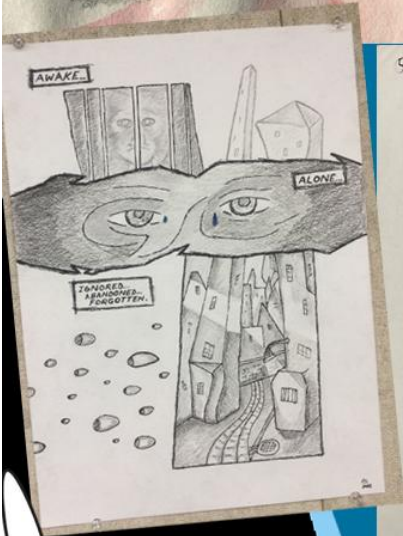
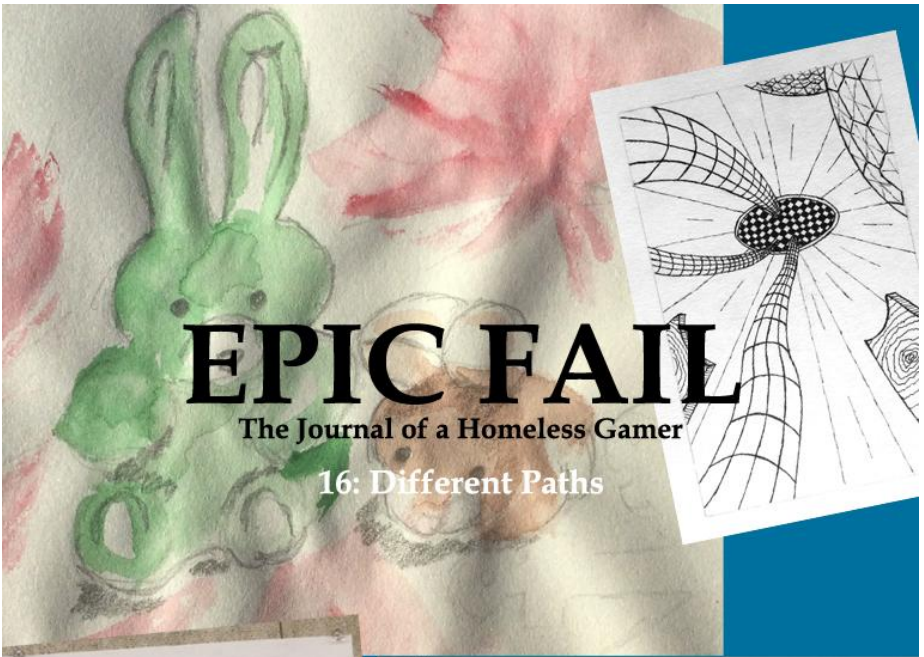


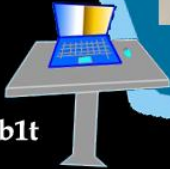
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## Glossary and Links

**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.)

## **Week 783**

### **Day 5475 - 6/28** **Too hungry, too full**

Today was pretty good. We had my in person class final, so it was earlier than usual. That threw off my tummy since there was no break. Even though I had lunch early before class, by the time it was nearly up I was starving. I spent too much getting a meal in the cafeteria. It will be the last one until I return in late September. It was not only too much food, but having dinner 2 hours later I hadn't recovered and so I felt sort of overly full.

It was a pretty good day though. I mostly got to play my normal amounts, and I watched a couple of shows, so things were pretty relaxed. It's odd to be at the end of another quarter and still feel no closer to a job or solid path in life. But I guess I can only continue on one step at a time.

### **Day 5476 - 6/29** **Swollen**

Today I am dealing with a bit of a swollen tongue. It's like when it's just a bit, but the sides got pokie because of the teeth, then it's all overly sensitive when eating or swallowing. It's not too bad, but eating is not the best or easiest. I noticed too I've been absent-mindedly scratching at my right arm; specifically the back of the hand along the top to almost my elbow. Last night those areas were a bit swollen too. So I wonder if something affected that area, then got into my bloodstream, and that is why my tongue is swollen.

I guess it was a pretty good day though. It was strange to be the last real day on campus. I mean, sure, I'll be here to shower twice a week and have a quick micro lunch very early on those days too during July, but that's all I'll do. (August will hopefully also still be a twice weekly morning shower, but the cafeteria will likely be closed.) My big

time and routine of being there for class or hanging out around class times is done until I maybe go back in late September.

But my life is what it is, one day at a time, and so I try to continue on.

## **Day 5477 - 6/30**

### **Tired day**

Today I am pretty tired. I think I kept waking up last night or something. I remember being not fully asleep all the time.

I guess today was pretty ok. I had fun playing, and spent time catching a streamed show. There were some late teens kids across from me sniffing and coughing that had me worried, so hopefully I am ok.

I guess today wasn't terrible for an official summer start.

## **Year 16**

## **Day 5478 - 7/1**

### **Stupid hot**

Today is stupid hot. It's been around 75F or less lately, but all of a sudden it's spiked up to the mid 90s and it's almost early evening now.

I guess today was ok. There were some people at my table, but they weren't too bad. The connection was kind of garbage though. I decided not to spend the time in my MMO like I'd planned because I didn't want to drop during a group activity. I played my new actiony game, which was pretty fun, but even that got dropped as many as four times an hour. It cleared a bit in the afternoon but still had issues.

I guess it was a pretty good day, but now in the heat I'm sweating, and it will probably be a few hours until it actually cools off.

## **Day 5479 - 7/2**

### **Still hot**

Today is still pretty hot. I guess it will stay pretty warm until Wednesday when it will cool back down to the mid to high 70s.

I had some different lunchmeat for lunch, I think sobresso, which was pretty tasty but quite a bit greasier than the regular salami I think. So, my tummy feels a bit off. Not sick, not upset, just not fully settled I guess.

It was a pretty good day for resting and playing. There was a girl at my table and she would eat one chip every 5 minutes. I was right on the verge of losing it after a few hours, but then I left. It's like I get you want to keep quiet to not be rude, but it is actually more rude constantly eating for hours than to be louder and eat enough to get full all at once. But the connection was stable, so playing my games was good and uninterrupted.

## **Day 5480 - 7/3**

### **DMV**

Today I have an appointment at the DMV. It's set for an hour before the library opens, which I picked that time because I wasn't sure if they would be, so hopefully it will be like 15 minutes and done, and then I can be there and ready before it opens. But I don't know. I still have no real idea why I have to go in person instead of just doing it online like I have been. I'm going to guess they want a new picture and maybe fingerprints or something. I guess I'll see and keep my fingers crossed it's quick and easy.

Hopefully today will go easy, quickly, and I can settle in for what will be a first Monday of the summer.

## **Day 5481 - 7/4**

### **Outside pew pew day**

Today is pew pew day, which means all the places I could be will be closed. All I can really hope for is it's not too hot outside of the library so I can be in the outside spot, and that power and the connection are ok. Thankfully it is just the one day, with Monday and Wednesday as normal. So as long as nothing tragic happens I should easily recover mentally and physically tomorrow and be back to homeless summer normal.

## **Week 784**

### **Day 5482 - 7/5**

#### **Too quiet**

Today the library seemed too quiet. There were a normal amount of people, but for some reason it seemed like no one was making sound at all and it felt wrong.

My back has been killing me lately. It may be because I was sitting outside yesterday, which at this point I'm not used to anymore, or it may be due to extreme stress from having to worry about the DMV not giving me my license and needing to do the doctor's note and go back again. I really do just hope I have to drop it off and that's it. Though I think even just dropping it off will probably be 2 hours again. The idiocy of how they run things is mind boggling.

Well, all I can do is try my best to rest, relax, and recover, and move forward one day at a time and hope the next is better.

### **Day 5483 - 7/6**

#### **Still warm**

Today it was still pretty warm. In the library it was actually cold enough to have my hoodie on part of the day, but outside I had to take it off along with my long sleeve shirt.

I took the DMV thing to the eye doctor today and he filled it out pretty quickly. Apparently in CA you can drive with only one eye, so he didn't understand why they failed me. But hopefully I just have to take it back. There seem to be only 3 days for appointments during the month, or they are all filled, because only 3 days in August showed as available. I don't know if it would be worth it though, as last time I think the non-appointment line people were being seen faster. I'll probably do that in the middle of next week and I guess just have to hope for the best.



## **Day 5484 - 7/7**

### **Swollen and sneezing, again**

Today I am a bit swollen on my right hand and a bit on my arm. Mostly it's most visible on my right index finger and thumb, and again my tongue is kind of swollen. I actually wonder if I might be allergic to something I'm eating, as I'm super sneezy too. Swelling just on one side and sneezing isn't something I've had as a reaction before, but since it happened a few days ago I can't help but wonder if it is something crazy like that. Being some kind of bite, with symptoms going away and then coming back, seems unlikely. It's very strange.

I had a pretty good day other than that. I thought about getting a bit nicer food, but with a slightly swollen tongue again even basic food sounds mostly unappealing. I would like some chocolate maybe, but being warm to hot summer time that wouldn't keep at all, so I have to be very careful what I get. Though I do seem, Pepsi aside, to be totally back to previous normal in terms of reaction to cheese or chocolate. There have been no incidents of the mystery tummy pain since the food poisoning type incident. So I guess at least something seems to be back to normal.

## **Day 5485 - 7/8**

### **Still swollen**

Today my tongue is still swollen. It doesn't bother me too much, but the pokie sides are pretty sensitive, so eating is tricky. My right hand and arm are still feeling a bit swollen too. I wonder what is up with that. I'm taking pills that I think are supposed to be anti-inflammatory, and an allergy pill, so I'm not sure why this is continuing to happen.

I guess the day was pretty good besides that. I had fun with my games, did a thing with my MMO guild, and was pretty restful. Really just the only sad part was my pokie tongue, which made me kind of swallow a lot because of that, and sniffing and sneezing. Things as always could have been better, but weren't the worst.

## **Day 5486 - 7/9**

### **Continue to be swollen**

Today my right hand and arm continue to be a bit swollen. It's not a lot, just enough my fingers don't feel right in terms of width. You can see it in my fingers and forearm if you compare it to the left though. I still don't know what is going on with that. Since it's only that one side I'm guessing it must be some kind of bite I got, though there are very few marks. My tongue is still a touch swollen, though not as badly as yesterday.

Today was pretty fun. Things put me behind so I started a bit late, so I didn't do as much with my MMO. I'm having fun with my arcadey monster killing game now that I'm past the parts I'd seen before in the test weekends, and figured out some stuff that greatly increases my survivability. Though I would guess that I'd enjoy a just announced class (for a related game) more than the one I'm playing, but we don't know when that would come to the game.

So today was pretty good, though I'm still swollen for some unknown reason, and sniffing and sneezing.

## **Day 5487 - 7/10**

### **Hopefully not swollen**

Today I'm not sure what to expect. I hope to pop by school to get a shower and then have an early micro lunch, as things should be fully open for the summer quarter. There was swim practice and things were open last Thursday, so I don't expect any weirdness.

Hopefully things will be less swollen and I can have a restful and relaxing day.

## **Day 5488 - 7/11**

### **Unknown Tuesday**

Today I don't know what to expect. I'll hopefully have a restful and fun day and things will be pretty normal. Tomorrow I will put myself through the DMV hell. But hopefully today will be a calm, peaceful, and maybe finally I'll be over my sneezing, sniffing, and swelling.

## Week 785

### Day 5489 - 7/12 Done with DMV

Today started feeling bad, but I am finally done with the DMV for now. I figured I'd get there early since there were no appointments available. I got there an hour before they were supposed to open and I was the sixth person in line. At 30 minutes before they were supposed to open a couple of people came out to do pre-paperwork with the first few people and one casually said, 'oh, by the way, we don't open until 9 today.' Really? You couldn't have marked that on the website so people like me who checked the day before would have known that? So I sat for not 1, but 2, hours before they opened. And then it took another 20 minutes to get called to one of the like 25 available windows. And yes, it was just me turning in the doctor's note paper. Seriously? Why did I have to spend 2.5 hours for something that took 5 minutes that I could have easily mailed instead? Or sent electronically through the website? Complete idiocy. But I guess it's done now, and hopefully in a few days or weeks it will be forgotten.

I guess I had an ok day after that. I barely made it to the library in time for it to open, so I settled into my usual spot and had a fair day.

Tomorrow will hopefully be better. I will stop by school for a shower and early micro lunch. I suppose I could even stay and noone would really question it. But when I went last time there were only like 6 people in the area that I could see, which when full is probably a couple hundred, so it was really super dead and my being there all day would surely be noteworthy. It's an option though, I guess, if I need it. While it would be a more stable network and have access to the micro it would feel very strange being so empty, especially since I don't have classes.

But hopefully tomorrow will be better and I can put this great loss of hours of life behind me.

## **Day 5490 - 7/13**

### **Unexpected heat**

Today was pretty good, but apparently we have a heat wave. It got up to the high 80s, and will apparently peek into the low 90s in the next few days, so it's crazy that the weather keeps bouncing like this.

I guess it was a pretty good day other than that. I played and had fun, but for some reason some things took much longer than I expected. I guess it was fine though.

## **Day 5491 - 7/14**

### **Hot, swollen**

Today it was pretty hot outside again. It was fine though as I mostly avoided it. My right arm and hand are more swollen though. I'm a bit worried as it's been happening for a while now. But it also seems to get slightly more or less swollen depending on the day, so I still can't help but wonder if it's maybe something I'm having an odd reaction to, or something like circulation based and how I'm sitting or something.

I guess today was a pretty good day. My eyes were a bit fussy though and didn't want to focus on things. And then there was the swelling and the heat. But it could have been much worse for any number of reasons.

## **Day 5492 - 7/15**

### **Another hot day**

Today was again pretty hot. Not really much else to say. My hand and arm are still a bit swollen and I'm still not sure what is up with that. I suppose today was pretty ok though.

## Day 5493 - 7/16

### More hot

Today I think was peak heat, or yesterday was and today was even. It got up into the low 90s. The library was pretty quiet and empty when it opened and then for a bit, but by early afternoon it got pretty packed. It was so packed that there were 3 other people at my table, so that was sad. I'm still not really comfortable with that and everything going on.

My hand and arm finally don't really feel swollen. But sadly since lunch an area of my teeth has been hurting pretty badly. I think maybe because I had some super hard salami as my main food, and my teeth have never done well with hard foods. I think because of that I started to feel very sad, alone, and like pain is always in my life; either physical or emotional.

But hopefully soon the pain will subside, the temperature will settle, and things can be cool and calm again.

## Day 5494 - 7/17

### Hopeful Monday

Today I can hopefully pre-load a game I got. It's early access starts Wednesday, I think, so hopefully I can start loading it soon. It's the sequel to a game I loved and played for something like 350 hours. And this one looks like it will be similar, but with more stuff and even more character customization, so hopefully it should be super fun. I'm very glad I still have a system that should do ok with it. There's really no way my older one could handle it.

Hopefully today won't be too hot, but if it is it should be ok as most of my time is inside the library.

**Day 5495 - 7/18**  
**Another unknown Tuesday**

Today I don't know what to expect. It will probably be a regular day at the library. Hopefully things will be calm and restful for me, and there won't be too many people around.

## Week 786

### Day 5496 - 7/19 Game labor

Today I spent the bulk of my play time doing something not super fun. I am unlocking 'secret things' in my actiony monster killing game. They are doing seasons and one starts tomorrow, so I wanted to have it all done and ready, so I never have to do it ever again. It took 4 hours, and while it wasn't unbearably bad, it wasn't as fun as doing other things would have been.

I'm sad I haven't gotten to pre-load my new shooter too. The early start begins Friday in the early evening, so I'm getting pretty worried I may not be able to download it before that. I mean, I suppose it really doesn't matter, but still. You can play with strangers or friends, but I expect I'll just be solo, so any kind of 'head start' really isn't important. But it's really the principal of the thing. If they say head start is on x, and it comes with the fancier version, then they should give extra time before that to download it so people can all be ready. If they were promised x and then can't access it for some reason, that's not really ok.

But I guess the day overall wasn't bad. Nothing bad happened that was new, so I continue to hope for better times ahead.

### Day 5497 - 7/20 Bad dinner

Today the pot stickers I had for dinner tasted like wet shoes, so I only ate about 2/3 and tossed the rest. I have lots of other food though, so I'm fine. But it does remind me of back a while ago when all I could afford was a single basic soup and a single can of soda for food for my whole day. And times when I'd spill a soda and cry at the loss due to too much stress and no comforts. 🙄



The connection was pretty bad today. Half a dozen times it dropped to basically dead. I actually almost left to go back to school, but right when I was going to leave it was ok again. And then when it started dying again after that it was too late in the day to bother changing locations.

I guess overall the day was ok. I got to pre-load my new game for tomorrow that is the sequel to one of my most favorite games ever, so that is exciting. And I guess I was warm enough, and the people at my table were ok, so that wasn't too bad.

## Day 5498 - 7/21

### Almost lost

Today two people almost left something behind at the library, which is crazy as it's been probably years since I noticed that last. The first was a very beautiful girl (and her boyfriend) leaving just as I was packing up to leave. I saw a phone where she had been sitting and I was like oh noes, 'wait wait wait, phone phone phone,' and I jogged after them. They were super happy. Then a couple of minutes later near the stairs there was someone's wallet which I'd guess had fallen out of their pocket while they were sitting there. They were like, 'phew, thanks, that would have ended badly.' So that was nice to be helpful. 😊

Other than that I was just extremely tired. I've lost a lot of sleep lately. 😞 I had fun with my arcadey monster killing game for the bulk of the day. But after 4:30 I got to play my new shooter for a bit. I just got through the tutorial, but it was super fun. Though I'd forgotten how slow and clumsy your character feels when you are just starting. (It's very similar to the first game.)

But I guess besides being overly tired today was pretty good.

## Day 5499 - 7/22

## **Super tired**

Today really I'm just super tired and exhausted. I again lost probably 40% of what I should have slept last night for seemingly no reason. I would guess it's probably stress, but I don't know.

The connection seemed ok today, and things were pretty quiet and calm. Though the library was freezing and I had all my layers and hoodie on. And I did see three beautiful girls at the food store this morning, so I guess that is something. Maybe Fate is just reminding me that I can still feel something and there are new girls to be found, so I guess I shouldn't give up on hoping to find a sweetie someday. But I guess today was pretty ok, and so I continue to hang on.

