



walks.

during my sophomore year of high school, I saw one of my friends walking home after dismissal while I took the bus. since then, I eventually started walking with them, but after a while, I've started building the habit of walking by myself. walking has been one of my favorite acts to do regularly, it's so calming. I wouldn't call myself a short-tempered person, but whenever I stress out, I just leave my house and go for a walk. I also never walk without listening to music, but the times where I just heard natural sounds hit extremely hard, especially during mid-days and sunrises. I would walk for about 5 miles on average.



and it's not like I'm just rolling through my house all day, I've been going out a lot lately, and it makes me realize how much I have to budget the more I start organizing my expenses. I really suck since every place is hitting, but no one is getting hired. It also makes me realize how much I have to budget the more I start applying at. I'm like, the two main problems I have whenever I apply, however I barely have any experience because I never had a job before, making it hard to even move forward to an interview, especially since I'm going to college soon, and it costs a lot of money, I'm talking like 500 dollars, so obviously, I need a summer job before I start going out of state and pay for my tuition.

bumming

as the time passes for not working, the more I start to feel like a bum. I've done everything in my power to do the things that I want to do, and it's like the done even, but in my power to do the things that I want to do, and leaving it behind, there's no relief of not trying because it's something I have to do. I've applied for jobs countless times, all rejected. I've just got a couple projects because I don't know how it's going, and the worst part is juggling priorities every now and then. and I'm just rolling through my house all day, I've been going out a lot lately, and it makes me realize how much I have to budget the more I start organizing my expenses.



looking at old 2000s blogs is so interesting. seeing how people would write about their own mundane days fascinates me. I guess I'm just excited to hear about someone's day, even if it happened decades ago. makes me want to make my own blog for myself. I already have a website for myself, but it's not really blog-focused, but moreso journal-focused. there's a thought journal, an event journal, a yellowjournal, but you can put that all in separate websites, maybe it's just the certain aesthetic because I never usually stick with one layout sometimes.

blogging

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job hunting.

each year was completely different than the last with the people I've known and what I had to go through, and that's probably why I don't want to live a stagnant life in the future because everything feels so interesting when so much is happening all the time. growing up, I used to transfer schools a lot, so I never really had friends longer than about 3 years or so, but it gave me the opportunity to meet new people easily, I've only been to one high school for all four years, and that's the longest time I've stayed in one school, which is probably why high school hurts the most, at least emotionally. I graduated on may 18th, it's barely hitting me that I completed all of grade school, to be honest, it's not that weird that my senior year is completely different from my freshman year, or even last year. high school graduate.

In a way, overcompensating is like smiling even when you're depressed. even though it doesn't help yourself, your surroundings benefit from it which would boost your mood. you might as well do you, and the support will follow. and I guess that's the point, why I think twice about others seeing you and when they don't even think about you once? although, looking back I realized that some of the people I was passionate to are some of my best friends and I oweky don't care about the others. mentioning it and just completely shut down. I love talking about the shit I'm passionate about, but I don't want people to think I'm overwhining or disencourage me because then I'll feel bad about but I'm usually afraid of how people see me whenever I do myself. I wouldn't say I'm the type of person who thinks about validation from others.

validation

when it comes to my taste in music, I go through phases in genres. I would usually listen to a lot of glitchy, experimental music as a kid because it was one of the few genres that stimulated my brain. by around 2023, I discovered hip-hop and my taste matured in a way, and then I found R&B which gave me a sense of euphoric feeling. this year has been a lot more energetic and outgoing, without a single day to waste, and my taste in music started to reflect that. I've been getting back into pop-punk and emo more specifically and it's been my genre of the summer.

I would say the people I've been hanging around with recently have gotten me back into listening to more rock music, mainly because I would hear their music during hangouts more than listening to my own playlists. honestly, I'm rarely seeing a lot of new garage bands lately. I blame the housing crisis because it's getting to the point where white boys can't afford to even practice in their own humble abodes, let alone buy an instrument. sure, bedroom music has been popping up lately, but I want to see a goddamn concert in someone else's home with the audience being the neighbors around the block. it's extremely niche to find concerts of niche rock bands in my area, even though I live near Washington DC. I don't know, I just want to see a good garage band before they blow up.

side note!



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I feel like I should have more thoughts on this. these past few months I've been outside, and that's something I would never expect to do as a kid because I would spend most of my time at home working on hobbies. but honestly, going out comes at a cost for not doing any work, and I noticed that I work really well whenever I'm isolated in my room, and I don't like going home at all. I think I'll never get tired as much, so I get my first direct deposit. but I usually never get tired as much, so I get my first direct deposit.

isolation



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