

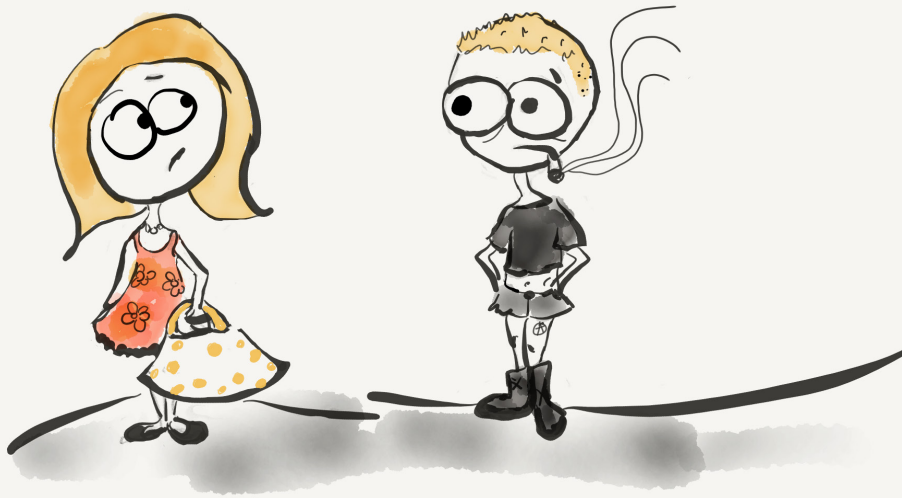
# RICHMOND IS



A MOMENTS MEMOIR BY LIZZY HOPKINSON  
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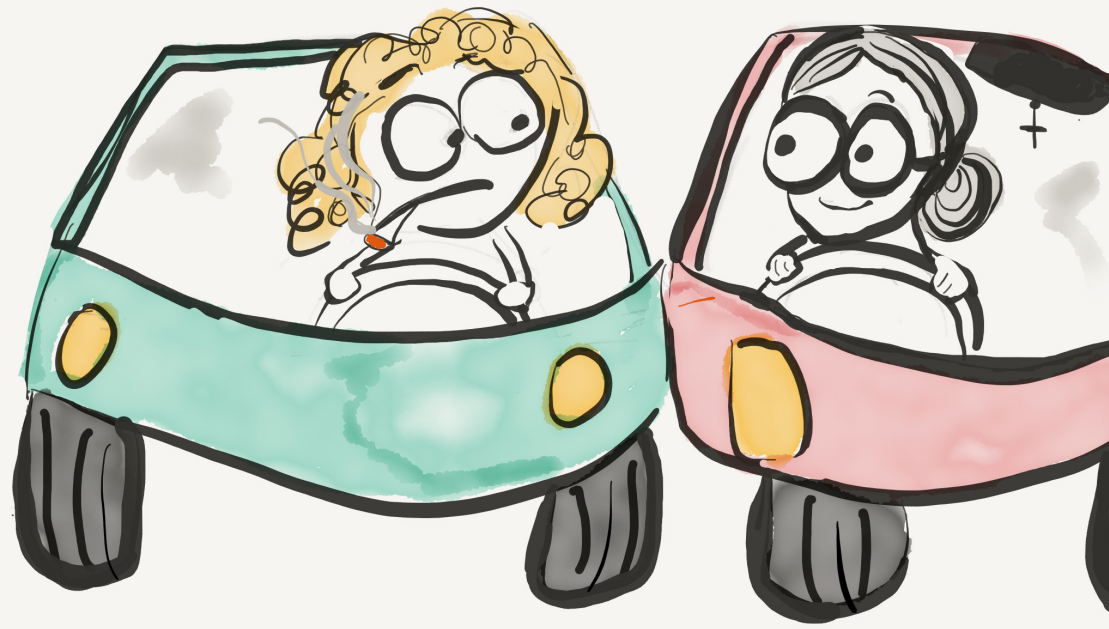
RICHMOND IS

SEEING A WOMAN WITH A BIRKIN BAG  
AND A WOMAN WITH A BUZZED HEAD  
ON THE SAME STREET.

