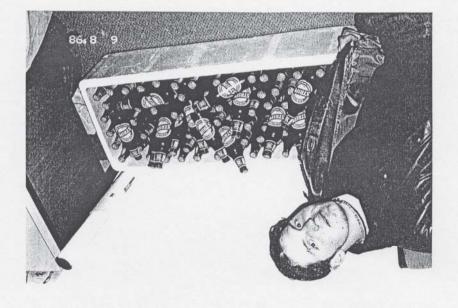
Incredibly Hot Sex with Hideous Heople

Bryce Galloway



Please answer truthfully.

Date of Birth: 12/01/1979

Name: Scott M'LEW

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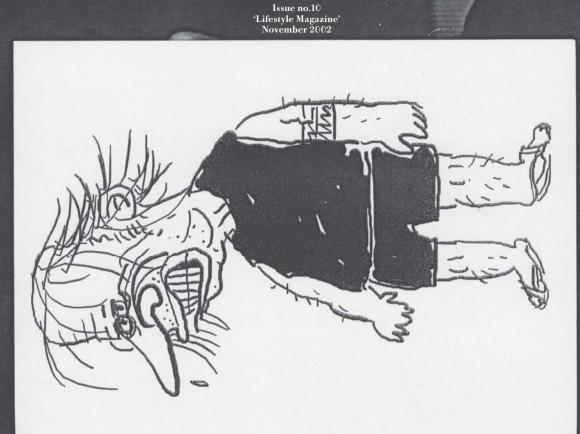
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Incredibly Hot Sex with Hideous People spoke with the fashion luminary whose mere initials are calling card enough. We spoke to the legendary CK.

CK, you seem to have created a signature style out of jandals, black shorts and black sleeveless tee, have I left anything out? Maybe you should include headset mike and ovation breadwinner guitar cos I only ever wear those particular shorts onstage. If you're gunna be a pedant. Do you refer to them as "sleeveless tees" or "muscle tees? I seldom refer to them at all but, if such reference is utterly unavoidable, I will cheerfully opt for the sleeveless variant. If mare mut we sizes too big to disguise the fact that I don't have muscles.

Has finding the best of each constituent element, that goes into making up your ensemble, been a journey of discovery? No. But it is bloody difficult getting the common or garden Skellerup Jandal of old. And most of them are plastic rather than rubber, these days. You hafta find the "superjandal" for that good old, squishy 60s thrill. How do you get through the winter months? I have two identical pairs of black cargo trousers and two identical black jerseys. Also socks and two identical black boots. Well, not quite identical, one will only fit my left foot, the other, my right. Others of signature style have included Andy Warhol, Joseph Benys and Eric Satis. Are you happy in their company? Any threads of connection? Andy loved the Velvets and so do I. He had an unsightly nose and fuckall hair. I also share these characteristics. Wy arcane duo, TD, once wrote and recorded a song called Boys that we almost spelt Beuys because the subject matter was the horrors of the Reperbahn, and I have and art with meat. I have an Eric Satis record but don't like it very much. Happy? Let's say, not unhapy. Do sales assistants pounce on you and treat you with much faming when you step out into the world of retail fashion? No, they are young and callow and have no idea who I am. Even at Hallensteins and Glassons, both of which have TV ads with my music on em.

Favourite fashion song: The Kink's Dedicated Follower of Fashion, Bowie's Fashion or anther? This Kink's Face of Fashion eclipses either but The Kink's are quite good also. Fowle's other big one word F song, Fame, is much better. Top fashion tip for those in doubt? Wear the same thing every day for the rest of your life and for approximately one month every seven years you will be in fashion. That is more than enough time for anyone.



editorial

Bryce Galloway

The hallowed temples of high art remain safe from an onslaught of Incredibly Hot Sex with Hideous People!

to hear that my street credibility is still intact with a big arse; telling you what mark I got for the first instalment of my Masters of Fine Arts/fanzine production. You'll be pleased fat C-. Still, they could have given me a D. I'm trying my As promised here's me showing you the spots on my dimpled best to swagger here but I'm obviously more than a little wounded.

