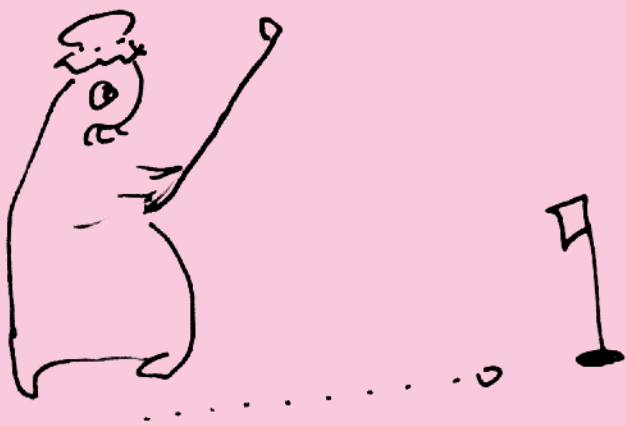
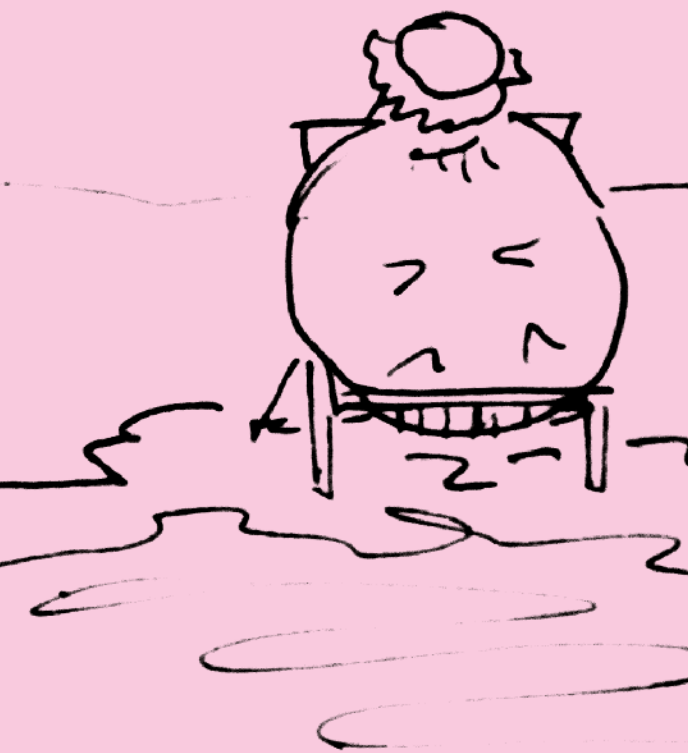


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10 lbs...