## **Day 5500 - 7/23** **Pew pew fun**

Today was pretty fun. I did a tiny bit in my MMO, then a bit in my arcadey monster killing game. Though they are doing a season, which I'm leveling up and doing all the same stuff I just did, so I don't know how long repeatedly re-leveling will keep my interest. Then I spent a lot of time in my new shooter, which is super fun.

I'm very extremely tired though. I slept pretty quickly last night, but not immediately, so I still maybe lost a touch of sleep again.

Hopefully tonight I can sleep easily and have a super fun time with my games again tomorrow.

## **Day 5501 - 7/24**

## **Possibly last micro Monday**

Today is possibly the last Monday I can micro for a few months. I'll have to check the schedule, but there is a high chance I can't access it after the summer quarter is over, which I think is this week or next.

I don't know what to expect for today, but hopefully I can have a shower, get micro food for the day, and then have a calm time at the library.

## **Day 5502 - 7/25** **Hopefully restful Tuesday**

Today hopefully I will maybe be catching up a bit on sleep, or at the very least not continuing to lose any. I don't know why I've lost like 40% of what I could have slept on several nights lately. Maybe I have a cold or am fighting something. I have sneezed a few times lately, and my eyes do seem goopy, but I don't have any other symptoms.

But today will hopefully be restful, calm, and fun.

## **Week 787**

### **Day 5503 - 7/26**

#### **Pew pew**

Today I had a lot of fun with my new shooter. I played most of the day, only doing a very tiny bit in other games. I did sleep a bit more, but just 7 hours. I still don't know why I'm having so much trouble sleeping.

Yesterday started pretty badly. The internet was not connecting at all. But then I discovered it was just the corner where I normally sit and moved. Today I was somewhere else, so it wasn't an issue.

I guess today was pretty good overall, though I'm still having a bit of goopy eyes, and sometimes my focus locks for no reason and it's very hard to see.

### **Day 5504 - 7/27**

#### **Possibly ruined contacts**

Today I have had to wipe and re-moisten my contacts like three times during the day to keep clear vision. It occurred to me today as I was doing so that maybe there is some kind of contact contamination. I don't have a great way to keep the case they stay in overnight very clean, so I had a thought that maybe it has become contaminated, and each night I might be re-contaminating the contacts even though I put new solution in there twice a week. I guess tomorrow I'll try getting a new case and dumping this pair and hope things will be better and back to normal.

I had a pretty good day though. The library connection seemed normal and I only had a few disconnections from my game, which may or may not have been due to library issues. So overall the day was pretty fun, though my eyes hurt from issues, my lower back hurts from lack of sleep, and I still feel pretty exhausted overall.

## Day 5505 - 7/28

### Better contacts

Today changing my contacts seem to have helped. I've had no goopiness and no itching. So either it was a bad previous pair, something contaminated the case, or today just happens to be the one day my eyes got over a cold or allergies.

Though I have been having the 'everything past 10 feet is blurry' issue. I guess I should really make the time to research a place that can take my insurance and try and do that. I've been putting it off because at a minimum that's going to be about \$25 a visit, so that could add up very quickly. But if it turns out the tests are free, and there's a medicine that is like \*poof\* no more blurry vision issues, it would be worth it.

But I had a lot of fun with my game today, even though there were several games online with dumb people. And hopefully tomorrow will be good too.

## Day 5506 - 7/29

### Open door

Today the only thing of note was as I was leaving the library and things were closing, a few cars over from where I parked there was a fancy, but dirty, tesla with its driver side door wide open and no one around who looked like they were the owner. I waited a few minutes, but no one seemed to be making their way to or from the car. I closed the door and left a note that I did so. I didn't check if it had keys in it, but I did see a tablet like screen in the middle and a very different looking console than normal cars. Right before I left someone came over saying thanks. I guess the owners were maybe coming back and were close enough to see me putting the note on their car. I guess everything was fine.

I had a fun day other than that. Though again my eyes had gone blind. Weirdly it seems to only have happened very recently. Throughout the day I was checking distance and things looked normal. But now, again, everything past about 10 feet is a bit blurry. I'll try to remember to look into an appointment Monday.

But the day was ok, though the library was so cold I had to put extra stuff on again, but the day overall was ok.

## **Day 5507 - 7/30**

### **Need sunglasses**

Today for some reason I really need sunglasses. The outside light feels about twice as bright as normal and is very painful to my eyes, both in the morning and evening. The past few days my eyes have been extra sensitive, though overall my eyes are light sensitive, but I'm not sure what is up with that.

I had a super fun time playing my new game. I didn't play much online with strangers, because at this point people at max level are just farming for money or running around super fast and crazy looking for secrets. It's almost like no one is 'playing normally' anymore. Which is basically fine. I can just play by myself and not worry about strangers matching my style or not. It's a bit lonely, but that's better than them running off and feeling abandoned, lost, or in the case of one person being an ass and purposely shooting and killing me.

## **Day 5508 - 7/31**

### **Maybe no micro**

Today I don't know if I can micro or not. I forgot to check at the time I'm writing this, so I'll have to peek back online and see if this is the last week for summer classes, or if last week was the last.

Hopefully this will be my biggest issue today and nothing else bad happens. Hopefully I can have an overall restful day.

## **Day 5509 - 8/1**

### **Birthday month**

Today is the first day of my birthday month. It seems strange that it's August. It still feels like it's only March or April. I guess a lot of that has to do with it only really started staying warm about two weeks ago. Before that it was stupidly cold.

But hopefully today I will be warm enough, and restful, and have a good day.

## **Week 788**

### **Day 5510 - 8/2** **Cold day**

Today it was pretty cold. It was like 65F when the library opened. And though it was warmer inside, I wouldn't say it was a lot warmer. I still had all my layers on including a hoodie. And it's not just me, as several others had extra cloths on, and a teen at my table pulled out a blanket from her bag to wrap around her.

I had fun with my games. I wanted to watch stuff, but I had nothing to watch. But overall it was a pretty restful day.

### **Day 5511 - 8/3** **Sad DMV picture**

Today I am pretty sad about my new DMV picture. I got it a couple of days ago and it's been sad since. Compared to my previous one from five years ago I almost look like a different person. In the old I wasn't exactly tan, but I had some decent color to my skin for someone who is naturally very pale. My hair seemed ok, though still mostly balding, and my smile looked genuine and hopeful. With my new one I look very pale and sickly. My eyes look very swollen and there are great bags under them and a much more noticeable jowl. My hair looks disheveled, like some kind of crazy person.

I guess it mostly looks how I feel. It's also possible the last picture was from 10, or maybe even 15 years ago. I don't recall the last time they forced me to do a picture. If it was 10 years ago that would have been at the height of my being a T.A.; homeless still, sure, working only 10-20 hours a week, so I had 'ok' money for things, and I was around young (happy) people being helpful with fun projects. If it were 15 years ago that would have been a few months after I'd first become homeless, one of the roughest times for me, but possibly still within the time I was hopeful things could turn around quickly enough.



There isn't much to be done about it. I am how I am and little can be done to fix my health without change. 😞

Other than that the day was pretty good. I had fun with my new shooter, and a game I pre-bought in early access like 2 or 3 years ago. It's finally 'full release', so that is super fun to play as well.

## **Day 5512 - 8/4**

### **Upset system**

Today my body systems seem very upset about something. Since I got to the library I was going to the bathroom every 40-60 minutes. It seemed like everything was racing through me. I wonder if I might be sick or something. I don't really have any symptoms other than some congestion.

I guess today was ok. Nothing bad happened. I guess other than the body weirdness the day was pretty good.

## **Day 5513 - 8/5**

### **Feeling lonely**

Today I was feeling pretty sad and lonely. I had a good time with my games, especially the new shooter I spent most of the day playing. Though I just played solo instead of going online. People in online groups are being weird and dumb lately, so it doesn't feel worth going online, but it did make things feel a bit more lonely.

I guess overall today was pretty good though. I had as much fun as I could, and nothing bad happened, so there is at least that.

## **Day 5514 - 8/6**

### **Super hot**

Today it was super hot outside. I think I saw it showed it was over 90F. It's supposed to cool down again, so that is good. As always it was freezing inside the library. Nearly all day I was fully dressed, hoodie on. I only took it off in the very late afternoon when it started to get full and it was barely warm enough to do so.

I guess overall it was an ok day. It still felt a bit lonely, but I did stuff that I didn't want other people messing me up on, so it wasn't as lonely feeling.

## **Day 5515 - 8/7**

### **Sleeping in Monday, maybe**

Today I maybe get to sleep in. It will depend on what my body does. It's been sleeping very well lately, but still is getting up after only about 7 hours of sleep, and having a tough time getting to sleep. Hopefully I'll get a bit more sleep, as I'm super exhausted lately. And hopefully it won't be too hot.

## **Day 5516 - 8/8**

### **Hopefully more sleep**

Today I will hopefully be getting more sleep again. Outside of that, and hoping it isn't too hot, I really don't know what to expect for the day. During summers my days become one long loop of the same pattern. I probably should break the pattern with different things, but in so many ways I feel like it's pointless to do so. The things to improve myself with wouldn't be just for me. Like getting better at drawing is both for doing table top game art, and graphic design. But I neither have friends I play table top games with, nor a job in graphic design, so I feel like ultimately that would be wasted time.

I guess as always I live one day at a time. And I continue on and hope to make it to better days. At least to days where I don't feel like things I would do would be pointless.

## **Week 789**

### **Day 5517 - 8/9** **Still pretty hot**

Today it is still pretty hot outside. I think it got up in the mid 80s even though the weather said it was supposed to be cooler.

Not much to say for today. I am trying for something in my new shooter, so I played a bit too much because I wanted to spend more time in my new role playing game I've had early access in for a few years that's finally actually released. I guess last time I played it I was on my 17" and in the time since then my eyes have gotten older as the UI feels much too small now and I don't remember that being the case before. There is no way to zoom, so there are times I literally can't focus to read quick text in time

I guess the day was pretty good, though last night was pretty terrible since I didn't get to sleep until nearly 3.

### **Day 5518 - 8/10** **Upset tummy**

Today and actually for a few days I've had an upset tummy. I'm not sure what is going on. I think a couple of days ago I ate some bad chicken or something. I'll have to be gentle for a few days because right now it just doesn't feel like eating much.

I guess it was a pretty good day other than that. I played my games and had fun, but felt a little lonely. It was still hotter than expected outside, but it wasn't too bad. But I still hope things will get better someday.

## **Day 5519 - 8/11**

### **Cooler, sleepy**

Today things are much cooler. I am very extremely sleepy though. I don't know why, but I didn't fall asleep last night until sometime after probably 3. It was very sad. I wasn't uncomfortable, or too cold, or too hot. Maybe it's the thing with my tummy. It still feels a bit off, like it's upset all the time, but not in a grumbly kind of way.

Overall the day was pretty good, but I hope to get more sleep and feel better in the morning.

## **Day 5520 - 8/12**

### **Tired day**

Today I am pretty tired. I don't know if it has to do with my tummy weirdness or not. That is still going on. It may be from the salami I've been eating because it feels pretty acidic and greasy. Hopefully that stops soon. For sure I'm going to stop eating that though.

I got to sleep in today too. I fell asleep at a reasonable time. I may have gotten as much as 9 or maybe even 10 hours, so I'm not sure why I'm so tired feeling. But hopefully I can get more extra sleep tonight and feel better tomorrow.

## **Day 5521 - 8/13**

### **Pretty tired**

Today I am still pretty tired. I got average sleep in terms of hours, but didn't fall asleep until after 2.

I guess it was a pretty ok day. I felt a bit less like playing due to my tummy still being upset, as well as being very tired, and it was still pretty hot too. But things were ok other than that.

## **Day 5522 - 8/14**

### **Unknown Monday**

Today I don't know what to expect. I hope my tummy issues go away. It's not terrible, just been a low level kind of upset. But it's been going on for nearly a week, so it hasn't felt great. Mostly it makes me not feel like eating and puts my mood off, so I guess it's not the worst. But there have been a few times where I feel just a little like I might throw up. I may have to just eat crackers or bread for a day and avoid regular food and see if that helps.

## **Day 5523 - 8/15**

### **Hopefully ok Tuesday**

Today hopefully I will feel better and not have any real worries. Maybe I'll remember to check on the blood test stuff. It's still bugging me, and it would be great to see clearly all the time. I can't remember how many years it's been since I could, which is why I kind of doubt just taking pills will fix it. In general that's not been how my life goes.

I don't know what to expect for today, but hope things are ok.

## **Week 790**

### **Day 5524 - 8/16** **Way too hot**

Today it was way too hot. In the hot times my brain couldn't think. I think it's messing up my body too, as I've been very acidic in my tummy for a while now.

I guess in the not hot times my day was pretty regular. I played my games and watched shows and tried to have fun. I had a headache most of the day though, probably again due to the heat. I guess the time it cooled down was pretty short, because it feels just as hot, if not hotter now.

### **Day 5525 - 8/17** **Two hour rule**

Today I feel a bit better. I'm still pretty sleepy, but it wasn't too hot today. I read about this 'two hour rule' with cooked food being out. I wonder if that is maybe why I don't feel as good in the summer when I am eating more lunchmeat and pre-cooked food. I guess you aren't supposed to eat cooked things past 2 hours. On an average day I'll get my day's food at around 8, so even by lunch time it's nearing the 2 hours that it's not been refrigerated. So I guess I'll try to eat dinner sooner and keep food overnight less often. (Though I don't really keep things overnight during the summer.)

I guess it was a good day, but I hope things calm down more and my tummy continues to feel better.

### **Day 5526 - 8/18** **Feel maybe happy**

Today I am maybe feeling a bit happy. There was a time I was humming for no reason, which I haven't done in forever. I would guess it is mostly due to a lack of pain

more than anything else. I haven't mentioned it, but for a few days I've had some pretty extreme, almost crying levels, of tooth pain. Today, at least for the moment, that seems gone. So I think in the absence of pain my brain thinks I'm happy.

I guess overall the day was pretty good, and it cooled down a bit, though it was still in the early 80s. So things seem not as bad today.

## **Day 5527 - 8/19**

### **Tired**

Today I feel pretty tired. I think in part that is because the tooth pain is back a bit. I'm also a bit hungry. I guess I didn't have enough food. I have chips and crackers, so I can still have that to be less hungry.

I guess today was pretty ok, though I didn't feel much like playing. Maybe it was the pain or the tiredness. I still did play, but certainly not as much as I could have.

## **Day 5528 - 8/20**

### **Alone birthday**

Today felt a bit sad. I did get some b-day well wishes and a surprise gift, but other than that it felt pretty lonely. I didn't think I'd say that I would rather have had a bunch of people over for a party (if I had a house to do so), but maybe a something would have been nice, though I'm not sure what.

I was very tired, probably from not falling asleep until 2-3 last night. And my eyes were having one of their worst vision days, so I could barely see, so overall that may have made things feel sadder. I didn't feel like playing my regular games that I'd play, so I spent a good chunk playing something that I haven't played in 5 years. I don't know that I'd say I'd make a return, as there was an insane number of bots, and it didn't seem very fun because of it. Also, even though a couple of things were new, it mostly felt exactly the same as it did when I last played about 5 years ago. I'll play a bit more casually over



maybe the next week and decide. I may wind up just leaving it again for exactly the same reasons as I did back in the day.

The library was basically freezing, and it was decently warm outside, so I guess basically the usual weather for summer. My food didn't disagree with my tummy, so I guess that is something. But I wish I could get 4 more hours of sleep. And I wish I could see clearly.

## **Day 5529 - 8/21** **Hopefully a shower**

Today I will hopefully get a shower. Often in the past this is about when school tends to completely shut down and lockup for about a month. For sure I can't expect to micro, so if I can just shower that would be fine. I won't know for sure until I get there in the morning.

## **Day 5530 - 8/22** **Hopefully blood call**

Today I will hopefully put in my call for my blood check stuff. I only have a few chances a week, as I've assumed that if I miss pretty much right near opening time then I'll have to wait on hold forever, and with my 30 minute a month plan (before I have to pay extra) I'd like to avoid burning up extra time.

But hopefully today I'll have gotten ok sleep. Hopefully I won't be too hot or too cold or too hungry. And hopefully I can get progress towards maybe getting something to clear up my vision.

## Week 791

### Day 5531 - 8/23 Way too hot, again

Today it is way too hot, again. Of course the library was so cold I had to put on my hoodie, but the day started at 75F and got into the mid 90s. It's becoming early evening and I am in my car pouring sweat. I've actually sweat ruined what I'm wearing today, and I just got a chance to wash everything a week ago, so it was all nice and clean. 😞

I had a super fun time with my old shooter, as it has a new season that started Tuesday, so it's been super fun so far. And the drops are frequent enough that I don't feel like I'm wasting my time, so that is something.

Oh, there was my birthday on Sunday. I got some surprise game money, and some on Monday, so I was able to get two super fun birthday games pre-ordered. One is coming out in a few weeks, and the other is the next expansion for my old shooter, which doesn't come out until February, but that is all set up and I don't have to worry about it now. So that is super great as those were the only 2 games coming out that I wanted. There is also my MMO expansion which is usually April or June. But besides that everything else on my wish list are things I'm waiting to get on sale, so they aren't priority need things.

So I guess today and the past couple of days have been actually good, save for this returning extreme heat. Which is even extra weird after it was raining pretty hard for about 30 minutes yesterday. That doesn't happen here in summer.

### Day 5532 - 8/24 Very tired

Today I am very tired. I couldn't sleep until probably 3 last night, so again I'm running on very little sleep.

Really today was pretty normal save for the last hours. There was this lady, and I think she was the one this happened with before, who sat at my table and then constantly was clearing her throat and doing small coughs. I left a bit earlier than I had intended to and told her as I was packing up that she really shouldn't be in public if she is sick. And she was like, 'oh, it's just a little tickle in my throat.' And I was like, 'no, if that were true you'd take a cough drop and get it under control very easily,' which she wasn't doing. And I'm pretty sure she was the one I went through this with months ago, doing the exact same thing. It's like, lady if you have that for months it's not 'just a little tickle.' If she tries to sit at my table again I'll be like hell no go somewhere else.

Besides that lady I guess today was ok, though my eyes had the not focusing issue most of the day. But this time it was my up close vision, which hasn't happened before, and I couldn't read what was on my screen. I'm going to see about calling after I do this writing and maybe get an appointment. I did a quick check online and found a list of what my coverage should cover, so it should be fine save for the \$20 visit fee.