Here's what the experts had to say:

in their own right but lacked the necessary exploration beyond the original concepts to develop an experimental methodology. previously hinted at shopping trolley project] were engaging The low amount of work produced also contributed to a narrow "In general this submission was inadequate for this stage of range of artistic strategies developed. There needs to be a bibliography that is both responsive to everyday events and historical issues that relate to your work, along with a the MFA programme. The two artworks [the fanzine and more thorough investigation into the theoretical and focused in terms of theoretical texts."

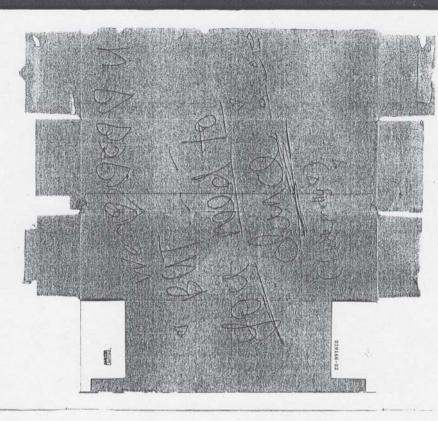
advertised below. I'll forward them this time round because if So there you have it. I suck. If you enjoy Incredibly Hot Sex with Hideous People, send indignant fan mail to the address I keep giving out Massey staff addresses I'll loose my job.

it fair falls from your mouth like a stack of scratched seven-Welcome to The Disc Jockey issue. Say the word, "disc jockey," baldness bobbing to the backbeat, twelve not seven inch. Disc and WKRP In Cincinnati (er, that's an ancient TV show). Bring inch singles. I'd all but forgotten what the word DJ stands Jockey on the other hand makes me think of afros and sleaze for. DJ, invoking images of street-wear cool and unsmiling it on! All writings, drawings and photographs in this issue are by DJ note by anonymous party goer Good Music (AKA Bryce Galloway) except: Page

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The Deadest Party Ever

On the facing page is the flyer that I sent the Goratt-Brewster for my band's Fluxus gig back in 2000. We were really honoured to be invited to play on the occasion of their Fluxus survey-show, because we'd heard that Fluxus was like this hip inco-Dadaist party that took place in the 60s, entioing the inco-Dadaist party that took place in the 60s, entioing the

Unfortunately the Govett-Brewster refused to use this flyer. No official explanation was given; it was all a bit weird and close to the check, as the art scene often is. Of course I whomed is it were. Considering how safe the flyer really is, to have it banned is like a no effort/free ticket to the margins, were all sorts of far hipper, far more dangerous margins, were han Wendyhouse hang out. When I was just a kid I thought that anything punk enough to get banned must contain important information on how to escape the banality of being sixteen, middleclass and Presbyterian, with this and the sound statisticant is a suburban Hamilton. It was with this rational that I ordered LPs from the Sounds Records catalogue advertised as "banned worldwide" Records like: acterist as "banned worldwide" Records like: "Stretch Through oi - Volume One" "Stretch Through oi - Volume One"

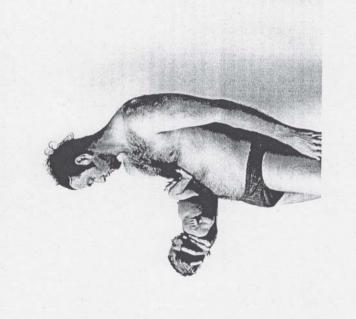
In case you're unaware as to the content of these gens, the former is early 80s generic thrash-for-white-trash, and the former is arroist call to arms, courting this same audience. So what I learnt was how to feel guilty about being addatestess, gring we scal hand tart to mean to fee yreare, addatestess, gring we areal hand tart on mean to fee party, beating up a gay friend and spray-painting swarthas in the hallway, afterwards my flatametes and I were able to sit around and listen to 'Strength Through Oi - Volume One' for anthropological insight as to what had just taken place. But back to the flyer, I thought I was being far more responsible than the ornical catalogue of Sounds Racords. The flyer was specifically designed to have Fluxus spirit. George Macimumas was the Fluxus prime mover and is quoted as follows. "Mrt must appear to be complax, pretention, profound, serious, intellectual, inspired, skilful, significant and therrical, it must appear to be valuable as a commodity so as to provide the artist with an income."