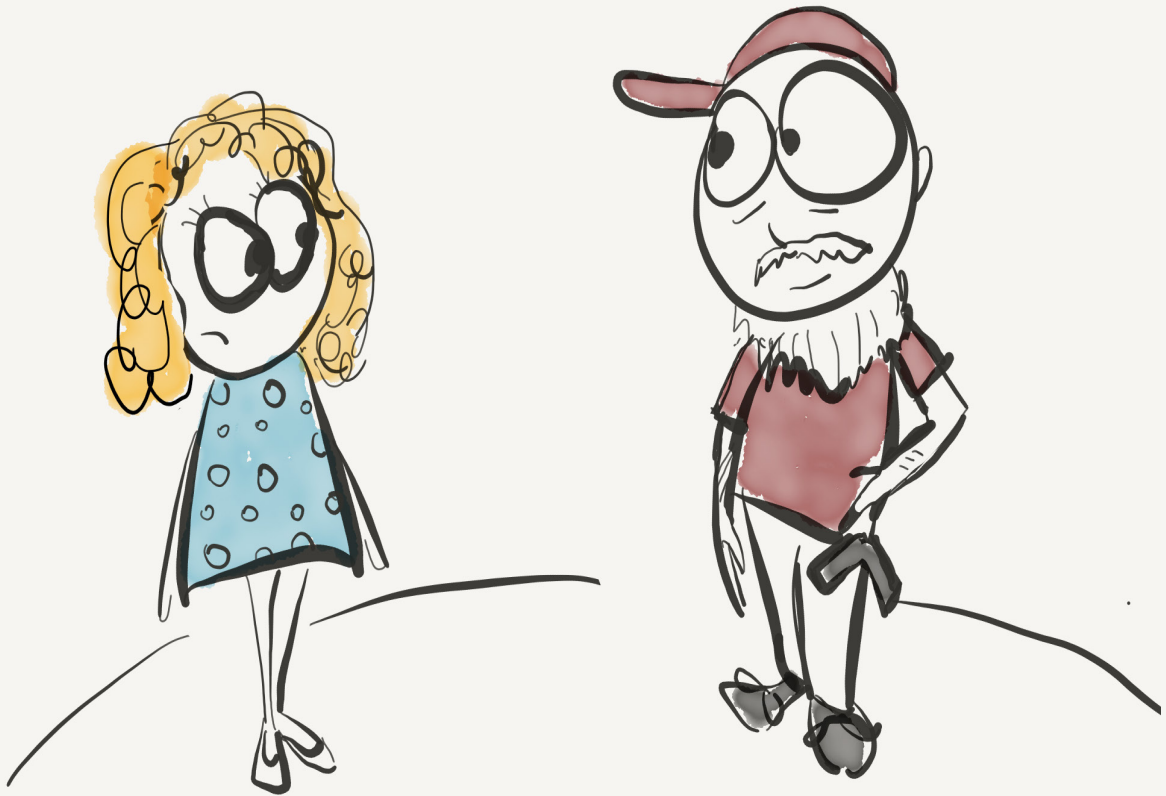


# RICHMOND IS

MAKING DIRECT EYE CONTACT WITH  
YOUR EPISCOPAL CONFIRMATION TEACHER  
AT A STOPLIGHT AS YOU  
TAKE A DRAG FROM A CIGARETTE.