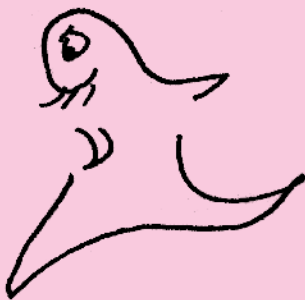




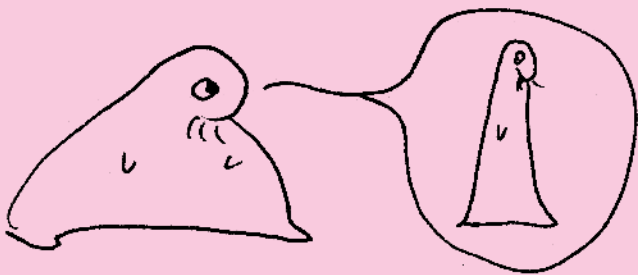






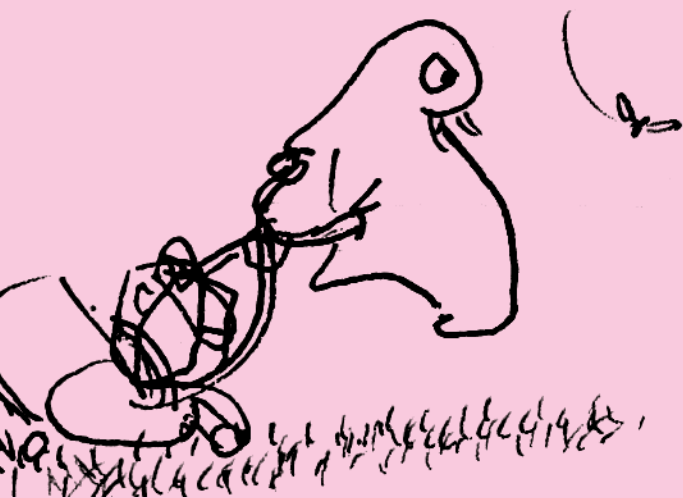




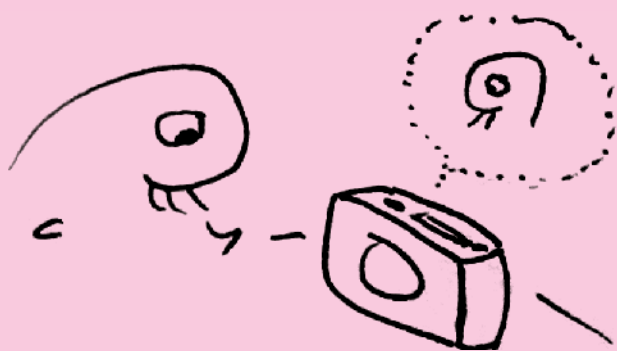












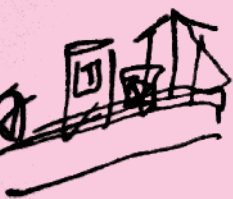


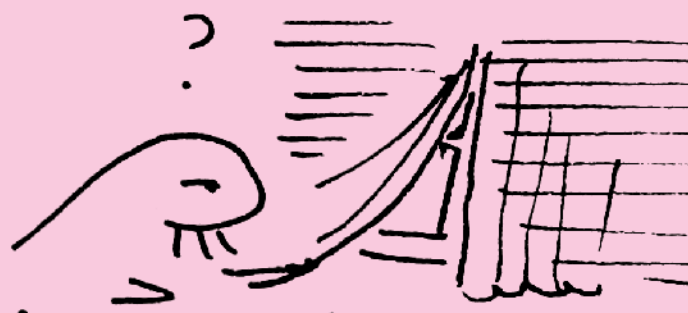












'Comes the Dawn'





London





bong!

clang!

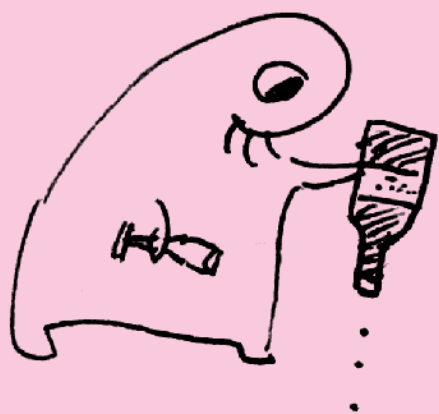
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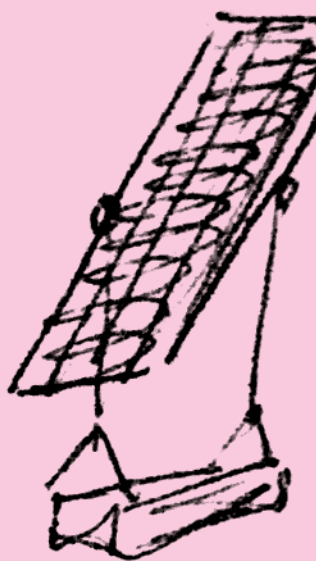


