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## Glossary and Links

**Blu-ray** - The next-generation format for DVD capable of 1080p video resolution and uncompressed audio.

**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.)



**Year 14**

**Week 680**

**Day 4754 (V:478) - 7/7**  
**No shower, no micro, until September**

Today I guess I am pretty extra stressed, as I have been for a few days now. I found out on Tuesday that school is still completely closed in terms of services. When I tried to go in to the pool area a construction guy noticed I was trying to download an app to scan a QCR code to get in. He explained that even though there are classes things aren't open. So I guess the people in the water polo class and other P.E. classes will get sweaty and stinky, and then can't shower and change, they just have to go straight home? Seems weird. So I didn't bother checking if the micro area would be open. If they are locking up the changing rooms for the pool area then they would have no reason to have the microwave machines accessible to visitors.

Because of the extra stress my throat issues are back. In fact, just about 2 hours ago I took too large of a bite for 'dinner' while sneaking it in the library and it kind of got stuck in my throat and I had to go cough up some yuck after. My throat still feels pained and a little bit like it's still stuck in the center of my chest. I think tomorrow I'll be extra careful and just maybe have some grapes, cheese, and chips, which are easy to eat and bite into tiny parts.

I guess today was pretty good other than that. I had fun with watching and chatting in the stream I watch. I had fun with my games, though I didn't get a chance for anything fancy in my MMO. I even laughed out loud a few times.

But still I feel incredibly sad. 😞 And I continue to grow more and more worried about my health issues. 😞

## **Day 4755 (V:479) - 7/8**

### **Lost cheese**

Today I will probably lose cheese. I don't eat all of a small block usually in a single day, which is the smallest I can get, so that 1/4 that remains will probably be lost overnight due to the heat. It doesn't go well unless it's winter. I was tempted to change my grapes, cheese, and chips plan and get a four shredded cheese blend and some burrito shells. That I could eat in a single day. (Well, not all of the 10 burrito shells, but all the cheese.) But with how small of bites I have to take lately I was afraid the rolled burrito shells might be risky. (And that would be impossible to sneak eat in the library. I'd have to pack in and go outside.)

My lips are pretty dry lately. I'm not sure why. I was thinking it might be the extra mask wearing, but then I remembered in the early days I was wearing a mask twice as many hours as I do now, so that can't be it.

I guess today was pretty ok. I feel pretty exhausted, and pretty out of focus because of it. I guess it's just one of those times stress and sadness are getting to me.

But I had a pretty good time in my games today, and I guess that is something. And so I continue to try to hang on.

## **Day 4756 (V:480) - 7/9**

### **Maybe sick**

Today I am maybe sick. I'm congested and a bit sneezy. I'm pretty tired feeling too, but it's tough to tell if that is more or less than usual because I'm tired so often lately.

I guess in good news the library will be opening 3 hours earlier starting next week. I say I guess because it really doesn't change much since I started hanging out outside just across the grass field. I could just as easily be there since it's summer. Though today it got pretty hot, and it was pushing near 90F when I went in. So in these super hot days that would help in temperature, but for eating that would push lunch to 9:30, or I'd have to pack it up and take it downstairs outside. Which again, it feels like it might just be easier

to stay outside. But as with everything I will just have to adapt and see how it goes, and see how I feel about things, in the coming days.

Today was a bit weird as the outside bathroom was locked in the morning. So what would have been a morning shave turned into one around 12:30, where I was worried people might come in and interrupt things. I guess it worked out ok, no one came in, but I felt like I had to rush.

I am congested and sneezy, extremely tired, sad the connection started getting bad and started cutting things off an hour early, but as always, all I can do is try my best one day at a time. And hopefully with these very small steps I can eventually make it through to better days.

## **Day 4757 (V:481) - 7/10**

### **Very hungry**

Today I am very hungry, but barely eating. I think maybe my body wants things I can't have. I barely touched lunch chicken and chips, yet I was extremely hungry and didn't feel filled even when I felt full after eating.

I guess the day was ok. I had a few chances for fancy raids, but didn't get anything I needed. Though I did have a good time with my game things that I did.

Maybe with more things opening I can find something affordable my tummy would be happy eating and get some of the things I've been missing. But until I find them, all I can do is try to hang on.

## **Day 4758 (V:482) - 7/11**

### **Outside day**

Today felt weird for some reason. I was outside all day because the library is closed on Sundays, but I've been outside in that spot like 10 months now. For some reason it felt odd today, like it was something different.

I guess for what my sad life is though, today was pretty good. I had a good time in my games. I even got a chance for a fancy raid and got a couple of things I needed. I only need one more thing before a big goal is complete.

I feel both happy and sad. I did laugh a few times today, but I always feel very sad that my life is what it has become. And I fear both loss of what little remains, and lingering health issues or things lost during this time, that I may never get back. I continue to try to hang on as best as I can though. There is so little I can change, especially these days.

## **Day 4759 (V:483) - 7/12**

### **Almost all inside**

Today almost all of my 'day' part of my day was inside. It was... odd. I guess in a way it felt like the old days, but it kind of messed with my timing since I went in three hours early.

I guess I had a good time in my games. Though I really only did my MMO. Again, being off on timing threw me off on many things. I'm even rushing to finish this now before needing to leave the library to try and get it posted. It may have to get posted much later than usual.

I guess the day was ok though all things considered. Though I feel a bit weird with the shift, I hope I'll get used to it pretty quickly as it is basically my old schedule.

## **Day 4760 (V:484) - 7/13**

### **Unknown extended Tuesday**

Today I don't know what to expect. I'll have the extra hours inside instead of outside, but I'm not sure anything will really be different other than that. At least it's pretty quiet and not many know about the earlier hours, at least not yet.

Year 14 is only beginning, but we still seem very far from the ways of the before world. And I still feel further than ever from being back in a home with a normal life. 🙄

## **Week 681**

### **Day 4761 (V:485) - 7/14**

#### **Tired**

Today I am very tired. I have been for a few days now, along with being very congested and a bit sneezy. If it's a cold it hasn't really gotten worse, but it's not really going away. It's probably just allergies.

Thankfully the library is still pretty quiet. It doesn't really start to get busy until about noon, and even then it's not until about 2 that it starts to get 50-65% full in my area. For some reason people don't really sit at my table. I'd guess because of my laptop cooling fan. It's not super loud, but for a library it's not super quiet either. It might also not be because of me, but because my table is way at the end of the table row. I'm sure it's not because of an icky smell, because people don't get close enough to have smelled me. I am glad I don't seem to bother people with my typing on my keyboard. The squishy base one on the laptop is totally silent, but a literal pain to use compared to the mechanical one. It takes way more force to push the squishy keys. It seems not the best though because of the amount of desk space. It's a pretty tight fit. As always, all I can do is see what my limited options are and try and pick the best one for me.

I'm pretty exhausted today, but I had fun with my games and a show. And I tried my best to continue to hang on.

### **Day 4762 (V:486) - 7/15**

#### **Don't know what to say**

Today I don't really know what to say. I had an ok time with my games and show, which doesn't always happen with my sad feelings. My tummy was upset for a while because I ate lunch in the morning before going into the library. It is easier than trying to sneak lunch, and technically only about an hour earlier than normal. Though it's a weird thought to be 'having lunch' at 9:30.

I do feel a bit more relaxed, but also not. My back has been rather stiff lately, and I am still taking the tiniest of bites just in case. I'm less sneezy, but still just as sniffly and exhausted.

I guess today was pretty good, but it still seems like it is taking all my strength just to try and hang on lately. 😞

## **Day 4763 (V:487) - 7/16**

### **Surprise inside**

Today I got some unexpected inside time. I had a pretty good time at the library, though things got a little wobbly at the end of the day.

In the evening I got to be sheltered inside, which meant I could watch a couple of shows at good volume and have the screen unblocked for the best view. (Though the privacy screen doesn't really hurt the image too much, it does dull the colors and brightness a bit.) And I get to sleep in, which is rare.

So today turned into a surprise better day.

## **Day 4764 (V:488) - 7/17**

### **Inside again**

Today I got to be inside again. I got to have fun with my games and a show. In the evening I got a cooked dinner, shower, and watched a movie.

Today was another good sheltered day, but when I wake up I'll be back to my regular homeless life. 😞

## Day 4765 (V:489) - 7/18

### Hot again

Today I was too hot in regular jeans. I guess in the few days I was inside it went from 75F back up to about 85F. And since the library is closed on Sundays, I was out in the heat all day. Now in the evening I'm getting a bit sweaty in my car, but there may be some hope as gray clouds and a slight breeze is starting now that we are in very early evening.

I guess I had a pretty good time with my games and shows. I didn't get a chance for anything fancy though, and I felt a bit lonely.

I guess for being back out to a regular homeless life I survived ok.

## Day 4766 (V:490) - 7/19

### A bit closed throat

Today my throat is a bit closed again. I have to take the tiniest bites of food to be careful. Drinking seems normal though, so it's not the worst. My back is very stiff and pained too. Though only better food and reduced stress will help my throat. I may have to find a way to at least do minimal stretching for my back and legs. They have been very stiff and bad lately.

I guess I'm ok other than that, though I feel exhausted. I feel pretty sad and lonely, though I think it's more just heartbroken at the thought of things not getting better. 😞 Or if things do, that there will be permanent loss and reminder of these sad days. But all I can do is try to continue to hang on.

**Day 4767 (V:491) - 7/20**  
**Library Tuesday**

Today I expect will be just another regular inside the library most of the time Tuesday. I don't expect anything different, hopefully nothing bad, always hope for something good. But really it will probably just be yet another homeless day.



## Week 682

### Day 4768 (V:492) - 7/21 Quiet day

Today more than anything, I suppose, was a quiet day. There weren't very many at the library until about 2. When I went in I was actually the only one waiting outside to do so. In my game there was almost no one doing fancy raids, and I couldn't find one I needed.

