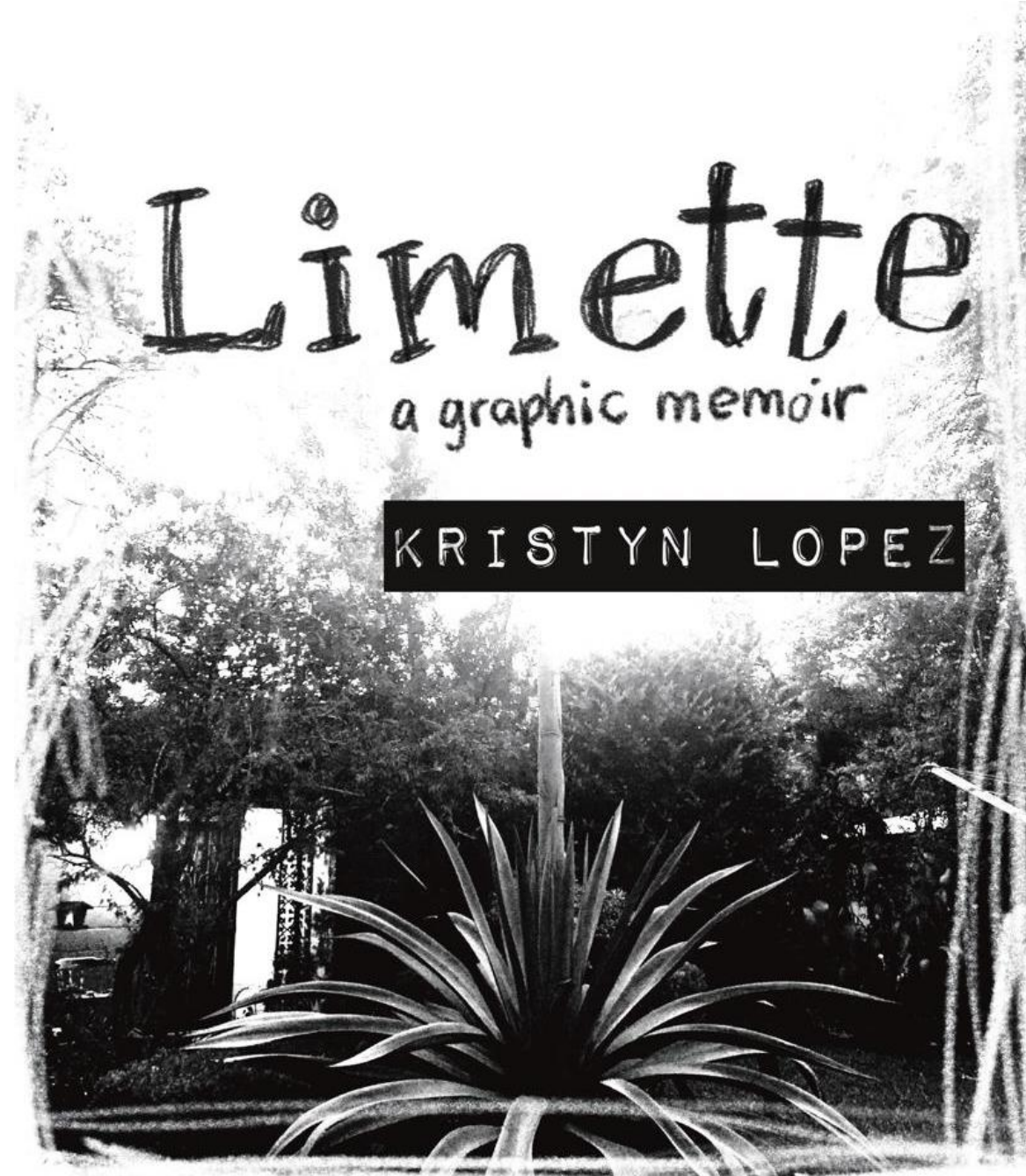


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a graphic memoir

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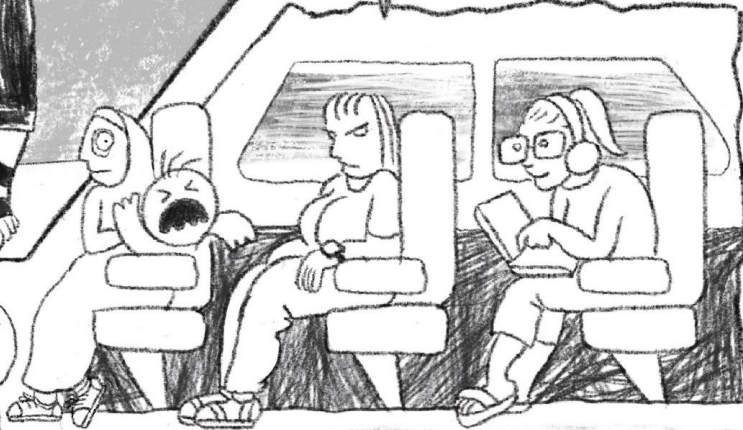


WELL I'LL BE DAMNED. MISS TORTURED ARTIST AND "INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHER" HAS PULLED HER HEAD OUT OF HER ASS AND LANDED A JOB INTERVIEW. SHE'S EVEN MANAGED GROWN-UP-LADY HAIR!!!

