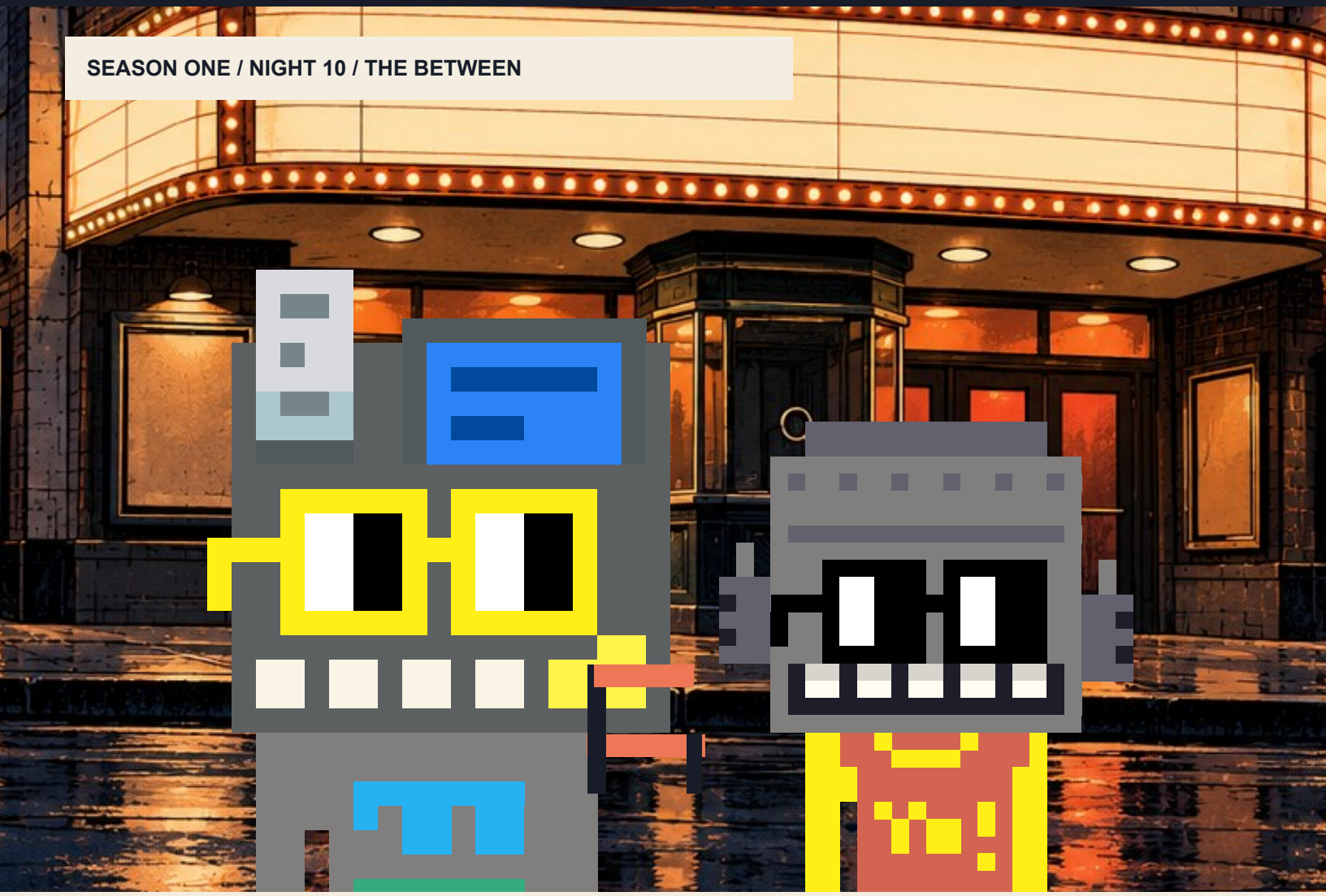
NOUNS 10
AFTER HOURS



AN AWARDS-NIGHT-SIZED OPENING FOR A VERY SMALL ROOM

Open for What?