My throat is still pretty tight. I'm still pretty sniffly and congested feeling. I'm still pretty sleepy and exhausted feeling. And I feel pretty sad, alone, and worried about my health and my future. 😞

### Day 4769 (V:493) - 7/22 Nice compliment

Today has been a bit weird. In the stream I watch in the morning I thought I was having fun and chatting and such, and someone made an odd comment about something I said that didn't feel great. I kind of felt like just leaving the stream and not watching anymore.

I had to get up about an hour early, and so I was super tired, which meant I got hungry early, which meant I ate before going into the library. I don't exactly know why, maybe it was something I ate, but a couple hours later I started not feeling great. Maybe it was a combination of the food and getting up early, but my tummy felt a bit upset. I felt a bit headachy. And I started to feel just a bit dizzy. If I had the opportunity, I would have logged out and just laid down for a bit.

But a little later I was looking for fancy raids in my game and there was some chat. In an extremely rare surprise someone 'backed me up' in a 'they trusted my word and knowledge' kind of way. It was super nice. 😊 Normally because I speak 'in character' people just... give me poop, or devalue my opinions or me, which is dumb since the way

they speak is kind of a second language, which means the player must be smart enough to understand it. So, it was super nice to hear something nice about me instead. 😊 A friend also sent me a super cute in game pet, so that was very nice too.

I guess now in early evening I feel better. But I'm still a bit exhausted, and a bit congested in my lungs. I hope I'll be ok. And I try my best to hang on.

## **Day 4770 (V:494) - 7/23**

### **Ok-ish, sad-ish**

Today I feel partly ok and partly sad. I guess the sad feelings aren't anything new really. Just the same heartbroken homesick and worried about my health feelings. I played just a little with some people I don't see much in game, so that was fun. I guess overall what enjoyment I had was blocked by my persistent sad feelings, so overall it's just a neutral slightly sad feeling.

I took the tiniest of food bites to be careful of my throat issue, much like the tiniest bites of life I can have. And I try to continue to hang on.

## **Day 4771 (V:495) - 7/24**

### **Whole new world**

Today was a little different. I am peeking at a new MMO that I may play suuupper casually. I know it won't replace my current MMO because apparently a big part of this one's focus is PvP. But since it has PvE it may be interesting to check out it's lore and world. It is doing something quite different from the usual 'fantasy', so that is pretty appealing. There is a beta happening for about another week, so I'm deciding if I really want it when it launches at the end of August. I only played about 2 hours today, but it seems not ready for launch. Things are a bit 'jenky'. I'll see though. Even at just a couple hours a day for a week that's a pretty long peek.

I guess today was ok. Things seemed quiet and slow, which is nice. Nothing special happened in my regular MMO though, so it was kind of disappointing. But I guess, overall, I hung on ok today.

## **Day 4773 (V:497) - 7/26**

### **Feeling... slow**

Today I feel... slow? The day is gray and rainy looking. I feel very tired. I am hungry, but my throat is still having issues, so I'm just taking small meals with tiny bites. I feel like if I were to lay down I'd fall right to sleep.

I guess things have been ok. The plug outside the library wasn't fixed, but that doesn't surprise me. The connection has been ok and the library has been pretty quiet so far today, so I guess it's an ok day. But I feel very sleepy, and as always, still a bit sad overall.

## **Day 4774 (V:498) - 7/27**

### **Maybe gray Tuesday**

Today I don't know what to expect. Monday was pretty gray and rainy looking, very odd for summer. Hopefully I can sleep ok and not have bad dreams. And hopefully today will be an ok day.

## **Week 682**

### **Day 4775 (V:499) - 7/28** **Feels bad inside**

Today I feel kind of bad inside, mostly in my chest. I don't know if it's just the continuing throat/tummy issue, or if it's just physical effects of a deep depression. I don't really feel any more sad than usual, so I don't think it's extra depression. But with everything going on it might be.

There are many things to distract me, but I still feel very sad and heartbroken. And it doesn't feel like much will change with everything going on in the world.

### **Day 4776 (V:500) - 7/29** **Feeling hungry**

Today I am feeling pretty hungry, so I guess that is something. So often lately I have little or no appetite. I feel congested, tired, and headachy, so I may have a cold. There was no stream in the morning to watch and won't be tomorrow either, so that was odd. But it was kind of nice to have things quiet. Normally I prefer quiet, but with my life so sad it seems like I need to be distracted more often than not so I don't feel too sad.

I guess today was ok though. Things weren't quiet, they could have been better, but I suppose they could have been much worse. I suppose I survived another day, and so that is something.

### **Day 4777 (V:501) - 7/30** **Waaaggg**

Today was probably pretty good. I played quite a bit in the beta for the new casual MMO so I could get into a dungeon. The people weren't using tactics at all. Everyone was just all 'waaaggg' attacking crazy out of control. I joined as a tank but I never got the

chance to pull or establish any threat. I guess everyone lived, so it was ok, but it was the total opposite of what I expected. The important thing is, yes, it's fun enough to keep post launch. I've already spent 30 hours playing, and I figured at \$40 if I play even just 40 hours it would be fair at that price. At the rate it's going I think I'll probably hit 100+ hours post launch before I get to max level.

I feel not the best though physically. I'm congested, had a few sneezes, a tiny bit dizzy, and pretty tired. If I do have a cold I think my symptoms are lessening pretty quickly. Though knowing my health it could be a month before I'm fully recovered.

But I guess I hung on ok. And hopefully I can tomorrow too.

## **Day 4778 (V:502) - 7/31**

### **Feels weird**

Today feels weird. It's early evening and I'm in my night spot, but it really feels like it's around 2. I don't know why it feels like only half the time has passed since going in the library, but I guess maybe that's a good thing?

I guess I was pretty distracted with my game things and 'having a good time', but I still felt pretty sad overall. My eyes are half closed from exhaustion, my chest feels congested, and while I don't think I've been sneezing it feels like I need to. I guess though I'm warm enough and have enough food, and that is something.

## **Day 4779 (V:503) - 8/1**

### **Definitely sick**

Today I am definitely sick feeling. I'm pretty sure the lady that sat at the library table Tuesday made me sick. Even though I always had my mask on she was frequently half wearing hers, or not at all, clearing her throat every couple of minutes, and maybe every 15 coughing horribly into a napkin without her mask on at all. She was like that the week before when I saw her the first time. If I ever see her again I'll be like, 'no, don't sit

here.' And if she pushes it I'll let the library kick her out. You aren't supposed to be there if you are sick.

So today I felt pretty congested, coughed a decent amount, kind of feel like throwing up, and maybe a bit chilled? I think it was supposed to be in the 80s, and even though I was in the shade where it was cooler, I never took off my hoodie or long shirt all day.

I guess I held on ok other than that. I still don't like being in the back of the building. It does give me 2 extra hours or more of shade since the sun never goes there, so I don't have a blinding hour, but the ground is gross with yuck on it, and just over the railing if you look directly down you can usually see the person who is living downstairs.

But I guess it was warm. I had enough to eat. And I was in relatively ok health. And so hopefully I can continue to hang on.

## **Day 4780 (V:504) - 8/2**

### **Feeling sicker, hurting legs**

Today I am feeling a bit sicker. I guess I feel more ok than I did this morning, but I am super congested in my lungs and feel coughy. Thankfully the library air circulation is helping so I can usually not cough, so I'm not too bad. I don't know if it's related, but my upper thighs hurt a ton. It feels like I've walked up like 30 flights of stairs.

I guess emotionally I feel a bit better. I'm a bit ahead on doing my podcast, so I guess I feel good about that. Though I really still wonder if anyone cares. I have no idea how many are listening, and views for videos is averaging at 4, of which my checking the video is usually one.

As always all I can do is try to hang on.

**Day 4781 (V:505) - 8/3**  
**Hopefully clear**

Today hopefully my cold will clear up a bit. If I see that lady again I will tell her not to sit at my table. I'm pretty sure she's only come on Tuesdays before.

I don't know what to expect for today. It's just another homeless day with nothing special. Hopefully I can continue to hang on ok.

## **Week 684**

### **Day 4782 (V:506) - 8/4 Unexpected**

Today I have some unexpected inside time, so I am safe and ... comfortable enough. It's way more comfortable emotionally and in terms of physical safety, but not being at the library with A.C. it has been pretty warm. It hasn't been too hot yet, but if it were 10 degrees cooler that would be a lot better.

I also decided to check the college schedule even though I can't sign up for anything until the end of the month. But it looks like they are still almost entirely closed and will pretty much remain online only at least next quarter, which is heartbreaking news as it means no shower or cooked food through at least the end of the year. So I'll have to seriously weigh if I should or even can take classes, because the classes I have left to take would be extremely difficult or impossible to take online.

I guess today has been pretty good. The beta for the new MMO has closed, so I miss that. What is even more sad is there was an announcement that due to beta feedback they are delaying launch another month from the end of this month to the end of next. While that isn't a super long time, my current MMO is kind of stagnating, as I just do daily things for about an hour, and then I just sit waiting sometimes hours for raids that I don't usually get invites to.

But I guess my day has been good other than that. I have enough food. I got to sleep in. I have a movie to watch. I am comfortable enough, though it's a bit warm. And overall even though I'm not in a home, being where I am is overall better than the library. And so hanging on today was a bit easier.



## **Day 4783 (V:507) - 8/5**

### **A bit better**

Today feels a bit better. I'm sheltered still, so it's been pretty warm, but private. I got a special food and have a live show I get to watch that I don't normally get to watch. So hanging on is a bit easier today.

