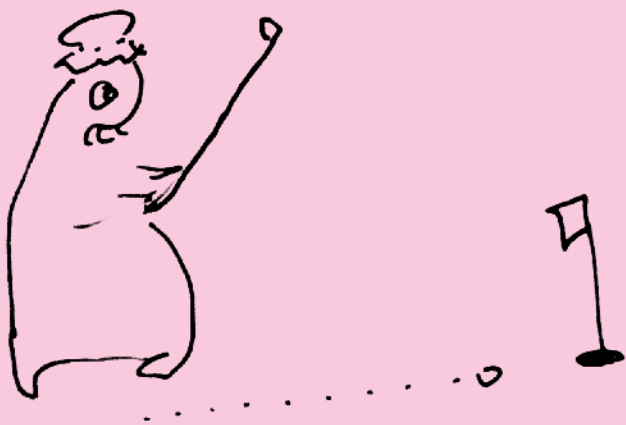
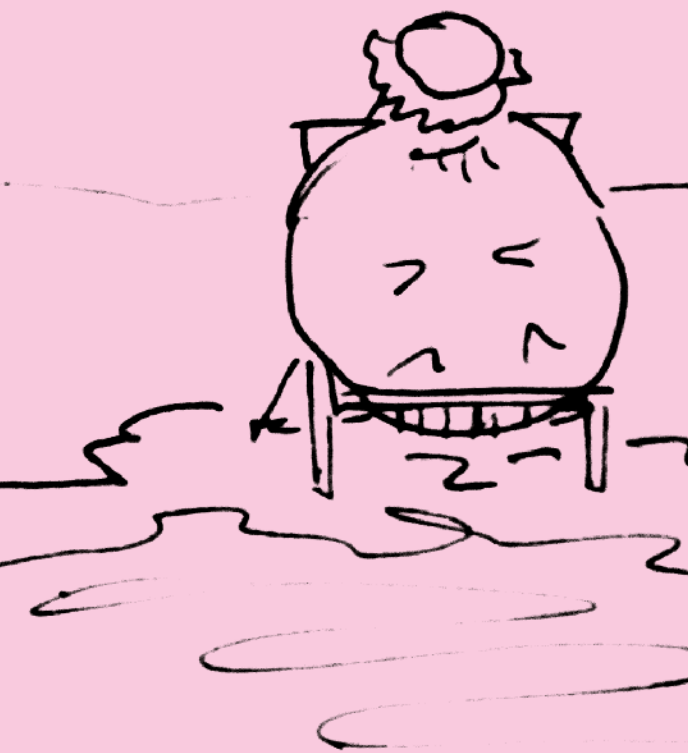


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10 lbs...