## **Day 5533 - 8/25**

### **Maybe over the counter**

Today I looked up some over the counter vitamins and found some for 50+ guys which specifically references 4 different vitamins that are supposedly helpful for vision issues. When I remember to get it I'll try taking that. I don't really expect to see change in less than probably 3 days, so I'll keep trying for maybe a couple of weeks before setting them aside (for when I'm sick and need boosting.)

The reason I'll try that is that my guess was right in that there are no appointments for 2 months. And since vision counts as something that should be done quickly, they refuse to set me up an appointment and say I have to visit the emergency room, where I guess they would immediately do blood work and an initial check. Though even if I did do that it could still be weeks to a month before I would apparently be able to see a doctor and get any kind of medication based on the results. So not only do I not want to spend what would likely be all day to get seen, but I would bet it wouldn't be covered by my free insurance. So I'll try the over the counter booster daily vitamins and see if that works.

Maybe in two Mondays from now if there is no change I'll visit the emergency room and see what they say it would be in estimated time and cost. (It's a holiday so everywhere I could pretty much be would be closed.)

Other than that I guess the day was pretty regular. I did set up classes for next quarter which starts in, I think, almost exactly a month. Both are online, so I can do them whenever. It would be a bit strange to hang out in the cafeteria with just online classes, but school is my best option on where to be for internet, bathroom, and microwave, not to mention showers in the morning if I want. But that is still probably a month away, which even in my unchanging homeless life can be a long time.

## **Day 5534 - 8/26**

### **Once a day**

Today I took the first once a day vitamin. I don't know that anything has noticeably changed, but I didn't expect to (literally) see any difference until probably 3-7 days, so I guess we'll hopefully see in the future.

Funny thing happened today too. The card game that I haven't played in probably a year started this new "standard" play format and banned something like 400 cards from use in that format. It's weird that I left due to things feeling quite stale, then in the same week I go back to the previous card game, I find that news. So, I re-downloaded and checked things out, and I'm not sure I'll return to my more recent one. My older game seems more fun, interesting, and easier to get in and play casually. I'll still continue to try the more recent one before fully deciding, but I expect I'll just stick with returning to the older one if I return to either.

Not much really for today other than that. I am super ridiculously tired.

## Day 5535 - 8/27

### Slight improvement

Today I would say I noticed a very slight improvement in my vision. There was no up close blindness, but with that only happening twice ever, and in the past few days, I can't say for sure if the two are related. But at no point did my distance vision seem noticeably bad. It's not great overall. It's not as clear as it was in my pre-35 days. But I don't know if that is due to my recent issues or if that is just a general weakening of my vision overall as I age. (Colors seem less vibrant, and overall things seem to have a constant slight blur.) My grandpa had either two or three eye surgeries before he passed, with the first probably when he was around 70, but I never knew what they were for.

I am a little more worried today though, as I watched a diabetes video and it mentioned a gradual vision loss caused by that which could become permanent. But it also said that adult onset can be reversed with diet and exercise, so that seems hopeful.

The thing is that I don't know if there is an issue with my eye parts not processing things correctly due to an absorption or conversion issue, or if it is an issue caused by something like diabetes. I could certainly try to greatly reduce my soda and try to at least do low impact exercise. But, I can't really get full control over either due to my sad life.

But as always I am trying what I can with the once a day pills. And in a bit we'll see if that helps. And maybe too I'll try to cut back on soda, though I'm not really at a heavy use point in my life. I probably have 3-4 on average in a 24 hour period. But I'll see if maybe I can reduce that to half. It's possible my age is altering what I can handle. Though the diabetes video mentioned when they test things it's over a three month average, so it may be much longer to see any results from that change compared to the pills.

## Day 5536 - 8/28

### Tired Monday

Today I expect I'll be pretty tired. I've continuously lost a lot of sleep lately. I don't know if school will be open for showering. Usually it closes for a month by now,

but last week it seemed more active than ever. It's possible the sports teams are getting ready extra early because they were shut down completely for the past few years.

As always all I can do is hope for the best.

## **Day 5537 - 8/29**

### **Nearly summer's end**

Today I am sad we are nearing summer's end. The time seems to have flown by. I originally thought I might do some drawing practice, I could see many warm days, and I would feel awake, alert, and maybe a bit at peace. Instead this summer has been mostly cold and gray, only really becoming warm in the last few weeks. I've been overly exhausted by a number of factors. And more than ever I've felt alone, tired, unwanted, and old. I know most of that is just my perception, but since I don't interact with others, especially younger people on campus like back when I was a T.A., there are no outside thoughts or opinions to change my mind. I do sometimes post stuff on a few social groups, but it's not really the same. And often times those posts just further validate that things seem to be what I think.

But I am not yet dead. I should still have, hopefully, 33 more years left, more if I am extremely lucky. Which is about 60% of all I've lived so far, so that will hopefully be quite a bit more left to live. But I worry about the quality. I am no longer young. And the older I get the further I get from being young, or around young people. And it seems everything I have valued or wanted in my life are tied to things for those who are younger. My happy memories all come from times before I was 30. (Which, I suppose technically over 20 is not so "young".) I fear while I may yet still have a lot of life left to live, I may just continue to be the outsider, the unwanted one, the alone one, never experiencing things for myself, always just an outsider looking in.

## Week 792

### Day 5538 - 8/30

#### Missing a lot of food money

Today I am fixated on where a lot of my food money went. Back during the apocalypse they bumped us up a bit and so it just kept piling up. I had somewhere around 850 last I checked a few months ago (with a high even higher than that), but at the start of this week I happened to check and it showed it was down at 350. So seemingly around 500 total just went poof over the past few months. Now, yes, that would be normal if there was no incoming money, but there should have been. I should have gotten just over 250 a month, which is what I'm used to spending, so my money should still be hovering around 650 and 850 depending how recently the incoming money was. So I don't know. My somehow not getting it for the past two months makes the most sense to me since my spending more than double or possibly even tripled my spending. I'd have noticed that. And even though the website only tracks one month, it's barely over what I normally would spend for the past 30 days. I expect it would be a few days before the person figures out what is going on and gets back to me. At my normal rate of spending I'll be fine to the end of September, but I do need to know if the extra is coming back or not.

I guess my day was pretty regular other than that. I did decide to try and experiment of not having sugar in the morning and seeing just how long it would be before my vision started to shift. I guess the experiment showed maybe my diet isn't related. I know one day isn't a good sample, but within 2 hours of getting up, only having a part of a bagel and some water, my vision was already starting to shift in the ways it had in days before. Though I would say my once a day pills do seem to be making a minor impact. The times my vision is more clear seems a bit more than before. I'll watch what happens and keep mental track as time goes on.

## **Day 5539 - 8/31**

### **Supposedly spent it**

Today I got word back from the benefits person. According to him he can see all the money things in my account and he says I have gotten my regular payments, and I have just used up that extra. I have to trust him, as I can only see the past month and don't see deposits. I still find it improbable that I've spent an extra 75-100% on food over the past 2-3 months. I mean, sure, I've had some extra fancy foods and some unusual desserts, but those are maybe \$15-20 a week, so where would the other \$15-30 a week in spending be? I don't get it, but it must be right since he can see all the things. Plus there isn't anything I can do if it's not right. I'll just have to be more mindful of what I spend.

The day went pretty quickly. I did mostly a different game, so that helped things feel a bit different. It was a pretty good day. I also got word from dad and got the card he sent late, so there is a little bit of money to spend on gas and stuff, so that's good.

## **Day 5540 - 9/1**

### **Like a lump in the tummy**

Today there isn't much to talk about other than my lunch and dinner food feels like a clay lump in my tummy. It's not great, but I know in a few hours it should clear up.

I'm pretty tired, though I did get to sleep quickly last night, so hopefully I can again tonight and maybe I can recover and be restful in the coming nights.

## **Day 5541 - 9/2**

### **Freezing**

Today was pretty freezing. Outside started in the mid 60s, and I don't think it would have gotten much warmer. It was extremely gray and cloudy all day, looking like it would start pouring rain at any minute. In the library it was even colder. I really don't



know why their temperature is so off. I was almost shivering and was wearing all my layers before noon.

I guess the day was pretty good other than that. I've been having fun in my new role playing game, but lately I've gotten some extremely frustrating parts in combat where I'm repeatedly getting wrecked or barely eking through. I may have to completely redo my character, which you can almost always do out of combat, or turn the difficulty down.

I guess Monday is a holiday, so tomorrow will be normal and then I will probably be freezing outside on the next day, so hopefully I hang on ok in the days to come.

## **Day 5542 - 9/3**

### **Still freezing**

Today I was still freezing in the library. I guess I should consider putting on at least some winter layers because this is ridiculous. I should not have pants, a shirt, a long sleeve shirt, my hoodie, and underwear, on and be shivering inside a library. That is just stupid cold.

My day was pretty good other than that. I tried to have a bit less soda and my eyes were still pretty bad most of the day. I doubt I can control it with diet because thinking about the fact that this has been around for years that means it's been peaking at its worst in times when I've had school, and thus was likely at an overall much lower level of sugar in my system due to being able to have micro foods. I know when I checked my favorite spaghetti a few days ago it showed almost no sugar. I don't know what lunchmeat has in comparison, but I'd guess it's much higher. Anyways, I am a bit sad today since seemingly nothing I seem to be able to control for seems to be helping. At least not in the short-term.

## **Day 5543 - 9/4**

### **Maybe hospital**

Today I may visit the emergency room to see if they can do the blood test stuff. I'm still extremely doubtful that it will be both affordable and something I can do in fewer

than half a dozen hours. I guess there is no real harm or loss in time if I try what with everywhere I'd want to be being closed. If it's bad news and I do just walk away, It's probably not much more than a day's worth of gas.

## **Day 5544 - 9/5**

### **Hopefully warmer Tuesday**

Today hopefully the weather will be turning back to warm from the low 70s and extremely rainy looking that it has been. And maybe there has been some kind of issue at the library and the temperature won't be freezing.

As always all I can do is move forward as best as I can, one day at a time.

## **Week 793**

### **Day 5545 - 9/6** **A short wait**

Today the weather is weird. It is still bouncing between looking and feeling like rain, and being hot. It can't make up its mind.

I am waiting a day or two for my test results. I don't know if the doc will call me to follow up or not. I think they are leaving that to whoever becomes my primary care person. I guess next week I'll see about calling to set that up. It probably won't be until mid October though, because the person said even after I do the emergency room visit to get the tests that would be a pretty long wait to see someone.

I guess now it's just a matter of various waiting for things to settle into place. Hopefully soon I can maybe get a real lead on what is going on and get meds to fix it.

### **Day 5546 - 9/7** **Sleepy**

Today I'm pretty sleepy and hungry, though I did get extra sleep. I didn't quite get to play what I wanted as much as I wanted due to 'daily' type things in games, but that's ok. It will even out over time. And it is one of the very rare times I have so many fun things I'm actually feeling kind of happy overall.

### **Day 5547 - 9/8** **Rough sleep, good day**

Today I am feeling pretty tired. For some reason I couldn't sleep until around 2. Things felt rough. I slept ok when I finally did get to sleep though. And today I've been able to play more of the things I wanted and spent less time on 'daily' things that felt

required. My tummy is a bit off as I've had food I got yesterday, so that is not great, but overall things should be fine and maybe tomorrow will be an even better day.

## **Day 5548 - 9/9**

### **Water**

Today I was pretty good and drank a lot of water and a minimal amount of soda. I lost some sleep though, so I'm very sleepy and extra hungry.

I guess overall it was a pretty good day. My dailies I feel like I need to do didn't take too much time away from my other games, so that seemed happy. My eyes were having one of the most blurry days ever though, so hopefully next week I can call the various people to get that appointment set up.

## **Day 5549 - 9/10**

### **Extra cloths, extra hungry**

Today I wore extra cloths because I'm tired of freezing in the library. It's stupid how cold it is in there. Outside was moderate, not too hot, not too cold. I think, sadly, I may lose my nice warm weather soon. It always goes away too quickly.

I was also very hungry today for some reason. It may be because the chicken I got at the food store wasn't that great, so I didn't eat as much as I could have. I spent a bit of money getting more food. I'm ok on that for now, so I'd rather get my tummy more and better food if it's craving things, especially if those are things my eyes need to see. I'm still completely blind again today. Hopefully next week stuff can be set up to get helped soon.

**Day 5550 - 9/11**  
**Unknown Monday**

Today I don't know what to expect. The school hasn't yet closed, and with this and next week left that it would normally be closed it seems like it's not going to be. So I expect I'll get a shower and then have a normal day at the library.

**Day 5551 - 9/12**  
**Unknown Tuesday**

Today I don't know what to expect. Hopefully I can be calm and restful. Hopefully I can see better. Hopefully I can play and have some fun.

## Week 794

### Day 5552 - 9/13 Appointment months from now

Today I burnt out all of my phone time talking to someone about getting my appointment set up. I guess the last person who told me to go to the emergency room for the first step, then I'd get priority, was wrong. This new person said the soonest I could be seen would be in December. (By someone with a name that sounds like 'butt shoe', which is hilarious.) Which is totally ridiculous, but apparently I have no choice. The nice hospital I was at for the emergency room visit could be my primary care people, but they have some rule that you can only change to them if you are a member, or someone in your immediate family is a member. If that were the case why would I be on the free coverage? I'd already have their coverage. It doesn't make sense. Well, I have no control and my only possibility to change it is to repeatedly call back and see if anything opened up. And since the call took more than 30 minutes, I really don't know if I'd subject myself to that even if I had unlimited time.

Surprisingly I checked the food store's pharmacy to see if they had my old prescription from like 5 years ago and they did. Not only did they have it, but I apparently correctly remembered 2 of the 3 names. So now I have my old medication and dosage noted as maybe a starting point for the new ones. It's sad I can't somehow just get my old medications and see if they work, or at least help.

I guess overall today was pretty good, but a bit disappointing in it's going to be 3 months before I even have a chance to see someone and get meds and investigate what might be going on.

### Day 5553 - 9/14 Heart feels bad

Today I had an ok time, but overall I feel kind of sad. Lately my heart has been feeling bad, likely due to the bad blood pressure. Though I have had less soda for about a

week, sometimes half, and fewer doughnut in the morning, so that should be slightly better.

Mostly I am sad that there are going to take so long to see me. Maybe the new person I talked to didn't understand my issue, or is just a stickler for rules and my being a new patient and put me at the back of the queue. I wish I could have changed to the other hospital. They kept saying they were full, but everyone there seemed to actually care about getting me help as soon as they could. At least with all these calls I did find out that I can apparently go to any emergency room, so I'd be surprised if I got a bill that was more than something like \$100 for the visit. There hasn't been any bill yet, and it's been more than a week, plenty of time for a bill to have already shown up.

I guess things are what they are, and as usual the majority of things are out of my control and I just have to try and let them go.

## **Day 5554 - 9/15**

### **Bad food, good food**

Today was ok. I got some food from the food store that was kind of the worst. I really should never get their chicken strips. They are always bad. I've actually complained before, they got slightly better, but now they are always bad again. They have been ripping through me and upsetting my tummy today. I threw out what I otherwise would have had for dinner and instead got something else.

My heart felt a bit bad again today. That likely won't change until my blood pressure goes down or I get on meds. I wish it were sooner, but I guess that is my fault for not checking the costs when someone told me I wasn't covered for it. Hopefully it ends ok, and I can be much better soon.

## **Day 5555 - 9/16**

### **Extra wobbly**

Today my right eye blind spot has been extra bad. It's still wobbly in that it sometimes is more or less bad, like my blurry vision can be more or less bad, so I wonder if maybe it's slowness to heal is related to the bad blood pressure. I'm sure the months will pass quickly enough, but maybe once every few weeks I'll check if there is a sooner appointment I can get.

## **Day 5556 - 9/17**

### **Casual**

Today feels pretty casual is the only way I can think to describe it. I'm playing kind of whatever with no real organization or set times or tasks like I normally would. Nothing feels important to worry about. Things still don't feel great, and I do worry, but they aren't new issues and I can't really make them get better any faster.

## **Day 5557 - 9/18**

### **Last week**

Today starts the last week of my full time at the library time. I will miss the quiet, at the school cafeteria can get quite loud, but the trade off of being able to micro or eat whatever food is good. They did change the rules (at the library) so you can 'have a snack', but it still feels weird to set up something like a sandwich and chips.

The one class I have for sure is online, and I have another I'm on the wait list for, so really I could just go to the library or wherever, but school is the best place to be. (And has their own library and other quiet areas if things get to be too much.)



## **Day 5558 - 9/19**

### **Hopefully calm Tuesday**

Today will hopefully be calm. Hopefully the library won't be too cold, because it's still stupid cold in there lately. I guess if it's hot outside it could be nice, but I'd be surprised if it were over 65F. I'm wearing winter layers of clothing including my hoodie, which is just stupid I have to be fully dressed for winter inside when it's summer outside.

But hopefully the weather, and the library, will be reasonable temperatures.

## Week 795

### Day 5559 - 9/20 Cute girl

Today my brain has been thinking of a cute girl I have seen lately at a shop I go to on Tuesdays. I could go on and on about why I have a crush, but I won't. 😊 The short reason is she is certainly too young, and while she hasn't been unfriendly towards my light flirting I would be extremely surprised if she were ever actually interested. Besides, with no home and everything in storage I really don't have much to offer. 😞

My eyes have been very bad today. 😞 Early in the day my heart felt bad too. 😞 I'm getting a bit worse overall I think. It's odd because I'm drinking half the sodas and often not having a doughnut in the morning, so you'd think if too much sugar were related I would be getting better, not worse. Well, I guess all I can do is keep monitoring things. And once school is fully open again next week I can go back to micro foods half the week, so that should help.

### Day 5560 - 9/21 Worse and better

Today I started out feeling a bit worse, with my heart feeling bad, but as the day went on I was feeling better, better even than other days lately. Things seemed not very stressful, and my vision held, so probably it is related to overall blood pressure.

I had fun playing my games and watching some shows, and overall tried my best to hang on.

## **Day 5561 - 9/22**

### **Another gone**

Today I got news of another person who I've known for about 35 years has passed. There isn't any info on why, and it seems strange since in the past few years he's posted very frequently on the social page (sometimes 10 times a day or more.) He was always overly thin, so it's possible there was some kind of medical issue I didn't know about. I'm sad he's gone, but we were as never as close as I'd have liked. (I suppose a common theme.) I was briefly roomies with him when we first met, and I'll admit back then I was very 'stand-off-ish' and didn't want people close, so maybe that always affected our relationship. But in the time since I probably only saw him maybe two dozen times total over the years, and several of those times invited him to do stuff. He was always super popular and knew lots of people, so it makes sense he was busy with people in his more immediate circle.