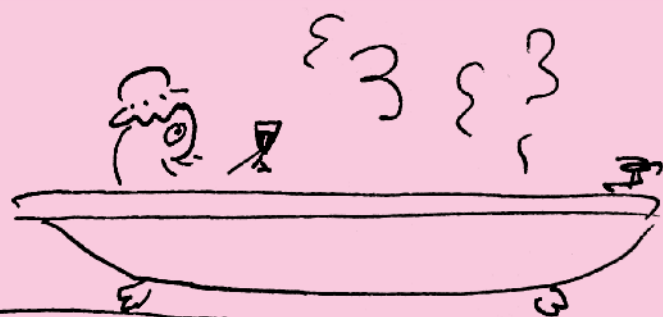




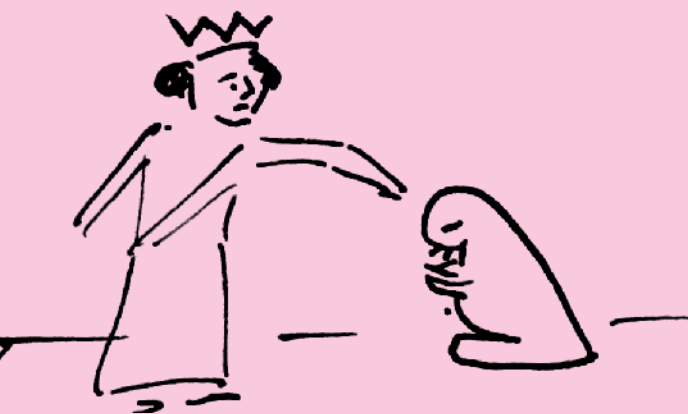


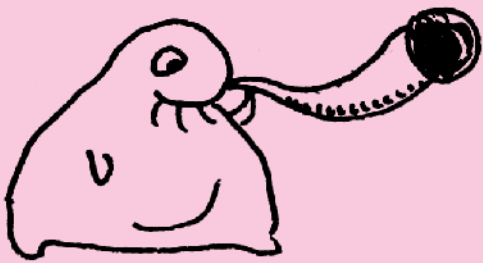


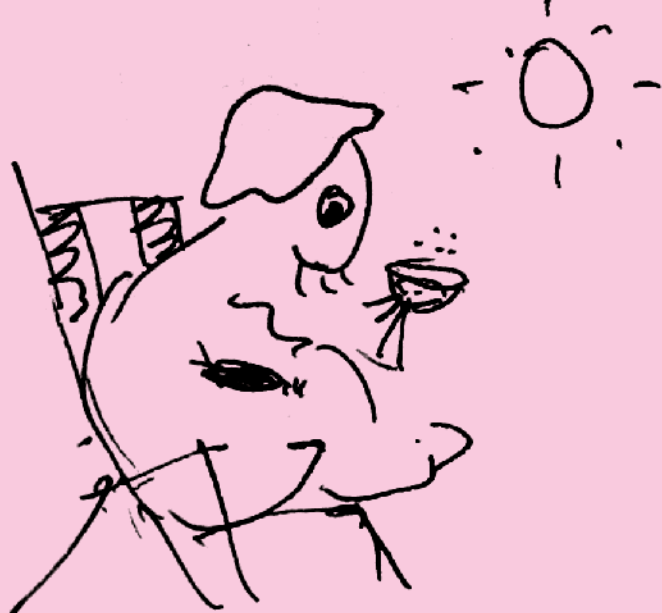




GUINNESS IS GOOD
FOR YOU







THEN



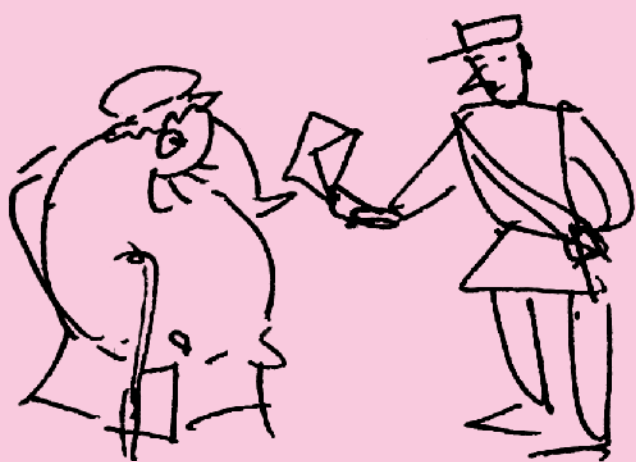
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CRICKET