Fluxus, on the other hand, must be "simple, amusing, unpretentious, concerned with insignificances, require no skill or countless tehearsals, have no commodity or institutional value..."(1) And there's the rub; How can a publicly funded art gallery induge that kind of philosophy when this same gallery is in the position of having to convince a sceptical populace that

this "art" thing is deserving of their financial support. I'm ance the ratepayers of New Plymouth are suppoidene enough about much of what the Govett-Brewster deems worthy. It's due this dichotomy that ultimately, an institutional survey of something like Fluxus, is fated to be the deadest party ever; for anything truly Fluxus must be rendered impotent of its power to freak the natives before the gallery doors can be throw open. And so, I'll never tire of congratulating myself for the irony of having my flyer deemed inappropriate. p29. Flux - A long Tale with Many Knots. Institut fur Auslandsbeziehungen. Various essays/touring show.



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Yes that's me and my first child. Styling and concept by me - Bryce Galloway. The photographs in this issue were taken by a former assistant to Anne Geddes who wishes to remain unnamed. I kid you not. Interested buyers of fine art prints may contact stinkispinkis@yahoo.com - PO Box 27577, Mellington, NZ.

antenatal revisited

That was our birth story - so irresponsible in its goriness. Birth stories have a short life, requested and enthusiastically spilled to those first few well wishers who turn up with their foody offerings. But then you get the events of the full sweaty thirty-four hours hopelessly tangled, and you end up making a hash job of the telling. The only other audience for your story is at your antenatal class remnion. But then there's still one couple who're waiting to give birth, and so mention of say... scraping blood from the baby's bead with an "inglorinous cake icing contraption" and a glass tube, well it's not exactly encouraged. We were just four days from ground-zero when said remnion took place, and so, sleep deprived, it all just came tumbling out of our mouths. With no no, yucky yucky, let's move on huh?" And so one never really hears what a long and complicated birth is like, and such a birth is an increasingly common occurrence in these weird times of bigger babies and simmer hips. It's no coincidence that DW and I are not one of the couples invited to tell our birth story to the maxt antenatal group. Of course such sensitivity and censorship makes perfect sense in the context of an antenatal class, it's about feeling prepared but not freaked out. Still, shit happens, so there should be some publishing genpire. When writing out mine and DW's birth story, I found myself pausing at phrases like "gapping bloody vagina," and thinking "oh no, I can't use that, that's just too over-the-top." I had to remind myself that such a phrase was totally factual, not even dressed up for effect, that I should leave it in. I did mean DO NOT REAL IF PREGNANT.

A down side to not hearing birth stories similarly involving intervention, is that it can leave the newly mother feeling that she failed to give birth like a real woman would have. That's is the comment that regularly escapes DW's lips ever since our baby was born. So, four days into having our babe in arms, a separate entity in this mad world, we went to our antenatal reunion. We arrived late. That's the first change; you're late for everything. Anyway. Three they were; all of these brand spanking new, new and newish babies, lined up in their individual car seat/baby carriers, fleshy pink kernels in moulded plastic husks. I took one look up this row of babies and went and placed ours on the other side of the church hall. It was just too much, too

Reach for the higher plane damn it! You splash cold water on your face and walk about, yawning, trying and get the blood from your crotch back to your brain.

