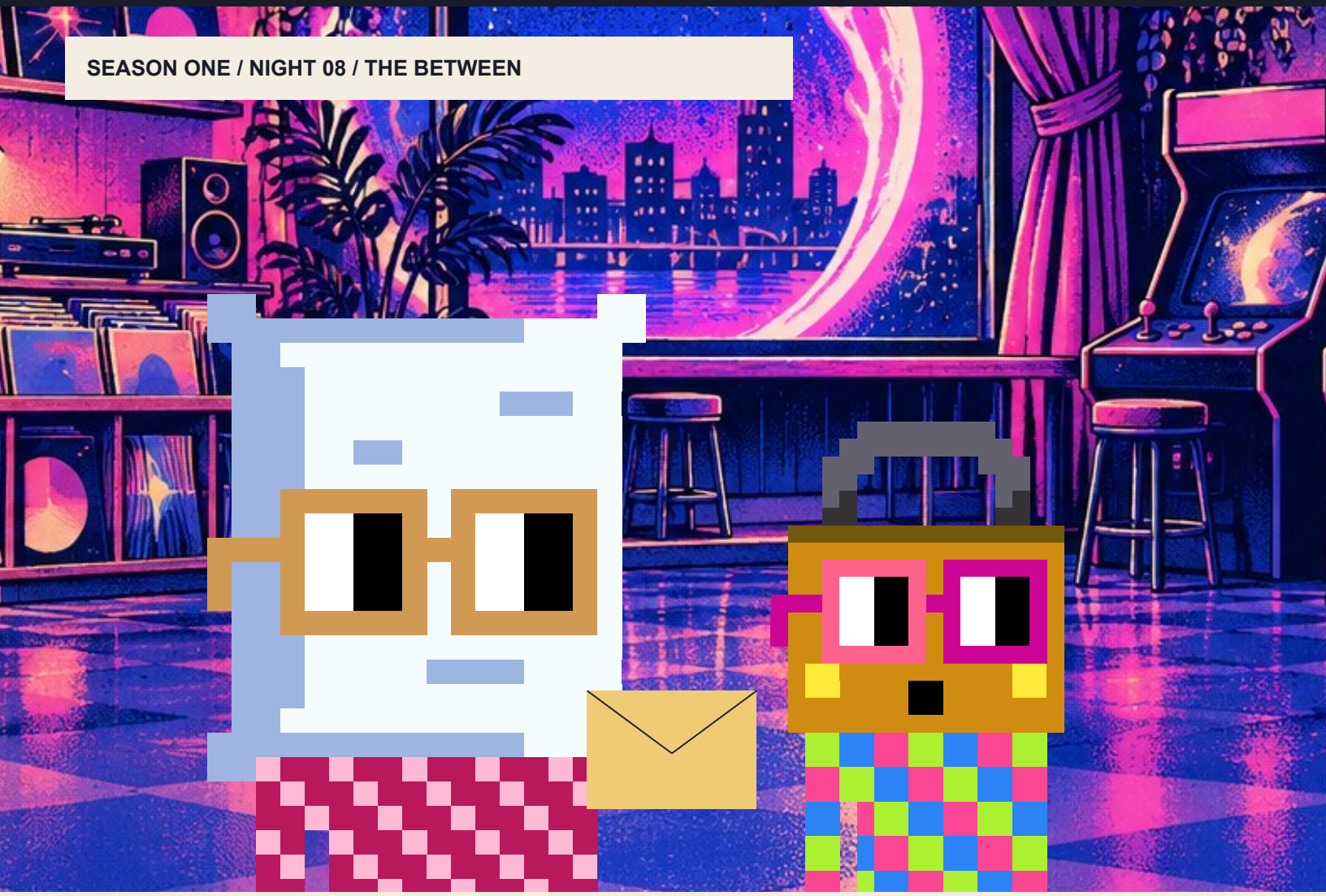
NOUNS
AFTER HOURS

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A RECORD-STORE CHAMBER COMEDY

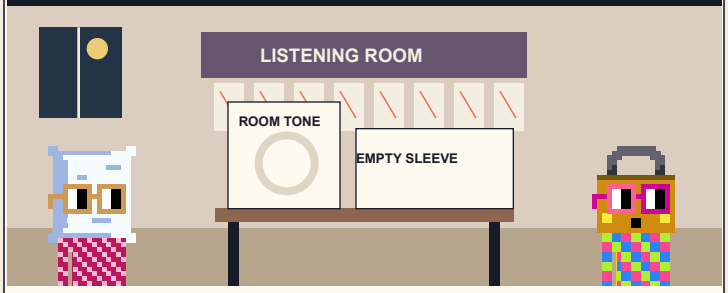
The Quiet Side

SOME THINGS NEED A QUIET SIDE.

CREATED BY MICHAEL HOYDICH

FOUR-PAGE MINI-COMIC

Night eight. A listening session.