But it was a pretty good day other than that. I guess as good as it could be. But with the news of now a second person who knew me being gone I worry about my own health. And I wonder, even though we didn't interact much, are parts of me disappearing with them.

## **Day 5562 - 9/23**

### **Ok day**

Today was an ok day. Nothing really special or interesting happened, though the internet did drop around noon. I didn't even notice at first because I was playing offline then, so it didn't really matter. As always the day could have been better, but I suppose it wasn't the worst.

## **Day 5563 - 9/24**

### **Still down**

Today the library internet has still been down. I'm actually writing this much earlier than normal. I've had a pretty bad headache and been sneezy lately. I maybe have a cold or allergies again. With no internet the day could have been a lot better.

## **Day 5564 - 9/25**

### **A bit of school again**

Today is the start of another quarter of taking classes and hiding from needing to pay back financial aid loans. I expect it will be pretty loud in the cafeteria, but I can shower in the morning, get micro foods for the day, and most certainly have internet again. I don't know how much class stuff I'll have though, as this is the first day of the first week. And I may wind up with just the one class instead of two. I never got confirmation I was moved from the wait list to actually in the second class, so I'll have to wait and see on that one.

## **Day 5565 - 9/26**

### **School Tuesday**

Today all I know is I'll have another day on campus. Hopefully things will be ok and don't feel too awkward (being in the cafeteria all the time with only online class stuff, and what with being older.) Hopefully I can have good micro foods, internet, and be calm and restful since my overall health seems basically at an all time low. Hopefully I can continue to hang on until better days.

## Week 796

### Day 5566 - 9/27 Starving

Today I am trying to solve the mystery of why I feel like I'm starving. In calories, just food for today I'd guess I've eaten about 900 calories, which is probably average for days I can micro food. I don't know how many calories the lunch meat I usually get when I can't is, but I would guess it's much less. But ever since school started this week I feel like I've eaten 75-50% of the food I've actually eaten. Most of the time I've felt like I'm starving.

In the past I'd just be fine with it and get an extra micro food to eat until the feeling goes away. Usually I don't need to do that more than a couple of days during a week to feel caught up again. But on Monday I discovered part of the possible reason for the disappearance of so much of my saved food money. The average micro meal I get seems to have gone up from about 4 to about 6 when not on sale, and 3.5-4 on sale. So if I got 2 of those that would easily put me very close to, or over, my food budget for the day. (Snacks, desserts, and soda not counted.) Today I was very careful to find the super cheap 2.50 food, and find a normal food on sale for about 3.50, so I was ok, but I'll have to be very careful to check prices to be sure I stay closer to the daily budget.

But it seems really confusing to me. So far this week I've eaten my normal amount of micro food and I've felt like I'm starving. I am having less soda, averaging around 2 a day (and then one at night) compared to the 3-4 I used to have during the day, so maybe that's part of it? I'd heard it can be an appetite suppressant, but in my case it feels more like a lot of hunger due to missing calories.

All I can do is try to watch my budget, and hope the hunger goes away, or I find small windows of 'extra money' to get extra food and not feel so hungry.

## Day 5567 - 9/28

### Closing early

Today it seems for sure the food area I hang out in is closing way earlier than it used to. Back before the apocalypse the food cooking area would be open until between 7-8 (closing at 8, but they stopped cooking various things during that last hour), and the seating area would be open until about as late as 10. I guess they finally got rid of evening classes and so justify closing earlier because no one is around. The food cooking stops at around 4:30 now and they are bouncing people out at 6. It's fine really, as that's around when I'd normally leave, but it still seems such a massive change in the number of people and connectivity between students since they moved things online during the apocalypse. I don't know that school will ever go back to the way it was at the rate it's going.

I wasn't quite as hungry as yesterday, but it was still hungrier than I should have been. I got super cheap hot dogs to have ready for tomorrow and Saturday. It's crazy how the prices have changed. The healthier ones I used to get that are all beef used to be around 6-7, and now they are up to 7-9 (depending on the brand). Which is just absurd compared to the chicken and pork kinds that are only around 5. Which even 5 is higher than they used to be. There's no way I'd be comfortable paying like 9 for the healthier ones I used to get when they used to be about 6. That's just way too much, even more so compared to the non-all beef prices. I don't know how or why they were so cheap, but the ones I got were like 2.50. They don't taste terrible and certainly have more than 30% of the taste of the most expensive ones. I'd say they taste 70% as good (ignoring that they aren't all beef.) They probably are pretty terrible health wise, but I have to be very careful with my food money.

All in all today was ok, but as usual I was mostly blind. There was the blood pressure machine on the way out since I went a different way, and I'm still in the middle of the hypertension 2 category, so that is really bad.

## **Day 5568 - 9/29**

### **Gray**

Today has had gray skies. I guess in bad news the Internet at the library where I usually sit today was down again. The good news though is a guy who is there all the time said he complained, and they are finally in the process of changing over to Wi-Fi 6, which being blocks from Apple I guessed they would have done that years ago since so many patrons would be high-tech and expect it. I didn't see any workers or signs of changing the connection points, so I don't know how long it will be, but hopefully these periods of no connection stops soon.

The day got, and stayed, very gray after about 11. I don't think it actually rained at any point today, but it did a few days ago. I guess we are maybe heading towards rainy times.

Outside of the Internet being down all day at the library, I guess my day was ok. I have three different games I can play offline that are basically new (one is an expansion for an old game), so really it was basically fine.

## **Day 5569 - 9/30**

### **Alive again**

Today was better. At around 1 the Internet got itself back up. I had a pretty normal weekend day in general, as I did what I normally would have, just in a different order. It was still stupidly cold there. I don't get it. It constantly feels like it's 68F there or lower.

## **Day 5570 - 10/1**

### **Tired**

Today I am a bit tired. I didn't sleep as much as I could have. I did sleep really good though, so I guess maybe my body felt it didn't need more?

I had fun with my games today. Things were pretty normal. Though my tummy feels a bit off and more acidic than normal, so that doesn't feel great.

## **Day 5571 - 10/2**

### **Maybe just the one class**

Today is the start of the second school quarter week. The one class I have seems pretty easy. I did all of last week's stuff in about 2 hours I think. I don't expect it will be so quick this week, but we'll see.

I haven't heard anything about adding the second class, which is the one I really wanted. I guess if I don't hear back by the end of the week it probably isn't going to happen. (I'm 2nd on the wait list.) While I think you can still add after that, catching up might be stressful. Plus it seems unlikely if people haven't dropped by the end of this week they probably aren't going to.

## **Day 5572 - 10/3**

### **Hopefully cutie**

Today hopefully I'll see the cutie at the store. I didn't go last week, so obviously I didn't see her then. I made an excuse to go Saturday, but she wasn't there. I still doubt she'd ever be interested, but it's nice to feel like I could still find someone, that I'm not too old to feel like I could fall in love again, and maybe someday I could still meet someone.

I don't know what to expect at school. I probably will have finished my class stuff, so I will probably just try to be calm and restful.

It may be raining. It's been sprinkling a bit lately, with threats of more serious rain.

Whatever happens, hopefully I can continue to hang on until better days. With news of two people I used to know around my age passing lately, and well known stars passing around my age, it makes me worry.



## **Week 797**

### **Day 5573 - 10/4** **Catch up**

Today I have become in a bit of a panic because I got the add for the second class. (The one I wanted more.) So I have a thing to do that will probably be about an hour, but then there is a bigger one I'll have to rush tomorrow and maybe Monday that could be several hours. It should be fine though, as it's an online class too, so I can do both basically whenever I want. I'll probably try to focus on doing them just Monday and Tuesday, but we'll see.

No visit with the cutie yesterday, so that was sad. I did decide to get a bit of extra food today to try and catch up. There was a window of maybe 3 hours where I could see really well after that. (Starting maybe 2 hours after eating.) But now in the evening that period seems to be over and things are going back to blurry. That seems strange though, as again eating until I was fully, almost too fully, seemed to balance out whatever my body is missing for clear sight. I don't know if eating a lot lowers blood pressure. I'd have guessed it would be reversed, since things are getting more full.

I don't know, all I have to do is try to hang on for 2 more months until my appointment and hope it can be sorted easily. I really think a lot of things like my brain haze, confusion, and sleepiness, are all side effects of my brain being effectively under stimulated since everything is behind a blurry haze. It feels like the logic is, 'if I can't see it, I can't focus and understand it, therefore I'll shut down higher functions.'

### **Day 5574 - 10/5** **Wrong pen**

Today I was going to work on my artsy class project, but apparently I have the wrong pen. I thought the only ones I used were 05 sized rating, but I guess the one I have with me is 01, which is super thin. It's great for working on smaller things, like regular paper sized, but the piece we are doing is 14x17, so that would be much too thin. I'm sure

I have one in storage. It's just sad to have a sad life and needing to go back and look around instead of just grabbing it. I suppose that is my fault though. Basically everything I could need is in my art shoulder bag, and I just brought with me the most minimal things I'd need, without verifying what I'd need in advance.

It feels like a pretty good day though. I had two smaller artsy things I had to do to catch up, which together took maybe 1.5 hours. Though neither were amazing, they were just for practice / warm up things and they were actually pretty fun. I should probably do way more artsy things because they are fun, but I would want to do things for (pen and paper) games I'm in, for myself or others, so not having 'a game' right now it feels like I would just be wasting time with it, which would spoil the fun of it.

## Day 5575 - 10/6 Indeed upgraded

Today was a pretty good day. It seemed to move super fast, but that likely is because I spent about 1.5 hours doing a lot of work on a project.

It seems the library did indeed upgrade the system. Though it's odd because the routers look the same. I suppose it could be the same company and they just used the same design. But the connection on the laptop I.D. showed Wi-Fi 6, and in a single quick speed test it peaked at around 140 mbps (both up and down) which is super quick. The old connection would average about 10% of that and even when it peaked it would only be about half of that speed. So hopefully the issue of dropping and being dead for days or weeks won't be repeated.

I had very terrible nightmares though. 😨 I don't remember what it was now, but one of my dreams terrified me to my core. 😨 I woke up with my heart racing, and beating so strongly I could feel how big it was, and the different chambers rhythmically switching beats. Most times it feels pretty small, and I don't really feel much beating, and certainly not in the two opposite corners.

Overall the day was pretty good and restful. My tummy didn't feel great from the hot dogs, but for the moment we had a brief window of very nice warm weather, which is extra nice.

## Day 5576 - 10/7

### Another crumbles

Today was pretty sad, but in a way expected. Another tooth that was very corrupt crumbled today. 😞 It was when I was eating, and I almost completely lost my appetite when it happened. 😞 It was very sad, but it was on the side and back, so important for eating, but not one that's very visible to others. But still, it is yet another loss I am never going to get back. 😞

I guess the day was ok other than that. I was warm enough inside and didn't need my hoodie. And things were pretty restful and quiet. There was one guy hacking very loudly for a bit, but they weren't near me.

But I had fun with my games. I finished something for school. And hopefully I can feel better soon, and continue to hang on to what I have left.

## Day 5577 - 10/8

### Still went out

Today is a bit disappointing. Right when I was doing something important with my shooter, because it is on a daily rotation that only comes up every other week, the internet went out. So even though it was upgraded, apparently it can still drop and go to crap. (So maybe the routers were somehow compatible with the new format and are the old ones.) It dropped around 1, and for the rest of the day I had no Internet. It wasn't a huge deal I suppose, as I could still play offline and didn't have anything else I really needed to do online. But it's very annoying because I'll think of things I want to look up, or things like messages I should send, but can't.

I guess overall the day was ok though. I felt a bit weird where my lost tooth is. I'm still not used to feeling it gone. Though there are others that have been gone for years I am still not used to, so I guess that shouldn't surprise me.

## **Day 5578 - 10/9**

### **Maybe outside**

Today I may be outside. The school website doesn't show that school will be closed, but I guess banks and the library will be. Usually on those kind of holidays school closes too. I'll buy soups just in case school is closed. That way I won't lose food if I can't use the micro.

I expect if things are open I'll check my class stuff and do my history class stuff. I'll probably do whatever art stuff there is on Tuesday and Wednesdays. I may do no school stuff though if things are closed. I guess we'll see as it happens.

## **Day 5579 - 10/10**

### **Maybe tired Tuesday**

Today I don't know what to expect, though I may be very tired. Lately I've been pretty tired overall. The weather has been bouncing up and down, so I don't know if that's affecting my sleep or not. Hopefully though today will be a good day.

## **Week 798**

### **Day 5580 - 10/11** **Super sick**

Today I am super sick. I think the people at the library on the weekend who were coughing gave me their cold. I am super congested in my lungs, and it's scratchy. I've been wheezing, though not too much, and I suppose that has been happening for a week. And yesterday and Monday I've been sneezing a lot. It's less now, so maybe I'm recovering quickly.

No cutie yesterday. Apparently she changed shifts, so it will be up to Fate if I ever see her again. Being much too young for me, and no real way to offer anything, there is no point in trying to try to find her.

I got sent a message from my health care people for the first time ever yesterday. I guess there is now an online place to check your appointments, test results, history, and other stuff. There was a place to message the doctor, so I sent a message explaining my condition and how the appointment person said to go to the hospital and all that stuff. I highly doubt they would ever have a chance to respond. Nor do they probably have any way to make it sooner, but I guess we'll see.

Being pretty sick today I didn't play as much as usual. I played maybe half. The rest of the time I sat and watched nothing videos and tried to be restful. I guess it wasn't the worst, but hopefully I get better soon.

### **Day 5581 - 10/12** **Oddly empty**

Today the cafeteria was oddly empty most of the day. There were only maybe half the normal people there and there was no 11-1 lunch crowd at all. Normally it gets about 85% or more full at that time. Suddenly at 1 when it normally starts to empty a bunch of people showed up, but it was probably only about 40% of normal capacity at that time. I do recall Thursday morning and evening seemed more empty than other days, and this

being the third week people would have settled into classes, so maybe that is just how it will be on Thursdays.

I am feeling a bit better. I've only sneezed about half a dozen times each. And while my lungs feel a bit congested still there is more of an odd dry scratchy sort of feeling. I don't know if that's the decongestants or just how things are clearing. If I had a humidifier that feels like it would help.

Overall I guess today was ok. Though I don't really feel like playing as much as normal, so I probably only did about 60-70% of my normal play.

## **Day 5582 - 10/13**

### **Confusing weather**

Today the weather seems very confusing. I think it rained for a little bit. It has been getting colder, which isn't confusing as we are heading into winter. But what is confusing is the weather shows it's supposed to be as high as 80F in the coming days, starting Sunday. It makes no sense.

I am feeling better from my cold. Not completely, but I sneezed only a few times, and didn't cough very much. My lungs also don't have the weird dry sandpaper kind of feeling. They are just normal regular congested feeling.

I did happily hear back from the doctor. She set up an 'after emergency room consultation' which is a 15 minute appointment for three Mondays from now. So hopefully in just a hair over two weeks I'll be able to be back on meds and get my blood pressure back down so I don't have to worry quite so much about literally being scared to death (or some other sudden cause of instant death like too much overall stress from sudden forced change), and hopefully my vision can go back to regular. I will guess it will probably take 1-2 months to even out though. I doubt I'd see a change in as little as a couple of weeks. Finally it seems someone cares and I will soon be back on my way to getting better. And hopefully with that other aspects of my life can at least feel better too.

## Day 5583 - 10/14

### Cold and broken

Today was not great. I had fun with some games, but then wanted to just watch some stuff. The show I wanted to watch repeatedly failed to play. And the library was freezing cold at that point. It seems the connection can still get broken because it was being very slow overall and kept having micro disconnections that interrupted things. So I just gave up and left the library 45 minutes earlier than normal.

Outside wasn't very warm either. It's supposed to get up to 80F soon, but I don't see how. I'd guess it was barely over 70F, so I was still pretty cold.

Overall not a great day, but I suppose it could have been worse.

## Day 5584 - 10/15

### Still congested

Today I feel a bit better .My lungs still have yucky congestion, so that is bad. I'm doing tiny coughs a few times an hour, so that seems bad. But I don't know, overall I guess emotionally in terms of things I feel better overall? Maybe a little bit happy?

But that could be because I slept good. I guess I had nice dreams. I dreamt I was in a log cabin type home? Which was on a fantasy renaissance kind of park area, which was also a mini-golf course that I owned? It made me happy to have a home, and also a thing I ran that was fun.

I guess today at the library was ok. As usual though most of the day it was freezing. The connection was better though. I could watch shows without issues, so that was nice. Overall though I felt mixed; both a little bit happy, but sad because I am so very worried about my terrible health. My heart feels so bad a lot of the time lately. And with my collapsing vision and running out of breath so easily, I worry more and more my heart won't be able to hang on, or I'll die from some other general very poor health issue. Everything feels so bad and fragile and on the verge of failing lately. Hopefully the appointment in two weeks will get me some medicine that can help, but I still worry it will only be able to a little.

## **Day 5585 - 10/16**

### **Hopefully warmer**

Today hopefully will be warmer. Not just because I will not be at the library, but because it's supposed to be nearing 80F. Which I'm still not sure I believe, as it hasn't been probably much over the low to mid 70s, and I think two days ago it rained for a little while. But hopefully I can continue to hang on.

## **Day 5586 - 10/17**

### **Unknown Tuesday**

Today I have no idea what to expect. I have a medium sized thing I have to do for my art class, so I'll probably do some work on that. But I have no idea what to expect overall.



## Week 799

### Day 5587 - 10/18 Suddenly hot

Today I guess the weather app was right. It has rapidly spiked in temperature. According to the weather app it peaked at 88F. I guess it will disappear as quickly as it came, because by Sunday it's supposed to be back to barely reaching 70F.

My health in general feels just about the worst ever. 😞 My heart feels congested, weak, surrounded by yuck, and in general bad feeling nearly all the time. Beats are so quiet I almost can't feel them at all. 😞 Unless I'm scared, which again things have changed a bit lately, so at random times during the day or night my heart can start racing and I become panic attack feeling. 😞 Then after I calm down, which can take hours, I can still sometimes feel shaky. My blood pressure is very terrible I'm sure, which makes me feel terrible overall.

A super fun game expansion I got lately made me very sad with a new ending. During the game your character gets super powerful. They are kind of a superhero in ways, but they are doing jobs on the street and get very powerful and famous. In the new ending all of that is lost. They are effectively completely stripped of everything, and now are weaker than a normal person. Being in a coma for 2 years most of the people you met and interacted with have moved on. Some blame you for things going badly, in some cases falling very low, as your character was 'their light'. It has a very 'ravaged by cancer and could die at any second even after a successful surgery,' feel to it. It hit me very hard because in a lot of ways that's how I feel now (with my health being so bad.) I don't really know if I will make it to a recovery. All I know is how bad, fragile, and low I feel at this moment. And how even though death follows me everywhere, there is little to nothing more I can do to help my recovery.