I'm a slow reader. It's been a long road from remedial reading classes - after school with Mrs McKessar - to the dizzying heights to which I now aspire, or am pushed by circumstance. I was a thidhood dreamer. Wy dad told me I was stupid. It's hard to read theory. I should get my eyes tested.

was a Lacanian. I never met her, it was an email relationship, so supervisor, the one who would be marking me. Since I was lost for who, if pushed, was probably more comfortable with sociology than My lead on theory has been chequered. After my year at Massey, I sent me an article, which amounted to a psychological evaluation job. My next theory supervisor seemed alright, but he refused to psychology? But it's all just called theory these days isn't it? xenophobia my Lacanian theory supervisor was not rehired for the texts I approached the Head of Fine Arts at Massey. She ignored At one point my Lacanian theory supervisor with the pointy ears made the move to Elam to discover that my new theory supervisor contact. So territorial! In the meantime, I was lost for texts, they're not dissimilar to Vulcans; Dr Spock et al. Lacan was a recommend any texts because he was just an interim supervisor, I'm not sure what Lacanians look like. I like to imagine that of the zine author. It included lines such as, "By shaping or psychologist. Was I in trouble, being someone outside theory, patronised, judged, but once I had calmed down my response to such an evaluation became (in the Ali G. style), "Well what's wrong with that?" Nothing eh. Then in a fit of intergalactic example..." At first I was furious, I felt like I was being "You're pushing your luck!" walked straight past me, no eye and didn't want to confuse the issue with my next and last reinforce or alter their body egos. In Asshole Weekly, for my request, then when I finally saw her she just muttered, distorting images of the human body, zine publishers can floating, freefalling, theory-less.

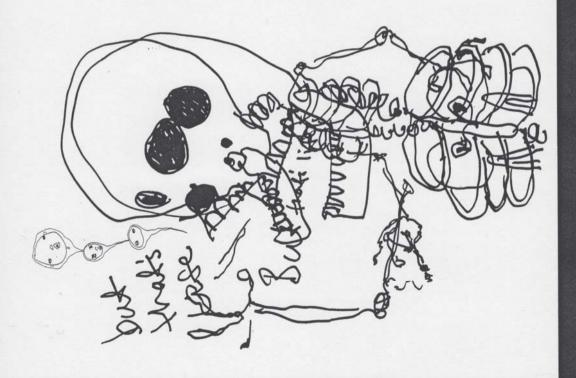
But now, once again, I am with theory supervisor. She used to be a friend, but we'll postpone our friendship for a while in the interests of professionalism. I did not have a joint birthday party with her during my undergraduate degree. She did not send me a tambourine made from a recycled fly-spray can during her OE in Egypt. And this tambourine does not decorate the office in which I now write. While doing my Masters, a lot of friends and acquaintances have popped up in different professional guises. My studio supervisor was also at Elam during wy undergrad, but we were never close. In short, it is kind of weird navigating our studio supervisor, to cartic, to art director, to host, to panel-mener, to waiter. So it goes in swings and roundabouts.

5000 lecturers can't be wrong

I'm reading words, I'm writing words, and sometimes others even with other own words about my writing. My words have engaged with other words deemed lofty anough to be referred to by that with nother words deemed lofty soulpted piece of word - "theory." "Now here's a perfectly soulpted piece of hotocopying," one esteemed journal wrote about this journal. Hmm., that's one for my BRR, that's a "peer seteem factor." PBRF Hmm., that's one for my PBR, that's a "peer seteem factor." PBRF stands for the Performance Based Research Fund; a new system whereby every few years the government gets a current CV off each of the 5000 lecturers in the country, and then scores them A, B, C or R. That's: internationally research active; nationally research active; research active; research active respectively. This is a big deal to universities because part of their government funding is based on their staff's pBRF