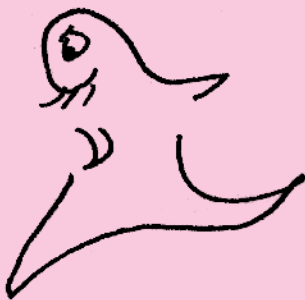






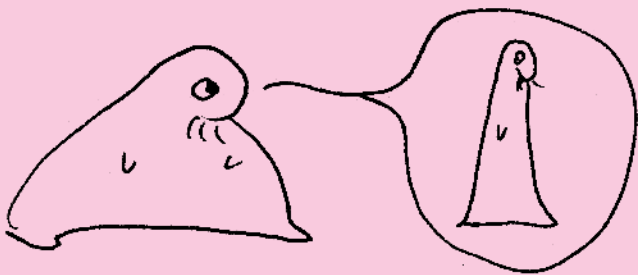








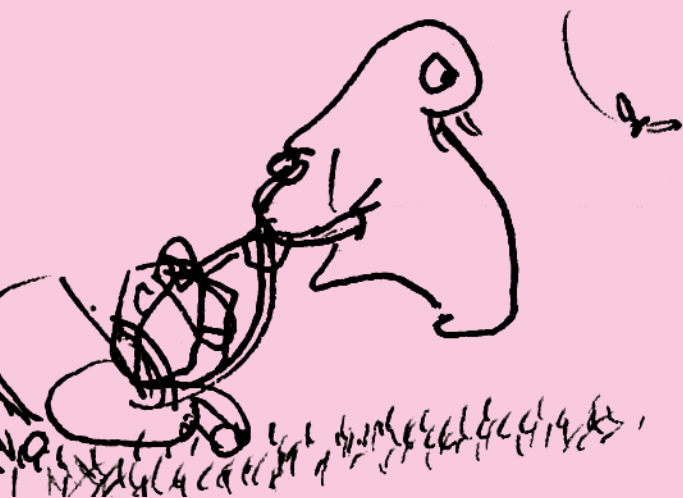




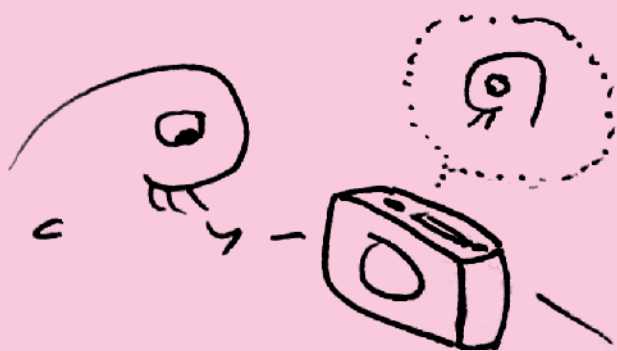
















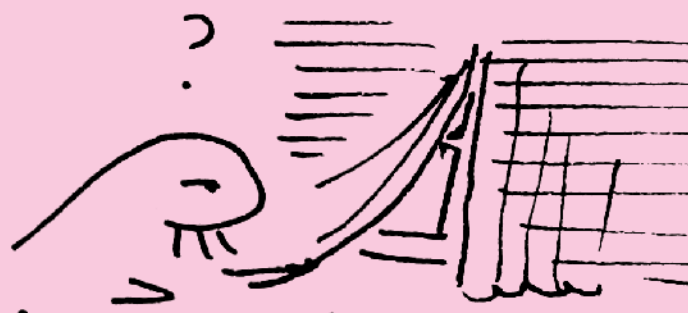












'Comes the Dawn'







London





bong!

clang!

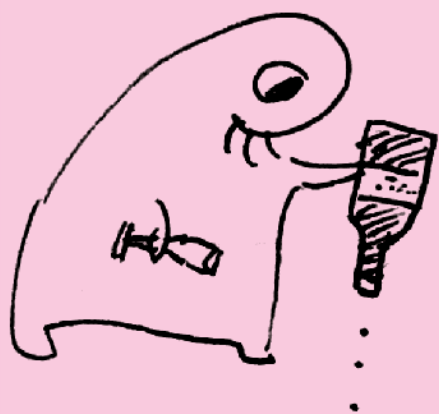
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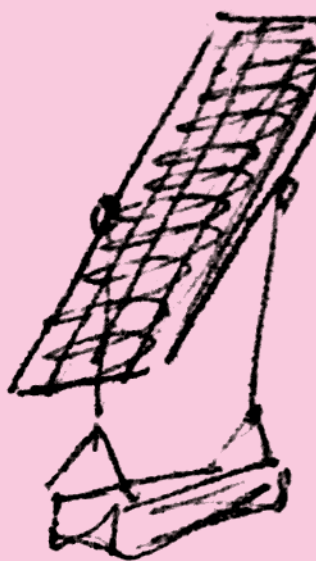


