

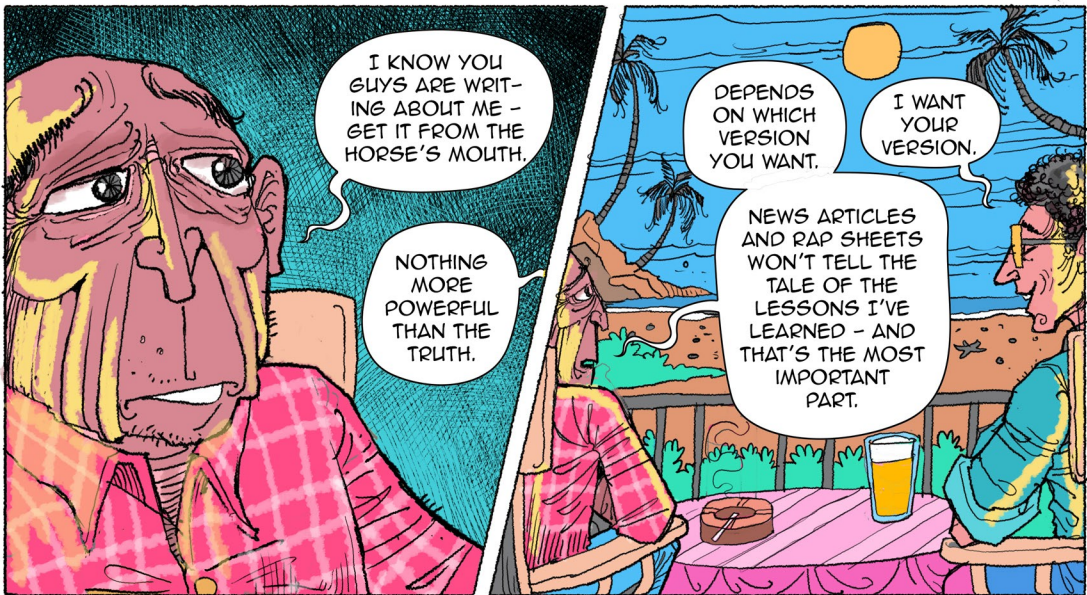
HASHMAN



THANKS FOR HAVING ME HERE. THIS IS WONDERFUL.

ABSOLUTELY. YOU'VE BEEN A FRIEND FOR A LONG TIME.

YOUR SON AND I ARE...



I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE WRITING ABOUT ME - GET IT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH.

NOTHING MORE POWERFUL THAN THE TRUTH.

DEPENDS ON WHICH VERSION YOU WANT.

I WANT YOUR VERSION.

NEWS ARTICLES AND RAP SHEETS WON'T TELL THE TALE OF THE LESSONS I'VE LEARNED - AND THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT PART.



I'M HERE FOR ALL OF IT.

THAT'S COMFORTING. I'VE HESITATED TO TELL THESE TALES BEFORE - BUT I'M GETTING UP IN AGE NOW. IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?



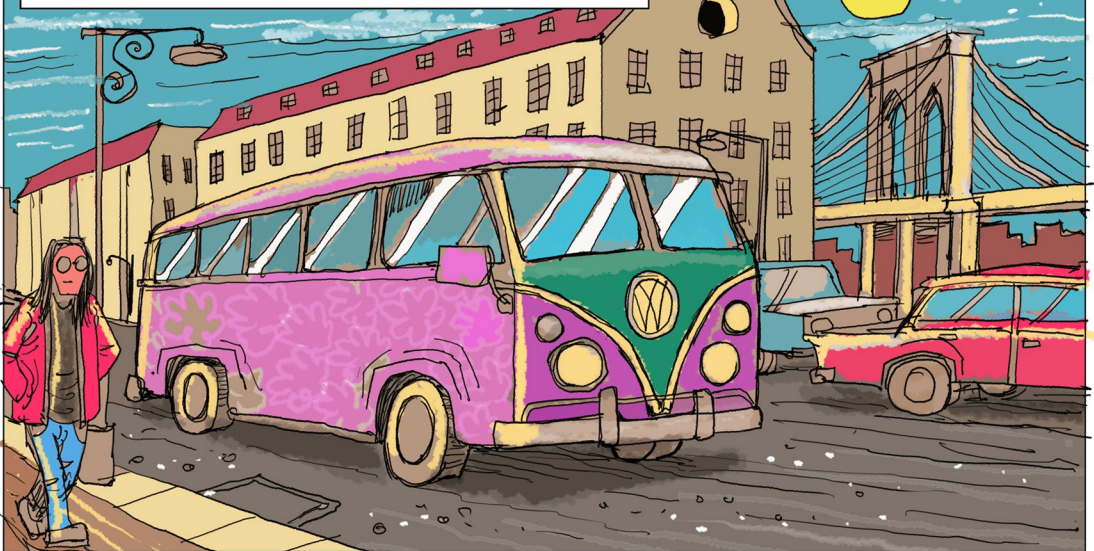
NOW IS PERFECT.