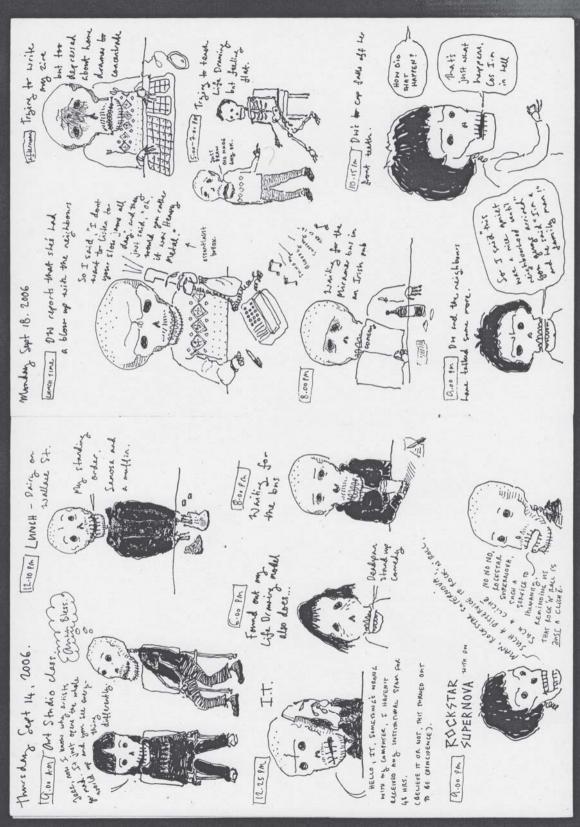
that they don't realise that the esteemed journal - Manual - is a journal, dear reader, that I got my B. You'll be relieved to know One of the things you submit is "peer esteem factors," e.g. good sk8boarder's mag. Manual; sounds austere enough to be an art mag is touted, by those who do it, as empowering, but to the PBRF, a lower than a critically-maligned publishing-house book that sold brings you the ... continuing story of his failure to attain his that this journal, this fanzine does not count. Self publishing PBRF is the bit from the same review that says, "Bryce Galloway doesn't it? I scored well in the nation's inaugural PBRF round, reviews, like the one just mentioned. What you don't submit to Masters of Fine Arts." That doesn't look so hot. You also hope getting a B, but before you decide that's one too many for the three copies to author's mum. The latter document, you see, is detritus?" The lame thing is, say you were to put out a really celebrated zine that garnered rave reviews, PBRF would rate it fanzine is just a "Non-quality assured" research output, i.e. camels back, that I've betrayed my last, it was not for this "who of importance invited you to produce this piece of "quality assured," albeit via the poor judgement of the publishing house.

Now this doesn't have much to do with being an MFA student, but it does echo the paradox (yes, paradox!) of my MFA experience. It also gives me the opportunity to betray myself, yet again, to my own sense of reverse snobbery. The Head of Massey's School of Fine Arts spoke at their very first exhibition of graduating MFA students. I braved the stigma of being "one of two who had bailed," and went to see the work of my former fellows. The Head apoke in the context of tradition, about how what we saw around apoke in the context of their undergraduate degrees. These words hunt apprentionship of their undergraduate degrees. These words hunt me, because my so-called matery is to embrace a form and medium

