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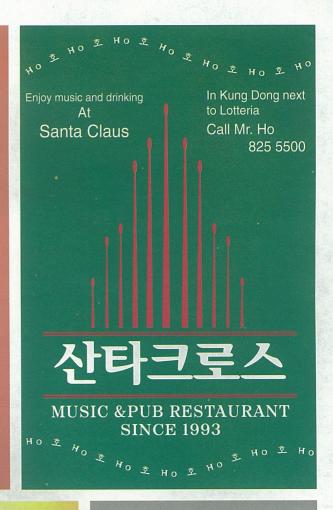
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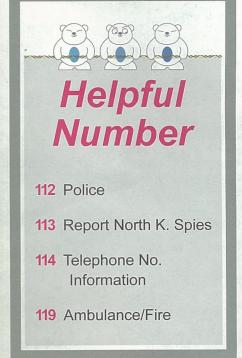
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# Welcome DDD reader.

Language is a skin. I rub my language against the other. It is as if I had words instead of fingers, or fingers at the tips of my words. My language trembles with desire.

Roland Barthes (French critic)

When reading any of the English language mainstream press in Korea, it is hard not to run into something sooner or later that comes out against "Konglish". You know the phrases in English with a Korean twist to its usage. "Handiphone" instead of cell phone or cellular phone; "One Shot" instead of cheers or bottoms up quickly come to mind. The mainstream hack with perhaps too little spirit to explore fresh expression, no doubt wants to grind back down to earth Konglish and everyone who is aware of it. Other tirades against "Konglish" are often delivered by various Korean government officials with a PhD. in linguistics but who will never know what linguine is. And then of course there is the real English teacher (often with an advanced degree in teaching TOEIC, TOEFL, TESL, RESLA CELTA or some other title of the absurd as their calling card) All of these language trainers and promoters argue that "Konglish" acts like a virus to diligent Koreans who are trying to get

standard English down. Maybe so, but think again native and nonnative English speakers alike. Is not some of the Konglish made by crunching at standard English so expressive that it carries standard English to new limits of beauty and

Let's start with the simple "Eye shopping": Koreans will often say this instead of window shopping. Are we shopping for eyes or windows? Neither obviously, but what Konglish takes in at the same time it attempts to speak out is the quirkiness of expressing self while trying to understand life. "Eye Shopping"... the ever-present importance of 'eyes' to Asians is bubbling on the tongue here. Wait a second... maybe in Konglish only we can shop for new eyes for ourselves! Or imagine Korean university students with their minds swinging back and forth between communicating in English and expressing themselves and their modern world around them:

Anyone who has spent anytime in Korea understands that Konglish is rarely the lazy use of language. "One Shot" is a simple example of how Konglish really encodes the universal tongue of English with the local drinking culture

And as "One shot" is a good example of how "Konglish" happens, then "Fan Fic" is a good example of how "Konglish" is happening. "Fan Fic", means Fan fiction. And Fan fic is the short form name to a club of middle school girls making up stories about their favorite pop stars and then sharing them on an internet site. What rocks this is that many of "Fan Fic's" members cannot pronounce the back-to-back f"s in English; so it is usually pronounced as 'Fan Pic'. Now everyone has seen and heard Korean pop stars... do they seem to fit more the 'fic' as in fiction or the

'pic' as in picture? Either way "Konglish" has it covered.

And by the way even a 'toefl-breath' knows that language also offers more than meets the eye-or ear really, because who isn't blown away at the moment it dawns that the Jenglish (Japanese form of Konglish) phrase, 'saving face' has a more important psychological meaning than a physical appearance one?

Anyway whatever you conceive in it, "Konglish", with all its convolutions is really so direct and unique, that it gets you between the eyes and goes right through the skin. As native speakers we experience the difference of it when we hear it, or read it, and if we are English teachers then we face the dilemma in fixing it, but, instead of any of these try to also experience it before it is written down or being spoken: right at the moment it's being conceived. The following "Konglish" is a list of descriptions taken from a cross-section of Korean university students. These mixed descriptions are of how friends feel about each other.