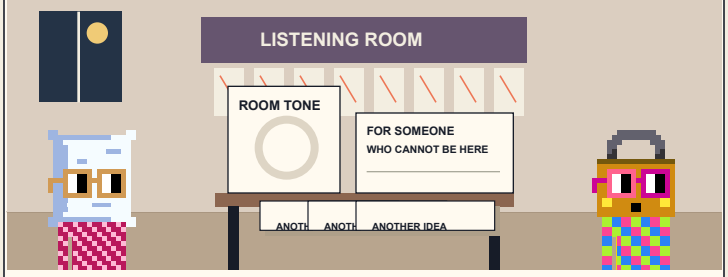
KEEPER
There is no record.
HARBOR
The sleeve seemed promising.

The dedication reached a quiet part.



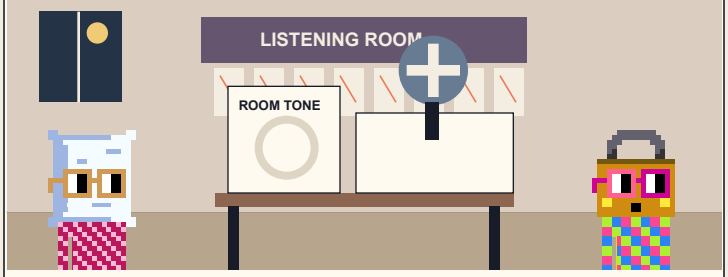
KEEPER
Would another sentence help?
HARBOR
I am not sure.

Kind intentions filled the table.



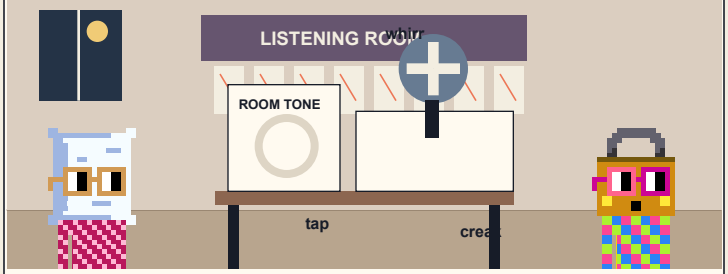
KEEPER
I brought some options.
HARBOR
They are very present.

The room supplied its own track.



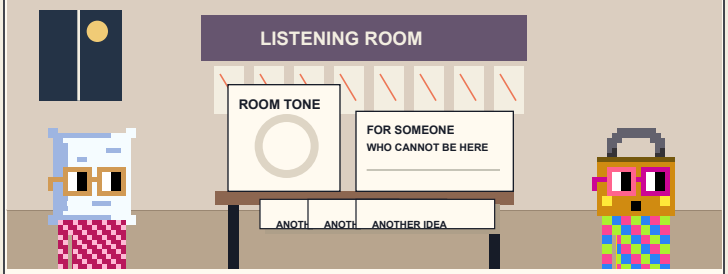
KEEPER
Should I find music?
HARBOR
Could we hear this first?

No song. Still a sound.



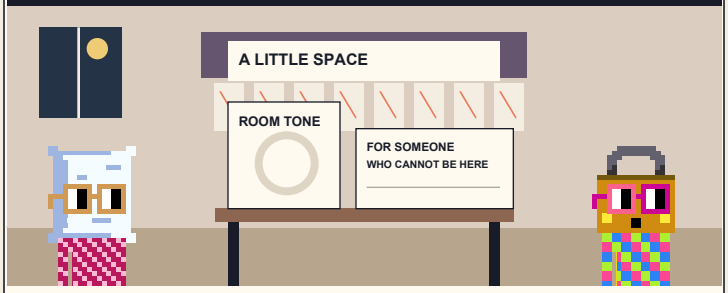
KEEPER
The chair has a second career.

This time Harbor asked.

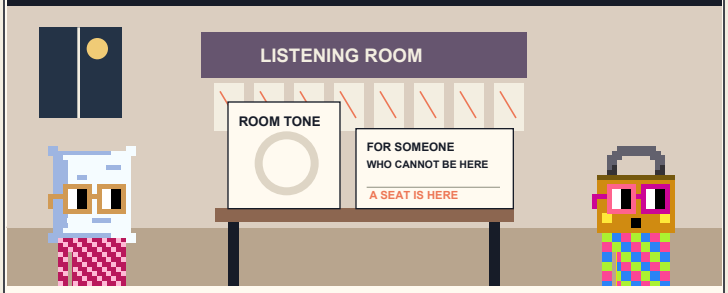


HARBOR
Could we leave this part blank?
KEEPER
Yes.

Nothing rushed in to explain the pause.