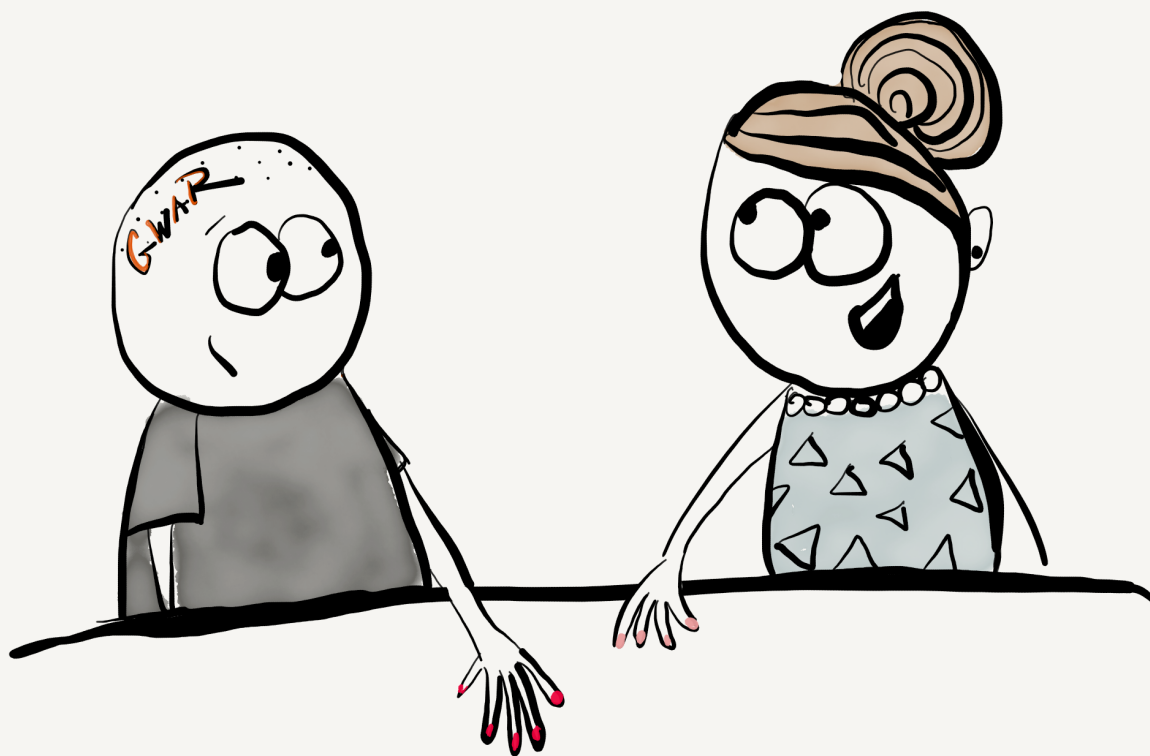
RICHMOND IS



AGREEING TO GIVE A STRANGER'S CAR A JUMP  
BECAUSE HE ASKED NICELY. BUT ALSO,  
BECAUSE HE'S OPENLY CARRYING A PISTOL ON HIS HIP.

# RICHMOND IS

OVERHEARING “HAVE YOU ALWAYS HAD THAT TATTOO ON YOUR HEAD?”  
AND “WHICH RIVER HOUSE ARE YOU GOING TO THIS WEEKEND?”  
IN THE SAME NAIL SALON.