KONGLISH ROCKS! my apartment

to deconstruct

His strong point considerate and kind hearted. His weak point is weak will and simple minded

When talk free sympathy always on each other's speech

The friend is woman, I am man high school. Contact did not hardly dropping so.

Su-ji and me talk or see comic book all night if meet. Because he is short and plump and face is round, potato doll is same. If see, to

I am relying on much to her and she is proud.

We often quarrel because with each other weak-eyed make a rush for film

My friend is ox-eyed and body grew gaunt very and face is smallish. So, hear often speech that occurred prettily We don't know how we are the best friends. And personality is very urgent

She go to an orphanage, and old people's home and a disabled person protector all time to

My life lie in pain and he performance me some order or so much that did ability excel.

Can you sense it? "Konglish" is a work of art in jumbled disguise! In it's primordial beauty of expression it seems closer to ancient Greek poetry than any modern politician or academic could ever hope to get. Maybe there is the rub and the worry about "Konglish". It offers an ecstasy that is anything but technical.

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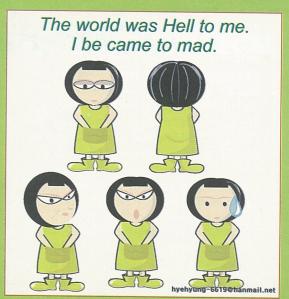
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### EDITOR'S NOTE

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## 2002 Gwangju Biennale







Words by Matthew Stephan

Images are from the official Biennale website and where noted from my Cannon

Since 1995 the Gwangju Biennale has been a converging ground for upcoming innov artists from all over the globe. An international art festival of this scope is a great event in itself yet it is even more impressive that it takes place in the city of Gwangju, 5 hours south of the cultural magnet Seoul. Besides being the hometown of the doctor who invented seedless watermelons, Gwangju is highly regarded as a city of art and democracy. This South Joella Province city is said to have a long history of scholars, poets, and artists culminating in the Biennale, one of Asia's finest art events. However for most Koreans the name Gwangju will not conjure painters and poets but rather haunting images of May 18th, 1980 and the democratic uprising that resulted in a massacre of hundreds. This year the Gwangju Biennale was more ambitious than any of its three previous incarnations. In addition to two large projects that occupied the Gwangju Biennale Hall and grounds, the usual site for this festival, the organizers reclaimed a couple of the city's historic sites to be used as art projects. Project One (Pause) was the largest project and the most difficult one to summarize. The broad theme of Pause was chosen for both the artists and visitors to meditate upon. Pause challenged and invited the modern human to break from their routine and revitalize their lives with the fresh perspectives available in art. Within the main theme were many sub-themes; urban psychology, networking between global alternative art spaces, alternative commerce, the reconfiguring of cities. Due to time constraints I had to bypass Project Two (There: Sites of Korean Diaspora). I could have used a whole week to explore the Biennale however all I could spare were two days, yes I (Stay of Execution) was directly connected to its site, a reconstructed MP camp where protestors from the 1980 uprising were once imprisoned. Project 4 (Connection) took over an abandoned railway station with its dreams of urban recycling. Free shuttle buses were provided for transportation between sites and on the whole Gwangju citizens seemed quite kind. I was glad to experience such friendly vibes since I heard from some Daegu natives that the people of Gwangju were cold and rude (mind you, South Joella Province and North Gyeongsan Province have a long history of rivalry and those responsible for the 1980 massacre were from North Gyeongsan).