## Day 5588 - 10/19

### Play day

Today was really just a play day. I did check in on an assignment, but I have to wait for others to do it to respond. I know it's not true, but it feels like it's been weeks since I had a time where I could just play all day.

I was, and still am, extremely hungry today. I was so hungry I went to get an extra food snack from the cafeteria at 4. It was like 95% shut down. I was like 'wait what? Don't you close at like 5?' Apparently they shut down part at like 2:30 and another part at like 3:30, and after that it's just whatever is left over and the salad area. That seems really dumb. I guess it shouldn't surprise me though with effectively removing all night classes.

I did notice I could see better just for a bit after eating. Looking it up eating does reduce blood pressure. So that is a very hopeful sign my vision should eventually clear up once I'm on meds. How much, and how much will it help my other health issues? I guess only time will tell. And that might be a much longer process.

## Day 5589 - 10/20

### Quick day, sick day

Today felt like it passed pretty quickly. I remember early lunch time, lunch time, afternoon, late afternoon, but I guess it all seemed to pass quicker than it should have.

The connection was being super dumb. I got dropped a dozen or more times during the day, and probably lost a full hour it was completely dead. It's ridiculous that after more than 5 years they finally upgraded the system and it still does that, for seemingly no reason and the connection just goes to garbage.

I felt pretty bad and sickly too. Not more congested, but certainly still congested. And overall I felt weak and bad, and very irritable in mood. I had a bad acidic congested feeling too. Maybe not around my heart, because it felt more central in my chest, so probably the upper tummy area. But my heart did still feel very bad and weak. 😞

## **Day 5590 - 10/21**

### **Glitched connection**

Today the library still had a glitchy connection. It probably disconnected me a dozen times in the first 45 minutes, so I just gave up playing what I was playing. I played a different game after that, which wasn't quite as bad, but it still wasn't great, very frequent rubber banding and several disconnections.

I still feel pretty terrible in overall health. My parts are even starting to fall asleep very easily, so my blood pressure is likely getting worse. My tummy feels super acidic too, even though I had shredded chicken and bread for food today. I've peed a ton too, so maybe my allergies or cold are worse, I don't know. But all I can do is try to continue on until better days.

## **Day 5591 - 10/22**

### **Better day**

Today was a better day. The garbage connection was either reset, or fixed itself, as its speed of 8-12 mbps yesterday is at an all time high of 250 mbps today. So I had no problems playing or doing what I wanted.

My tummy was pretty easily upset today. I don't know if it's because of this cold or allergies I'm having or if it's something else. But it wanted less soda than normal, which did help things feel calmer. But my lungs felt much more congested, though I'm barely coughing or sneezing at all. I think it was just a few times all day, so maybe I'm finally starting to get better.

## **Day 5592 - 10/23**

### **Schoolie Monday**

Today I don't know what to expect, but I usually get all my animation history class stuff done on Monday. I expect I'll do all more most of that, then just try to be generally

as restful and calm as I can be. My health has felt so very bad lately, especially around my heart. 😞

## **Day 5593 - 10/24**

### **Pastel Tuesday**

Today I may start work on an artsy project that has to do with pastel chalks. The assignment wasn't visible before, so I just saw the title. I haven't really done anything with chalk, so hopefully it will be fun and different.

Hopefully I can hang on and get over whatever is congesting me lately. And hopefully the day can be calm and restful and maybe I can feel a bit better overall.

## Week 800

### Day 5594 - 10/25 Sad day

Today feels pretty sad. My tummy is all upset, I think from lunch, but I also have some migraine headache pain, my eyes hurt, various parts of me are falling asleep quickly, and I'm still pretty heavily congested.

I'm pretty sad about my current art project too. I did a non coloring part, so just pencil and getting it ready, and that has made me pretty sad. It's a self portrait, and I suppose the picture I did is what makes me most sad. I did a 'neutral' pose, so not smiling, not wearing a hat, a flat static angle. It is, I suppose, an honest picture. But I see someone who is old, tired, and very sad. Since finishing that part of the art, while I feel these things almost all the time, these feelings feel greatly intensified. I suppose I'll work on the picture the most Friday, and probably some Saturday if it takes a long time, and after that move on to the next thing. But right now it seems to have just greatly intensified all the negative feelings about myself, how I'm feeling physically, and how I feel very unhopeful for my future. 😞

If I can finish before Monday that would be great. It's not due until the week after, but that would be when I get my meds. And hopefully after that pretty quickly I will hopefully see better. And I think with that my mood should lift a bit. I think a lot of my sads are because my brain says, 'well, if I can't see I can't act accurately or quickly, so I will move slowly and just wait.' And so I think the visual fog is creating an emotional fog, which creates a lot of mental / cognitive fog, which just affects everything I do. So hopefully the meds will help clear things and I can have an easier time moving forward at least from my sad self perception even if moving forward to physical health takes longer.

## Day 5595 - 10/26

### Still sad and bad

Today I still feel pretty sad and bad. Mostly my back seems to be hurting. Kind of near my kidneys, which worries me, but it's really on the surface where the muscle layer is. I think it's just yet another symptom of my very poor health, as all of my arm and leg parts have been falling asleep quite easily lately. It's also easy enough to just move a bit and fix it quickly, but I never used to have this much pain and falling asleep parts even just a few years ago.

I guess overall things have been ok. No migraine, though that may have been in part due to a lack of caffeine. I am again testing having less brown soda since my tummy is so upset lately, and that is one of the most common things I have, particularly since it was the thing most rejected during the tummy pain time.

I guess I made it through the day ok though. And I am hopeful the meds next week can start to alleviate some of my issues and fears.

## Day 5596 - 10/27

### Freezing / Stupid trunk

Today the library was ridiculously freezing. Not only did I have my hoodie on all day, but since it's been getting cold overall I also put on my long underwear pants and put on a second t-shirt, so I have most of my winter layers on and I was still almost cold to the point of grinding my teeth.

Today went pretty quickly though. I had an important show to watch which lasted until early afternoon and I had my art project to do, so the day passed quickly. The art project doesn't make me feel as bad and sad now though because it is hilariously bad. It's like I have zero fine control of the chinks, so it's all blurry and blobby. I guess it's not as bad as I originally felt when I did it, because it's kind of an impressionistic look, but it certainly does not look like a fine, controlled, or accurately done piece. I'll probably have to watch some videos or wait for a response from the professor to know what I may be doing 'wrong'.

I'm very stressed lately. My back has been killing me. I think maybe deep down I am worried about all the 'what if's of if my medicine doesn't help. What if I can't see better? What if my blood pressure stays bad? What if I can't start to get my weight back under control and I just continue to get bigger? I know they are all things I can't control or answer until I start, so I will just have to try and let it go.

I'm also really stressed out about my trunk too. A few days ago it suddenly stopped working again. So now I'm back to the only way I can get to anything is climb through the back seat. It got stuck for a few days a few times lately, but pretty quickly righted itself, so I'm hoping it will correct itself again. But if it doesn't in the next week I may have to spend time reversing it again and just keep hoping it eventually fixes itself again.

## Day 5597 - 10/28

### Bad food

Today was mostly ok. I do think the chicken I got for my main food was kind of bad. It is messing up my tummy a bit. My cold feels better, though I am still pretty congested.

The library was still stupid cold. I even got a second long sleeve top, so I'm now just about to full winter cloths and I was still really cold inside the library.

I should do more work on my chalk art project but I think I'll leave it until I'm back at school. It's pretty messy and the videos I watched today all pretty much showed people pressing hard and getting messy and that would be rude to do at the library, so I'll just wait.

I guess today overall was ok, but I am still very unhealthy feeling, and still very worried about my health overall. 😞

## **Day 5598 - 10/29**

### **Nervous for tomorrow**

Today I am nervous about tomorrow. Not anything that is likely to happen during the appointment. I'm sure that will be fine and little more than 'here is your prescription'. But the after; will I react badly to the meds, will they help, will I see soon, etc. I am hopeful they will work quickly and I can see again soon. There was that one day a week or so ago where I ate a lot and did see pretty well for a few hours. But days lately have been I can barely see clearly for 5 feet in front of me more often than not. And overall these days things feel very bad, my various parts are falling asleep quickly, and various parts of me feel tight or restricted.

All I can do is hope for the best.

## **Day 5599 - 10/30**

### **Appointment day**

Today there isn't much except my appointment. It will throw some chaos into my schedule since it will probably eat up from just after 10 to about 11:30, so hopefully I can come back to my spot at school and be ok for the rest of the day after. (That is when it can get super busy and plugs near where I normally sit can become scarce.) But other than that I have nothing. We have this week off in the history class to study, which seems odd, and for my artsy class I have the portrait to work on more, which I don't know if I'll do that some today or not what with the middle of the day chunk being blocked.

Hopefully today goes ok.

## **Day 5600 - 10/31**

### **Spoopy day**

Today is spoopy Halloween day. I'm sure there will be a couple of people around in costume, but that will probably be all the fun there is for me. I have some candies, but



with both classes online I don't expect anyone will come up and ask me about them and take some. It's ok if no one does, as that would leave me snacks for 2-3 weeks I don't normally get. But it's sad I don't have more celebration things I can do. This is one of my favorite holidays to celebrate. 😞

## **Week 801**

### **Day 5601 - 11/1** **A little better**

Today I am feeling a little better. The day started with clear sight, but in the afternoon that turned to regular blurred vision and various points feeling bad. It's only the second day of pills, so I didn't really expect an instant turn around. I was right that when my blood pressure is bad it is the worst ever. However, very surprisingly, I am nowhere near as heavy as I feel. I was guessing 220-230, but according to the scale during my checkup I am only 195, so not incredibly far from the 175 I'd ideally like to get down to.

I guess mostly I shift between feeling a bit better and kind of the worst ever. Hopefully things will balance out and move towards staying better soon. But until then I continue to worry, continue to be fearful, and try to be as calm and relaxed as I can be.

### **Day 5602 - 11/2** **Black circles**

Today I noticed in the morning the black circles under my eyes were so bad it looked like I had two black eyes. I suppose maybe taking my multivitamins again may help it, if I still have them, but looking it up I'd guess that is mostly not enough or poor sleep, diet, or stress, which none of those are really things I can change.

I guess today was an ok day though. I finished all my school stuff, so I had a restful play day. I am a bit sad though because there is a new thing in my MMO, and I guess I'm really bad at it. I've never been good at doing damage (due to how it's designed in the game) so I'm taking forever to do things. I'm at least half of the damage I feel I need, so that makes me pretty sad. And a lot of it is maybe I just have no clue where they are getting their stat numbers, even looking at guides.

Tomorrow I should try and do lab stuff that the doctor wants. I didn't want to do it so close to starting my meds, but the next appointment is 2 Mondays from now, and

Friday is my only real chance to do it, so this is a safe time. I'm still not a lot better, so I keep trying my best to hang on.

## **Day 5603 - 11/3**

### **Poking**

Today there was a poking to do all the lab test things. I was surprised when I got there and they were already open. I had thought I saw a thing say the labs didn't open until 30 minutes after I planned on getting there.

I couldn't really see today. It was as bad as before with seemingly no good point. I guess I didn't really need to see at any point, so it was fine.

The day passed pretty quickly and was fine I guess overall, but I was sad to see next Friday and Saturday the library will be closed, so that will be rough. But all I can do is try my best to continue on one day at a time.

## **Day 5604 - 11/4**

### **Limpy**

Today was ok except for some leg pain. I don't know if I mentioned my back cramps at night, but today it seems to have spread to my left leg tendon that runs from the knee up along the side of my hip; the one that controls lifting the leg (used in stepping forward.) So whenever I've walked today it's been like, step, step, ow, step, step, ow. I've been pretty limpy because of it.

The lab results are done and I can actually look at them online. Of course I really don't know what they mean if it's outside of normal range. The one that will probably be the most worrisome is the cholesterol being 10% outside of normal. That doesn't seem like a lot, but I really have no clue what a 33 of 36+ normal means. I have my appointment in just over a week, and I'm sure if there was anything critical the doctor would have contacted me right away.

I guess I could see more fine than not, so that was an improvement. But I think because of the density of people when at the library I just don't tend to look up like I do pretty frequently at school.

I guess overall it was a pretty ok day.

## **Day 5605 - 11/5**

### **Sad day**

Today has pretty rapidly turned into a sad day. When I got to the library and settled in to the regular spot and got in to my MMO to spend the day doing an important goal I found a guildie to have fun with for at least one attempt. Barely 30 minutes later the connection died. And now it's barely 11 and it still hasn't come back on. My day has rapidly gone from a fun day to one of playing things that, while a bit fun, aren't what I planned to do today. I suppose I can't complain too much. I could not even have that. But it is certainly very disappointing to be in a library in, if I'm not mistaken, one of the top 10 most funded in the U.S., and there connection continues to rapidly go to garbage for no reason.

## **Day 5606 - 11/6**

### **Probably normal Monday**

Today I expect will be a normal Monday. I will have art history class stuff and that will probably be the bulk of the day to finish it. But then I'm done with that for the week. Hopefully I can play and relax after and maybe do some of the stuff I planned on Sunday.

## **Day 5607 - 11/7**

### **Probably light art Tuesday**

Today I don't really know what to expect, but we have a mid-term art critique in the art class. I expect because of that if we have any assignments they would probably be very light and quick. This week will probably be a light art class week.

And after I hope I can continue to be ok physically and hang on until my blood pressure and stuff gets more under control.

## **Week 802**

### **Day 5608 - 11/8** **Slightly better**

Today my blood pressure seemed a bit better, and while my vision wasn't totally clear it does seem to be getting slightly better over time. I would guess that means it could indeed be a while before it really starts to improve.

My lunch didn't really agree with me. It's kind of sitting like a brick in my tummy. It doesn't feel great. I got this one to have extra meats because the vegetables I had yesterday weren't great, but I guess it was a bad choice.

I guess I have to do some fun art stuff after all. I didn't check on Monday when I should have, assuming the mid-term stuff was all we had, so I missed a couple of days I could have been working on it. But it's fine. It's just a quick easy thing, not super serious, so I'll do part tomorrow and then finish on Sunday at the library.

But all I can do is try my best to continue to hang on.

### **Day 5609 - 11/9** **No lift**

Today my leg still has no lift. It's actually hurting on my back in general too now, and getting up from a sitting position isn't always easy. The leg effectively stops raising at about 70%, which is about where it needs to be to sit, so getting into the car I have to move it over the side with my hand. It doesn't actually fully stop at that point though, it's more like progress goes from full speed to about 5% of normal speed, so it would eventually get up to the full distance but it's kind of like a weight is attached to it. I'll mention it to the doc on Monday, but I doubt it's related to the meds, and that the issue is probably similar to my right arm going partly asleep in that it's something pinched in my back or spine.

I guess I feel kind of extra sad lately. I have some things going on that have me extra worried in my sad homeless life, and tomorrow and Saturday I'll have to be outside, so that means reduced laptop time, as well as a lot of extra cold weather.

But all I can do is try to continue to hang on and make it through one day at a time. And hopefully someday these sad times will be past and I will have many years left.

## **Day 5610 - 11/10**

### **Dead lock**

Today I was outside and had a lot of spare time to kill. The sun started to come into my sitting area by 2, which is about what I expected. I played just a little, but mostly just watched a show. Or at least tried to, as I get extremely easily distracted and can't focus well these days.

In the extra time I investigated the trunk lock issue. I couldn't get it to normally unlatch in any way. However unlike previous attempts, within the first 5 minutes of looking at it I saw what appeared to be a hole that a flat head screwdriver could fit into. It just so happens I brought one that is about 10" long with me and tried it, and the trunk release popped right open.

Unfortunately outside of the many parts being sluggish in movement I see nothing visually wrong with the lock. Pushing it closed to test where I could see it, it seems like a thing rotates, and another thing grabs it and keeps it in position. Neither part moved very easily or quickly. I don't know if that's normal for the lock, but I wonder if that slow stickiness is why it doesn't work correctly.

I also saw the key part has something that looked loose, so I pushed that back into place a bit. Now the key doesn't turn at all, so that part too definitely looks faulty.

Unfortunately while it looks like the housing release to get it open could let me access the main block of the lock and just takes 2 screws to remove it, I don't see any way to remove the part with the lock. There are no screws that's connected to. So even if it were an affordable replacement, I don't know that I could do it without drilling out the key part if I needed to replace that too.

So over the course of just under 1 hour I came to the conclusion that unless it mysteriously rights itself again I will have to leave it in it's now reversed fashion and anytime I need even the smallest thing will have to go through the back door and flip down the back seat and crawl partway over to get anything.

## **Day 5611 - 11/11**

### **Heart feels bad**

Today my heart feels a bit bad and I feel a bit low emotionally. It makes sense being the second outside day now. I guess I wasn't too cold, so that is something. But I only got to play a little, and watched stuff just a tiny bit, and the rest of the time was forced offline time.

My leg is still having a bit of an issue lifting, but it is getting better. I still have to lift it when getting in the car, but getting dressed and walking around it's pretty normal. I guess I'll mention it to the doc Monday, though it doesn't seem like it would be connected to the meds.

Hopefully tomorrow will be a normal inside the library day, I can do some art homework stuff, and be feeling better again soon.

## **Day 5612 - 11/12**

### **Heart feels bad again**

Today my heart feels bad again. I guess it has for the past few days too. Today it's more of an acidic feel around it more than it just feels bad, but that might be due to my decision to have nachos. I've been craving them lately, and I really like to have no meat days now and then if I can. The problem with that is with things as they are that means cheese, usually a lot (for me), and with my lactose intolerance that doesn't always end great.

Though it could just be my bad health overall. Things are still very bad, probably much worse than my brain likes to think about, so I deflect it onto less bad issues.



But all I can do is try my best to continue on one day at a time.

## **Day 5613 - 11/13**

### **Another appointment**

Today I have another appointment. I don't know what to expect since I've already seen the lab results. The doc will probably just talk about what the cholesterol results mean. That's probably the only real concern besides the extreme stress and extremely bad blood pressure.

I don't know what else to expect for the day, but as usual I try to hang on one day at a time.

## **Day 5614 - 11/14**

### **Probably regular Tuesday**

Today will probably be a regular Tuesday. I know I have an art thing I have to do that is basically a technical non-creative piece, so it should be easy even though it may be boring.