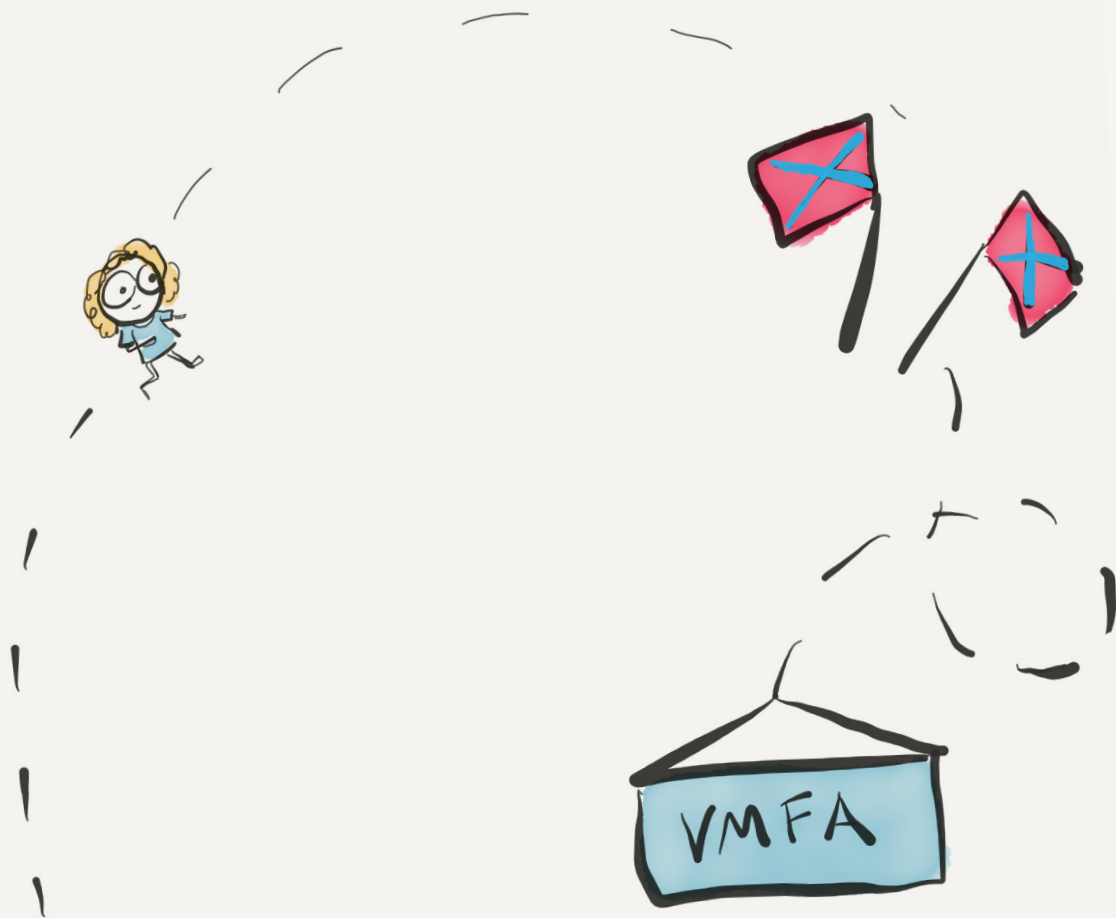
# RICHMOND IS

BRINGING A GUY HOME TO YOUR MOM ONLY FOR HER TO TELL YOU  
MONTHS LATER SHE FIGURED OUT  
THE TWO OF YOU ARE DISTANT COUSINS.



