

Chapter II: “The One Who Remembers”, the continuation of “Even the Sky Forgot Us”:

The figure emerged from the mist with the slowness of someone who has walked too far and lost even more. She had her face. Her voice. Her pain.

—I’m you —she said again—. But from a timeline where we never let him go. And the world burned.

Eden stepped back, heart pounding like a nuclear alarm. She looked toward the space where Atlas had vanished. The fog smelled of warm metal and burned promises.

—How do I know you’re not another trap?

—Because when he broke your heart, you drew your sorrow on the wall of shelter 32C, with the charcoal of a dead soldier. Three circles, a spiral, and a line twisted by crying. No one else knows.

Eden swallowed hard.

—Why are you here?

—Because you still have a choice. You can still avoid becoming what I am. He lies when he says going back will save you. Going back means making sure you stay trapped in this loop. You’re his emotional anchor. Without you, he unravels.

—But he said he remembered me. That I was the last thing before the collapse...

—Of course. But not as love. As damnation.

Eden felt the vertigo of truth. Or of a better-constructed lie.

—So what do I do? Let him go? Believe you?

The other Eden looked at her with exhausted compassion. She had scars where Eden still had clean skin.

—Do what I didn’t: choose for you. Not for him. Not for the world. Choose, even if it hurts.

A hum sliced through the sky. A new capsule materialized. Another temporal rupture. Another visitor.

The mist swirled.

And from the capsule emerged... Atlas.

But this one had fear in his eyes.

And he didn’t recognize her.

—Eden? —he asked.

—Who are you?

And the sky began to tear open.

- DOMINIC

THE UNFORGIVING SPIRIT

There is a story that Jesus talks about in the Bible, on forgiveness. (Matthew 18:21-35). To make a long story short. God chooses to forgive us on this condition that we forgive others. Just because you might see some people prospering and going on with life, doesn’t mean that they have it all together with the man upstairs, meaning God. Forgiveness carries a hefty PRICE. Well, you know in order to receive salvation forgiveness is a requirement. But, also if we consider ourselves SAVED, God will give us time because He knows we are human but, we still have to forgive others for whatever reason. In the story in Matthew, Jesus talks about tormentors. When we finally don’t want to forgive, sickness, disease, maybe even death is right at the door. There is a lot of people who have died holding on to un forgiveness Please don’t let this be you. So, today whatever it is that been bothering you, try to settle it before the Lord before it’s TOO LATE.

- RODNEY WISE



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If you have any content to share for our newsletter please see one of the breadline staff. **We are in need of content such as a poem, lyrics, writing, thoughts, questions, image of your artwork or anything uplifting or informative.** Anyone who contributes content for our newsletter will receive a \$10 gift card.

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FRANCISCAN 360 IS OPEN!

WHAT: Case Management, Computer Access, Mailing Address, Health Clinic
WHERE: 144 W. 32nd Street
WHEN: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 4pm
Scheduled appointments only on Friday from 9am - 4pm
WHO: All are welcome!
NEW: Art and Guitar classes, Work space available Tuesday 9am - 11am

Good Morning! This week we have writing from Rhyan Scorpio-Rhys, poetry from Seraphiel, writing from Kevin F., writing from Jane Farmer, writing from Cynthia m.n.glock t., writing from Reginald G., poetry from Mercedes, writing from Jason W., writing from Rodney Wise, the continuation of “Even the Sky Forgot Us”, from Dominic, and art work from Montez B., and Jim C.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58: *Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

Be the first person to correctly answer all three trivia questions and win a gift card.