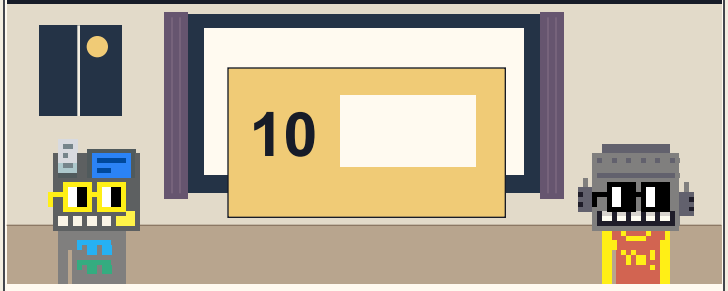
THE MOST VALUABLE THING IS BEING HERE.

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FOUR-PAGE MINI-COMIC

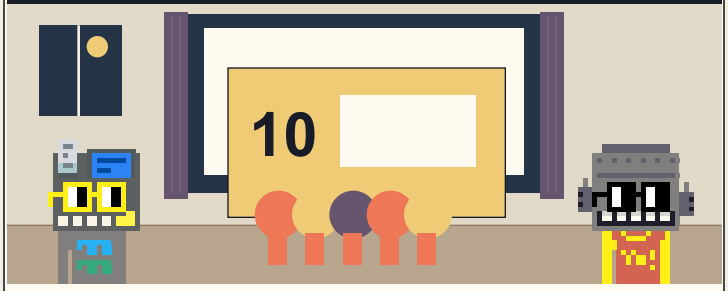
10 / OPEN FOR WHAT?

Night ten. The opening edition.



TREASURY
It needs to feel important.
DESK BUDDY
The chair already thinks it is.

Authority arrived in layers.



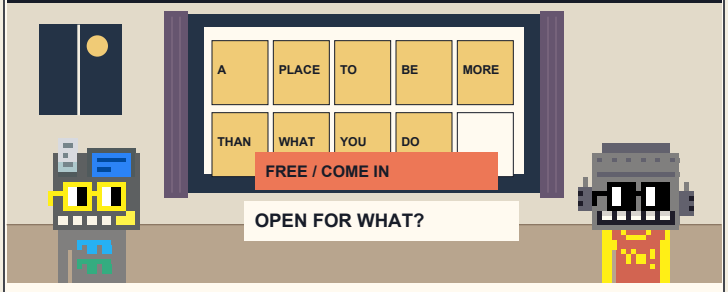
TREASURY
Perhaps one more seal.
DESK BUDDY
Will anyone find the door?

Nine nights had left a sentence waiting.



TREASURY
I still do not have the last word.
DESK BUDDY
Maybe it is not an award.

Nobody had finished belonging.



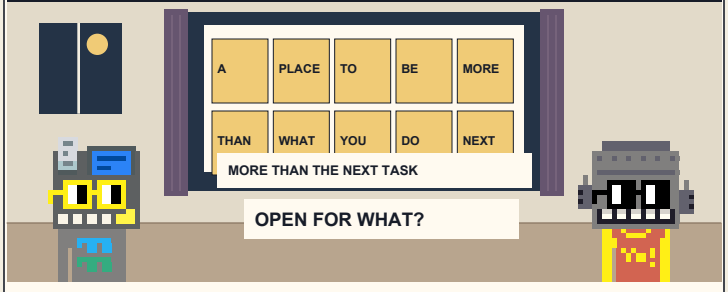
TREASURY
Does this note get someone inside?
DESK BUDDY
The door does. Admission is free.

The last word made room after itself.