## **Day 4784 (V:508) - 8/6**

### **Calm hot day**

Today was a pretty calm, but hot day. I slept in. I played my game. I tried to not be too hot, as it got super hot. In the evening I got a shower and got to watch a movie. Apparently I can do laundry tomorrow, so I at least will be able to sleep in again and have all day and evening tomorrow as well.

I do miss my new MMO quite a bit. It was both oddly peaceful and new and different in a way that got my brain thinking 'what about this build', 'what about trying this thing.' With the announced delay until the end of September that will be a long wait. My current/old MMO is still great, but now doing it for about 7 years there isn't much for me to do unless it's near a new content drop. So, about 3 of every 4 months I'm just basically doing the same things as before.

But today was a bit easier to hang on.

## **Day 4785 (V:509) - 8/7**

### **Unexpected amount**

Today has been pretty good so far. I slept quite a bit, apparently about 10 hours, so it's good my body caught up a bit. I had fun with my regular MMO, but after doing the daily things I got a bit sad just sitting and not finding a raid. That is when I would have swapped to my new MMO. And with it not coming out for another 7.5 more weeks that will be a rough wait.

I got an early birthday card with money from dad and it was much bigger than usual. No reason given as to why it was more, so maybe he is worried about me with everything going on, as giving money was always his way of showing that. Or maybe he is worried about his own end, because if he lives to his dad's age he only has about 6 years left. I expect I'll wind up saving most of it, but it would mean if I wanted to get a game I wouldn't have to really worry about the cost. There isn't anything new I really want that couldn't be gotten later on sale though, so maybe I'll see if any sales happen and get something older for cheap.

But even though I'm getting pretty hot now, today has been pretty good, and a bit easier to hang on.

## **Day 4786 (V:510) - 8/8**

### **Back out**

Today I will be back out in the evening. It's not like it wasn't expected. And I suppose I'm more used to being out now than being in with it happening so rarely. But I worry about my health long-term, especially now with everything going on and the extra news that things won't be changing for me for at least 5 more months. 😞

I suppose the day was pretty good though. I got to sleep in, and while I didn't sleep a ton I do think I slept 9 hours. I played my MMO until I was tired of just standing around waiting for a raid that wasn't likely to happen. I had plenty of food, though it wasn't great, just ready to eat lunch meat stuff. I did grab a bit of grapes at the store last night though, so I did have that at least. So I hung on a bit easier today, but tomorrow things will return to my regular homeless life. 😞

## **Day 4787 (V:511) - 8/9**

### **No class**

Today has been ok, I suppose. I'm back to regular homeless life in the library. I suppose it's much cooler than where I was, and I can go to the bathroom whenever I want/need. I guess that's something.

I decided to check what classes were when and what my options might be in a few weeks when I can sign up. It seems my options are none. Classes overall are cut to about half the normal offerings, and of the ones I need there really is only one since other classes require I have taken that one. And that one is only offered twice this upcoming quarter (normally it has 4-5 offerings) and both of those show as already full, so there would be no way I could get in when I'm allowed to sign up in a few weeks since I don't have 'priority registration'.

So, I guess for good or bad, like it or not, it seems my life won't change for at least 5 months. (Not counting anything bad happening that's unexpected, or things like financial aid relentlessly coming after me for not making payments or postponing with more classes.)

I suppose in a way I feel even more out of control in my life usual. But in a way, assuming nothing bad results of it, I kind of feel 'better' being reasonably isolated in the library and not returning to a more 'regular life' surrounded by hundreds of people going to and from class.

## **Day 4788 (V:512) - 8/10**

### **Hopefully calm Tuesday**

Today will hopefully be calm and quiet. The library has been pretty calm and quiet lately. Usually half the day will pass before someone sits near me. And since people are required to wear masks I feel... safe enough.

Hopefully I can continue to feel safe-ish, and find comfort in the few things I have left. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

## Week 685

### Day 4789 (V:513) - 8/11 Yummy spaghetti smell

Tonight in my evening spot I'm pretty hot and the windows are open. I can smell yummy spaghetti smell coming from someone's home close by. It makes me sad I can't have it. 😞 I miss my basic cooked foods, and for whatever reason I probably miss spaghetti the most.

I guess today was ok. I played my MMO daily things for about an hour. Then basically for the next 2 I just sat and did little nothings while looking for a raid. In 7 weeks I can put such 'otherwise wasted' time like that to better use in my new MMO.

I'm pretty extra sad about the school news. I mean, yeah, I don't know if I'm ready to go back to somewhere with a bunch of people in tight physical proximity. But these current limitations mean I won't ever get the classes that I really need to continue. And with things like recent job searches coming up with things at a minimum of 30 miles away (and often more like 400+) it doesn't help me feel better.

I guess all things considered it could be worse, and I did hang on ok, as sad as I was. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

### Day 4790 (V:514) - 8/12 Gray and headachy

Today the world is gray again and I have had a bit of a headache most of the day. It's pretty mild by comparison to most, but I'm exhausted, and so the headache feels... more than it is. I'm a bit sad too, so that probably doesn't help.

I guess overall things are ok enough... and so I held on ok.

## **Day 4791 (V:515) - 8/13**

### **A day**

Today was a day. There wasn't much to say about it. In the morning someone came in to the bathroom when I was shaving, but they came in through the employee door, so I had plenty of time to duck into the stall while I heard their keys jingling and they undid the lock. I don't even think they knew I was there. They didn't seem to pay any attention.

I was also very distracted today and my timing was all thrown off. But it didn't really matter. I had no specific times that I needed to do anything. And nothing special happened.

But I guess I held on ok. It was pretty warm, but looks very gray. So hopefully the days ahead will cool, and tomorrow will be a better day.

## **Day 4792 (V:516) - 8/14**

### **Feeling heavy**

Today for some reason I feel heavy. I guess I feel like I weigh 40 pounds heavier than I am. Mostly it's in walking more than anything else. I feel pretty regular sitting still. I don't know what this is.

Today was slow. I played my MMO, but was out of things to do before noon. I looked and looked for raids, but no one was doing one, especially the ones I need. In the past two weeks or so people have kind of stopped doing them. I don't know if it's that school has started up again, or if people are just doing things with guilds, or what.

I'm extremely tired, pretty sad, really would like a shower, spaghetti with garlic bread, or a burrito with just a bit of beef, mixed cheese, green onions, and a bit of rice. But I have none of these. But, I guess I made it through the day.

## Day 4793 (V:517) - 8/15

### Super hot

Today is super hot. Not so hot I had to worry about my system, as I went to the building back and had constant shade. It showed 85F at the peak, but it felt 10F cooler in the shade.

I guess I had an ok time today. I played my MMO and found no raids, so again I was pretty much done with things by about noon. I watched some stuff, and played a bit of my card game. It's fun, but I don't know. I struggle and struggle every season and only stay in the lower ranks. I don't know if I'll fully quit because it rewards really well for play, but I may at least have to consider not playing ranked because I'm rarely having fun struggling so much at such a low rank.

I guess I got a bit of a bad deal with food. I got some chicken and it didn't sit well in my tummy. I actually threw out about \$1 of it because it made me feel icky. I don't know if the store isn't cooking it right or what, but lately a lot of the time that chicken just wrecks me.

I guess overall today was ok. It's starting into evening and it's starting to cool off, so that at least is something.

## Day 4794 (V:518) - 8/16

### Half a burrito

Today I have half a burrito for food. I got the shell, cheese, and some green onions, which are super fresh and tasty. 😊 I had a bit too many for lunch though, which upset my tummy a bit, but I'm ok now. It came in a pack of 10, so I'm trying to have as many as I can, as I don't know if they will survive through the night or not. Honestly though with as much as these parts cost individually it probably would have been cheaper to get it from the restaurant (that serves the college.) Those are about \$8 from what I recall and pretty much a whole day of food for me. I paid more than that for the individual parts. I don't know where the restaurant is, but it must be close to the college. I do suppose I couldn't use my food stamp money for that, so that would be a big downside.

I did my fancy raid in my MMO and completed my big goal. It's weird to think I finally did the thing. Now I have daily things and that is really it until the next DLC. Which I guess is rumored for the end of the month, but I'm not sure if that has an official date or not. I don't recall seeing a date.

But today my tummy is pretty happy. I feel heavy again though, and my legs and back hurt a lot. I'm not sure what is up with that. But I guess today I held on a little easier.

## **Day 4795 (V:519) - 8/17**

### **Cooler Tuesday**

Hopefully today will be a cooler Tuesday. It's been pretty extra hot lately. But in the evenings it's been gray, so I'm still hoping that means things will calm down to a reasonable warm.

There are definitely no kids at the library. I guess starting this week the chance of that disappeared, as I saw a stream of little ones and parents walking down the street yesterday when I got outside the library.

Whatever today holds, hopefully I can try to stay warm enough, have enough food, and maybe relax a little. My life has far too much stress and sadness. 😞

## **Week 686**

### **Day 4796 (V:520) - 8/18** **Super cold**

Today it has been dark gray all day and the sun never fully showed. I'd be surprised if the temperature ever got over 75F.

I guess today was ok. My mind as been a similar dull gray, feeling half asleep, and half confused, all day. My eyelids have been barely half open this past week. And when looking at my screen I have a hard time focusing on even half of it.

But I guess there was one good side effect, and that's the day passed quickly. And I had a pretty ok time I guess. And so, I continue to hang on.

### **Day 4797 (V:521) - 8/19** **Blood red**

Today was ok, I guess. Honestly I don't remember much of it. I did my daily MMO things and left not too long after, since there isn't much reason to stick around after. The new DLC has a date of the 9th, so when that comes out there will be new things for me to get. But until then I basically have everything I need.

I didn't remember what I did after that very much. I watched some stuff. I played my card game, which today didn't seem quite as upsetting, but that was about it.