As humans advance in years they all must face the dilemma of time and space. In Western countries we have the fortune of being sheltered from this cosmic oppression until our adult years. I have a feeling that Koreans grow accustomed to this dilemma from an early age. Since entering the full-time work force nearly three years ago, I've found my time and space greatly reduced. I seldom get the opportunity now to shift through the multitude of perspectives as I once did, shattering moulds before they bound my mind. Now I pass through months without leaving my restrictive role as a teacher in an industrial city. The deadening effects of routine can be counteracted if only a person realizes what they are experiencing, and too often I'm blinded. Some antidotes for routine: unexpected events, traveling, nature excursions, nocturnal wandering, ecstatic festivities (World Cup), and The elaborate pavilion city of Project One art. I've always found solace and escape when engaging with all art mediums, but perhaps, along with concerts, visual art holds the most potential for pausing routine. Visiting art galleries has been a religious experience for me ever since my first years of university. I can meditate on a single painting for half an hour without growing bored, causing some gallery employees to dread catatonia. I dare say my approach to art is a little extreme for many Westerners, though not uncommon. In Korea such an approach to artviewing would be considered very odd. From my observations over the past two and a half years at Korean museums, galleries, and other public exhibitions, most Koreans walk (or are pushed) briskly past the They do not give the time or space needed for an art piece or object to reveal a multitude of angles (perspectives). This year the Gwangju Biennale addressed this dilemma by choosing "Pause" for its

It is questionable how well the public engaged with the Pause theme. I don't have craniumpiercing power but it appeared that the majority of people paid only passing concern to the artworks and the amount of juvenile graffiti covering some pavilions was sickening (apparently visited by too many G.O.D. loving teenagers). Though I really shouldn't pass judgement since I was also forced into a faster pace than I was comfortable with in order to get a good overview of the event. Anyways if even only a few people paused long enough to escape routine into fresh perspectives then the project could be deemed a success. Project One was designed to encourage visitors to wander through the maze-like streets of a miniature city instead Asian Alternative Spaces (L:Hong Kong, R: Indonesia) of walking in lines along walls. Alternative galleries from all around Asia and Europe recreated their spaces on the floors of the Gwangju Biennale Hall. According to the festival's catalogue, they are the first to attempt such a convergence of international alternative spaces at a Biennale. Meandering through the pavilion paths, I occasionally drifted from my body, peering down through my third eye at the @ ga Pause boundarydefying city. Simultaneously walking inside and outside, staring through my holes while at the same time observing my body within an architect's model of a multicultural dream city. I experienced a s i m i la r sensation while in Tokyo and once, long ago, on a mixture of

Prozac, vodka and pot. Essentially this pavilion city was a celebration of independently minded art groups, primarily those working throughout Asia. These groups attempted to re-create



Asian Alternative Spaces(L:Hong Kong, R:Indonesia)

within their limited spirit of their art home countries. Most of the artwork presented within these pavilions was not mesmerizing

me with their spirit of independence. The two I lingered around most were the Taiwanese IT Park and the Loft from China. Housed in soft white walls with several doors and

of Beijing

windows, IT Park's space contained some subtly surreal art (I really regret not taking photos; my memory is vague and the catalogue focuses on the proposals). I found something inexplicably haunting about their installation "My Love, My Love, My Love". It gave me the sensation of an invisible network of chance operations that are behind the movements of our lives. The dice are spilled



IT Park Pavilion

and our lives take certain paths before we realize we're on them, unwittingly distancing ourselves IT Park Pavilion from loved ones and dreams. I understood the title to be a desperate plea commingled with a chant of remembrance. The most popular piece of the IT Park pavilion was a dog-shaped headset that provided the user with canine perception inside a short looped film. Another memorable piece within this space was "City Disqualified," an overhead camera-view creeping along a desolate midday freeway; naked urban exposure that should

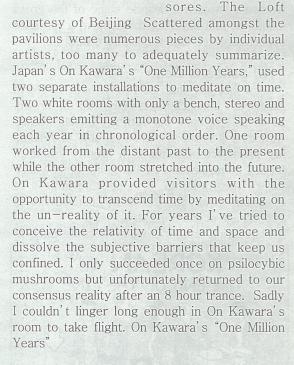
make any city-dweller reflect in horror on the impotent swath of pavement in their minds. There was something subversive about Beijing's Loft but it was difficult for me to place. They used their pavilion as an ongoing document of monthly collaborations between one Chinese artist and one established Western artist which began March 29 of this year at the (photo: MS) Loft art space in Beijing. Perhaps it's my affinity to pranksters that