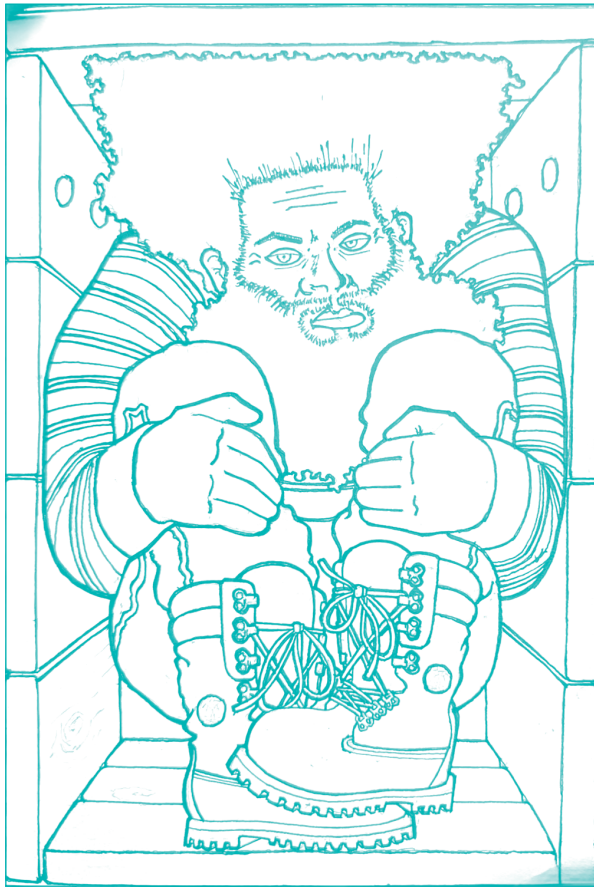
In which combat sport that takes place in a dohyo is salt traditionally used as part of a purification ritual before a match?
What famous cereal mascot’s first and middle names are “Horatio Magellan,” helms a ship called The Guppy, and sports a Napoleon-style hat?
Which NYC borough is the only one that does not have a professional sports team?

Answers to last weeks trivia questions.

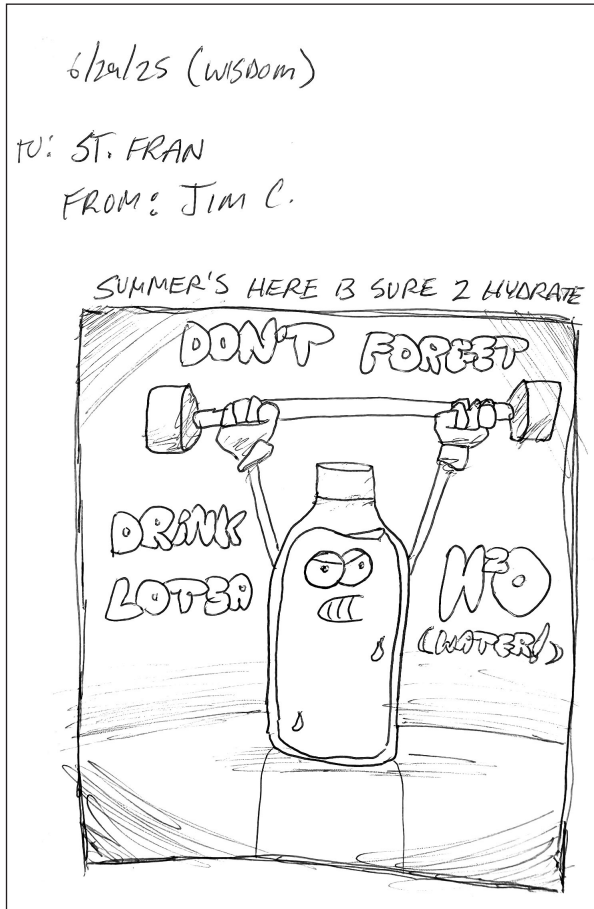
Minnesotan baseball commentator Halsey Hal was the first man to use what sacred mammal expression to express awe? Answer: Holy Cow
What “D” word refers to the minimum depth of water a boat needs to float? The word can also be used to refer to the event when a pro sports league selects amateur players. Answer: Draft
Since he pitched 749 games in his 22-year career (including a perfect game in 1904), which MLB player has an award for great pitchers named after him? Answer: Cy Young

American dreams

On this summer day of great blue sky, high temps nearing 100, its the ultimate beach surf day, always remember surfing is a fun sport, bit always remember we are on the 50 types of sharks we are entering their house, to be aware and mindful, safety. Partner up! 2nd set of eyes is better .
Ocean is always a great family adventure, all kinds of shells you never know what might find or wave in ashore. Morning are the most likely to find in low tide. The ocean is a powerful godly creation so where the wave breaks don’t be there, be before and after, watch for hot spots and cold spots , seeing waves tumble tube like are ripe current signs.
Above all safe fun glorious days at beach.
Look at ocean water clarity, assure good clean ocean.
God bless God speed. Absolute.
- CYNTHIA M.N.GLOCK T.