I don't know what else to expect, but hopefully I can continue on one day at a time. And maybe someday I can be in a better place emotionally and physically.

## **Week 803**

### **Day 5615 - 11/15** **Sneezing**

Today I have been sneezing more and more. In the last hour I have been sneezing every few minutes and am actually getting that kind of sweaty hot feeling from sneezing so much. I must have a cold which has gotten worse over maybe the past week or so.

I guess other than that things were fine. I did a little on the art project I had to finish. Yesterday I thought it would only be 1-2 hours but it wound up being about 4-5. It took way longer than I thought it would.

My doc visit was good. I guess the 3rd medicine I used to be on was lowering something, but she said it was actually low now, so lowering more would be risky. So I guess everything looked good. And I got an inhaler, which I've pretty badly needed for a while, so that is good to have now.

One of my favorite games got a new dlc, so that has been super fun and happy. So I guess overall things feel a bit better lately.

### **Day 5616 - 11/16** **Dead contact**

Today I think my right contact is dead. Which is super annoying because I think it's only 2 weeks old. Sure, it is a weekly type, so that is already more than it should have lived, but usually they last about 2 months before hitting this point. If I get 2 months out of each pair, that means I need 2 boxes for the whole year. If I only used them weekly as they should be, that is nearly 10 boxes for the year, a difference of needing to pay 320 more per year than I do. I guess it's not a huge deal for this one. I think I still have 2 boxes left. I got some extra when I had the surprise apocalypse money, so it should be fine. But it has been fuzzy vision in that eye, felt like something is stuck in there, and so overall put me into a bit of a grumpy mood.

I guess the day was pretty ok other than that. I wasn't too hungry, or cold, and while the kids around me were louder than I would have liked, the day was pretty ok overall.

## **Day 5617 - 11/17**

### **Upset system**

Today my system is a bit upset. I don't know why, but it seems like there is a 70% chance if I get roast beef and a bit of cheese to make a sandwich it will upset my system. I don't know if that is because the food store doesn't cook it correctly or doesn't store it correctly, or what.

I guess the day was pretty good besides that. I was warm enough. The library was calm enough. And it's raining, which I like. So I continue to try my best to hang on.

## **Day 5618 - 11/18**

### **Upset, again**

Today my tummy is upset by lunchmeat again. I got a different kind, but I really wonder if they are keeping it correctly. It's like every time I get deli meat it upsets my tummy to varying degrees.

I guess the day was mostly ok other than that. Though for the last few hours at the library there was someone with garbage ear buds that were leaking so much volume I could pretty much hear what they were watching, so that was annoying.

Overall I guess I feel ok. My lungs are pretty congested, and I've had to use my inhaler a few times to breathe better, but I guess things weren't too bad. I did feel pretty lonely and sad, but I guess that isn't really unusual. But I tried to continue on as best as I could.

## **Day 5619 - 11/19**

### **Half day**

Today I really only got a half day at the library. The stupid connection was effectively flat dead until a bit past noon, leaving me only a few hours of use before needing to leave. I tried to do some stuff for my next art project next week, but I'm struggling with it. We need to get stuff from magazines, which I have limited access to, and it's very difficult to find stuff to use. On top of that I don't think the date was adjusted for turkey weekend (compared to other quarters), which really means I only have Tuesday and Wednesday before it really should be done.

Today was a big scramble due to the compressed day, so I am out of sorts, but I guess I try to continue on as best as I can.

## **Day 5620 - 11/20**

### **Probably rainy Monday**

Today I expect the rain will come back. It's been off and on for the past week now. I will probably be a bit rushed to do my history class stuff. Usually I can do it all on Monday, so it should be fine. But with being forced to be outside Thursday and Friday I won't be able to do any real school stuff then, so this whole week may feel very rushed since it basically ends Wednesday evening.

Hopefully I can get through and things will be ok.

## **Day 5621 - 11/21**

### **Rush Tuesday**

Today I will have to rush to try and do as much of my art project as I can. I only really have today and tomorrow to work on it, so hopefully it will go ok.

Hopefully I can get all the things I need to do done. And hopefully I can continue to hang on overall.

## **Week 804**

### **Day 5622 - 11/22** **It's not the worst**

Today I pretty much finished the most recent art thing I had to do. It's not the worst. I do need to get something printed out to glue on it on Saturday to fully finish, but that shouldn't take too long.

I am pretty worried and stressed out about the next few days. I will have to be outside which will be probably pretty cold. And it will be unpredictable, which always makes me stressed. And it looks like where I am trying to stay safeish at night may be changing some security stuff, so that will have me extra terrified until I see what happens with that.

So as usual so far Thanksgiving looks like it will be opposite for me as it is everyone else. I will be alone, out in the cold, with no comforts or happy times that are unusual. And this year more than ever before I may be fearful and uncertain about my future.

### **Day 5623 - 11/23** **Not the worst turkey time**

Today was not the worst. It wasn't as cold feeling as it was. The connection was fine outside where I was. I stayed as long as I expected. And I got a bit of inside time at the ex-garage, so that was nice. I think maybe because I was outside though my allergies were triggered. Starting around noon I got sniffly and was sneezing several times every 15 minutes or so. Even now hours later into the evening I still am.

But today was not the worst. And I continue to try to hang on.

## Day 5624 - 11/24

### Much too cold

Today was much too cold. I was shivering about half the time I was in my outside spot. Even now, hours after I've been in the car, it's not a lot warmer and my writing is very shaky.

I even messed up a game thing that I'd spent hours setting up. Because I was so cold and distracted I didn't see a guy around a corner and I died even though it was on the easiest setting while doing something I couldn't die during. So I have to now probably spend hours getting back to that point. I don't really mind though, as it's in one of my favorite games and it did teach me something about how to stay alive while doing things I can't die during.

I still have a few hours before it's time to be truly restful for my day, but so far I have made it through ok. The extra cold and stress has meant that for the past few days I can't see well. My blurry vision past 10' is back, but now with the closed days behind me hopefully that will clear up again. (At least until a month from now when there are two weekends of closed outside time.)

## Day 5625 - 11/25

### Ok speed

Today passed at an ok speed. I brought in my art thing to finish and I actually forgot I needed to do it for the first 15 minutes after I had settled in. It was fine, as it only took about 30 minutes to finish.

I spent a few hours trying to do the special game goal that I blew yesterday and I did finish today, so that is good. Now I can move on to less taxing goals.

I was about average in the library; warm enough but still a bit chilly and needed to put on my hoodie by about 4.

I started the day with some pretty massive tooth pain though. It took me a while to put the numbing stuff I have on it. I think I am just so used to my teeth being the worst

that I forget I can manage it. I took a few pain pills too, but it took several hours to calm down. Even now it is still there, though at a much more manageable level.

Oh, I almost forgot. At the start of my day when I was parked and waiting I saw a very cute striped kitty with no collar walk by. They seemed very clean and healthy. I tried to pet them but they were afraid. Not super afraid, but they always kept a few steps out of reach and only stopped if I was pretty far from them. So that was sad. It would have been nice to pet them.

I guess overall today had some good and some bad.

## **Day 5626 - 11/26**

### **Ok paced**

Today was ok paced. It didn't go too slowly or too quickly. I had a mild headache all day though. But the tooth pain is mostly gone, so overall I feel better in general. Nothing special or noteworthy for today.

## **Day 5627 - 11/27**

### **Almost another ending**

Today is the start of, I think, the last of 2 regular class weeks. It's crazy that it is almost over since it feels like it barely just started. I have to see if there are some classes I can take next quarter. I don't know what I'll do when I'm out. I guess I just have to keep going and try not to worry about that until it comes.

**Day 5628 - 11/28**  
**Hopefully warm Tuesday**

Today hopefully will be warm when I'm at school. Lately it has been very cold, and on the weekends in the library I'm never warm enough. At least at school I'm usually warm. Though with the weather rapidly turning colder it may be tougher to stay warm.



## **Week 805**

### **Day 5629 - 11/29** **Very tired, kind of sad**

Today I was very extremely tired. All day I could barely think and felt like I would fall over asleep at any second. I just thought about my final art project, which I should start tomorrow, so I didn't really need to do anything important.

I was a bit sad too, but it's just a feeling a bit down kind of sad. My MMO kept disconnecting me, so that was sad. And though I haven't played my online shooter in probably a month there is a new season, so I tried that. But I got to some stupid mission with traps that would 1 shot you. I died over a dozen times then rage quit. It's so dumb to have traps in a game where, over the entire time of like 8 years, they've only ever had a place with traps like twice before.

Mostly I was sad to the point of not really feeling like playing and just watched junk videos and basically killed time. I guess I 'took the day off', which seemed kind of wasteful.

But sometimes you just have to do whatever doesn't feel sad or makes you mad, and get through the day to the next.

### **Day 5630 - 11/30** **Look and feel very old**

Today was probably pretty good. I played a bit, but not a lot because I started on my art final. It is pretty good so far I think. We have to do a 'surreal' piece and so I decided to do a 'self portrait'. It will be a silhouette of me in my hoodie, but with a void star field where my face is, shadows in the hoodie will be silhouettes of dark mountains, and there are tentacles coming from within and around an old school style oval picture frame.

I did feel very sad for a bit when taking the picture. If you look for them you can clearly see age wrinkles, loose skin, a bit of a jowl, and very sunken eyes. I look very old

and tired. 😞 I just had to try and put that out of my head, as I can't control how I look, or what effects aging (and current diet or overall health) have on me.

I had some fun working on the picture after, and some fun with a game just before leaving, so I guess overall today wasn't too bad.

## **Day 5631 - 12/1**

### **Sad and quick**

Today felt pretty sad, and like it passed quickly. I think bad for a few reasons. First, it's December now, and everyone will always think about how that means friends, family, and Xmas. And I have none. Next, I re-watched a show and thought how cool it was to catch subtle clues you'd only know to look for when watching it a second time, and how cool it would be to have a friend reacting to the surprise things you knew were coming. And last, there are videos that pop up on my social pages about lost or abandoned cute animals being rescued, loved, and given forever homes. Which of course reminded me how I feel similar, but I have no one who would find me, care for me, or love me like that. And that made me sad both for me, and for all the animals who aren't found and rescued and loved.

I guess the day was pretty ok other than that, and it passed pretty quickly. My tummy is a little upset. I did have what someone calls 'bar food' of hard salami and cheese. I guess both can upset my tummy, though I've had it for years and it never used to be an issue. I read something maybe a week ago that talked about "red meat intolerance" and I wonder if I have that now, at least temporarily due to how bad my G.E.R.D.S. is currently. So the day wasn't great, but I suppose it had some ok moments, and wasn't the worst.

## Day 5632 - 12/2

### Upset tummy, tired brain

Today my tummy still seems pretty upset from yesterday. I got some Turkey, which surprisingly was pretty good. (Usually the store shredded food is between meh and overly dry.) So hopefully my tummy can start to calm down.

I was going to try and do some assignment stuff, but all day my brain has just been overly tired and exhausted to the point of barely being able to think enough to even play games, so I didn't even try to do any school stuff. It's fine. I have a week from Sunday before the things are due, so even if I don't do anything on either project tomorrow I should have plenty of time to do them.

I got word someone who is important to me was in a bad car accident. 🙄 I guess they are pretty banged up but should recover just fine. I guess they swerved and rolled the car, but didn't actually hit any other people. But it makes me worried for them, and I'd have thought it would have been terrifying, but I guess they just blacked out during the actual crashing part. But it makes me worried about losing another person. And, of course, makes me worried about my own passing.

## Day 5633 - 12/3

### Pretty good actually

Today I felt like doing the ink work for my art final. Not only did it only take 2-3 hours to get to what I felt was a near finished point, which is 1/2 or 1/3 of what I was expecting, but it actually seems super good. I'm worried about adding the color wash in areas, because so far I've proven to be very bad with painting and color work. But in a digital test of what I'm thinking of doing it looks too good not to do it. It really makes the piece pop and go from something I'd think someone would just say, 'that's pretty interesting,' and move on, to something I think people would pause and look at longer and then notice all the finer details.

I am a bit sleepy tired, and I suppose a bit lonely and sad, but overall I think because of the good picture work things feel a bit better than usual.



"Self portrait." (Just the ink work.)

## **Day 5634 - 12/4**

### **Hopefully warm Monday**

Today all I really hope is the day is a bit warmer as I'd like to do some more art stuff, and I probably should start doing my history paper, and that will definitely require I be warm and able to think.

I don't really know what else to expect. It may rain, as it has a few times lately. Which might be kind of nice, but I also worry about carrying around my art stuff when it does.

## **Day 5635 - 12/5**

### **Final regular week**

Today is another day in the last final regular week of this quarter. I effectively have today and the next couple of days to finish my art piece. After that the time at the library is ok for that, but it isn't great since there's a bit higher chance of unexpected sudden noise around me, or people at my table shaking it unexpectedly and messing me up. So it's best to finish as soon as I can. Then I have until Sunday to work on the paper, which I never look forward to papers, but it has to be done and shouldn't actually be too difficult.

Hopefully things will go ok, and I will be warm enough.

## Week 806

### Day 5636 - 12/6 Full rainbow

Today started off pretty sad. My ex who was in the crash posted that one of her kitties died. It was so very sad. I cried a little. Though I had only met him maybe 3-4 times a year he seemed like a big sweetie.

I still couldn't focus on the paper. I have read most of what I need to for it, so it is probably almost to the point of my moving notes into actual paragraphs and finishing it. Hopefully I can finish tomorrow, though that seems pretty unlikely. But, I am likely making a bigger deal of it than it needs to be. Sure it's supposed to be like 1k words at 8 pages, but really once I answer the main question of 'name three important people and what they contributed' the rest is just filler and connecting things after that. That part alone is like 750 words.

When I was leaving it had been raining and there was the brightest rainbow the direction my car was. But it wasn't just there, it was actually a full one going all the way across the sky, and it was even nearly a double rainbow as I saw a second one nearby at a much fainter brightness.

I guess the day wasn't the worst. It certainly could have had worse things, but it certainly could have been better.

### Day 5637 - 12/7 Started and done

Today I was pretty worried about my paper. I haven't been able to focus at all, so I just had a jumble of notes. But really the 'body' was 75% of what I needed to do, so I hoped it had enough and started putting the notes into a paper. And sure enough, after just 3 hours, I not only had a solid start, but actually wound up finishing it. Sure it's not great, but it's done, and earlier than I thought. Technically it's supposed to be in a slide program, but I told the professor I don't know those, but have done enough work in layout and

design I made a basic word layout look like a slide program. So I spent about 30 minutes doing that and sent it for approval. I'm sure it's fine, but haven't heard back yet.

I did have something sad happen during dinner though. A chunk of what I remember being half a tooth disappeared, so now it's 1/4 tooth. It was clearly already beyond saving, so not a big hit. But it does make me sad, as each piece gone makes things worse and worse. But there is far too much damage to stop it now, and I guess that has been the case for years, just invisibly.

But I continue on. I try to not worry about my loss. And I try to stay hopeful enough will remain of me that when I get back to a forever home I can be ok again someday.

## **Day 5638 - 12/8** **Done with that**

Today I officially turned in the paper. It was indeed fine the way I did it, so that is really it. There is maybe 1 hour of stuff to do for classes next week and then I get the 1 month or whatever break.

I got some yummy pizza today because the hot dogs I had were just meh. They aren't bad, but they just felt like I was in space eating generic flavorless food paste.

So today was pretty ok. Cold, but not a very bad day.

## **Day 5639 - 12/9** **Regular cold day**

Today was a pretty regular, but cold, day. I actually played a bit less and just watched some junk stuff because I was too cold feeling. I may have to start regularly having double hoodies on, or at least keep the second with me, just in case.

I guess it was a pretty ok day other than that.

## Day 5640 - 12/10

### Shocked idiot

Today there was a shocked idiot at the library. It had gotten kind of full and some very old guy sits across from me and starts reading a paper. (Flat on the table.) For the next hour he was constantly doing 'micro coughs' and clearing his throat. The longest pause between was literally maybe 10 seconds at most. At that point I'd been literally hiding behind my laptop with my hands over my mouth and nose for about 30 minutes and I just had enough and decided to leave early. As I was rushing to pack up some people asked if they could take my spot. I replied, "Sure, but I wouldn't trust it. That guy sounds like he's dying." And I gestured towards the old guy as I left. He perked up with a kind of shocked face. It's like if you can't get a cough under control to go more than 10 seconds between you really shouldn't be out in public, no matter how loud or quiet you are. It makes people fearful of their lives.

I guess the day was ok other than that. Though even with now two hoodies on over my two long sleeve shirts, two T-shirts, and one or two tank tops, not counting my 3 pants layers, I was still cold inside. It's like there was no heat on at all. It's super dumb inside is so cold.

## Day 5641 - 12/11

### Last Monday

Today will be the last Monday on campus before the break. I would guess during the break I will probably still be able to slip in for showers now and then, but there definitely won't be access to micro. I'm sure campus will be totally dead this week and it will feel weird.



## **Day 5642 - 12/12**

### **Appointment Tuesday**

Today I have another appointment, though at this point I'm not sure why we kept it. I've been to see the doc to get settled into my meds, what, two or maybe three times now? This seems pointless. But whatever, I guess it's fine. It's very little gas, and if she wants to check blood work again then that would mean we are extra sure of things.

Hopefully this week will be restful and a nice break. And hopefully my tummy won't get too bad not being able to do micro foods for a month.

## **Week 807**

### **Day 5643 - 12/13** **Dead day**

Today was, as I guessed it would be, pretty dead at school. There was maybe 1/4 or fewer people during off-peak times, and the peak never really happened. Usually during finals week it's like most show up for their test, then leave, and don't have more than one test a day. I guess that is one good benefit of the vastly outdated "finals schedule" that rearranges all of the class times.

I finished all my class stuff already, so was just hanging out all day, as I will tomorrow (after possibly my last shower for a while.) It was pretty cold for some reason. Which is weird because I think the spot I usually sit at is right under a heat vent. But I guess I got through today, and it wasn't too bad.

### **Day 5644 - 12/14** **Basically no one**

Today there was basically no one in the cafeteria. I'd guess looking around the area there were probably never more than a dozen people at any given time. It was a good thing I wasn't planning on any special meal because they closed the cooking area gate at around 12:30, which means they probably stopped cooking things by 11:30. Sure, I normally eat between 10:30-11, so I probably would have been safe, but there was no warning signs they were going to close early today.