Jung's "Trees at Shindorim"

drew me to the Loft; though I could be wrong, maybe Quentin Tarantino is really going to take part in an exhibition at a cramped Beijing independent art space. It's more likely my attraction to disturbing art that makes me write about the Loft over others; a video of an obese Chinese man neurotically scratching his chest and stomach until his skin turned fiery red was by far the most disturbing piece in Project 1; I didn't

stay for the bloody



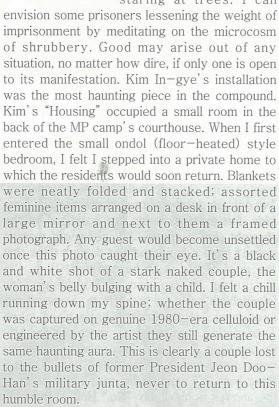
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"One Million Years"

All the art in Project 3 contained some connection (however faint) to the setting, a reconstructed MP Camp. This camp once housed the Military Police responsible for the 1980 Gwangju massacre as well as detaining and trying (perhaps even executing) activists from the democratic uprising. In spite of this knowledge the MP camp itself was not that intimidating or eerie although crouching inside a Kim In-Gye's "Housing" stockade cell, staring out at an oppressive apartment block did make me shudder a

little. Some works that impressed me here were Jung Jung-youb's "Trees at Shindorim" and Kim In-gye's "Housing." Jung took Jung's

Trees at Shindorim" (photo:MS) photos of shrubs around the camp and taped them in a line along one wall. She then painted magnified versions of the same shrubs along the other walls. Memories resurface of summer slavery years ago at a garbage dump when I used to escape drudgery by staring at trees. I can



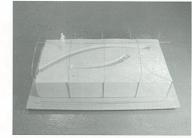
I must admit I was a little disappointed with Project 4 after camping out overnight at a nearby yu-kwan (cheap motels with shady reputations) in anticipation. I have a deep interest in ruins and have jeopardized myself several times for photos inside abandoned



structures. I was hoping for some tantalizing remains of the former South Gwangiu Railway Station. I imagined that some artist would work with the ghosts of structure to exhume something truly spectacular but then who am I to force my own aesthetics on others. All that

remained were a few railway ties. Old South Gwangju Station (Photo:MS)

Greenhouse-like structures were erected to house the art and dreams. Project 4, Connection," was primarily an urban landscaping fantasy while some artists delved into spatial heritage. I learnt an interesting fact about the Japanese occupation; the imperialists strategically placed the railway around the outskirts of the city so as to cut off the Korean citizens from the powers of their spiritual mountain. None of the development plans particularly excited me but I would much prefer a park filled with enigmatic sculptures to another hideous apartment block.



A future meditation trench

As my bus chugged through the lush valleys heading towards Daegu and the occupational shackles waiting me there. regretted that I didn't meditate

further on Pause and all the Biennale artworks encompassed by this broad theme. If only I had a week to spare. Anyways I'm grateful to the Gwangju Biennale for exposing me to some inspiring art and revealing the wealth of alternative art groups throughout Asia. Since arriving in Korea in 2000 I have been continually impressed by the quality of contemporary Korean visual art. It's strange how one medium can be so fecund while another, contemporary music, can be so stale. The official Biennale website can be reached at www.gwangju-biennale.org.

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#### What's to Like?

#### Korean Dance Clubs Just Rock!

Let's hear it for the Korean dance clubs. Where else can you go where the men dance freely with the men and the women dance freely with the women without any negative social connotations? And where else can you go where everyone at the club dances? In America, a lot of men just won't dance. But that's not even the best part of my experience. Of all the things I might have expected to see in Korea, one of my experiences at the dance clubs will NEVER be topped.

There's this dance contest at midnight. Okay, so I'm thinking, this is Korea and it's going to be conservative dancing. You know, nothing too risque. Was I wrong or what? What I saw was the opposite of conservative. One of the Korean guys (from my table!) got up there and he did the dirtiest dance with this woman he didn't even know. I mean, we saw skin! We're talking about grabbing body parts, lifting up clothing in a revealing nature and taking some of it off. Dirty dancing in Korea! I loved it… it was so completely unbelievable and so hilarious to me. I think I heard my own jaw hit the floor and it just stayed there. Later this hottie told one of my friends he did that dance just for me... since I was new to Korea.

