

Essential Services Vol. 1 March 10 - April 10, 2020

A Brief Introduction

Sometime in December 2019, COVID-19 appeared in Wuhan, China.

On January 11, the first death was reported. Nine days later cases were reported across the world.

Soon travel bans were implemented as death counts rose.

By the end of February, Italy and Iran had become new epicenters.

On February 29, the U.S. reported it's first death.

We made jokes about washing our hands.



March 10, 2020 it started to feel real.

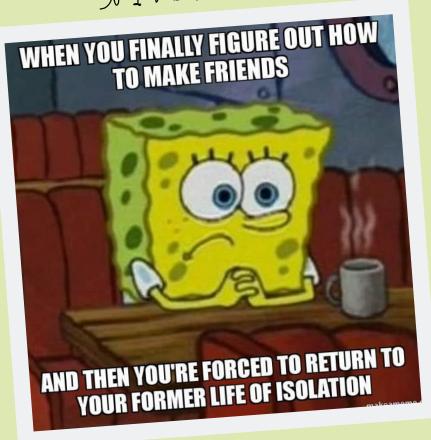


The next day, this happened.

I thought it was bad.

BREAKING: GV suspends face-to-face classes through rest of semester

So I made this.



The next day I went to the grocery store to stock up.

There was no toilet paper.





Someone tried to make a joke about it.

Monday, March 16 at 3:00PM

Whitmer administration temporarily closes all Michigan restaurants and bars

I left work at Grand Valley to see this sign on all of the dining room tables.



And then this happened the next day.



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That was my last day at work. I won't see my coworkers until next Fall.



I got stopped by campus security on the way out.



It felt like I lost a lot ...



I needed this reminder.

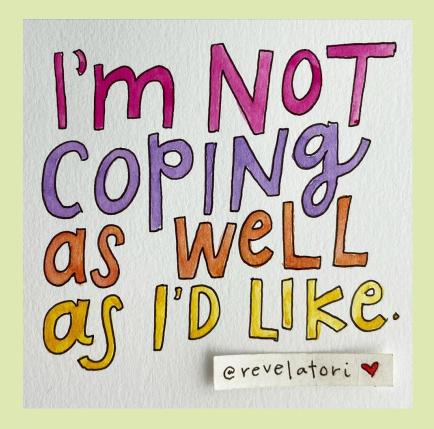
I deleted almost everything from my calendar and made this schedule to remind me I still had a life.

Day 7 9 Isolation THE 372: Draft due FRID, Group Project on Tuesdo Monday: THE 250 Watch videos Tuesday: THE 372 THE 250: Read Put in cues Make budget Wednesday: THE 250 Thursday: THE 372 INT 301: Read chapters INT 301 Do writing journal Watch lecture Friday: THE 250 ART 360 Write response Start Lit Review ART 360: Do writing Have objects to Start zine Writing Center

I thought I would be Einstein and develop the theory of relativity.

Or write 135 sonnets like Shakespeare.

Apparently I'm not a super-human.



This headline hit everyone hard.

It started to feel even more real.

Tom Hanks & Rita Wilson Test Positive For Coronavirus As Outbreak Hits 'Elvis Presley' Film

March 23 all electronic devices got this message.



I saw my brother for the last time until travel restrictions are lifted.



Grand Rapids Civic Theatre closed its doors and left the ghost light on.



...Time became relative...

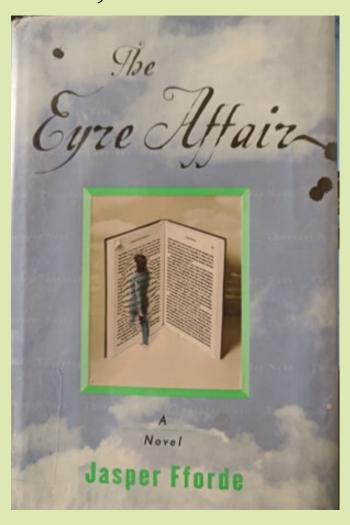
I made my first real meal in months.



Streamed a concert from one of my favorite bands who cancelled their farewell tour.