I felt pretty sad today. I don't really know why. Maybe due to this being the last day of the quarter. Maybe due to my ex who was in a crash having surgery today, so I'm extra worried and reminded of injury and death. I'm not really sure. I didn't do much playing because I just felt a bit sad.

I guess it was an ok day. It was very quiet (for the cafeteria) since no one was around. I was still colder than I expected to be. But I guess overall today was pretty good.

## **Day 5645 - 12/15**

### **Coughing guy, again**

Today was mostly ok other than one part where I rapidly got really mad. I think around 3 that old guy who was coughing every 10 seconds came back and sat at my table. I rapidly got more mad and scared over about 5 minutes at which point I couldn't stand it anymore. As composed and politely as I could I said something like, 'if you can't keep your cough under control I would really appreciate it if you don't sit near me, because you are really making me extremely nervous.' I'm not sure he spoke a lot of English as he pointed at his throat and made some questioning noise. And I was like, 'yeah, your constant cough is making me really worried you have covid.' Thankfully he got up and went to the next table over without a fuss. But yeah, I'm not going to let someone sit near me who is literally coughing and clearing their throat with fewer than 10 seconds between episodes. That is not safe.

Other than that I guess it was an ok day. Dad said he sent Xmas money, so now that I've got a month off I decided to do a 'winter of shows' and activated a streaming service for a month. I think there are only like 6 seasons of stuff I have to catch up on, which are usually around 6-8 episodes each, at typically 45 minutes or less each, so watching 2-3 a day I should easily have plenty of time to see everything. I may even have extra time to find more. So I guess today was pretty good.

## **Day 5646 - 12/16**

### **Cold**

Today the only thing of any significance was how cold the library was. I seriously don't get how it can be so cold and people don't complain. I had all my layers on, including double hoodies, and was still cold.

I guess the day was ok other than that. Though I did maybe feel a bit sad about my things, and so I spent more time watching stuff than playing.

## **Day 5647 - 12/17**

### **Rain and sun**

Today is a bit of weird weather. It started warmer than usual, with no frost on the car at all. Then from about 11-1 it was pouring rain. It's only mid-afternoon now, but I wouldn't be surprised if it started raining again after it gets dark.

I've been super sneezy and tired lately. Earlier I'd bet it was due to allergies from outside, but now the library is flooded with teens, probably studying for finals. So now it's likely due to perfume allergies.

I guess today was pretty ok, though I felt a bit lonely and sad still. I think it's nothing really wrong beyond what's normally wrong, probably just the typical holiday's effect of reminding me of home, family, and friends I don't have.

## **Day 5648 - 12/18**

### **Library Monday**

Today will be the first of several weeks at the library during the school break. I'll peek in over at school in the morning, because I expect I'll probably be able to have my Monday and Thursday showers while teachers stick around for final grading and other things.

## **Day 5649 - 12/19**

### **Unknown library Tuesday**

Today I really don't know what to expect being the first Tuesday of my break. I have nothing that I need to do, nor anything special planned. Hopefully it will be a nice break.

## **Week 808**

### **Day 5650 - 12/20**

#### **Ok, but chilly**

Today things were ok, but I am a bit chilly. I think my lunch meat wasn't great though, as it upset my tummy a bit. I had some mixed cheese yesterday and it kind of wrecked me. I'm beginning to wonder if I have much bigger issues with cheddar than mozzarella. I'm having a hard time figuring out just what does or does not wreck me. It almost seems like anything that's not cooked usually does lately.

I guess today wasn't too bad.

### **Day 5651 - 12/21**

#### **Back pain**

Today there really isn't anything of note save for some back pain. I guess it's more just a general stiffness and cramping when I get up, or hold a bent position for too long, so it's not too bad. I really need to try to get back to stretching a few times a week. I was starting to a few months ago, but now it's so cold all the time I basically don't get a chance.

As always, all I can do is try to hang on until better days.

### **Day 5652 - 12/22**

#### **Maybe intollerant**

Today my tummy feels pretty wrecked by my food. I am really beginning to wonder if I do have the red meat intolerance I read about, or at least have it with non-cooked food. Today I had a salami and cheese combo pack; something I've had probably 100 times before, but at a seemingly more accelerating pace these past 2-3 years my

tummy is getting more and more upset when I have it. I didn't even finish all of it, just 75% because of how I felt.

I guess other than that the day was ok. Nothing really special. Though it did feel decidedly unspecial for near Xmas time. I'm seeing almost no lights when driving around at night. And when in shops I don't hear special music. And of course with my life what it is, I have nothing to celebrate on my own. Any traditions I would normally consider doing are ones I can't do.

But I guess I made it through the day ok. And that has to be enough for now.

## **Day 5653 - 12/23**

### **Soft again**

Today I am soft again. School was still closed, so I did a quick shave in a bathroom outside of the library at a community building. It's been locked lately, but apparently it's supposed to still be open on weekends. I'll check and hope school is open next week for at least one full shower and shave, but I may not get another shave for a week, which is the worst since with my eczema I can only go about 3 days before things start to get itchy.

I guess today was ok, but as usual for the holiday times I felt pretty sad and didn't want to play much. Mostly I just watched shows, but it was ok.

## **Day 5654 - 12/24**

### **Cramped neck**

Today my neck is very badly cramped. I don't know what is going on. Probably just stress or worry, but I can't turn it more than about half of normal.

I guess today was pretty ok. There weren't many at the library so things were pretty quiet and calm.

## **Day 5655 - 12/25**

### **Xmas outside**

Today will probably be pretty sad. It's another Xmas that I'll be outside. I hope it's not too cold. In years past it's been cold to the point of shivering. But Sunday was a bit warmer than it's been lately and wasn't at all too cold when I left the library, so hopefully it will be tolerable.

I don't know what to expect for today. There is really only one person who hasn't sent any surprise, so I really don't expect any surprises. All I can really hope for is that it's not too cold, I have a solid and stable connection for a few hours, and whatever I eat doesn't end badly.

## **Day 5656 - 12/26**

### **Hopefully ok Tuesday**

Today hopefully will be normal and fine. The library is open, so it will just be the one day outside, then back to homeless normal.

Hopefully I can continue to hang on until better days.

## **Week 809**

### **Day 5657 - 12/27** **Suddenly pain**

Today seemed ok. I felt a bit tired and sad, but that isn't really unusual. I did have a really weird cramping in my back and neck though that kind of limited my movement. I could basically only rotate my neck left or right maybe half way before it got too painful. I guess overall the day was ok and I played and watched a few shows, so I tried to be as restful as I could. I'm a bit congested in my lungs, have been for like a month, so that seems crazy that isn't going away. But I guess I hung on ok.

### **Day 5658 - 12/28** **Best vision day**

Today my vision was super good. I think it's mostly been between good and the worst. And I may only be noticing today is really good due to it being the worst a day or two ago.

I guess today was ok. I played and had fun, but not entirely what I wanted. I've been wanting to play my MMO more lately, as I still have the most recent expansion to do, but whenever it's near the holidays being in my MMO makes me feel extra sad, so I tend to not play it much during those times.

Overall things were mostly ok and not very unusual today. Though there was a super cute girl outside reading on a bench before the library opened. She made me smiley when I looked at her, so I didn't look at her too much. But I think she was smiling too when she saw I was. She was almost certainly too young for me to say hi and stuff too, so I didn't, and I did see her in the library later. So if we were meant to meet maybe I'll see her again and she will say hi.



## Day 5659 - 12/29

### Ate half

Today was pretty calm, except for a few hours where there was someone who sounded like he was being strangled to death by a runny nose. He was sniffing and gasping for breath. I really hope he didn't give me some kind of cold. He didn't sneeze or cough ever, so I hope it was just allergies. But sheesh, if you are sniffing that much and being strangled by your snot go to the store and spend \$10 to get some nose spray. That would have cleared it up in like 2 minutes. Why spend hours suffering and gasping if you can just take an easy medicine.

I ate half of the salami and cheese pack I got today. Maybe that is a key to a less upset tummy. Though the bits are very small, maybe the size of a finger each, so with a pack being 4 salami and 4 cheese, that isn't much. And until pretty recently I've had no problem, but either I wasn't hungry today, or getting bread and chips to eat with it is a good way to lessen the meat and cheese intake and feeling better overall. At least on non-school days when I am forced to eat ready to eat food. I guess only time will tell if smaller portions like that really helps or not.

## Day 5660 - 12/30

### Rude chatterbox

Today was pretty good, but around noon some late teen kids came and sat across from me. The one directly across kept putting his legs into my area. I was getting tempted to yell at him. The tables are probably 5' across, and he was taking 75% of the under area at times, which is super rude. And for the last 45 minutes or so that I was there they were constantly talking. They were quiet enough I really couldn't complain, but they were loud enough I really couldn't focus at all on my show. I held it together long enough to not yell, but I did leave probably 15 minutes early so I wouldn't have to tolerate it anymore. I'd never seen them before, so hopefully I never do again.

I guess the day was ok other than that. It rained all last night. Today was mostly clear, but for a few hours it was completely pouring.

## **Day 5661 - 12/31**

### **Rude kids, again**

Today those two rude kids showed up again. I gave him like 3 kicks, which was a time period that lasted less than 45 minutes, then I was like, 'Dude, this is the middle of the table here. You can't put your feet past that because you are kicking me.' Even after saying that he still probably bumped into me once per hour. If they come back again I may just tell him to sit on the other side so he doesn't kick me because that's really rude.

He was eating in a really annoying way for like an hour as well. He had some crackers, and instead of taking a bite and holding the rest in his hand he'd bite part, and then let the rest flap around held by his lips while he munched that part into smaller bits. And each one was like 3 total bites, so it was flapping there outside of his mouth most of the time. It's like he was 5-years-old or something. For like an hour. Seriously?

I guess the other half of my day where they weren't around was ok. But those kids kind of really put a damper on things.

## **Day 5662 - 1/1/24**

### **Hopefully ok outside**

Today hopefully would be an ok day outside. It's been not too cold, so hopefully I will be ok. The tent person was back on Sunday, so they will upset me if they are blocking the only real plug when I get there. I can't believe they have effectively been living in a tent along the wall of the city hall building for a month or longer. That is seriously mindboggling.

All I can do is hope for the best.

## **Day 5663 - 1/2**

### **Hopefully regular Tuesday**

Today will hopefully be a regular Tuesday. Maybe I can even get a shower in the morning over at school. Often in the past they are partly open this week for registration and a few hours for the book store. I guess we'll see.

Hopefully I can hang on ok. And hopefully this year things can be better.

## **Week 810**

### **Day 5664 - 1/3** **Sensitive tummy**

Today my tummy has been pretty sensitive. I again had only half of the salami and cheese pack, but my tummy still got upset. Other than that the day was pretty good.

Though there was this guy who was probably over 40 sitting across from me most of the day who was sniffing the entire time. It's like was this another 5-year-old? Why does he not know how to blow his nose or get nose spray or decongestant? It's not that difficult.

But I had fun with my games, watched some shows, and tried to enjoy what was left of my time off from school. Though with only two classes, one of which is whenever online, it likely will not be a tough quarter.

### **Day 5665 - 1/4** **Mister sniffles, again**

Today the sniffing guy was back. It's like seriously? Get some decongestant and blow your nose. Use some nose spray. It's not that hard.

I guess today wasn't that bad other than that. I played and had fun but my tummy was pretty upset again. Hopefully things will be better tomorrow.

### **Day 5666 - 1/5** **Peeing**

Today really wasn't unusual except for peeing like twice as much as normal. I'm not sure what is up with that since I drank about 75% of normal, and it was all of the normal drinks. I guess I'm carrying extra water all the time, so it was probably just dropping that. I did also sneeze every couple of hours, so maybe I have some kind of cold? I'm not sure what was going on with that today.

## **Day 5667 - 1/6**

### **Another lost pair**

Today I had to put in another new pair of contacts after the last only lasted about 3 weeks. Granted these are weekly, so that is longer than they were designed for, but recently I've been able to keep them and they have been good for up to 2 months. A year supply is about \$80 at that rate. If they continue this trend of lasting only about one month then that will greatly increase my cost, doubling it to \$160, possibly more.

The day was pretty good other than that. It poured rain last night, then stopped for most of the day, then poured super hard for 2 hours today, and now it is just a heavy mist. But I had fun with my games and shows and that is about all I can hope for these days.

## **Day 5668 - 1/7**

### **4 am**

Today started out pretty lame. I had a very vivid dream; not actually a bad one, which is rare. But after the dream my body just kind of fully woke up. It couldn't have been much later than about 4 am though. I tried and tried to get back to sleep, but I just couldn't for about 1.5 hours. I don't feel really bad because of it, but I am running on less sleep than I otherwise would be.

## **Day 5669 - 1/8**

### **Maybe first school day**

Today is maybe the first day of this quarter. I'm actually not sure if it will be because the class that's online that I thought was an anytime one has a mandatory online live video meeting on Thursday just after noon. So I don't know if I have to do the class work after that, or if it will be posted to do anytime on Monday like I thought it would be. Only time will tell.

## **Day 5670 - 1/9**

### **Class**

Today I will have my first class meeting for my in person Tuesday class. Hopefully it will be pretty fun, but I don't know what to expect. It's doing some animation stuff, so it might be so basic it's super boring for me. And it's time is kind of bad, as it ends at 12:30, which is kind of the busiest time in the cafeteria, so it may be tough to get a good seat. My hope is that because it's winter and super cold people will just prefer to not be on campus and it will be pretty empty. All I can do is hope for the best.

## **Week 811**

### **Day 5671 - 1/10** **Cold and rainy**

Today it has been pretty cold and rainy. It's been raining on and off for a few days. Sadly I can't do much for classes this week. With the in person class I only have a small assignment, which is good, but the stuff for the week isn't posted until class, so I can't do it early. And the Thursday class is indeed a required weekly online meeting, so I can do stuff for it on Monday and Wednesday the following week, but I won't know what that is until Thursday. So effectively I'll be doing that week's work the week after, but I'd prefer to have all of the week's work done before the weekend instead of worrying about it over the weekend.

The Tuesday class seems like it will be pretty easy. It should be all stuff I'm already familiar with. But the trick will be coming up with ideas I can do if we need to think up ideas, because I would also have to be able to actually draw them in a reasonably decent looking way. I guess that will be something to think about carefully if the time comes.

### **Day 5672 - 1/11** **Maybe melancholy**

Today I am maybe feeling melancholy. I feel sad for me and about my life and what and how I have to do things because I don't have a normal life. I thought about explaining in detail, but it's really every aspect of my life; showering, eating, sleeping, where I sit, how I do my play or watch shows, or even doing school (or work) stuff. It's all not normal, and it all feels very sad to me.

The Thursday class seems like it will be pretty basic, like the other, and so I should have a pretty easy and fun time with both. At least that is something.

## **Day 5673 - 1/12**

### **Homework**

Today I decided to do some homework. I guess I should have done it on Wednesday. I don't know why I kind of forgot that I could. It took less than an hour, so it was pretty easy. I'll probably do the other class tomorrow and it looks like it will be about the same amount of time. Normally I'll do that one on Monday, but I keep forgetting that's a holiday, and it's so cold I may be forced to just sit in my car. I can't be sure of how long I'll be able to sit outside to plug in and use the connection.

Overall today was pretty ok. I had fun and was warm enough.

## **Day 5674 - 1/13**

### **Rough throat**

Today there isn't too much to say other than my throat feels pretty rough. Not enough to cause me to clear it all the time, or to take a cough drop to sooth it, but pretty close.

Really the day was pretty regular other than that, though my homework did take a bit longer than I expected. It was fine though.

## **Day 5675 - 1/14**

### **Coughing up yuck**

Today there have been a few times where I've coughed and there has been yuck. The rough throat is definitely worse and I had really weird dreams and skin feeling last night. I would guess I probably have a bit of chills now. So I am definitely sick with some kind of cold.

I guess today was pretty regular and ok other than that.



## **Day 5676 - 1/15**

### **Hopefully not too cold**

Today I will have to be outside due to the holiday and a lot of places will be closed. I hope I'm not too cold. Sunday felt a touch warmer, but checking the weather it says today will have a low of barely 40F and a high of barely 60F, so it will be extremely cold.

I don't expect too much of the day. If I'm lucky I plan on having about 4 hours connected and online, but beyond that I expect I'll get too cold to want to stay outside. And even if I did it wouldn't be much more than about 2 more hours.

## **Day 5677 - 1/16**

### **Back at school**

Today I'll be back at school. I have my once a week class and then a few hours to chill before I need to leave. I'm sure the day will feel like it's passing super quickly, but hopefully it will be back to homeless normal until the next holiday puts me out.

## **Week 812**

### **Day 5678 - 1/17** **Feel pretty bad**

Today I am still feeling pretty bad. Mostly I'm just exhausted, a bit of headache, very congested, and overall my tummy doesn't feel great. I checked online yesterday and a medical website I use is guessing pneumonia. Which with the pretty big drop in temperature seems reasonable. Saturday and Sunday night I had probably pretty extreme fever and definitely extreme terrible chills when sleeping. I still have crazy dreams, but the chills seem gone. My temperature regulation still feels a bit off though.

I did have a pretty bad esophagus issue the weekend though, so I ran some more research on that and G.E.R.D.S. and found mention that grapefruit and other citrus juices can prevent healing. Well, ever since my weird tummy event my soda has been more leaning towards a clear drink that has that. So I think it was yesterday morning I finished what I had left of one and will keep it on hold and see if that helps. It seems much less bad today, but realistically that will take a week to see real results, and apparently months to actually heal. But that could explain why these recent years I've had a harder and harder time with that. One of my favorite drinks may be causing the damage to persist, and possibly worsen. Which would be very sad if that seems to be true.

### **Day 5679 - 1/18** **In my spot**

Today someone was in my spot all day. He had his screen brightness way down, so it was hard to see, but I'd guess he only did 1 hour of school work. You are here for more than 7 hours, don't use the microwave, and did less than an hour of school work? I don't get it. And instead of sitting in his usual section, he not only picks mine, which is one of four along our side wall, but he picks my plug out of 8 possible to sit at? It likely only bugs me so much because I'm sick, but still.

I guess the day was pretty ok other than that. I was warm enough. I had ok food. And class was ok, though really it seemed like I would have been better served doing it alone in 1/4 of the time than doing it 'live'.

## **Day 5680 - 1/19**

### **Rain again**

Today it has started pouring rain again. It's kind of nice though. It always feels peaceful to me. My day was pretty regular, though I really don't understand some people. These 3 super old guys come in. One of them is the one I said sounded like he was dying a while ago, and I asked him not to sit next to me anymore, and he is *still* doing that same throat clearing cough. And that was like a month ago? And his two friends sounded kind of similar. It's like do none of you have the common sense to go to the doctor for this? And to stay at home instead of coming to the library and spreading it?