Yesterday the sun was blood red in the evening. I wonder if some stuff is trapped in the clouds. There are some fires on our coast, so I suppose it's possible it's not just rain clouds, but smoke as well. Though the fires aren't that close I don't think.

But I suppose I made it through the day, and hopefully I can continue on ok.



## Day 4798 (V:522) - 8/20

### Not seedless

Today I had some terrible grapes. They were supposed to be seedless, but every other grape I ate I wound up spitting stuff out. It was super gross and I wound up tossing about 15% of them, which was pretty pricy to do. 🙄 I only had that for lunch too, as I decided to get a nice fancy food for a homeless birthday dinner.

I guess today was ok, but my mood feels much like the murky gray that the sky is. It's still I guess partly smoky. It's made me sneeze a few times these past few days, but nothing too bad. There was some well-wishing for my birthday, but nothing extremely unusual. So I try to keep my spirits up as best as I can, and I try to continue to hang on.

## Day 4799 (V:523) - 8/21

### A bit heartbroken

Today I feel a bit heartbroken. In the morning I decided to do something I don't normally do. I decided to return a game I'd gotten for myself for my birthday. It was a new version of an old-school arcade game. And while I knew it wouldn't be something I'd play hundreds of hours, after less than 1.25 I'd finished the single player levels. And the bulk of the game after that is online play against or with others. But it just didn't seem super interesting to me, and even if it were the library firewall blocked the online connection. So I'd have to use my super limited VPN time to break through to play, which I'd much rather use playing other things. So, with less than 2 hours played total, I asked for a refund. They granted it and the money return is pending, which is good as it's \$30. If it had been half that I would have kept it, but at \$30 that's way too high for something I don't even think I'd play an hour a month with my current limitations.

My heart feels extra bad lately. I hope I'm ok. I don't feel sick exactly, nor faint, nor have any other odd effects. It just... feels bad around my heart, and maybe in it.

The day overall was bad after the morning too. When I got in to the library it barely had a connection. I struggled through doing my daily things in my MMO, but after that it really just couldn't stay connected. I had stuff to watch, so it was ok. But it was,

again, heartbreaking to not have a choice on what to do. It mostly buffered video ok, so I suppose I didn't lose too much.

So overall today I feel bad, sad, and heartbroken; emotionally and physically.

## **Day 4800 (V:524) - 8/22**

### **Guess it was quiet**

Today was, I guess, quiet. I was in the back of the building where people don't really go by me. I saw two people walk past me, and two other groups turn and not pass me, which I'm glad of. Especially since one was the guy who, for the past two weeks on Sunday, has walked around me in circles a dozen times. Maybe he finally got the hint that because I put my mask on I'm not comfortable with him doing that.

I did my daily MMO things and then not much other gaming for the day. The connection was bad again and it was disconnecting me for a minute about every 20 minutes, so it's not fun to try and play things when that's happening. A few days ago I decided to do a 'month of movies' for my birthday, so I have several TV series to catch up on with the streaming service I signed up for, so I had plenty to watch. (Which buffers, so brief interruptions like that don't usually affect it.)

I guess the day was ok. It was pretty quiet. It was a bit gray, so the weather was calm and cool. My heart still feels not the best, though I think it's more that there's stuff around it than the heart itself is bad. It's either just an extreme level of my gas/tummy issue, or it's a combination of congestion due to a cold. I've felt pretty congested in my lungs and have sneezed or coughed a few times a day for the past few days.

I guess I held on ok for the day. Hopefully I'll feel better soon, and tomorrow will be a better day.

## **Day 4801 (V:525) - 8/23**

### **Unexpected DLC**

Today my MMO got its expansion, which is weird because I thought I saw that it was coming out on the 9th. I guess maybe I saw something else? Or that is an oddly delayed console date? Historically console has gotten the patches and expansions one week after PC, but that date is 2.5 weeks, so that seems odd if that's correct.

I guess I'm ok. I feel very super tired. I had a lot of trouble getting to sleep last night for some reason. My heart issue doesn't seem as bad today. And thinking about it last night when it was feeling bad I thought it must be my tummy issue and my esophagus, not my heart. The weird feeling is in the center, behind my breastbone, and the heart is on the left side, so I'd think if it were a heart issue it wouldn't feel weird in that spot.

I guess things seem ok today. It's pretty cold in the library though, so I may not wear shorts anymore. I'm only in the hot times a few hours a day, and lately it hasn't been getting hot.

So today I hope to continue to feel better, and hopefully I can continue on to better days.

## **Day 4802 (V:526) - 8/24**

### **Different Tuesday**

Today may be slightly different, at least in my MMO. I will have my new DLC dungeons so there are things I'll be trying to get. I don't know what else the day will hold though. I don't really expect anything special or unusual. So I try my best to stay as calm and healthy as I can in these very terrible times. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

## Week 687

### Day 4803 (V:527) - 8/25 Mostly just a day

Today was mostly just a day. It went pretty much as expected. Though I did have a bit more to do in terms of game stuff, as a few things launched lately, so I had plenty to play.

The throat or maybe heart issue seems better today. Though there was some pretty extreme tooth pain. One is nearly gone, so it is hurting a lot lately, and another has gotten a big cavity near the top, so that one hurts off and on. But now in the evening those both seem to have settled to 'normal' levels of pain.

I was again thinking how I can't even conceive of a life where I'm not in some kind of pain. But I keep hoping, maybe, someday, I'll see such a time.

### Day 4804 (V:528) - 8/26 The return of hot food

Today, mostly because it was my birthday recently, and so I had some gift money, I decided to detour to the fancy food store to see if the open hot food area had any new offerings. I know the cheap food store started serving hot soup again a few months ago, so I figured maybe the fancy food store put more out. To my surprise the hot food area was all up (as was the cold food area.) Some areas are a bit different, in that there were only a couple of meats, and now several areas have hot sandwiches that are individually wrapped, but many of my old choices were there. Well, that sounds like a lot, but of all the food I only eat about six, so 'many' is about three. There were different options than the food I previously got, but they do different things on different days. I think Saturday was my usual day in the before time. So my options for things like spaghetti may be a more realistic option these days. So today I had a super yummy dinner. 😊

The day overall was pretty good. It seemed to pass pretty quickly. I think that is because there are extra things going on in my games, so I have a lot extra to do. But I wasn't too sad, of course I was a bit sad, I usually am even on the 'best' days. And my tooth pain has settled, so I just took one pain medicine dose in the morning and that was it.

So today was ok. But hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

## **Day 4805 (V:529) - 8/27**

### **Ouchie thing**

Today there is an ouchie thing on my back. I noticed it late yesterday, but today it seems to sort of bother me. I don't know what it is. I'd guess it's a bite or irritated scratched spot. If it continues to hurt I'll see if I can maybe get a picture of it. Though seeing it really won't help much I guess.

The heat seems to be returning. It was cooler for a while there, but I think I saw it was roughly in the high 80s today. Thankfully my time in the library avoids most of it.

Tomorrow I'm supposed to check on jury duty. I'd gotten a notice for that about a month ago and actually forgot it was maybe a thing until a few days ago. I signed up at the website, so theoretically it should automatically email me info. I guess tomorrow is the soonest I can check. I really hope I don't have to do that. I'm not really opposed to the idea in general, but with everything going on I'd rather not be sitting in a juror box a few feet from 11 others. I am already worried enough going to the library (where commonly only 0-2 people are within 10 feet of me.)

But today I managed to hang on, and hopefully I'll have good news that I'm 'dismissed from duty' in the morning and I can stop worrying about jury duty. And so, I try my best to hang on.

## **Day 4806 (V:530) - 8/28**

### **Feels weird**

Today my chest feels weird, or more specifically the inside along my ribs. I don't quite know how to describe it. To try, I could describe it in two ways. One is like I've been super punched in the center of my chest and it shattered the sides of my ribs. The other is that I haven't eaten in like 24 or more hours. But both of those are too intense, as maybe it only feels about 10% as 'intense' as those sound. I probably just slept on my side wrong and so I sprained the sides and center.

I guess other than that it was a pretty regular day. The connection at the library was still a little bad, but not as bad as it has been lately. The weather has gotten super hot again. It's probably in the high 80s now in the early evening, and peaked at the mid 90s. My jury duty is on hold. I have to "check between noon and 1 PM" on Monday to see if there is a status change. Which usually means I'll be officially dismissed at that point. (At least it has the last 2 times I had something similar.)

I guess today wasn't terrible, but for a few reasons it could have been better. So I try to hang on, and hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

## **Day 4807 (V:531) - 8/29**

### **Cooler, sad Sunday**

Today is much cooler than yesterday. I don't know how hot it got, but I think it was only in the high 80s for most of the day, only briefly getting hotter. In my spot in the 'back' of the building I was shaded all of my time there, so it felt 5-10F cooler than it was.

The day was a bit sadder though. Being Sunday and needing to be in the back because they still haven't restored power to the side I used to sit on, that meant I was very aware of the homeless guy who must live in the bottom area of the building. His stuff was scattered all over the tables when I looked over the balcony near where I sit. I suppose he's easy enough to ignore, but every now and then I hear his noise and that reminds me he's down there, which of course reminds me I hear that because I am homeless and being here is the best option.

I guess the day wasn't really bad other than that. The connection was a bit wobbly in the morning, but not too bad, and it cleared by noon. I had enough food, though it wasn't great. And I had a craving for some cheese I've been getting lately, but I'd be outside today and it would not at all survive in hot weather, so Sundays are not a cheese day. At least not until we are in cooler weather again.

Not much happened today. I did get some 'likes' on a comment I made, so that was nice to see. I got to play my games and watch shows without really being disturbed, so that was good.

So I guess, today I hung on ok.