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P. Park



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to be studied,
not to study

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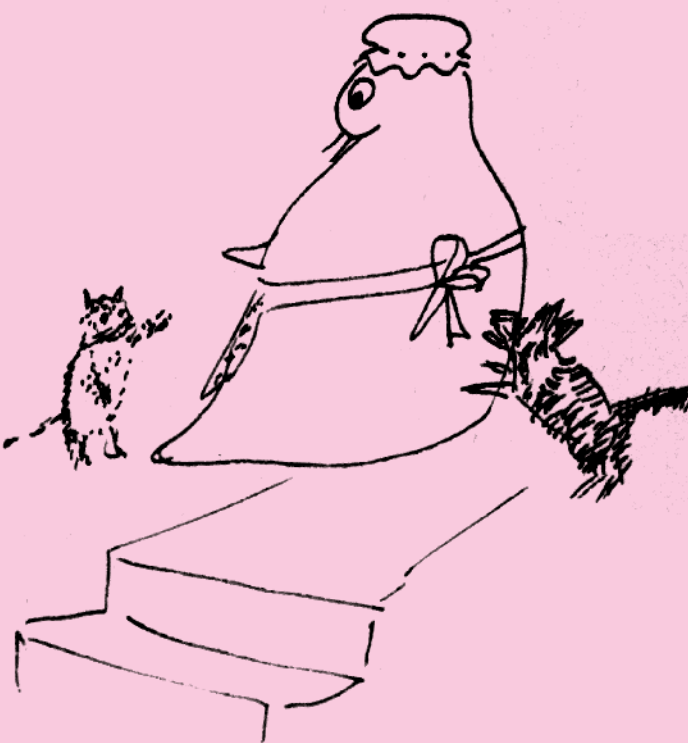
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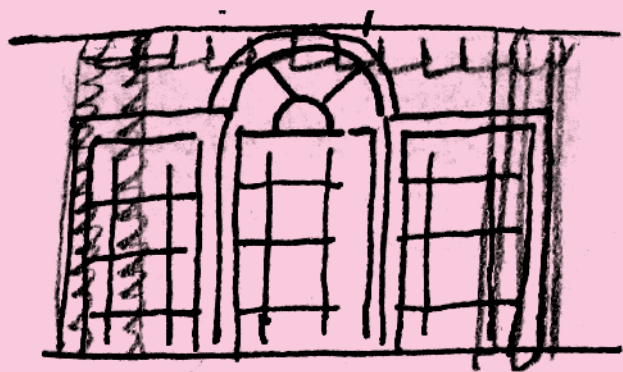
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grumble - Grumble -
grumble -







25 April 1884

—

Sydney Larkin
born (Lichfield,
Staffordshire)

10 January 1886

—

Eva Emily Day born
(Littleborough,
Lancashire)

6 August 1906

—

Eva and Sydney
meet for the first time
(Rhyl, North Wales)

5 October 1911

—

Eva and Sydney
marry (Leigh,
Lancashire)

21 August 1912

—

Catherine Emily
Larkin (Kitty) born
(Birmingham)

9 August 1922
(Wednesday)

—

Born 2 Poultney
Road, Radford,
Coventry, England

14 September 1922

—

Baptised Philip
Arthur Larkin at
the Cathedral of St.
Michael, Coventry

September 1930

—

Enters King

Henry VIII School

(Preparatory
Department)

Coventry, where he
meets Jim Sutton for
the first time

September 1932

—

Moves up to King
Henry VIII Senior
School

April 1939

—

'Summer Nocturne'

Larkin's first
published poem
appears in the King
Henry VIII School
magazine The
Coventrian

9 October 1940

—

Enters St. John's
College Oxford
to read English
Language and
Literature, where he
meets Kingsley Amis
for the first time

November 1940

—

‘Ultimatum’

published in The
Listener (Vol. XXIV.

No.620); Larkin’s
first poem published
in a national weekly

4 July 1943

—

Graduates with a
Bachelor of Arts
(English, First
Class) from Oxford
University

16 November 1943

—

Appointed Librarian
at Wellington,
Shropshire where he
meets Ruth Bowman
for the first time

July 1945

—

The North Ship,
Larkin's first
collection of poems,
published by R.A.
Caton of the Fortune
Press (London)

June 1946

—

Offered post of
Assistant Librarian
at University College
Leicester where he
meets Monica Jones
for the first time
(1947)

October 1946

—

Jill, Larkin's first
novel in print,
published by the
Fortune Press
(London)

21 February 1947

—

A Girl in Winter
published by the
Fortune Press
(London)