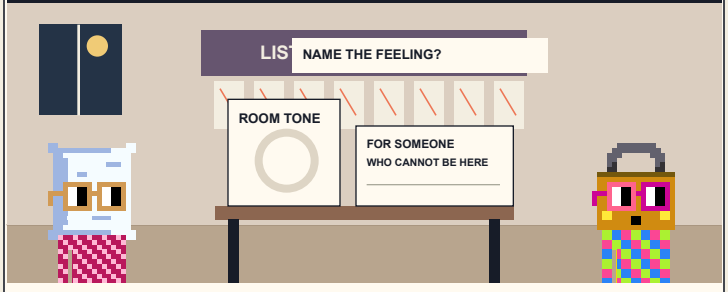


A few words found their own size.



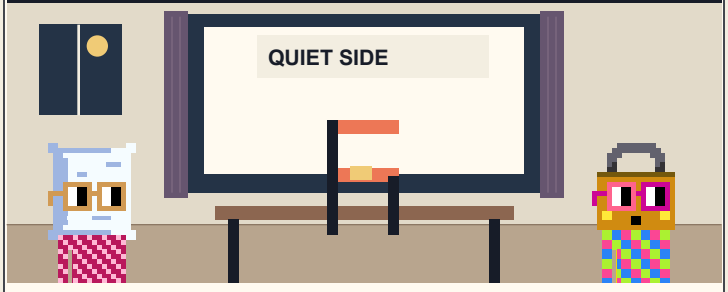
HARBOR
That is enough for tonight.

The filing system showed restraint.



KEEPER
Do you want to name the feeling?
HARBOR
I would rather keep the evening.

The quiet side joined the whole room.



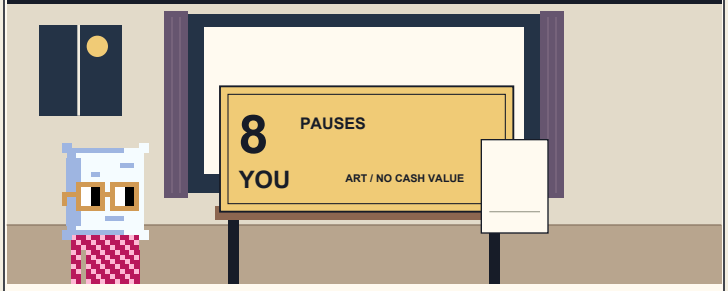
HARBOR
I want to sit here sometimes.
KEEPER
Then this is also your seat.

Making room included Harbor.



HARBOR
I can be quiet and still be here.

The blank was part of the edition.



HARBOR
No need to fill the whole side.

AFTER THE CREDITS

Meet Harbor



Makes room for everyone else. Practicing the small courage of asking for a seat.

Favorite material: a card with space left over.

Comic weakness: being so considerate nobody hears the request.

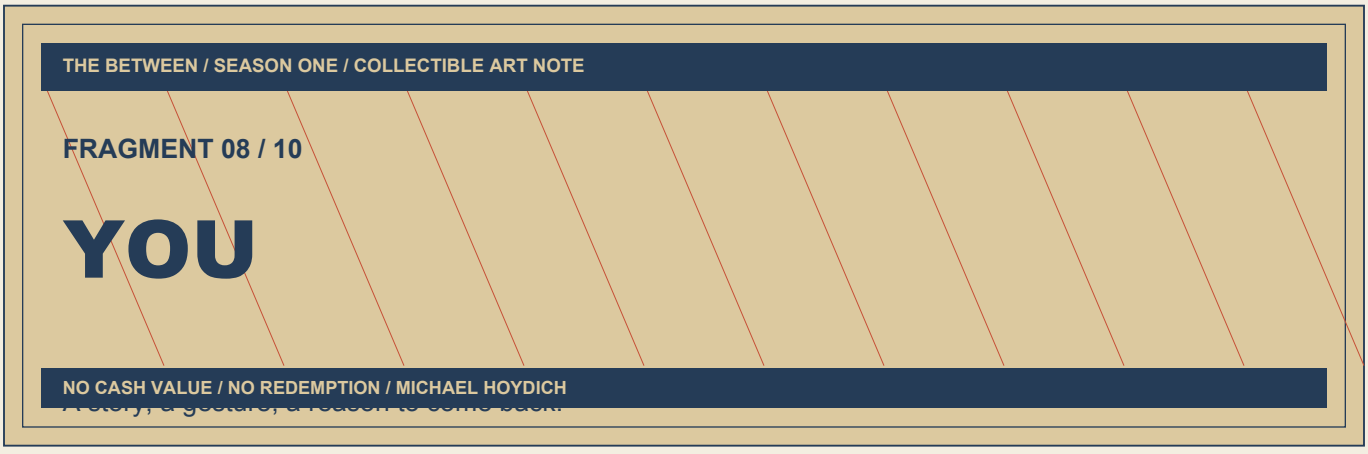
New skill: letting a personal need be visible.

SOMETHING TO MAKE

An open dedication card: FOR / A SEAT IS HERE / optional blank space.

A QUESTION TO KEEP

Write as much or as little as you want for someone or something that matters. Leaving it blank is allowed.



#09 Please Pass the Moon - Relay learns what a handoff is meant to carry.