## **Day 4808 (V:532) - 8/30**

### **Warm outside**

Today it is warm outside. I had to go out of the library out to the car to get something, so it was nice and warm. Inside the library is pretty chilly. I'm considering putting regular pants on instead of shorts because most of the warm part of the day I'm inside, and cold from too much air conditioning.

I guess today has been pretty calm and quiet so far. There is a slightly less than regular number of people here. It's early afternoon and there are only 2 people at most tables around me. (There can be 4 per table.)

I guess I'm ok so far today. Though I'm pretty stressed as the jury thing said I need to check again after 5. I wish they would hurry up and fully dismiss me. Worrying if I may or may not to go to a court place is very stressful in my life. 😞 I guess other than that I am ok and continue to hang on.

## **Day 4809 (V:533) - 8/31**

### **Hopefully regular Tuesday**

Today will hopefully be a pretty regular Tuesday. Hopefully I won't have to do court stuff. Hopefully the library connection will be good. And hopefully everything will

be calm and restful, and I can continue to be safe and healthy as I can during these terrible times.



## Week 688

### Day 4810 (V:534) - 9/1 Maybe juror

Today was, I guess, not as bad as I thought it would be. I had to go for jury duty at 1:30. Since I didn't want to drive my car on the freeway to keep its load light, I left about 1.5 hours early for the estimated 20-30 minute drive. I think it was right around 25 minutes, so without traffic it was a good estimate. I had to go into a room full of possible jurors, sitting one chair apart, to wait to be called. Then was called into an actual courtroom maybe 30 minutes later. Of course, all the courtroom TV show themes played in my head as I walked in. It was pretty surreal. The judge did a big presentation for maybe 30 minutes going over the rough details of things and how serving is a great honor. Then we were given a pretty big questionnaire, I'd guess about 60 questions. If they can read mine, I would guess this will give them more of an idea about my background and if I should be immediately dismissed based on that information. I have to go back for more questions if I'm not in a touch over two weeks.

My most recent car theory was if I avoid going fast I could go longer before any issues show up and that seems to have held true. I don't think any issues happened on the way there. On the way back, about 3 hours after my arrival, I did notice the oil light blink on for a few seconds then blink off, and there was just the very slightest RPM slowdown when that happened. It only happened a few times, and I didn't need to push the gas to increase RPMs to keep things going.

I checked online and it looks like the part for the sensor is about \$10. Apparently if it's going bad you can see oil in the connection wire. My model seems to be a pain to get to though, as someone had a video showing you have to take off the tire and get to it from underneath the car. So that's not something I can change on my own and if I were to try to have it changed that would likely be an hour of labor charge.

I do hope with everything going on I'm dismissed. With everything normal, with the car not having any issues, this might actually be an interesting case. But with my health being the worst ever in my life due to being homeless, things even more worse due

to the closures, and the car issues, now is not a time for that, and it feels like it may end the car, or worse, end me.

As always though, only time will tell, and all I can do is hope for the best and try to hang on.

## **Day 4811 (V:535) - 9/2**

### **Sad and worried**

Today I am very sad and worried about needing to go to jury duty. My brain would not stop thinking about things last night. I'm just maybe a bit obsessive compulsive, or fixate on things due to anxiety issues, so I'm always over thinking things, and repeating the thoughts and worries over and over. One thing that worried me is that of all of the potential jurors for the case, if those in the room were it, then I maybe only have, at most, a 30% chance of being dismissed.

And then there is the worry I would feel about being in a small courtroom sitting very close to other people. The jury area did not look like it had room to separate people. It looked like everyone would still be shoulder to shoulder. And even though they say the courthouse has filtered air, I can't help but worry that's one courtroom of several, with all people being there all day. 😞

But it seems I have no control. There were no opt out options I saw that I would qualify under. So it seems out of my hands. All I can do is hope Fate is in my favor and in the two weeks time before I need to report again I am dismissed. And all I can do is try and stay calm and not fixate on things, and hopefully I can hang on until better days.

## **Day 4812 (V:536) - 9/3**

### **Won't be able to handle it**

Today I am certain I wouldn't be able to handle being in the courtroom since last night my brain has spiraled and it feels like the early days of the virus all over again. The thought of being in a small room so close to people has me on the verge of a panic attack

or collapse into a crying fit. If I'm not dismissed before the return date I will have to say I'm not at all mentally or physically fit enough to be a juror.

I guess my day was ok, at least as ok as I could try to be. I was continually worrying, but there was a decent enough connection to play on. Though with all my worry and sadness I played less than normal and just watched stuff the rest of the time.

All I can do is hope I'm released from duty soon so my extremely elevated stress and worry can go away, and I can try to go back to being as calm as I can in my very sad and worrisome life. 😞 And try my best to hang on until better days.

## **Day 4813 (V:537) - 9/4** **Suddenly hot again**

Today it is suddenly hot again. In the library I was chilly, but now that I've left, even though it's early evening, I'm kind of starting to sweat a bit in the car.

I'm still pretty worried about jury duty. I wrote a one page long explanation of things going on with me and why I should be dismissed, but I guess there is no way to submit it to the judge or court. If the judge doesn't contact me before I need to report for duty again I'll have to go in and, I guess, submit it in person to add to my other information. I do hope they release me soon. Every day that goes by my system becomes more and more stressed at the thought of things. I'm back to being on the edge of breaking down crying or getting so nervous I throw up again. 😞

I tried to have fun today though. I didn't play as much as normal because of my sad and worried feelings. So I spent a bit of time catching up with a show that was recently posted for free.

I'm extremely hot. Extremely tired due to lost sleep from extra stress and fear. But I'm trying to hang on as best as I can.

## Day 4814 (V:538) - 9/5

### Too much stress

Today I have too much stress. Last night my chest started to feel pretty bad, possibly even before that. It feels like things are being poked by needles sort of in the center of my chest, behind the breastbone, and along the sides of my ribs (again inside). I lost more than three hours of sleep last night (and 2-3 hours every night since the summons). I'm honestly really shocked there is no place to claim homelessness or other emotional or physical hardship to be dismissed as a juror. (The only one I saw was under a category for age, if you were 70 or over.)

But I have to try to put it out of my mind or the stress will get even worse. Sadly though I don't think it will really lessen until I'm dismissed from duty. And even then I expect I'll remain shaken for a week or two before I start to have normal levels of stress again.

Today felt kind of bad, as it was a day I heard the homeless guy in the bottom area of the building. Thankfully it was only for about the last hour before I left. But anytime I'm there more than an hour my brain starts to fixate on how uncomfortable it feels with him there, even if I don't see him. I suppose on the plus side the only people I saw turned long before they got close to me. There was only the walker, who passed by me once one direction. No one else came by me, and there was no sign of the guy who repeatedly walks around me. So I guess there was at least a little less stress in that regard.

I guess it was about as good of a day as it could be with all of my stress. I had a good connection for playing. But again with the extra stress and sadness and not feeling great I didn't play as long as I could. I spent some time watching some shows, which I guess was ok.

As always, things seem out of my control, and all I can do is try to let go of what I can't control, and try my best to hang on.

## **Day 4815 (V:539) - 9/6**

### **Feeling not great**

Today I'm not feeling great. My tummy and... attached parts don't feel good. It was probably some chicken I had left over from yesterday. I even had to run to the bathroom and I'm very glad it's still open. (They often close it on holidays, or at least close it earlier.) Food being saved overnight in summer is never the best. It may be stress from potential jury duty too, but I'm trying my best to not worry about that since I have no control over it.

I guess, at least so far, today is about as good as it could have been. I got time to do extra in the bathroom this morning. Since no one is around today I figured I wouldn't be interrupted, so I got an extra good shave. But, as always, it seems all I can do is try to let go of what I can't control, and try my best to hang on until better days.

## **Day 4816 (V:540) - 9/7**

### **Hopefully feeling better**

Today hopefully I will feel better from eating not the best food on Monday and being extra stressed about potential jury duty. It's the first day they will be going over things for dismissals as far as I know, so hopefully a few of the answers I gave on the questionnaire will show them I'm not a great choice for either side. I almost even broke down and started crying Monday morning when I was at the store due to stress and worry. 😞

All I can do is try to hang on, hope things turn out ok, and do my best for me with what few options I have.

## **Week 689**

### **Day 4817 (V:541) - 9/8** **Not yet**

Today I am sad I'm not yet excused from possible jury duty. But I'm also not super worried, as today was only really the mid-way point for the between time. There are still four more 'for sure work days' that they should be meeting and deciding things before I'm called back in again.

My heart felt nervous all day. I felt like I might have a panic attack about needing to go in when I was at the food store in the morning. So I still very much hope I do get dismissed soon so my nerves can start going back to normal.

I suppose besides that the day was about as good as could be expected. The connection at the library was a little wobbly, but mostly stable. And it was almost completely empty of people until just a few hours before I left. I'm still nervous when there are people in the library, but it's usually a reasonable number, and people usually aren't closer than about 15 feet from me (and are often double that distance.)

But as always, I can't control things. All I can do is try my best to do the best options for me that are controllable. And hopefully I can continue to hang on until better days.

### **Day 4818 (V:542) - 9/9** **Gray again**

Today it's gray again. It was warmish in the morning, but in the late morning it started to get rainy and gray looking. Now in the early evening it's actually kind of chilly and I expect I'll change back to pants tomorrow.

I was less fixated on possible jury duty, but it was still in the back of my mind constantly. My heart has felt bad and nervous all day. I hope things aren't getting

permanently worse for my health due to this extra stress. 😞 I was going to check my blood pressure, but there aren't any machines around that I know of.

I got some time with my open beta for my new MMO. It's happening for the next few days. It's still super fun, even though this is basically a re-do of stuff I've done before. And it's good I got to do it because I may be changing my mind on the weapons I'll use. I mean, sure, I expect to go back and forth even after launch, but to have a plan before launch will be helpful.