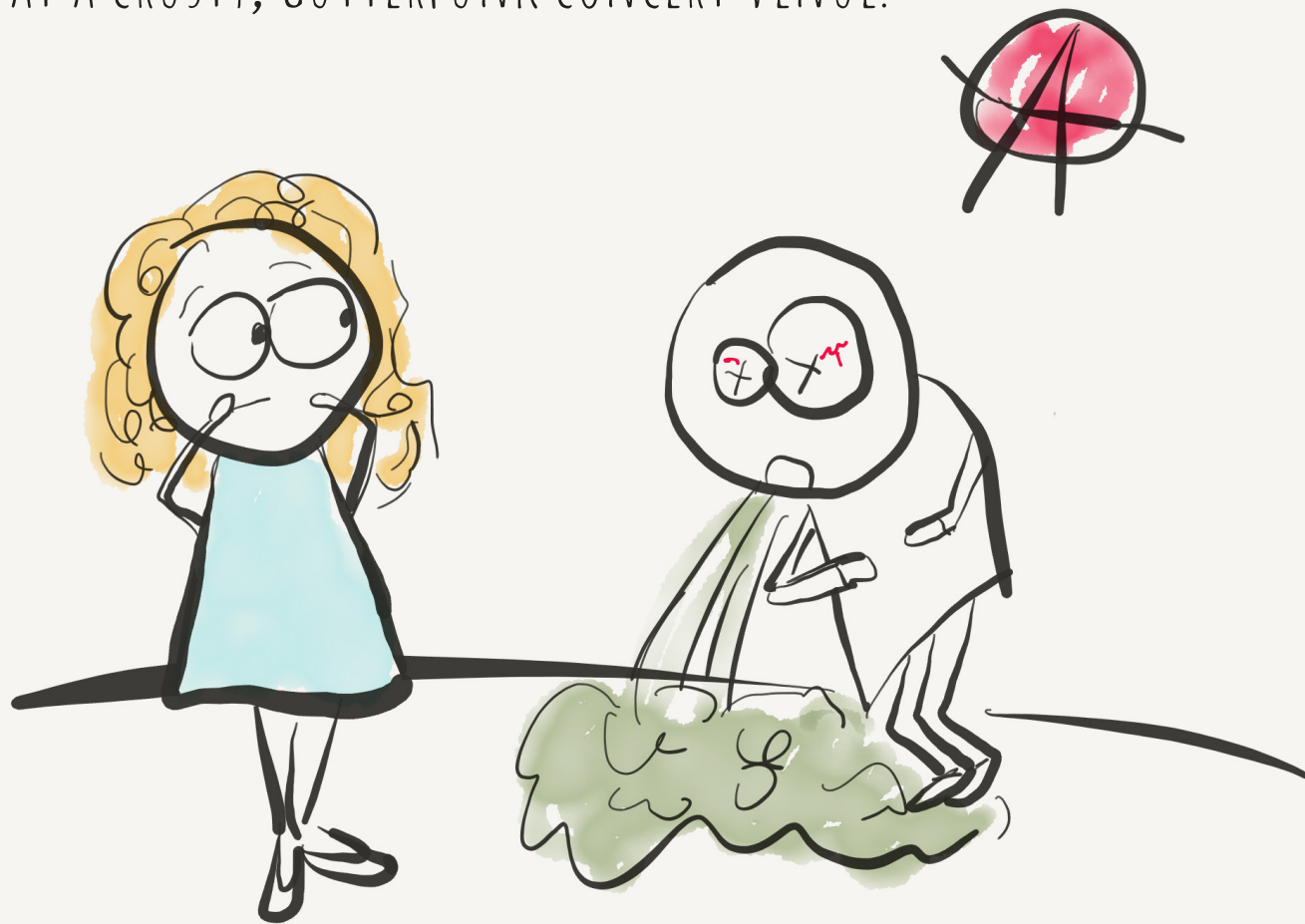
# RICHMOND IS

JOGGING PAST ABORTION PROTESTERS OUTSIDE OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD,  
SPEEDING UP TO AVOID  
MEN WIELDING CONFEDERATE FLAGS THE CORNER OVER,  
AND FINALLY  
REACHING THE FRONT YARD OF A PROGRESSIVE ART MUSEUM.



# RICHMOND IS

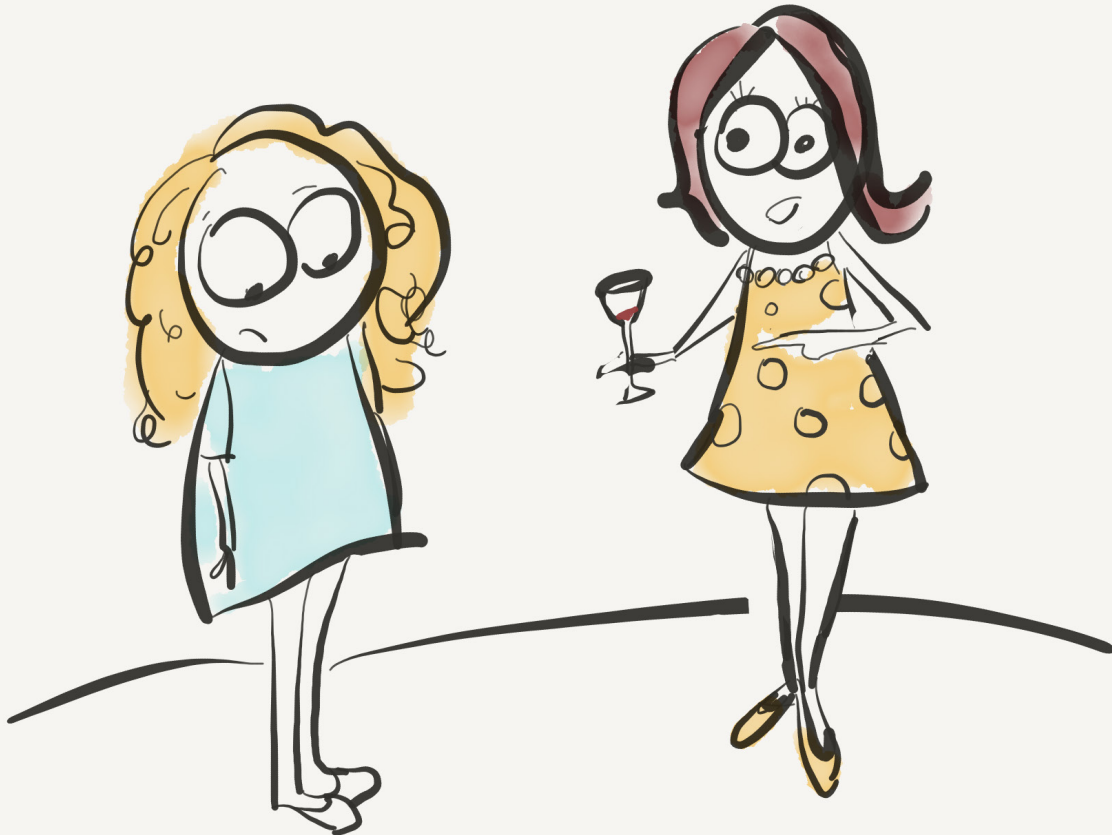
SEEING A PREVIOUS COTILLION PARTNER  
VOMIT IN PUBLIC  
AT A CRUSTY, GUTTERPUNK CONCERT VENUE.