Drawing by Montez B.



Drawing by Jim C.

St. Francis of Assisi was born in the 12th century, dying in the 13th and was canonized as a Saint on July 16, 1228 due to his many significant philanthropic deeds throughout his lifetime. Despite being a man of wealthy origins, he showed great sympathy and care towards the poor, at a time when many within his class did not care for the struggles of those considered “beneath them”. After seeking God’s counsel regarding God’s will for him through prayer as well as experiencing poverty for himself during an excursion to Rome, St. Francis began drawing closer to a life of sanctity. He would later repudiate his earthly possessions as well as his earthly family to immerse himself into the world of destitution. He subsequently began performing acts of charity as well as preaching to nearby villagers, amassing a following. He soon founded the Franciscan order, a group of penniless street preachers whose numbers quickly grew. The Franciscans devoted their lives to the service of others including prayer and charity with St. Francis himself performing miracles on those most in need. The Franciscan order lives on today with its members continuing to uphold the standard St. Francis set forth. The Church of St. Francis in New York City has personally saved me in my time of distress, most prominently with the morning breadline as well as with the drop-in center open during the weekday which provides many essential services for those in need of them. St. Francis set the caliber of what it means to truly care for others and to truly emulate the altruistic nature of Christ. He devoted his life to serving the underserved at a cost to his own affluence and comfort without a second thought curbing his pilgrimage to live free from monetary aspirations and greed. The Franciscans continue to model themselves after him, changing countless lives for the better in the process. It is amazing that so many centuries after St. Francis of Assisi’s canonization, his impact is still felt and his influence continues to bring about goodness in the world. May we all look to him as an example of piety and an example of how to best live and abide by the word of our Lord.

- JANE FARMER

Recently the city has decided via Department of Social Services to halt their incentive payments for those potential candidates for CityFheps. However, even with the incentive payments in play many realtors STILL discriminated against those potential tenants who are classified as poor or/and un domiciled. Without the said incentives, the potential tenant has absolutely no leverage whatsoever... Yet another moment in these troubling times where and when NYC has betrayed those deemed poor.

- JASON W.

🌿🌿🌿 The Gift of a Quiet Morning 🌿🌿🌿

by Rhyan Scorpio-Rhys

Some mornings come soft, like they’re trying not to wake the world. Steam rises off the pavement where the bakery hoses down the sidewalk. The pigeons haven’t started begging yet. A woman in scrubs passes by, humming. I don’t know the tune, but it’s kind.

I sit on the same bench I always do, wrapped in last night’s cold, sipping what’s left of a bodega coffee someone handed me without a word. It’s not hot, not really, but it’s warm enough to hold.

For a minute, nobody’s asking anything of me. Not the city. Not the day. I watch the light change on the glass of a parked car, and for once, I don’t think about what I need or where I’ll go.

I just sit.

And breathe.

And call that enough.

Code of a Prophet

You walk on water when you defy the system and go against social standards.

You bring back hearing to the deaf when you change a person’s opinion on something.

You let the blind see when you teach someone something.

You cure a lepor when an ignorant person changes their ways.

You bring the dead back to life when you give someone a reason to be themselves again.

- SERAPHIEL

Although any exolanation can be seen as a gift bringing new light and deeper understanding, it may be harder to appreciate. When I struggle to remember a memory, I can open my mind and heart to better receive the gift of internal light. For instance, learning why my relationship ended shows me where I can grow in understanding, and empathy. Feeling unconditional love of God.

- REGINALD G.

Appreciation

I’m celebrating my 69th birthday this month! God has allowed me to see this day. I have plenty to be thankful for the fact that I woke up this morning, three beautiful daughters five granddaughters! I survived major heart surgery accomplished educational objectives! Over the years provided hope and supportive services to many through my employment. Never take anything for granted even the small things! Even with this extreme hot weather I cherish the fact that I’m alive to experience it. God appreciates you appreciates what you can do for God!

- KEVIN F.

People

People are created to socialize

To also network

To understand each other

To travel

To help each other in sickness and in health

To help each other in our works

- A POEM BY MERCEDES