I guess the day was pretty regular other than that. I did make a big post on my class pages though. A few have said, "I can't draw," and sounded very sad, and that made me sad because I know that will hurt them emotionally if they keep saying that. So the big post basically says that they should say they aren't good at drawing x in y style and to look at other possible styles, or other ways, to draw the thing they are trying to draw. Instead of just, I guess, being defeatist.

## **Day 5681 - 1/20**

### **Sneezes**

Today I have been mostly better. I seem to have traded things for sneezing though. Not really anything else to say. It was a pretty regular day. Though I do feel a bit sad, so haven't really managed to do any school stuff I need to do. It's fine, I can do it Monday, which is the usual day for it. I was just thinking of doing a little bit at a time instead.

## **Day 5682 - 1/21**

### **A little homework**

Today I decided to do a bit of homework. I'm having a little bit of a tough time in that I have some ideas, but I'm not really a good enough artist to draw those ideas. I guess I'm still a million miles away from finding a style that is really 'good enough' to do my work like that. It's an intro level class really, so even if you can only do fancy stick figures it will be fine. But I don't know, I guess it does make me a bit sad.

## **Day 5683 - 1/22**

### **Probably regular**

Today I don't really know what to expect. It's been raining a lot, so that will probably continue. My cold has gone back and forth lately with feeling better and worse. Sunday my congestion was pretty bad and my throat got a bit rough again, but I expect overall it will be a pretty regular day.

## **Day 5684 - 1/23**

### **Hopefully regular**

Today will probably be a regular Tuesday. Class is pretty ok and I left early during the lab part last week. That helped a lot in feeling less like I was wasting time since I didn't really do anything when the advanced class was having lecture. I may continue to do that. It certainly helps me keep a more regular lunch time and a way higher chance of a better sitting spot in the cafeteria.

Regardless of what happens hopefully nothing that is terrible comes along to make things worse.

## **Week 813**

### **Day 5685 - 1/24** **Leg and eye**

Today has mixed news. My left leg is having issues with its lifting tendon again. It's a bit difficult to walk. And I am having to again lift it with my hand when getting into the car.

But in hopefully good news yesterday and today my right eye blind spot is maybe getting better. It is certainly not gone, but yesterday and today I can pretty easily read license plates and signs, which I haven't been able to do without at least some difficulty in over a year.

I had a pretty good day. The day's homework only took about 15 minutes, so it was a very fast day. Though the cold is still hanging on. I'm still congested as hell, coughing yuck, have an occasional sneeze, and am very sniffly. Maybe a bit of exhaustion too. But I was super hungry today, which is often a sign I may be getting better, so that is hopeful.

### **Day 5686 - 1/25** **Hungry**

Today I have still been very hungry. I had a soup, and a regular sized dinner, and was still hungry after. I have some crackers, and ate most of a row (one of 4 sections in the box) and I still feel like I could eat an entire extra regular sized meal. I don't get why I feel so hungry lately.

I guess the day was pretty good other than that. Outside of the regular school lunch group the cafeteria was only maybe 1/3 as busy. Maybe people were avoiding rain. But it stopped yesterday morning and hasn't come back, so I'm not sure what was up with that.

## **Day 5687 - 1/26**

### **Recovery**

Today I am recovering. My brain is the clearest feeling it has been in a while. My throat isn't totally better, but feels much better. And while I'm still very congested and coughing up yuck it's turning more into a dry cough.

I think also my G.E.R.D.S. is getting better since I stopped the grapefruit clear drink. At nights it no longer gurgles or complains. It can be a bit upset if I eat and then lie down to sleep too quickly after, but it's more of a gunk in my tummy feeling than acid.

My throat is still recovering. A few bits today were bad in that they slowly went down and I felt a bit choked. But I just stopped eating, took shallow breaths, and felt it slowly clear, and then tumble a bit when it got to my tummy and then I was ok again. Which is a very big improvement from instantly feeling like I was being choked to death and immediately coughing everything up.

It still will probably be days or weeks to get over my cold, and maybe months to fully recover from my tummy and throat issues, but maybe I'm on the right path.

## **Day 5688 - 1/27**

### **Crackers**

Today I had some crackers at lunch. I am going to have to research things because after having them they kind of felt like an icky lump in my tummy for about an hour or two. This also happened a few nights before when I had them for night snacks.

I guess the day was pretty ok besides that. I am still slowly getting better, but I am still very congested in my chest and throat.

## **Day 5689 - 1/28**

### **Not how cough drops work**

Today is ok. I don't feel like playing much, probably due to the sick, so I'm spending more time just watching shows. There is a crazy lady across from me. She is literally eating cough drops like candy, crunching them up immediately. That's not how cough drops work. I don't understand the point of that.

My congestion is still bad, but maybe not as bad as it has been. I'm actually sniffing and sneezing more than anything else. So I suppose I am getting better, but it is still slow going and wavering back and forth.

## **Day 5690 - 1/29**

### **Casual Monday**

Today I expect will just be restful and casual. I didn't have a lot of homework to do, so I've already done it all, so I won't have anything more until Tuesday afternoon. Hopefully things will be calm and restful since I expect I'll probably still be sick. That will likely still be a few weeks to fully recover.

## **Day 5691 - 1/30**

### **Hopefully restful Tuesday**

Today will hopefully be pretty restful and easy. The class has been pretty fun, and since it's into level it isn't too challenging or stressful, so that is good. I don't really have anything I am looking forward to other than hopefully the weather starting to warm up.

## **Week 814**

### **Day 5692 - 1/31** **Rain comes back**

Today was ok, but it was very rainy. I was pretty congested too. For some reason my tummy got wrecked by lunch. But overall it was a pretty peaceful day.

### **Day 5693 - 2/1** **No more storm**

Today it seems the storm has past. It was pretty fierce yesterday, but it stopped around midnight. It started again as a medium rain this morning, but by just afternoon it cleared. There are a bit of gray clouds now, but it is more clear sky than not.

I guess today I feel pretty ok. I have been still very sniffly and sneezy, but I think still getting better in general. It's tough to tell though, as I'll feel totally fine one minute, then a few hours later so congested it feels like I'm being strangled by congestion.

### **Day 5694 - 2/2** **Woke for no reason**

Today I am still pretty sick. A few times my congestion has felt like it's strangling me, and I am still borderline coughing up yuck. (I feel like I might, but don't.) I made myself promise if I'm not getting genuinely better that Monday I'll make an appointment to get checked on Friday. If it is the remnants of pneumonia it's not going away.

For no reason I woke up around 3:30 in the morning. There were no noises that scared me, my knowledge. It was not currently raining. Nothing seemed out of place. I was totally asleep, then poof, totally awake. Thankfully it only lasted about 45 minutes then I fell asleep as quickly as I'd woken.



The weather has been off and on a bit stormy. I'd say it rained maybe half of last night. And since this morning maybe only 5-10% of the time. It's mostly been clear or just a very light mist rain. I would guess when it gets cold tonight it will rain a bit more.

## **Day 5695 - 2/3**

### **Awake, again**

Today I am a touch sleepy, though I got enough sleep. I again woke up last night for seemingly no reason right around the same time as before. And like before, I went from being fully awake to instantly asleep about 45 minutes later, as quickly and mysteriously as I'd woken.

I guess today was pretty ok. I did decide to get some decongestants and they do seem to have helped reduce my congestion overall, but I've been sneezing a few times pretty much every hour of the day. I don't know if that is a good or bad sign. Hopefully I continue to recover and get better soon, though checking online if it is pneumonia that usually sticks around 2-4 weeks for normal people, so with my immunity it could be quite a bit longer for me.

## **Day 5696 - 2/4**

### **The biggest storm**

Today the biggest storm has shown up. Just before afternoon it started pouring, and there was a lot of wind last night. Now things are blown over and if you have an umbrella you can get pulled like a sail.

The library lost power around 4 and closed pretty quickly after that. I guess maybe it was just their immediate area, because pretty much everyone around them seemed fine.

Hopefully things won't get too much crazier for people tonight.

**Day 5697 - 2/5**  
**Hopefully calm Monday**

Today will hopefully be calmer. At least hopefully no crazy wind. I hope school doesn't lose power. I'd lose the food I'd bought if so. I suppose I could get soups just in case, but I'd like to have at least one fully regular micro food for the day.

**Day 5698 - 2/6**  
**Hopefully dry Tuesday**

Today hopefully things will start to dry out. At least calm down to more gentle rain. I have an in person class too, so hopefully everything will be closer to normal weather instead of crazy tropical storm.

## **Week 815**

### **Day 5699 - 2/7** **No more storm**

Today the storm is completely gone. There was no rain, and not even evidence of gray clouds threatening a return. So it looks like it has passed and there will be no more craziness.

I am still pretty sick, but haven't yet set an appointment. Checking online it looks like, assuming this is pneumonia, it can stick around 2 to 4 weeks. Checking back it looks like I had pre-symptoms around the 13th, so we are still about 1.5 weeks until a full month. I am getting much better since getting the decongestants, though there is still congestion and yuck hanging around. So I adjusted my self promise to make an appointment if I'm still bad two Mondays from now.

That is really it. I woke up again last night around 4. I think this time was due to my cold making me congested, so that was super annoying. Hopefully I can sleep through the night tonight. And hopefully I recover soon.

### **Day 5700 - 2/8** **Bit of storming**

Today was a bit odd. Probably around 10 the storm came back and it was completely storming, but just for a few hours, until just past lunch around 1. Ever since then it has been bright and clear. Looking up there are only a few gray clouds. So it may rain again a little, but it certainly doesn't seem like it will storm again anytime soon.

My tummy is pretty upset today. Either I had a bad lunch and it's been off all day because of that, or maybe the cold is in my tummy and it's just generally upset. For both lunch and dinner it was like eat, now run to the bathroom right after. Even peeing I was going 4x as often for seemingly no reason. Hopefully I can get back to feeling better soon.

## **Day 5701 - 2/9**

### **Clear skies, but freezing**

Today the sky was completely clear. I don't think I've seen a single gray cloud. Though it was still very freezing cold. The weather app shows lows of around 40F and highs barely into the 60s for the entire week, which is very sad since before the storm it was starting to warm up a bit.

I'm less congested today, but I am still waking up at night for no reason. It must be either the congestion building up and bothering me or the extra cold weather. I don't know which. But overall I feel less congested, but much more sneezy. Hopefully that is a sign of slowly getting better.

## **Day 5702 - 2/10**

### **Sore bits**

Today my neck is oddly sore. I'm not sure if the right side is cramped along the muscle, if the muscles in general are sprained from so much sneezing, or if that particular lymph node line is swollen from the sick.

Also my right ankle is having issues. It isn't really sore except when I step, so it's like it doesn't really want to walk.

I'm still pretty sneezy, though my congestion overall seems not quite as bad.

## **Day 5703 - 2/11**

### **Lots of water**

Today I drank lots of water. Probably 3-4 times what I normally drink. I'm not sure why. I drank about the normal amount of soda too, so in total I probably had about three times what I normally drink.

My tummy is not feeling great about food though. I was going to get basic healthy chicken, but there were no small packages to get, so I got a salami and cheese pack. It was good, but my tummy feels a bit wobbly.

I'm hopefully starting to get better. I only sneezed a few times today, but I have had a headache most of the day, have been a touch dizzy, and I am extremely tired.

## **Day 5704 - 2/12**

### **Hopefully dry Monday**

Today will hopefully be bright, dry, and getting warmer. There was no rain, nor signs of rain Sunday, so hopefully we will be clear of the rain, and soon hopefully clear of the cold too.

## **Day 5705 - 2/13**

### **Unknown Tuesday**

Today I don't know what to expect. I have my in person class, but people seem to be struggling with the assignments for some reason, so the professor removed one last week. I guess that means it will be easier days for me, but it's not really hard work at all, so I don't get why people are falling behind.

Hopefully it will be dry, a bit warmer, and I can get better.

## **Week 816**

### **Day 5706 - 2/14** **Lymph nodes**

Today my lymph nodes are swollen and bothering me, especially the right one. I guess looking it up they can take 1-2 weeks to fully calm down. Hopefully it getting swollen means I'm finally getting better. I do feel a bit better overall.

### **Day 5707 - 2/15** **Headache day**

Today I've had a headache most of the day. I think that and the swollen lymph nodes are the remains of the bad cold. Hopefully they will be completely gone soon, as will the cold weather, and I can be back to a more happy and healthy state.

### **Day 5708 - 2/16** **Sniffles**

Today there isn't much to talk about. I'm super sniffly and congested, and sneezing a fair bit too. Hopefully I am still getting over the pneumonia, but it could be a new cold. My back has hurt quite a bit too. I don't know if that is related or if I just didn't sleep well.

I did a quick homework today. It was ok. I can't draw as well as I'd like, so that's sad, but I did the thing, so now I'm current again for that class.

Hopefully I continue to get better and can stop feeling sick soon.

## **Day 5709 - 2/17**

### **More sniffles**

Today I spaced out and had fun with a game all day. I was still super sniffly, so I'm still not sure if it's the last of the pneumonia or if it's some new cold creeping in. I'm trying my best to keep warm and occasionally take decongestants, so hopefully I'll be better soon.

## **Day 5710 - 2/18**

### **Maybe the bread**

Today I feel kinda bad. I was fine earlier, but then after lunch my tummy felt bad and didn't feel better for about five hours. I guess I grabbed bread without checking what type it was. I looked around online before last time and it seems sourdough has much less glucose than French. I guess this time I forgot to check and grabbed French. I'll avoid it tonight, and then maybe when I've ruled out the other foods tomorrow I'll try a small piece and see if it hurts my tummy. More and more lately it seems I may be glucose sensitive, so I'm trying to see what does or doesn't have any to worry about. If it is the bread that might explain why I haven't been able to track down the source for years. I never really thought it could be and so I didn't research that as a cause. Crackers seem to have a similar effect and looking them up they are rated at 50% higher than even French bread. So I should probably stay away from them too.

Other than that my day has been pretty regular. I did a bit of homework, so that is about half done. It's not due until Thursday, so there should be plenty of time tomorrow or even Wednesday. I had a migraine blind spot early in the day, though I didn't really feel like I had a migraine. I was pretty sniffly and sneezy earlier, but that seems to have cleared up. The rain has been back lately, but it's sporadic and at pretty normal levels, no crazy storm like there has been.

## **Day 5711 - 2/19**

### **Hopefully ok day**

Today will hopefully be ok. It's a holiday, so I may not get to do things as normal. I just have to see what is what and try to make the best choices from what I have.

## **Day 5712 - 2/20**

### **Hopefully normal Tuesday**

Today will hopefully be a normal Tuesday. Hopefully it won't rain too much if it does. Hopefully class goes ok. Hopefully I'm not too sniffly or sneezy. Hopefully my tummy is ok with the foods I get. And hopefully I can get over whatever colds I've been having lately.



## **Week 817**

### **Day 5713 - 2/21** **Sneezing and rain**

Today it's been raining off and on. I think it was totally pouring for about an hour with how wet it is, but I think it's been pretty light since then.

I've been pretty sniffly and sneezy all day. Weirdly it all seems to be in my nose. My lungs feel clear and I'm not really coughing at all, just a few sneezes per hour.

Hopefully I get better soon. And hopefully the rain clears up to nice warm days.

### **Day 5714 - 2/22** **Second shower**

Today I had to take two showers; both of them too cold. On Monday when I do my normal shower I had to be somewhat different during the holiday, so I took my razor and left it somewhere unusual. After I'd gotten naked and set everything up this morning I realized I never put it back where it normally goes. So I had to detour on my way off of campus for a second shower to do the shaving I didn't get to do in the morning. To my dismay the shower area I thought was very warm was as cold as the rest. I left a note this time about it, but with how little the shower areas are used lately I doubt they will rush to fix them. It's taken them more than 6 months to replace a \$10 toilet seat.

I'm still pretty sniffly and sneezy. I guess it's not the worst, but hopefully I'll stop being sick soon.

### **Day 5715 - 2/23** **Cramped thighs**

Today for some unknown reason my thighs are super cramped. It's like I've done 200 squats or something. I have no idea what is up with that. My calves hurt a bit too, but

nowhere near as much. I didn't do any extra walking around, so I have no idea what could have caused it. And I don't recall feeling this way until early afternoon.

I did sleep really deeply last night and had no problems getting to sleep. I did make sure my later snack was glucose free, and today when I got bread I made sure it was sourdough, so we'll see if my parts continue to feel better. Maybe if I do have a bit of glucose sensitivity it will get better over time and I can be less guarded about what I eat.

## **Day 5716 - 2/24**

### **Gross lady**

Today there was a gross lady sitting across from me. She sounded like she was 5, sniffing and snorting every 15 seconds. It's like, really? You are, what, probably as old as I am and you aren't taking decongestants and nose spray to deal with that? Just sitting there snorting super gross every 15 seconds? What is with people lately?

I guess it was an ok day other than that. The weather surprisingly got up to 70F today, so we may finally be getting warmer weather. I don't think it's supposed to stay warm for long though, but hopefully soon we will get to warmer weather. And hopefully soon I can stop being sniffly and sneezy.

## **Day 5717 - 2/25**

### **Still sneezy**

Today I am still pretty sneezy. Some yuck came out when I did, so hopefully that is a sign I'm getting better. I'm still a bit sleepy too, and a bit cramped in my thighs. I had a bit of the lump in my tummy feeling last night that kept me up a bit, and the bread I had for a sandwich was sourdough. So either I have to be very careful about breads, which seems strange to have come up so suddenly so late in life, or it is not related to what I'm eating and it's just in general my G.E.R.D.S. being bad. It does seem to start to happen when I lay down. I'm pretty sure the snacks I have now are totally gluten free, so we'll see if it continues to happen over the next few nights.

## **Day 5718 - 2/26**

### **Restful day**

Today will hopefully be a restful day. I actually did all my homework, so I really shouldn't have much of anything to do for school today. So hopefully I can be restful, recover from my colds, and have a peaceful day.

## **Day 5719 - 2/27**

### **Probably cold again**

Today will probably be cold again. The weather being almost 70F was just for the weekend. By now it is supposed to be cold again. Which is super annoying. It is almost March and should be getting warmer, not colder again. Well, hopefully I have fun in class today, and have a restful rest of the day.

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Day 4771 - Movie; Aladdin (1992).