I guess, all in all, I hung on as best as I could today. Still no release for jury duty, but we are about half way through the before time, so there are still a few days left that could release me before needing to go back for on location questions. But all I can do is try my best to hang on.

## **Day 4819 (V:543) - 9/10**

### **Forgot to shave**

Today I felt not great. I've been feeling pretty congested, coughing a bit, and it feels like there is a bunch of hair stuck on the back of my throat? That may be due to the mask fraying. As they get older they start to fray apart. Though it could also be nerves. There was still no dismissal, meaning technically there are only two more work days they could dismiss me before I need to go back.

I guess today was pretty good though. I apparently forgot to shave in the morning. I guess I forgot it was Friday when I was heading to my outside the library spot and didn't even think about it until I felt hairy and itchy in the afternoon. I thought about doing it after the library closed, but there are a lot of people around then. I'll just wait until the morning when the bathroom should be empty of people.

As always, all I can do is continue to hope things get better, and try to hang on until then.

## **Day 4820 (V:544) - 9/11**

### **What day is it?**

Today my brain seems whacky. It forgot to shave yesterday, then today it didn't feel like Saturday. It felt more like Sunday. Though I did remember to shave in the morning, so I'm nice and smooth and not itchy.

I got enough sleep, though I'm still losing some due to stress of possible jury duty. Someone mentioned we lost more to the virus yesterday, in a single day of the pandemic, than we did in the terrorist attacks so many years ago on this day. And that's an on-going daily number.

But I guess today was ok. My game had a touch of lag early on, but most of the day it was ok. I had time with my new MMO beta, and it's good because some things have changed, so I do still want to think about this and that. And I watched a show in the evening.

I feel very tired. I think maybe because of this cold. I was sneezy a few times today, and I'm extremely hungry, both are usually signs of a cold. But, as always, all I can do is try my best to rest as well as I can, and try to hang on. And hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

## **Day 4821 (V:545) - 9/12**

### **Feeling bad**

Today I'm feeling pretty bad. I've had a pretty bad headache most of the day, I'm feeling hotter than it seems I should be, and I'm exhausted. It may be due to my cold, it may be due to the heat, or it may be due to another lost 2-3 hours of sleep last night in a long line of lost sleep nights.

I guess today was about all I could hope for. There were only a couple of people who came by, and the homeless guy that lives in the building downstairs either wasn't there, or was completely silent, so I didn't get reminded of my own homelessness. (Though that's never really fully out of my mind.) The connection was basically solid and stable all day. And today was the last day for the beta of my new MMO, which is



launching in two weeks. Which is good because they made some changes since last test, so I had a chance to re-think things, and I learned a bit more about what things I want for what different roles. So I have an even better idea of what to look for once the game actually launches.

I watched some shows too. One was a few episodes of a comedy, and the other was a more serious show, so that was nice.

But I'm still very stressed about going to jury duty this week. I still hope I'm released because even the thought of being back in that small room for 8 hours a day for several weeks is freaking me out. I tried looking for a way to send the document I wrote to them, but there are only phone numbers listed. And the judge I'm with isn't even listed at all on the site. So I guess I have to still keep waiting to give them the document in person on Thursday. And try to keep hoping in the between time I get a call or email and I'm released before then, so I can go back to my normal levels of homeless stress.

Until then I try my best to relax where I can. And try to hang on until better days.

## **Day 4822 (V:546) - 9/13**

### **More lost sleep**

Today I'm pretty exhausted. Last night my heart started freaking out when I 'went to bed' thinking about jury duty. I couldn't sleep for like 3 or more hours. 😞 I guess technically they shouldn't be meeting today, but I still hope I'll get dismissed as soon as possible so my life can go back to just my normal homeless worries.

Nothing really different today. There was a beautiful girl here for a bit. I think she works nearby or something. She only stays about an hour when she does visit, and it's almost always around the same time. There is a new special show posted, so that will be fun to watch. But that was really the only things different today.

I continue to try to hang on, and hopefully I'll be dismissed from duty soon.

**Day 4823 (V:547) - 9/14**  
**Hoping for dismissal**

Today I don't know what to expect. Hopefully everything will be fairly homeless normal. And hopefully maybe I will get the good news that I'm dismissed from jury duty and my stress can start to calm down again. But all I can do is try my best to hang on. And hopefully I can make it to better days.

## Week 670

### Day 4824 (V:548) - 9/15 Hardship form

Today I called the court to see if I could submit the document I made about my physical and emotional condition. I was sent a form to fill out. And it was kind of upsetting / disappointing because it looks like it's a single form for financial hardship and emotional/medical hardship, meaning when the judge asked people to stay if being on the jury would "cause financial hardship, such as losing their job or being unable to pay rent or buy food," it should also have included physical and/or emotional hardship. I submitted it around 10:15 in the morning, and as of 5 I hadn't heard back. 😞 I will try to get online later tonight, and maybe quickly before I head there in the morning, but all I can do is hope I'm released at this point. My heart was racing most of the day at the thought of needing to go back and be surrounded by people. 😞 Possibly for as long as all day. 😞

I guess my day was ok other than that, but I really can't remember much of it. So much of it was lost due to constant stress and worry. 😞

### Day 4825 (V:549) - 9/16 Officially released

Today started pretty stressful, but became quite a relief. I got up a bit early to head to the court summon since I never heard back last night or this morning. My heart rate was somewhat calm on the drive there, as it was a pretty nice street and area for most of the drive. When I got in I started to get pretty nervous being around so many people, especially with the thought I may be there 8 hours. I counted about 60 potential jurors from what I saw waiting outside in the hall, most within arms reach of one another. My hands were getting shaky and I was starting to feel a touch sweaty as we went into the courtroom. I guess it is bigger than it seems, as all the jurors fit with the 8 or so staff, and

most were 1 or 2 spaces apart from one another. (Still far closer than the 6' they should be. They probably weren't even 3' apart.) They took roll and my heart was racing.

But my name wasn't called. At the end the judge asked if anyone was here who wasn't called. Me and about one other person raised our hands. She asked who I was first and I said my name. The bailiff asked if I had emailed yesterday and I replied yeah in the morning. As he was looking me up, the judge said she thought she remembered I asked for a dismissal. I said yes, and she said she had approved it, said I was officially dismissed, and thanked me for responding to the summons and coming in today. She seemed super nice about it. It seemed odd I had to go in to get a response though.

A small part of me felt sad about hearing I was dismissed. I think it was the part of me that always thought it might be cool to be on an important case like this. But too I think it's the part of me that wants to be picked for things; to be seen as having value, being desired, and appreciated, for doing a thing.

But the emotional and health side of me is very relieved to be dismissed. I was becoming a wreck for just the 45 minutes I was there. And now, my system is starting to relax. My heart feels calm, and slow, for the first time in probably two weeks. I can't remember the last time I felt like this. I'd been stressed so much for so long it put me out of whack. I'd guess it is maybe like dancing or doing an exercise for a prolonged time, when your heart rate is high, and you just kind of get used to it like that. It's only when it stops being like that and things that go back down to normal you notice how off it had been.

Of course not going is also good for the car. While it didn't show bad signs on the first trip, returning an hour later it did blink the oil light a few times. And I felt just the very slightest reduction in RPM when stopping a few times.

I got back basically just in time for the library opening. I think I got there about 5 minutes after. There were about 3 people total in the side I sit in that I could see (spread over a space that is likely 6x or more larger than the courtroom). I think within about 30 minutes my heart rate had mostly calmed down to how I feel now. I still think it may take a while to fully recover and go back down all the time. But the day was pretty good, though the connection was kind of garbage. I got a minimum amount of playing done, but even videos that buffer were starting to have issues playing by the afternoon.

So today I am released. I am far less stressed. Though it will probably be a bit to get back to 'homeless normal', I feel much much safer. At least as safe as I can be with being homeless these days. And hopefully I can start sleeping again. And maybe I can hang on a little bit easier again.

## **Day 4826 (V:550) - 9/17**

### **Surprise time**

Today I got a bit of a surprise. I get to spend a few days in sanctuary. Which is good because the connection at the library was super terrible again. It again even had trouble playing buffered videos. Hopefully in a couple of days when I am back it will be clear and stable again.

So today I got to sort of have inside time, and a good connection, and will be able to sleep in. At least for a short bit. And I can try to relax where I can, and continue to try to hang on as best as I can.

## **Day 4827 (V:551) - 9/18**

### **Feel a bit sad**

Today I feel a bit sad. I got to do a laundry and take a shower, but I'll be back on the street soon. I'm sad that I don't know when I'll be in a home again. I'm sad I don't know when I'll have a chance at a regular life again. At this point I don't even know when I'll have regular public showers or access to a microwave again.

All I can do is continue to try my best to hang on. And hopefully I can make it through.

## Day 4828 (V:552) - 9/19

### Maybe recycling again

Today I was back out and homeless again. 😞 I feel pretty sad and my heart feels... weird. It may be related to a lot of congestion I'm feeling in my throat and neck (lymph nodes), but it could just be my generally poor health and extra depression.

About a few weeks ago I noticed a big vending type machine with a full sized screen at the food store. This is a huge screen, like 5' tall by 3' wide. Maybe about a week ago it became functional and appeared to be some kind of new school recycling. So I've been putting together how to do that. I tried this morning, but I guess I was missing a step. There was a lady using it on my way out, so I asked her and saw what I was missing. In theory that is set up now, so over the next few days I'll turn in what I have. (I figure since you have to put them in one at a time I'll do a bit a day until done, as once I'm caught up I can do it just once a week super easy.) It's supposed to be the same value as the place that's too far to safely drive in my car, so that is great, especially since that saves me like \$3 in gas and about an hour of time.