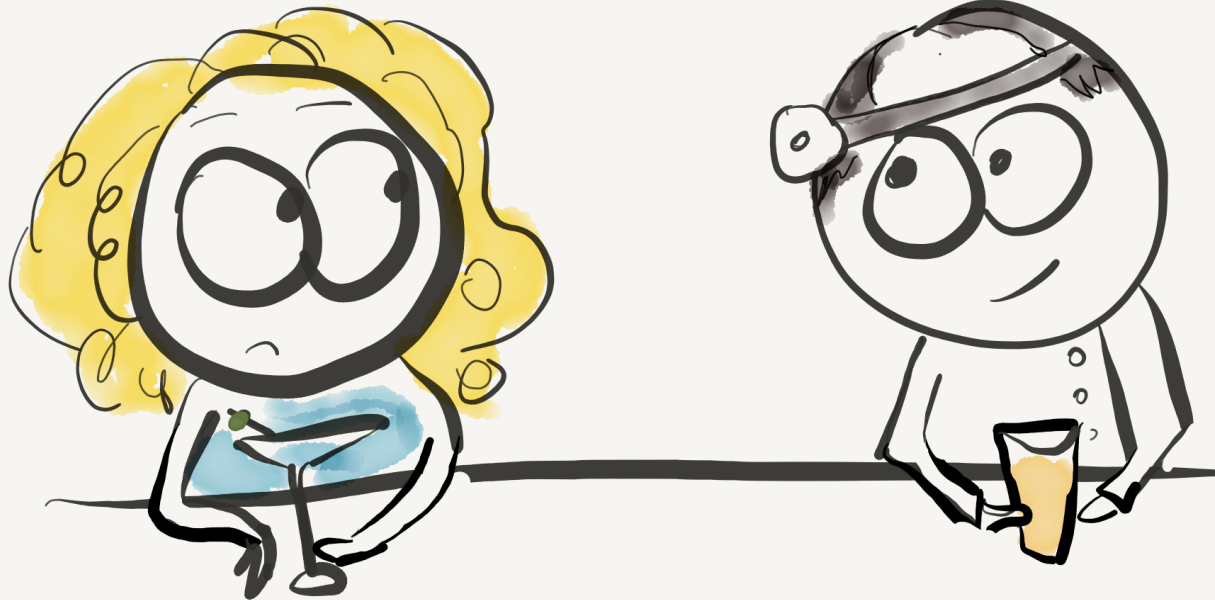
RICHMOND IS

LENDING A HAND AT YOUR MOTHER'S FANCY PARTY  
ONLY TO HAVE A GUEST REFER TO YOU AS "THE HELP"  
IN YOUR OWN HOME.



RICHMOND IS

LOOKING UP FROM A COCKTAIL AND SEEING  
YOUR OB-GYN ACROSS THE BAR.