RIDING THE TRAIN DEPRESSED IS SOO FUCKING GLAM UGGHHH THIS SONG IS SO ME RIGHT NOW...

"...running through HEAVEN can wait... through HELL, wait..."

WAIT...

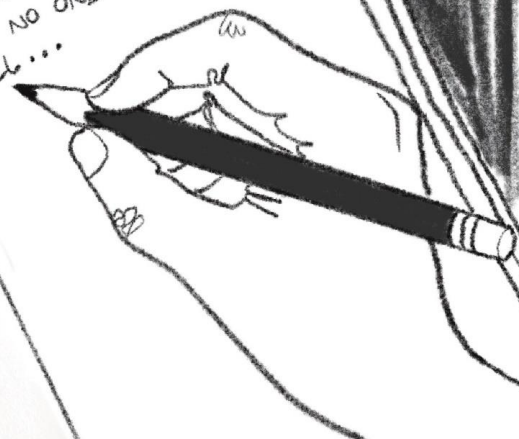


IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT ME? AM I BEING WEIRD?

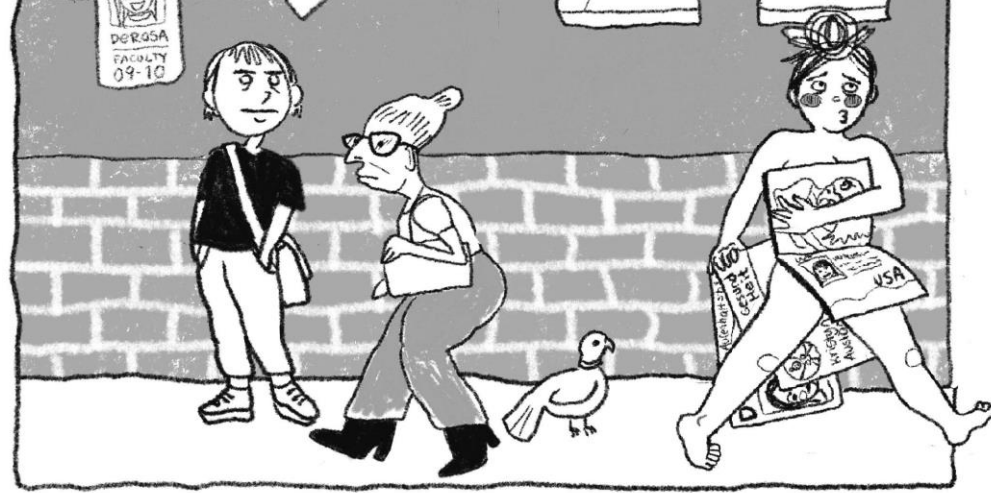


SHOULD I STOP DRAWING SUCH SAD GIRL SHIT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL TO SEE? OR - DOES NO ONE SEE ME AT ALL...

LONG ROAD TO RUIN [FOO FIGHTERS]



BACK IN THE US I HAD A PILE OF DEGREES, LICENSES, CERTIFICATES TO HIDE BEHIND. I'VE BEEN HERE TWO YEARS AND IT STILL FEELS LIKE I'VE GOT NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT EXCEPT FOLDERS OF PAPERWORK. AND WHEN PEOPLE STARE AT ME, IT'S LIKE THEY KNOW.



PEOPLE WHO DON'T

KNOW ME STILL look @ ME LIKE I'M JUST THIS LITTLE KID WITH PINS ON MY LEOPARD PRINT DRESS AND NOTHING TO OFFER.

JUNE 2022

white clover  
**WEISSKLEE**  
TRIFOLIUM REPENS



I FELT AT HOME THE VERY FIRST WEEK I LIVED IN KÖLN-KALK. I RAN INTO A PLANT I KNEW BY SCENT. I'D JUST HAD COVID AND THIS WAS THE FIRST THING I'D BEEN ABLE TO SMELL FOR WEEKS. IT SEEMED MIRACULOUS.

