night will come and go as calmly as the day due

to many thing still being in partly or fully closed states. As always though, all I can do is hope things work out ok, and hope I can hang on.

Day 4752 (V:476) - 7/5

Still very quiet

Today things are still very quiet in the outside spot. I think I've seen half a dozen people so far, and it's a bit into the afternoon.

I guess, so far, I've felt ok. There is some tooth pain, but not too bad. Some throat issues, but if I take tiny bites it's ok. I've had fun in my games so far and things are ahead of schedule a bit? So maybe I can spend a bit more time doing something I don't normally do.

There is some guy set up around the corner from me and he's smoking something nasty smelling that has made me cough a few times. I really hope he doesn't start sticking around and become a regular visitor. I really don't want to have to start wearing my mask to breathe better. That is counterproductive. 😞

The library is closed today, so I'll have to stop my day a couple hours early since the sun will move into my area. But that's still a few hours from now. The day is cool with a bit of a breeze and a bit gray skies, and I'm comfortably dressed for how the weather is. So for now at least I continue to hold on.

Day 4753 (V:477) - 7/6

Maybe school things

Today I discover if there are school things available. I think at least the shower area should be open, which would actually be kind of huge to have access to regular full showers again. I'll peek and see if the cafeteria area is open too so I can micro stuff, but since only a few pool area classes are on campus, and everything else is online, I'd guess nothing else would be. The cafeteria website shows they are closed until further notice,

and normally during this quarter they'd be open around 10-2, so it seems unlikely the surrounding building would be open, but I guess we'll see.

As always, I have little or no control over things around me. All I can do is continue to hand on and adapt as best as I can.

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Where did I see it?

Wondering where you may have seen my day subtitles before? Here's a list. 🤔

Day 4280 - TV; Mystery Science Theater 3000, Season 5, Episode 24.