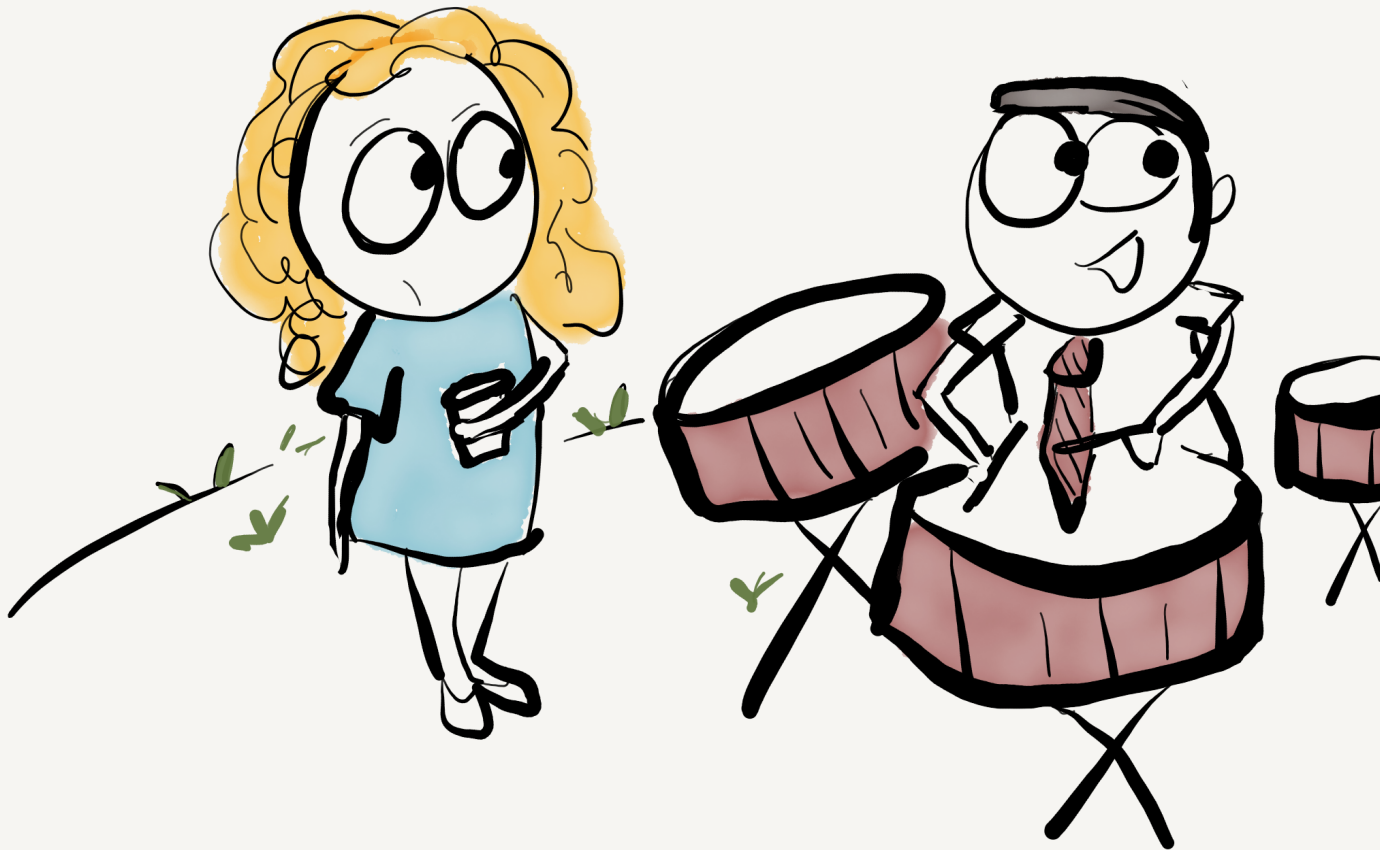
RICHMOND IS

KNOWING THAT NO ONE GOES TO NASCAR IRONICALLY  
THEY JUST THINK THEY DO.



RICHMOND IS

GOING TO A PARTY WITH A BAND OUT BACK  
AND REALIZING THE DRUMMER  
IS YOUR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER.