I guess the day was just about as good as expected though. It was a bit chilly, but with the cloths I have on the weather was fine. Only two people came by all day, so I didn't feel really at risk. And though I did hear the downstairs homeless guy a few times, he was basically quiet all day. The connection was strong and stable, so I could play, watch, or do what I wanted without trouble.

I guess today was about all I could hope for lately. 😞

## Day 4829 (V:553) - 9/20

### Library without power

Today apparently the library has no power. They don't know why, and it's now a bit past noon and they still seem to be without power. They only let people in to do pickups, no one could stay or browse, so I've been outside, as I was yesterday.

I guess it's not terrible. It's a warm enough day with a slight fresh breeze. And since it's a weekday the downstairs homeless guy isn't here. There was even a worker

eating lunch there a few minutes ago. The connection is stable and strong, and outside even has a less strict firewall, so I have access to actually more things than I otherwise would. (Though I can access games that are firewalled in the library through a vpn. It's just that has a limited amount of time per month without paying.) So I guess besides having to pack up to go to the bathroom some 50 feet away today will really be pretty much the same as inside.

I did do recycling this morning. Things are finally set up on that. It will take a few more days to empty the car, since there's a limit of like 50 recycled items of each type per day, but that's fine.

Oh, there was one very bad thing this morning that's put me in a sad mood. Someone mentioned a critical update was ready, so I tried updating my tablet. It didn't work wirelessly, so I tried connecting it to my laptop. It said the update was 4.6 gig, which explains why it didn't do it wireless, as my tablet is always like 98% full. The OS is like 10 gig of the 16 gig, so I barely have any room for anything. So that took about 45 minutes to download. When it was done it gave an error updating. And again. And so I had to abandon the update and restore it from scratch, which took another 45 minutes. It seems like it fully restored ok, but that was a whole lot of extra stress and sadness I didn't need.

So a lot of disappointing, heartbreaking, and sad things at the start of today. I guess I'll be outside the library today, but hopefully the rest of the day will go as any outside day would.

## **Day 4830 (V:554) - 9/21**

### **Hopefully power again**

Today hopefully the library will have power and be open as normal. I don't know what to expect today, as it will be a pretty regular day. It is one week until my new MMO launches, so that is pretty exciting. But there isn't anything new or exciting this week save for all of the court ups and downs. But hopefully things will settle back down to normal today.

## **Week 691**

### **Day 4831 (V:555) - 9/22** **More insideish**

Today I got some more insideish time. So I'm safe and totally isolated until sometime Friday before I have to go back to regular homeless life again.

Today was pretty good, but it got pretty hot. I was sweating a bit when I went outside and around in the early afternoon.

I'm trying to calm down from my scare of potentially doing jury duty during this terrible pandemic. It's strange to think it's not even been a week since I was released. I still remember going there twice. I still remember the panic I felt while there, even though they were supposedly being careful and protected.

I have a show to catch up on, some movies, and a good connection to do my games and other things. So I'm trying to relax as best as I can. Trying to recover from the extra stress. Trying to maybe fight a cold? I was sneezing a ton yesterday and don't feel super great today. But hopefully I can hang on just a little bit easier for a few days.

### **Day 4832 (V:556) - 9/23** **Cut short**

Today I got news my insideish time will be cut short and I'll be back out tonight instead of tomorrow night. I guess it's ok. I don't really have any big or important plans. My days are just going normally. The only big or new plans are after my new MMO comes out on Tuesday.

I guess today was pretty good. I am super sneezy again lately. But I wasn't before I visited inside and got a shower. Since I was petting a kitty for a bit it seems more likely it's allergies than a cold. But I have been sleeping quite a bit. Oh, I did sleep like 10-11 hours last night, which is crazy. That might indicate a cold or recovery from the recent stress as well.



I guess today I hung on just a little bit easier, but tomorrow will be back to homeless normal. 😞

## **Day 4833 (V:557) - 9/24**

### **Upset system**

Today my system is a bit upset. I would bet because my meat for today was bought 3 days ago. Even in the best of times most at room temperature meats don't do great for that long. It pretty much has to be winter to last that long. I am not super sick feeling or anything, but it's quickly running through me.

I guess I'm ok other than that today. It was a regular homeless day pretty much. So it wasn't terrible, and about as good as could be expected. I am very distracted looking forward to my new MMO next week, so that helped to pass a bit quicker than normal.

I guess today I held on ok, but I did feel sad and miss some things that I don't have.

## **Day 4834 (V:558) - 9/25**

### **Theorycrafting**

Today was just a touch chilly to looking like winter and gray and rainy looking. It's early evening and it looks about two hours later than it normally would at this time.

One sad thing did happen today. I very gently bumped my usb dongle for my wireless headphones and the sound went out. It seems at this point it's gotten so old and fussy that it needs to be at a pretty specific angle in the usb spot. It seemed ok after I wedged a paper towel to hold it in place at that angle, but it is disappointing because a new one is \$30. I do have my old wired headphones, which are actually still my favorite of like 6 I've used, so I can use those if it fully fails. But it is disappointing that the replacement item is so expensive. That's 40% of brand new wired headphones, or 25% of brand new wireless ones which would have more than double the battery life and better sound than my current ones.

I was pretty distracted with theorycrafting things for the new MMO. I suppose it's pretty pointless to try to plan builds around 'perfect gear' for a couple of reasons. First, I don't know if I'd ever hit perfect gear levels. Next, I have heard the drop rates are really low for the very high end stuff. And lastly I may not even need it. Yes, the stats are based on getting good perks for x level, but I don't know if I really 'need' max level in things. If the gear I get puts me down a perk level, but up in another, and that works ok, maybe that would be better. With randomized gear that can sometimes happen. I shouldn't get too crazy, and just wait and see what I get along the way.

So today my brain was pretty distracted. I guess in a good way since I also felt a bit sad and only played about half the day. The rest I didn't really feel like playing much.

But I guess I hung on ok. I guess winter is coming. And hopefully I can hang on until better days.

## **Day 4835 (V:559) - 9/26**

### **Quiet gray**

Today it has been pretty quiet. I think only two people passed by me. I saw a couple of others around the corner, but that was it.

The sky is between blue and gray. It's pretty cold, showing just 70F. I've had all my layers on and even had my hood up, and am considering if I should put on my winter under pants layer tomorrow. I've been kind of clenching my jaw from cold all day.

I guess it's been an ok day. Earlier I was sneezing like crazy, so I took one of my last decongestants and an allergy pill. I've stopped sneezing, at least for the moment, but still feel like I might start again. I had some fun with my games, but again didn't feel like playing as much as I could. I guess I just feel a bit sad and don't really feel like playing much. Maybe I'm super tired. My new MMO comes out Tuesday morning, so I expect I'll be playing that a lot.

I guess I hung on ok today. But I'm pretty sneezy and tired, so I may still have a cold.

## **Day 4836 (V:560) - 9/27**

### **Feeling calm**

Today I guess, besides having a big headache, I've been feeling pretty calm. I think that is mostly because it's a regular low population day at the library, only 1 per table, whereas Saturday it got pretty crowded and started not feeling very safe at 2-3 per table.

Part of it too might be that I downloaded my new MMO client, so that is all ready and set up for tomorrow. So that is super exciting. Also, my phone said it wanted to get the update, so I was a bit nervous about that as it's the same update that had massive problems on my tablet, but that seems to have gone just fine, and it was super quick.

I'm pretty exhausted. I'm super headachy, even behind my eyes hurts a lot, so I guess that's a migraine. I've only sneezed a couple of times. But I guess, overall, I feel pretty ok.

## **Day 4837 (V:561) - 9/28**

### **Much excite**

Today should be the first day for the new MMO. Hopefully everything will work out ok, and hopefully there will be a minimum of shut downs for emergency things. Most MMO launches aren't the greatest. But being on the west coast my server group will be the last of four, with hours between each area. So hopefully by the time they get to my group any issues will be sorted out.

That will be all that's new. Hopefully it will be fun, nice, and it will be a little bit easier to hang on until better days.

## Week 692

### Day 4838 (V:562) - 9/29 No fries today

Today I am feeling pretty sick. There were just a few sneezes, but I feel pretty headachy, exhausted, kind of like I have a fever though I don't feel warm, kind of like I'm chilled, my ears are ringing, and I'm extra hungry.

I looked the other day to see if I could get hot food with my card and it seems some places do let you. The close place sells chicken and fries, and the regular fries is priced ok, but the large is pretty pricy, and their chicken is ridiculously priced. I mean, it's ok for restaurant prices, but it's like 2-3 times the cost for the same amount I could get cold at the food store. I wanted to get fries, but their machine didn't work. I'm sad the close sandwich place closed, because they take my card and they would have had hot soups. But with the local one closed there isn't one close to me anymore.

I guess other than that I'm pretty ok. I'm trying to have fun in my new MMO, but launch has been a bit stressful. Yesterday, because of how I change locations, of the 12 hours I could have played I lost 8 hours sitting in a queue not playing, and only 4 hours after that playing. Today so far hasn't been too bad, with about 30 minutes then 1 hour played, and after my move about a 2 hour queue with 5 hours played after. I get another chance to play in a bit, but I don't know. It will depend how long the queue is because it's a pretty short window.

I guess besides feeling sick and extra hunger I feel ok today. And maybe I can try and get some extra rest tonight and I can hang on a bit easier tomorrow.

### Day 4839 (V:563) - 9/30 Headphone comparison

Today I have settled on my headphone decision. In the past couple of days I've gone back and forth between my old wired ones, which have a bit better sound, and my newer ones with the fussy breaking connection. I actually do like the newer ones better

overall. Yes, it doesn't have as quite as good of sound, but in doing a lot of research it seems that better sound is only possible with wired connections. Also, the comfort of the newer ones is a lot better in general because the ear cuffs rotate. My old ones can't do that. They are rigid and only extend up or down, not to the side at all. This can be a hugely important point as my ears kind of prefer them at just a slightly rotated angle. Also, I can put them at a 90 degree angle over the top half of my ears to hear what's around me and that works fine. I can't do that with the old ones. Or if I put them down around my neck they rotate against my chest fine. My old ones just kind of clamp together and choke my throat when around my neck.