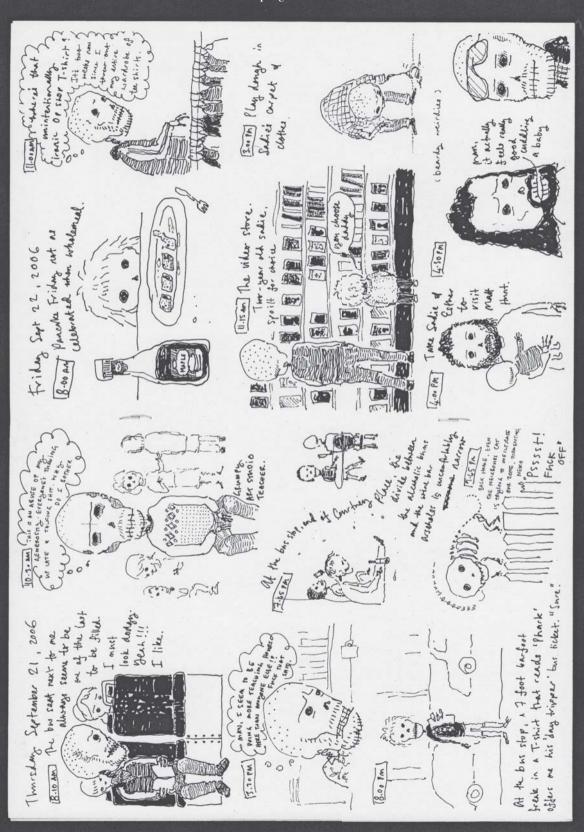


A & E at Wellington Hospital is always the same, that is, there is no sense of emergency: the way they treat you, or don't, requiring you to fill out forms while you wait and wait. Finally 1'm invited to hobble through to see a doctor, then hobble through to radiology, then hobble back to the curtained off cubicle where I was before. When the X-ray results come back showing that I've fractured ny knee it's like "Oh no don't move, where's an orderly, whre's the wheelchair", guilty until proven innocent in other words. So I'm wheeled up to radiology, which makes me feel like a prince, such is my not-to-be-a-bother mousiness. I'm laid out on a bed where I'm to be fitted for a cast. An old copy of Time magazine is all the company I have as DW has had to return home, where she can properly care for and entertain our wee child. Half an hour goes by. Time magazine exhausted. Two hours go by. Three hours, wp bladder is ready to burst. I'm craning my neck to find the buzzer. Mhere's the toilet? Where's the buzzer.

Through the cuttain that separates my room from the next, patients with - what must be - more serious injuries than my own, have come and gone. Judging by the noises filtering through at present, a child is being consulted and comforted. I stagger over to the cuttain on my seolisen knee, my tibs are killing me, should I have mede more of this earlier. I slide the cuttain back a few polite inches and call out, 'Hello? Hello?' A man my own age steps back into my line of sight offering an enquiring smile. "Is there a doctor or nurse available?" I ask, A doctor with a fuckoff expression appears, "Wesi?" he says. "I need to go to the toilet," I say, offering a non-committal, "Yeah, OK," and shuffles off. his eyes, adding a non-committal, "Yeah, OK," and shuffles off. "Firstmatury f'ill be actended. I lie on the bed holding the piss in until a nurse arrives to offer me a bottle. If I sound upset, i'm just hamming, i'm really not that fussy about my own dignity, i'm just hamming for effect, hamming for those readers with higher standards and expectations. Even in the moment, I merely take it all as proof of what I've already known to be the existential truth; that after civility aches. They say we believe what we want to believe, under-staffed hospitals come as no surprise. Finally I make fuck-face's to do list. He comes to the foot of my bed and actually smiles, saying, "There's been a break in the wachber." I am to be attended to. Two nurses arrive to apply the cast. I get a choice of colour for the synthetic gauze outer: blue, green, red, orange, or black. I have to stop myself from verbalising the thought that enters my head, thet thought being, "Aaah, exactly what shade is that?"



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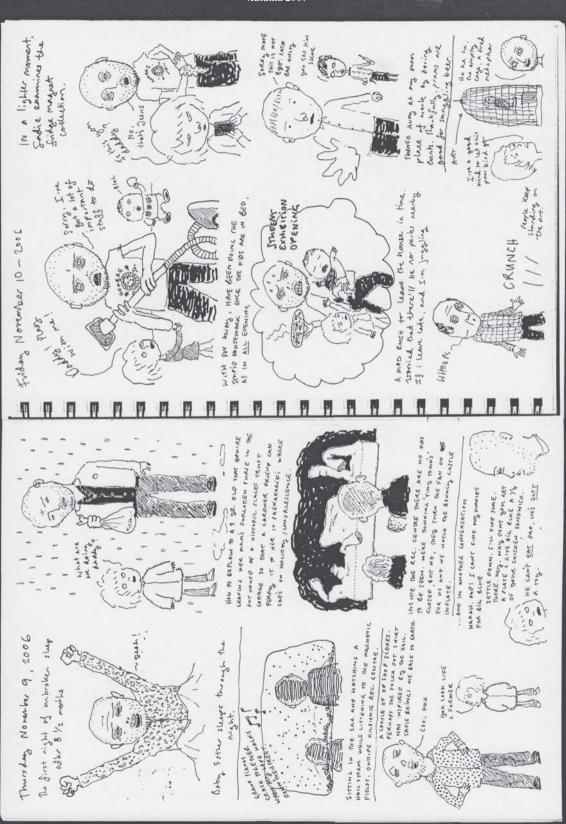