A little later, Rabbit was standing happily in his sunny clover patch, enjoying the scent of freshly growing clover. "Should be ready for eating in a week or so," he was just saying lazily to himself when . . . POUNCE!  
"And, 'Hallo, Rabbit, and goodbye, Rabbit,'" called Tigger as he bounced past Rabbit and over the last row of clover and then off into the Forest.  
"Something has got to be done about Tigger," said Rabbit. "When a rabbit can't relax peacefully in his own clover patch, something has got to be done. And I," he added, "am going to do that very something!"

Scratch and sniff. Here's the smell of fresh clover Rabbit was enjoying so much. Do you like it too?

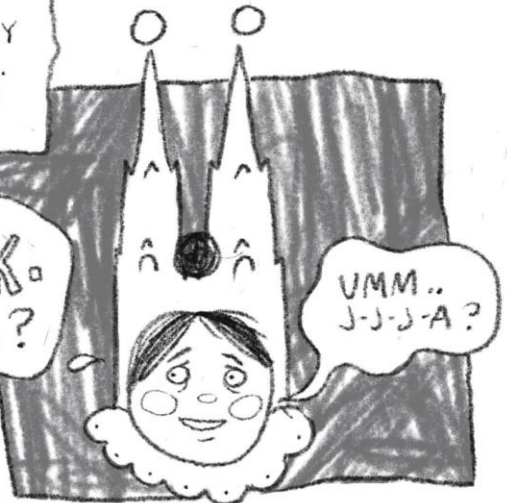
THIS MIGHT BE THE MOST SUBURBAN AMERICAN STORY EVER, BUT I KNEW THE SCENT OF CLOVER NOT FROM REAL FIELDS OF IT LIKE THE ONE I STOOD IN, BUT FROM A SCRATCH-N-SNIFF BOOK FROM MY CHILDHOOD.

LYKKE LI : I KNOW PLACES

AND NOW HERE WE WERE -- HIRO, ME, AND THE KIDS. ALL THE WAY FROM SUNNY SUBURBAN FLORIDA TO KÖLN. THAT PART ALWAYS SEEMS TO CONFUSE GERMANS...



NACH KALK. WIRKLICH?



YOU MOVED HERE? FROM THERE?

**WHY?!!**

BEFORE MOVING TO KÖLN, I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT GERMANY EXCEPT WHAT I'D LEARNED IN SCHOOL (WARS AND ART MOVEMENTS) AND AT EPCOT CENTER (BRATWURST UND BIER). ONCE, I HOSTED A KIDS' ACTIVITY STATION AT A LOCAL OKTOBERFEST BACK IN FLORIDA. I WORE BRAIDS AND A FOLKSY APRON. WE STRUNG PRETZEL NECKLACES AND CUT OUT CLAY LEBKUCHENHERZEN.

MY KIDS SPEAK GERMAN, PLAY GERMAN GAMES, TORMENT EACH OTHER WITH GERMAN PLAYGROUND TAUNTS. BUT AFTER TWO YEARS HERE, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE I FIT IN, IF ANYWHERE. SOMETIMES, I DON'T EVEN WANT TO.



PEOPLE LOOK AT US AND MAYBE THEY DON'T SEE WHAT'S MISSING, EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN BROKEN, REMADE.

I COULD EXPLAIN  
WHY WE LEFT IN  
TERMS OF THE

# AMERICAN APOCALYPTIC!!!!

QUICK, KIDS!!!  
TO THE ANCESTRAL  
HOMELAND! IT'S THE  
ONLY SAFE SPACE  
FOR WOKE COMMIE  
FEMINISTS LIKE ME!

3  
DAYS  
A WEEK  
of pre  
school  
COST ME  
\$1000  
EACH  
MONTH  
PER KID

IN 2022,  
FIREARMS  
WERE THE  
LEADING  
CAUSE OF  
DEATH

FOR KIDS  
IN THE  
UNITED  
STATES

OVER  
80%  
OF PEOPLE  
HELD IN  
U.S. JAILS  
HAVE NOT  
BEEN  
CONVICTED  
OF CRIME

IT WOULD BE A MUCH SIMPLER  
STORY TO TELL IF THAT'S ALL THERE  
WAS TO IT. BUT MIGRATION IS USUALLY  
MORE COMPLICATED THAN PEOPLE THINK.  
THE LINES BETWEEN PERSONAL + POLITICAL  
ARE BLURRY. FOR ME, MOVING HAD LESS TO DO WITH  
DONALD TRUMP AND MORE TO DO WITH ROCK STAR  
DAVE GROHL, AND A HOUND DOG PUP NAMED HIRO.

THANK YOU FOR READING  
THIS PREVIEW. TO FOLLOW  
MY WORK AND RECEIVE  
UPDATES ON PUBLICATION  
DATES, VISIT

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