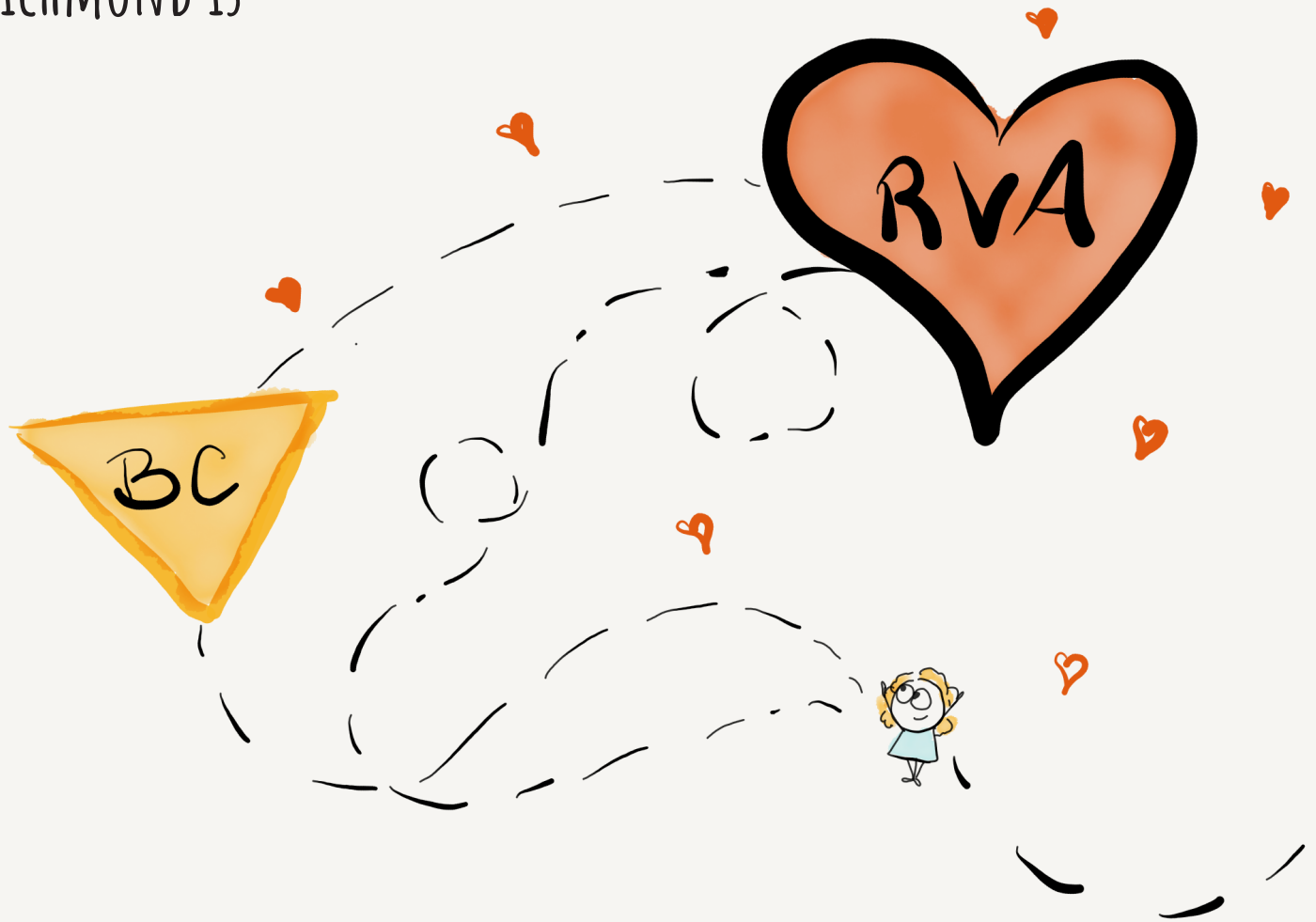


RICHMOND IS

HEARING SOMEONE CELEBRATE AFTER DISCOVERING  
THEY HAVE RELATIVES IN HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY.



RICHMOND IS



BEING LOST IN THE SAME CITY  
FOR OVER 20 YEARS  
AND FINALLY FINDING HOME.