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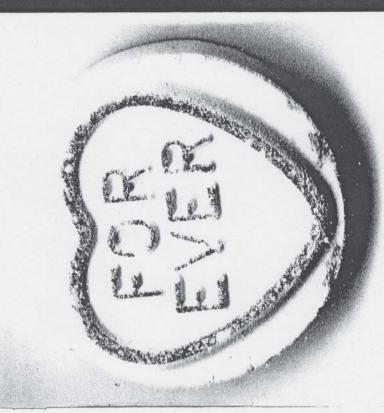
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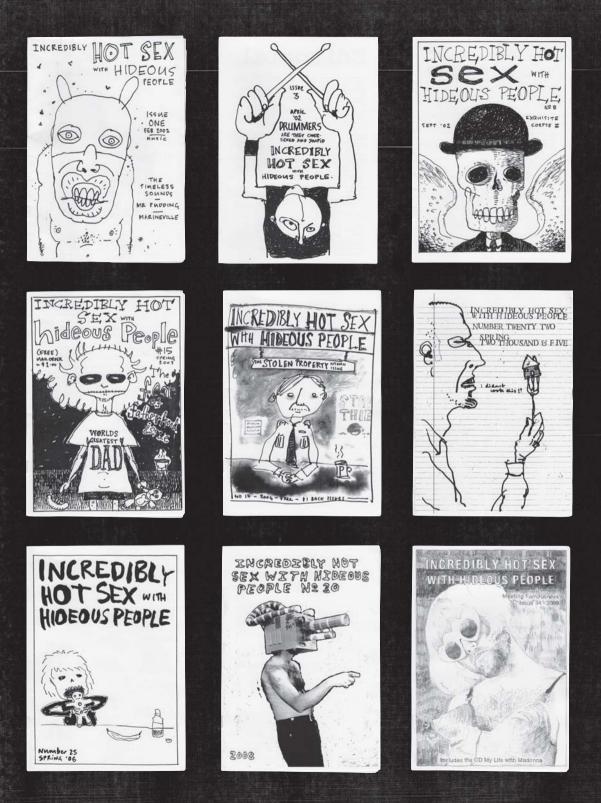
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mistaken, that cell phones actually work off a configuration of local cell phone towers. "Oh, bummer." So maybe Kylie's right; my query about the green cellphone was a non-starter. Providence has me pick up an issue of New Scientist while at the doctors office. Therein I read an article about the mining of the cell phone's essential mineral coltan. I read how this is contributing to the likely artinction of the agestic gorilla. The irony is, after all my huffing and puffing about the evil of cell phones, I take such news in my stride. I'm too desensitised to care a whole lot. There's guilt, but hey, there's always guilt. I'm a middle class fuck. Secretly. I'm becoming enamoured with my new gadget. I like playing with the torch for the entertainment of my children. I like sending novelry txts. I like setting my ring tone to the hip-hop setting to bug DW. I like having the time on hand when I forget to wear my watch. After only a week of cell phone ownership I start displaying the bad form I've so sneeringly observed in others. At the counter of the vehicle-testing centres in Newtown I take a call from DW, forcing me to communicate with the poor woman serving me via sings, eyebrow raising and nods. At Factory cafe on Hopper Street I find myself simultaneously txting and trying to maintain a distracted conversation with a friend I haven't seen all year. I'm txting while driving, endangering the life of my chlaren and other drivers. I'm a slave to my cell phone; loathe to ever turn it off. After only two weeks of cell phone ownership I say to a friend/aquaintance, "So what's your cell?" my head down as I access the phone's address book. "Don't have one." he replies in a matter of fact way.