I got to read for fun.



I promised I wouldn't build a blanket fort ...



A ukulele Zoom jam with St players since we couldn't meet at Marge's Donut Den.



I performed at an online open mic in Winters, California.



All Week Long

OPEN MIC FOR PERFORMING

(MUSICAL ACTS, DANCERS,

Fridays -

VISUAL ARTS FRIDAY FEST (PAINTERS GLASS BLOWERS, POTTERS ETC) + OPEN MIC FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS

- MUST BE STREAMING LIVE DIRECTLY TO SDF PAGE
- VISUAL ARTS TIME LAPSE OR LIVE CREATING A PIECE
- SHAKEDOWN STREET
 THREAD OPENS FOR SELLERS

COMEDY ETC) • MUST BE STREAMING LIVE DIRECTLY TO SDF PAGE

ARTIST

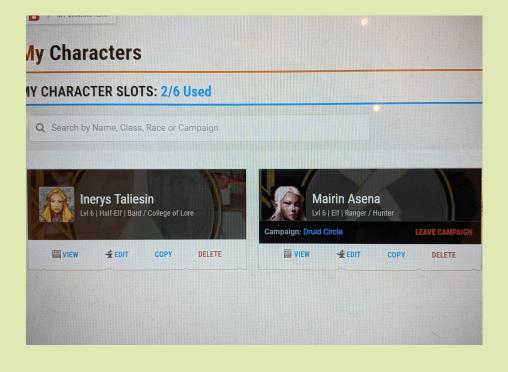
 CHECK FESTIVAL MAP TO SHARE UPCOMING AND EXTERNAL STREAMS

Sundays -

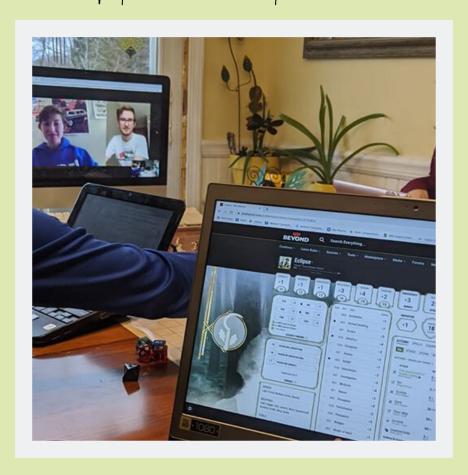
SOCIALLY DISTANT FEST SUNDAY SHOWCASE

- EMAIL
- HOWDY@SOCIALLYDISTANT FEST.COM TO SUBMIT
- SDF RECEIVES HUNDREDS OF SUBMISSIONS DAILY. WE ARE WORKING ON IDEAS TO SHOWCASE MORE TALENT.

I spent a lot of time designing D&D characters.

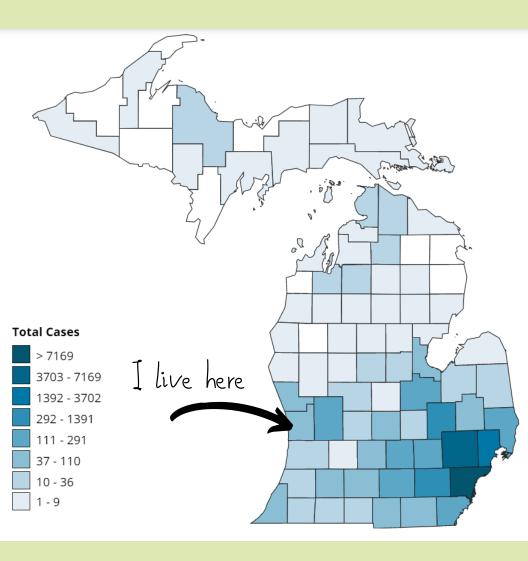


And then played DDD with my brother and cousins.



I hand sewed a mask for grocery shopping.





The lock down was extended until April 30.

Total Confirmed Cases

21,504

Total COVID-19 Deaths

1076

Daily Confirmed Cases

1,158

Daily COVID-19 Deaths

117

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April 10, 2020

It's far from over.