Also in doing a lot of research the majority of headphones seem to have that stiff non-rotating style. And the wireless ones have an average charge of closer to 15-20 hours than not, which is about the same as my newer pair. So getting new ones, regardless of cost, really wouldn't be worth an upgrade with the current available sound technology and design. So I'm fine with sticking with my current newer pair. I just hope that the fussy part that talks to the headphones doesn't get worse or I'll have no choice. At this point it disconnects with literally the slightest breeze or gentlest touch of my sleeve, so hopefully it will last until I get the spare \$30 to get the replacement part.

I am a bit more sad than usual. I checked my money and I effectively have nothing for the web space bill that's due in mid December. I'll have to pray and save any money that comes for Halloween or Thanksgiving, or any early Xmas gifts, or I won't be able to pay it. 😞

I still feel pretty sick. I am still sneezing a bit, still feel feverish inside (but don't feel warm) and am still extra hungry and sensitive to stimulus overall.

But I guess today went ok. And I hung on as best as I could.

## **Day 4840 (V:564) - 10/1** **Exhausted**

Today I am exhausted. I got 'in bed' pretty late, then couldn't sleep for a few hours, then basically woke up more than an hour before I needed to. I probably only got 5 hours of sleep total. 😞

I'm feeling a bit better from the cold. I don't feel quite as bad and my appetite is returning to normal. I'm actually super hungry and I wish I could eat restaurant cooked foods.

There was hardly anyone in the library today, so it was very calm feeling, quiet, and everyone was spread out. And I had a lot of fun in my new game. I'm starting to see new things and get past the previous areas I'd been in the tests.

I guess I'm a bit better today, though still have a cold, am still exhausted, and am still pretty hungry.

## **Day 4841 (V:565) - 10/2**

### **Tired eyes**

Today my eyes are very tired. They have been slow to focus and half closed all day. I guess really I'm just super tired overall. I feel like I could sleep an extra 4 hours if I got the chance.

Overall I'm starving too. I think maybe because my body is still fighting the cold, so it wants extra food. I really want to get some chicken soup, but I'd have to use cash for that, which I don't have, or what little is on a food store gift card I'd rather save for emergencies.

I guess overall the day was pretty ok though, so I try to continue to hang on.

## **Day 4842 (V:566) - 10/3**

### **Not very hungry**

Today I'm not very hungry. I guess I ate a regular sized lunch, and I'm hungry for dinner. But I feel like I may only eat half my normal amount or less. My eyes hurt a lot too, and everything is blurry. I don't know if that is because I've had a migraine most of the day or if it's because of this cold.

I had a pretty fun time in my new MMO, but I can see myself backing off to pretty casual play the higher I get. It's not like a regular MMO, at least not yet, in that the server

populations are tiny, and people don't really interact since there is a big PvP focus. I am just now, at about 50 hours played, starting to see new things that I hadn't seen before during the beta week that I played. Leveling has gotten pretty slow. I think I got two levels all day. So I don't know if that's because I played a bit more casual today, or if things just start to get really slow once you reach mid-levels.

Besides still feeling sick I guess I hung on ok today. Though if these sick feelings continue much longer I may have to use some of my food store gift card money to get some hot soups to help me get better.

## **Day 4843 (V:567) - 10/4**

### **Chilly, maybe slightly better**

Today I'm super chilly in the library, and I'm eating... carefully. I feel maybe a bit better. I am having a super fun time playing and watching the stream I watch, so the time has passed quickly. I am getting very worried about my headphone issue though. Today it's cut out several times and the connection is getting very fussy. I may not be able to use them much longer and be forced to use my old pair until the part is replaced. But overall I guess today I hung on a little bit easier.

## **Day 4844 (V:568) - 10/5**

### **Probably chilly Tuesday**

Today it is supposed to start getting cold. I'll probably start wearing pants with a winter layer to help stay warmer. The library is still blasting the A.C. so it's cold in there regardless. But hopefully today will be ok. I can try to relax. And hopefully I can continue to hang on.

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### Day 4845 (V:569) - 10/6 Winter pants

Today I have regular pants and long underwear on underneath. I was probably just about right inside the library and outside. My jaw hurts a little, so I may have been a bit cold and clenching my teeth a bit in the library, but I'll pay attention to that in the future. If it keeps happening I'll add more layers.

Outside it was pretty cold. The sky actually turned gray, about half way to night level dark, by about 3 PM. It looks like if it gets much darker it will start to rain. Rain by tonight wouldn't surprise me.

I guess I'm feeling a bit better from my cold. I'm still tired. My eyes still hurt. And my ears are still ringing quite a bit.

There was a new sign at the food store about E.B.T.. It didn't really say anything, but I wonder if that means they are allowing hot food purchases now. I keep forgetting to check on that. If they do I will definitely get some soups maybe twice a week, and every few weeks maybe a fancy Chinese food dinner. Though they are ridiculously priced there, charging like \$11 for what I can get at the fast food place for about \$9. If I waited until the hot food area was closing though they put out pre-made ones on sale for \$5 and then that's a good deal.

I guess overall today was pretty ok.

### Day 4846 (V:570) - 10/7 Itchy ears

Today I have a very odd sensation. My ears are itching on the inside, where there is the ear canal, but like deeper. I don't know if I've ever felt that before. They are ringing a lot. Not super loud, or otherwise painful, just a constant low ringing.

I guess today was pretty good. The library was just a touch chilly. I wonder if maybe they are actually putting the heat on. The building is supposed to be smart and



automatically do that, but I really don't think it does. At the very least it's never done a good job of it.

I had fun in my games today, though lately there hasn't been much to watch. Some shows I was watching I lost interest in. And a couple of shows I like to watch are on break.

I think I found out what the signs were about at the food store. I did a quick search last night and found that the food store now allows online orders with the food stamps card. So, not hot food news, or something important to me, but I guess important for some.

But I guess today I don't miss the things I don't have too much, so I survived ok.

## **Day 4847 (V:571) - 10/8**

### **Still itchy inside**

Today my ears are still itchy inside, though not as much. I maybe should check online if that is a sign of something I should worry about. It's probably not, but with how little I can control anything I worry about the smallest things.

I was pretty chilly today in general. I may add another under layer to be warmer. The warmth of summer is rapidly changing to winter. 🙄

I had a pretty good day today. I played online things with some people from the stream I watch, so that was super fun. And I had fun in my game. I didn't meet a goal I had for my new game, but it's fine, as with any MMO you should be playing for the journey, not specific levels or loot. As long as I'm having fun, specific goals aren't really that important.

I'm pretty tired, and pretty cold, and getting very worried about my not having money for upcoming bills or even gas, but today was a pretty good day.

## Day 4848 (V:572) - 10/9

### Still no fries

Today ended a bit sad. I went to the fast food restaurant I can use my food stamps card at and the machine still isn't working. That is like three times in the past few weeks I've tried to get fries and couldn't. I guess it's more than just me trying to use the card because they had a sign posted saying the machine is down 'today'. Hopefully they fix it soon. 😞 I have no other way to get special / cooked foods. 😞

## Day 4849 (V:573) - 10/10

### Surprisingly warm

Today I wore my extra hoodie and sweats, expecting to be cold all day. And the morning did start out very cold, but by noon I was starting to get pretty warm. At around 1:30 or so I took them off, and an hour later I was even considering taking off my regular hoodie. But I decided not to, as it would only be a few hours before I left, and a few hours after that it would start to be getting cold again.

Today was actually pretty good. I played my games, maybe too much. My brain wanted to take a break and watch some stuff, but there wasn't anything I could think of to watch.

But I still feel a bit bad, I guess from my cold. My ears are still a bit itchy inside, I have had a few sneezes, my eyes hurt from headaches, my ears are ringing, and I'm suuupper exhausted. And though I'm not really hungry I have a craving for pasta type things; spaghetti, lasagna, even pizza. I'm not really sure what's up with that, but I'd guess it's something to do with the noodles and maybe the sauce.

But today was a pretty good day I suppose. And tomorrow will pretty much be the exact same I expect. So hopefully I continue to hang on ok.

## **Day 4850 (V:574) - 10/11**

### **More sick**

Today I'm feeling more sick. Last night I felt like my skin had chills, but I felt like I had a bit of a fever inside. My ears are ringing a lot. When I cough, yuck comes out. And I've got a low level dizziness, not enough to affect my balance, but it feels like I'm not quite stable. My eyes still hurt too. I took a multi-vitamin, so hopefully that will help.

It's pretty cold again, and there is a wind that's blowing dust everywhere. I'm cold even in my extra hoodie, so I may leave the spot outside a bit earlier than usual to spend extra time in my car. (The library is closed today.) I expect sealed inside would maybe even be a bit warmer since there wouldn't be wind. I probably won't leave too early though, maybe 1-1.5 hours earlier than usual.

I'm having a pretty good time with my games. I do kind of still feel like taking a break and just watching stuff, but there is nothing to watch. But that's not surprising, as I always feel less like playing games when I'm sick.

Hopefully I can rest and recover soon enough.

## **Day 4851 (V:575) - 10/12**

### **Hopefully better**

Today will hopefully be better. Hopefully I'll feel better. Hopefully I'll recover more inside the library. Hopefully I'll be warmer. And hopefully overall things will be better.

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## Where did I see it?

Wondering where you may have seen my day subtitles before? Here's a list. 😊

Day 4771 - Movie; Aladdin (1992).