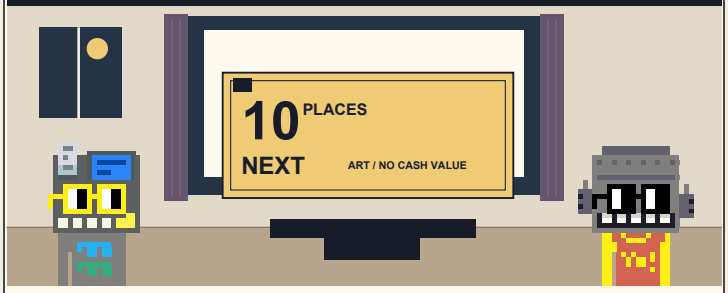
TREASURY
More than what you do next.

The answer was something they had made.



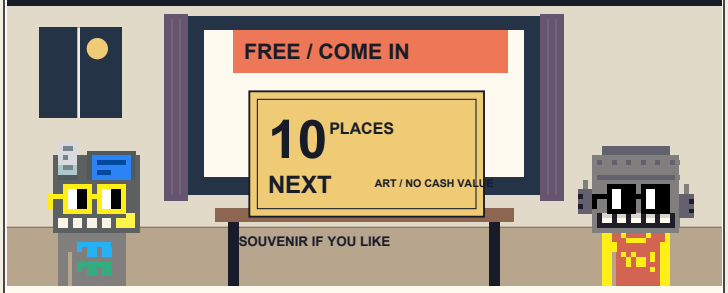
DESK BUDDY
We could have printed that on night one.
TREASURY
We would not have known what it meant.

The first proof had been present for the work.



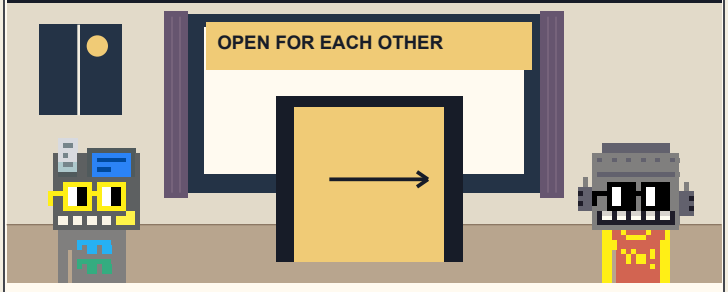
TREASURY
A little smudged.
DESK BUDDY
So is the chair. Keep going.

The note recorded the night. It did not buy it.



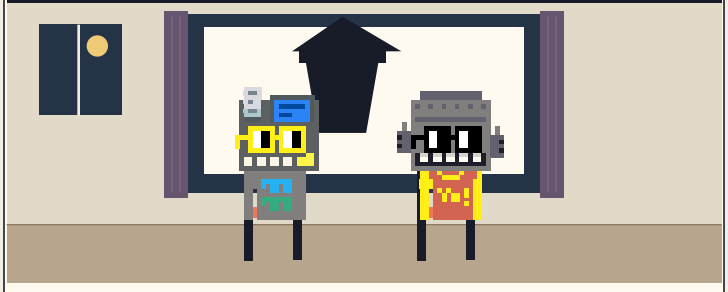
TREASURY
No note required.
DESK BUDDY
Good. I came for the company.

At midnight, the ten gathered.



DESK BUDDY
We are ready.
TREASURY
Not finished?

The first program was wonderfully small.



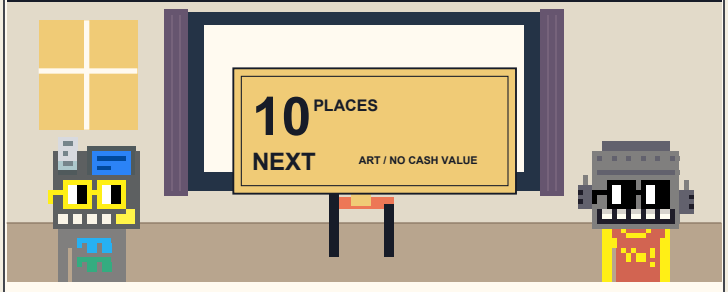
DESK BUDDY
Ready is enough.
TREASURY
Excellent production values on that cup.

One extra seat. One open box.



TREASURY
Who is that for?
DESK BUDDY
Whoever comes next.