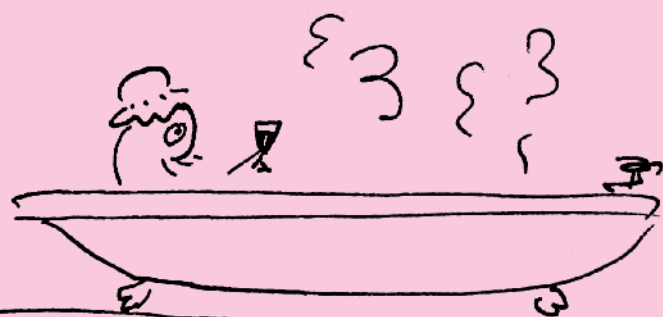






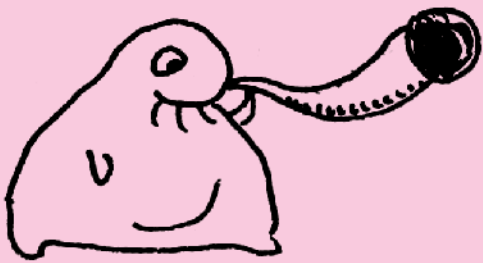


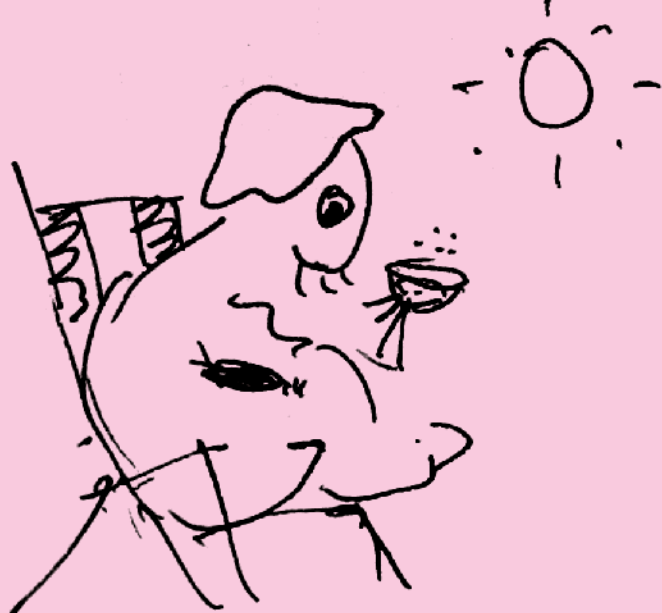




GUINNESS IS GOOD  
FOR YOU







THEN



NOW

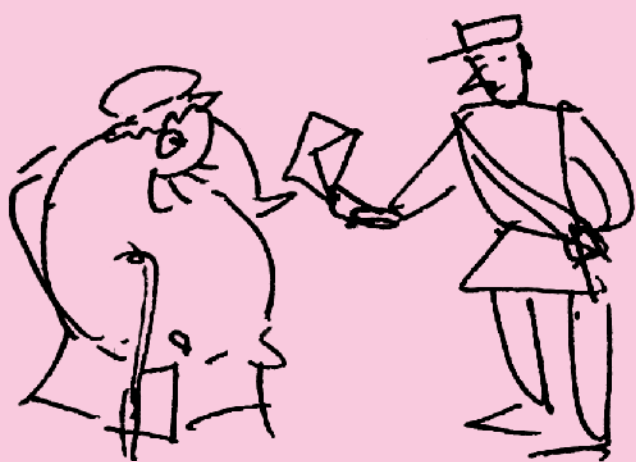














CRICKET



32  
P. Park



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to be studied,  
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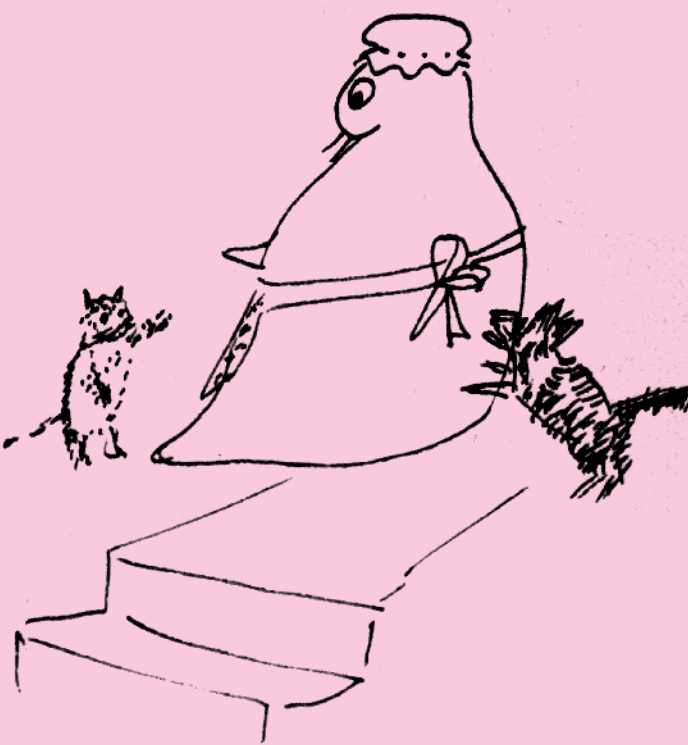
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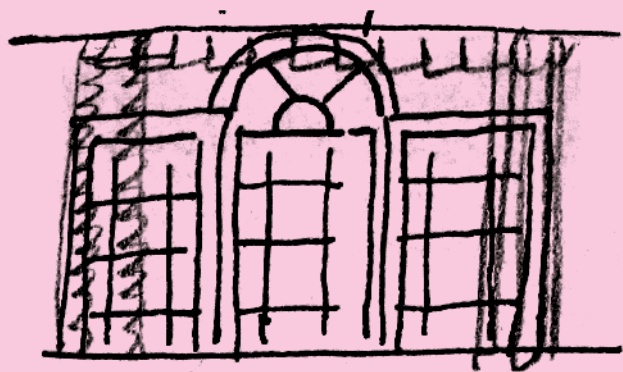
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grumble - Grumble -  
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25 April 1884

—

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)