*In doing online research for this zine I read about coltan mining's contribution to civil wai in Attrica, with the collusion of various waterer multinationals. So, it's as bad as I might have hoped. Hay, I was into doom and gloom before anyore, man! So, don't update your cell phone unless you have to (define "have to"). And if you do, tecyrle the old one, to reduce the need for further coltan mining. Check out the blood, on your hals a knine, by entering the word coltan into Google. Incredibly Not Sex with Hideous People is the work of Bryce Galloway. Available free at time of issue in contral Wallparton Back issues are available for 22 + Per From PO at 27527, Wallparton, New Zealand, or from www.cherrybomhoomics.co.nt. Ywo-Yearly subscriptions are available for 528 within NZ. Email stinibulyon.com Printed on rocyclad Paper





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Incredibly Dot Bex

Incredibly Hot Sex with Hideous People is the name of the Wellington-based fanzine I started in 2002. It's still going. There've been thirty-six issues to date, which is apparently a staggering number in the world of zines. Most zines exist for one or three issues before the zinester gets restless and changes the name or format of their enterprise, or just 'grows up' and moves on. At forty-three years of age, growing up is no longer an option. My age makes me a wonderfully weird fit; the zine scene being as youthful as it is, especially within the sub-genre of perzines (i.e. personal zines), as mine has become.

Incredibly Hot Sex with Hideous People started life as a vehicle for the shameless promotion of a CD I'd released under the name Mr Pudding. I was finding it difficult to get any press in the official media. Came the time to stop complaining about this and find another avenue. I asked a fan/ ex music-journo to write a vanity piece about my fab new CD and added other pieces on a couple of favourite local bands. I got 150 copies of my modest yet immodest little A5 fanzine photocopied and left them in local cafes, record shops and galleries.

Did this act of self-promotion enable me to shift units of my ailing CD? No. But it did give me a taste for producing freebee zines (once over the small angst of going public in such an uninvited way). Issue two looked at local short film-makers.

2002 was also the year that I enrolled to do a Masters of Fine Arts (MFA). With full time work and post-graduate study, how was I going to find time to continue producing my zine? There seemed to be only one option, turn the zine into an MFA project. Thus, with the third issue I departed from my barely established format and attempted to make an art zine. It was called 'Drummers, are they oversexed and stupid?' It was about drummers are they oversexed and stupid.

This did not satisfy my examiners. Neither did my issue on stencil graffiti, my forays into 'exquisite corpse' play, or my reprint of stolen 'band-mate wanted' posters. The biggest problem for the powers that be was the perceived inconsistency of my methodology. Thus, with the evolution of *Incredibly Hot Sex with Hideous People* into a perzine, my examiners were a little happier.

I don't mean to suggest that I was bullied into producing a perzine. I became attracted to the way the autobiographical might insist upon everyday themes. I was attracted by the small and lived story. I wanted to mine the authentic embarrassing moment as a challenge to usual public constructions of ego.

And the how of it? Sometimes I write a text and then go about illustrating what I've written. But what I prefer to do is to dash off late night vivid-marker-on-copy-paper drawings inspired by the day's thoughts or events, and then edit this stack of doodly material in response to the completed text. This way I get drawings that might resonate with the words on paper rather than mere illustration as a redundant image of what I've already written. I'm sure some people probably think these doodly drawings are naff; require no time or skill. Well, personally, I don't think time necessarily counts for much. Plenty of old dears have peered into an etching or some pointillist wonder with no better affirmation than, "My goodness Doreen, this must have taken a long time!" No, I like doodly drawings. I love the honesty of the unrehearsed line. Love the humanness. Love the pathos.

At the other end of the critical scale I'm sure there are some zinesters who find my layout ... 'stationery' is word that comes to mind, a word that was once applied to the overall look of my zine by an Elam lecturer. For many familiar with the aesthetics of zines, my zine might look stationery, for the way it clearly demarcates each page of Courier text against the facing page's economical doodle. Many might expect the rough cut 'n' paste of real typewriter text, ephemera and photocopies of photocopies of photocopies of the 1968 Paris riots. Something more akin to Kurt Schwitters meets Jamie Reid. I defend the look of my own zine by saying it's at least as authentic as anything that looks 'zine-y.' Considering zines come from a place where 'needs must', I'd assert that to ignore the now ubiquitous desktop computer that stares back at me from my, er, desktop, would be a bit of a pose. Not that I use my computer with any finesse or technological know how. Mostly I just use it to write. To start scouring the op shops for an old typewriter would seem like a zinester's pilgrimage. And I'm too much of an iconoclast, even for that.

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