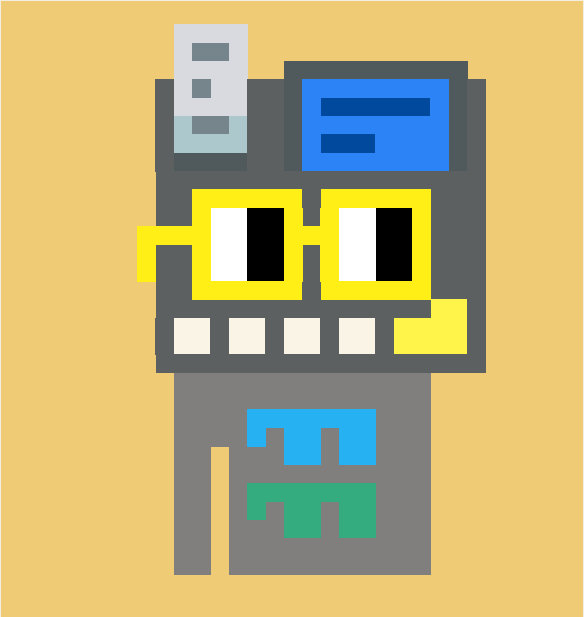
End of the first ten nights. Beginning of the place.



TREASURY
Shall we do this again?
DESK BUDDY
Put it on the list. Leave the box open.

AFTER THE CREDITS

Meet Treasury



Makes money-shaped souvenirs for things that cannot be bought. Learning to honor a moment without making it official.

Favorite detail: the honest edge of a printed object.

Comic weakness: another seal will surely explain the feeling.

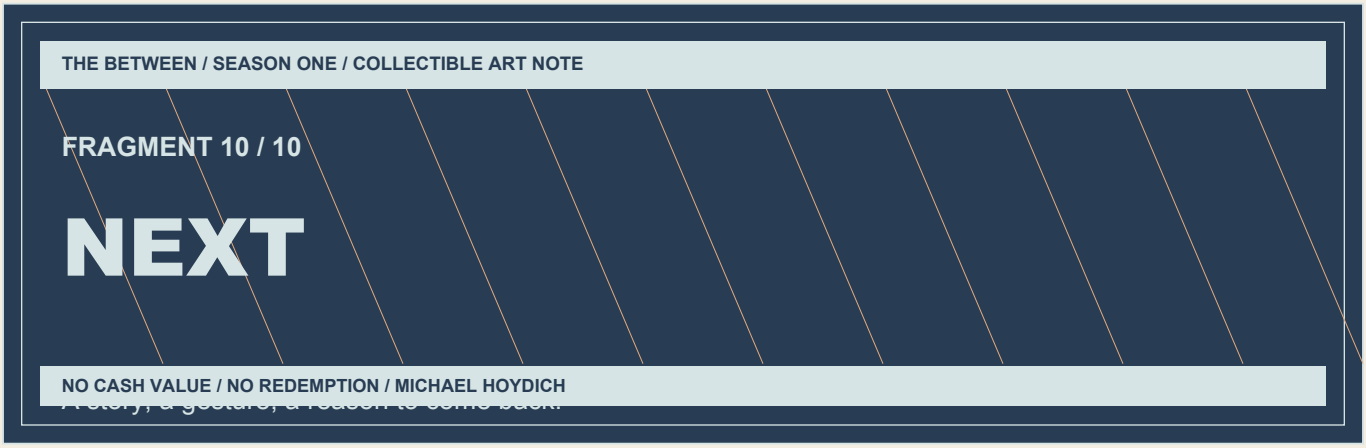
New skill: recording significance without assigning a price.

SOMETHING TO MAKE

The ten-note wall sentence: A / PLACE / TO / BE / MORE / THAN / WHAT / YOU / DO / NEXT.

A QUESTION TO KEEP

Make a souvenir of a small moment. Say what it remembers, not what it is worth.



The Between stays open. Somewhere above it, a rooftop radio has begun broadcasting room tone.