ALL THE STORIES ARE ONE THING, BUT HOW THEY SHAPED THE PERSON YOU SEE SITTING HERE IS ANOTHER.

I RAN INTO A CLASSIC COMMUNE AND EVERYONE WAS FULL OF DRUGS, LOVE, AND IDEALISM. I FIRST TRIED MEDITATION THERE WHEN IT WAS BRAND NEW TO AMERICA. IT WAS 60S ALTERNATIVE MADNESS BUT THE CULTURE WAS QUICKLY CHANGING.



THERE WAS NO WAY I WAS DEALING WITH THOSE GANGSTERS. I DECIDED TO SPLIT AND HEAD UPSTATE.

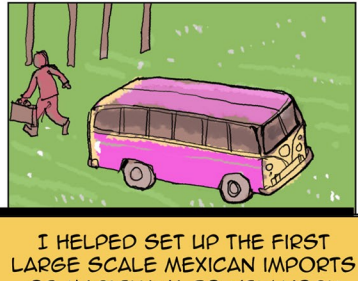




THIS IS QUITE THE OPERATION.



IT WAS A PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS.

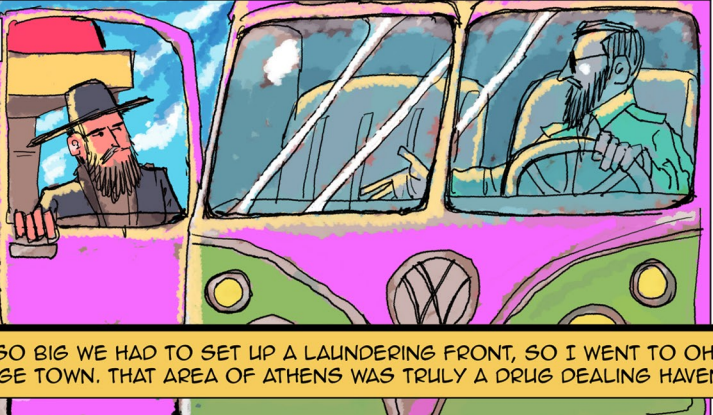
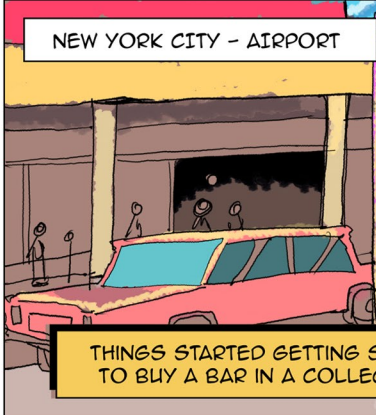


PASSPORT? ANYTHING TO DECLARE?

I HELPED SET UP THE FIRST LARGE SCALE MEXICAN IMPORTS OF MARIJUANA TO NEW YORK CITY. HOWIE WAS IN CHARGE OF SMUGGLING AND IT WAS MY JOB TO KEEP THE MONEY CLEAN. WHENEVER WE GOT THE CHANCE WE ALWAYS CHOSE TO EXPAND OPERATIONS. WE STARTED SMALL, BUT SOON WE WERE MOVING TRAILERS AND SEMI'S NOT LONG AFTER THAT.



WE MOVED WEED, COKE AND HASH, DIAMONDS YOU NAME IT. WE HAD RABBI HERSHFELD, WHO HAD DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY WHICH ALLOWED US TO EXPAND INTO EUROPE. WE WERE UNTOUCHABLE.



THINGS STARTED GETTING SO BIG WE HAD TO SET UP A LAUNDERING FRONT, SO I WENT TO OHIO TO BUY A BAR IN A COLLEGE TOWN. THAT AREA OF ATHENS WAS TRULY A DRUG DEALING HAVEN.

WITH ALL OF THE ANGER I EXPERIENCED TOWARD MY MOTHER, THE MEDITATION EXPERIENCE BECAME THE PILLAR OF MY SANITY.



AS MY PRACTICE GREW, I DEVELOPED WAYS TO SUMMON A BETTER FOCUS DURING MOMENTS OF EXTREME FRUSTRATION. I MAY HAVE BEEN AN OUTLAW BY DAY, BUT I WAS A MEDITATOR BY NIGHT.