26 March 1948

—

Sydney Larkin dies,
aged 63

17 May 1948

—

Becomes engaged to
Ruth Bowman

17 June 1950

—

Proposes marriage
to Ruth Bowman
(withdraws the
proposal two weeks
later on 2 July)

2 October 1950

—

First day as
Sub-Librarian at
Queen's University
Belfast where he
meets Winifred Arnott
and Patsy Strang for
the first time

27 April 1951

—

XX Poems privately
printed for Larkin
in an edition of 100
copies by Carswells
of Belfast

March 1954

—

The Fantasy Poets,
Philip Larkin,
No. 21 published by
the Fantasy Press,
Swynford, Eynsham
(Oxford)

21 March 1955

—

First day as Librarian
at University of Hull
where he meets
Maeve Brennan for
the first time

November 1955

—

The Less Deceived
published by George
and Jean Hartley of
the Marvell Press
(Hessle)

13 July 1956

—

John Shakespeare
article 'Four young
poets - 1. Philip
Larkin' (heavily
re-drafted by Larkin
himself) appears
anonymously in the
Times Educational

20 May 1957

—

Betty Mackereth
becomes Larkin's
secretary

1960

—

Begins relationship
with Maeve Brennan

6 March 1961

—

Collapses during a
Library Committee
meeting, but tests
at Hull Kingston
General hospital are
inconclusive

10 April 1961

—

Admitted to the
London Hospital,
Whitechapel
under the care of
neurologist Sir
Russell Brain

20 June 1962

—

The Queen Mother
opens Stage 1 of
a new Library at
the University of
Hull, a development
overseen by Larkin

28 February 1964

—

The Whitsun

Weddings published

by Faber and Faber

(London)

15 December 1964

—

Down Cemetery
Road, the BBC
TV Monitor
documentary
directed by Patrick
Garland, broadcast
for the first time

26 April 1965

—

Awarded Queen's
Gold Medal for
Poetry

9 February 1970

—

All What Jazz is
published by Faber
and Faber (London)

June 1970

—

‘The Explosion’ as
a single-leaf
broadsheet
published by The
Poem-of-the-Month
Club Ltd. (London)

12 December 1970

—

Lord Cohen of
Birkenhead opens
Stage 2 of the new
Library at the
University of Hull,
a development
overseen by Larkin
from start to finish

29 March 1973

—

The Oxford Book of
Twentieth Century
English Verse
chosen by Philip
Larkin, published
by Clarendon Press
(Oxford)

3 June 1974

—

High Windows
published by Faber
and Faber (London)

27 June 1974

—

Moves out of 32
Pearson Park and in
to 105 Newland Park

8 May 1975

—

Receives notice
that he is to be
awarded the CBE;
the investiture takes
place at Buckingham
Palace in
November 1975

17 July 1976

—

Guests on Desert
Island Discs (BBC
Radio Four)

17 November 1977

—

Eva Larkin dies,
aged 91

29 November 1977

—

Completes 'Aubade'

- published in the

Times Literary

Supplement, 23

December 1977

1978

—

Breaks off
relationship with
Maeve Brennan

10 April 1983

—

Returns with Monica Jones (suffering with shingles) from her cottage in Haydon Bridge. After a short stay in hospital, she moves in with him permanently

21 November 1983

—

Required Writing:

Miscellaneous

Pieces 1955-1982

published by Faber
and Faber (London)

2 December 1985
(1.24 a.m. Monday)

—

Dies

Philip Larkin was
63 at the time of
his death from
cancer — the same
age (as Larkin had
predicted) at which
his father died

9 December 1985

—

Larkin's funeral
service takes place
at St Mary the Virgin,
Cottingham

1 February 1986

—

Larkin's memorial
service takes place
at Westminster
Abbey

10 October 1988

—

Philip Larkin:
Collected Poems -
edited by
Anthony Thwaite
(Faber and Faber)

19 October 1992

—

Selected Letters of
Philip Larkin
1940-1985 - edited
by Anthony Thwaite
(Faber and Faber)

10 October 1993

—

Philip Larkin:
A Writer's Life,
Andrew Motion
(Faber and Faber)

15 February 2001

—

Monica Jones dies
(aged 78)