#### Yeppudha, Yeppudha

For me? Wow, I must admit, I find the male attention a little addictive. What better way to boost a girl's ego than to have a bunch of men telling you that you're beautiful and performing antics to capture your attention. I can honestly say that I have never experienced so much attention just about everywhere I go than I have here. It doesn't seem to matter what I'm wearing or how I look, I always hear from some Korean man how beautiful I am. Although a little unnerving, it definitely makes me feel good because I find they are sincere. There's no ulterior motive in telling me that. It's refreshing, flattering and makes getting up so early to work here that much more interesting.

#### Koreans Make the Best Friends in the World

The people here are totally hilarious in general (the sense of humor and ability to laugh at themselves is great!), but they also have very deep feelings. I have to say that I have met some of the best people I know here. With a deeply caring nature and an underlying thread of belief that we are all connected to something larger than just what we see, my Korean friends have touched my heart and broadened my life. The warm hearts and open doors of my friends here have shown me even more about what a friend is and how friends here interact with each other. When someone here gets hurt or needs help, their friends rally around them and help them out. I like this group support and friendship. It seems totally different from the



rugged individualism bred into most Americans.

#### What's Not to Like?

#### Look, but Don't Touch

The situation with Korean men offers its challenges. Getting attention from groups of guys based on your "exotic" (read: blonde and foreign) looks differs greatly from dating or just being friends with these same men.

I have always found dating mystifying and somewhat agonizing in just about every sense of it. But I have always had great friendships with men. I come to Korea and the dating scene is even worse for me and I have even more trouble with platonic male/female friendships. Not only am I expected to get married and have kids, but most Koreans are horrified by the thought that a single, 30-year-old woman doesn't have a boyfriend and doesn't think that the goal of life is to be married! Plus, I'm beginning to wonder if friendship for friendship's sake exist out here. Some of my encounters in this realm have been more excruciating than my experiences in the US. On one hand, I've heard, "You're so beautiful" so many times since I have been here. On the other hand, if I want to flirt with a Korean man, the answer is inevitably "No." Hell, sometimes the answer to "Do you want to dance with me" or "Do you want to get a cup of coffee (as friends)" is a resounding "No!" The rejection factor is totally ego deflating. So far, I've been rejected in person, through my friends and on the phone. It's quite a combination, really. The ego-boost followed by the outright rejection. Whew!

And yet the opposite occurs. I ask someone to go out and do something as a friend and, all of a sudden, he's planning a wedding or something. Only I don't know it until someone points it out to me. My solution to this problem?

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Go out in large groups of men. That way no one gets serious about me, no one feels like I'm hitting on them and I can go more places than I could with my Korean friends who are women. Which leads to my next gripe.

#### What Exactly ARE Korean Women Allowed to Do Around Here. Anyway?

I don't like the restrictions placed on women here. For Korean women, there are so many "rules" on how they are supposed to behave; it makes me wonder just what they are allowed to do here. The limitations on women start at a young age. For instance, one of my students, a girl about 13 years old, wrote in her class journal,

'When I grow up, I want to be a boy because being a girl is bad."

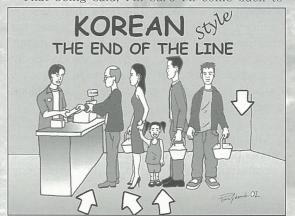
The innate sorrow contained in that statement doesn't require any more explanation from me. We're talking about a little girl's dreams for the

Right now, women are expected to get married, bear sons, and take care of everything in the house, even if they work all day too. Definitely not an appealing proposition! When the women do work outside of the home, it's not like they get paid as much as the men for the same job. They certainly aren't treated as equals in the workplace or anywhere else here. As a single, young woman, I catch some of that double standard myself. Meanwhile, the Korean men party all night, have affairs, control the women, and do very little to help in the households. The double standard just kills me. To all of this, I can say I have never felt more thankful to be an American woman with all of my freedoms and choices. I personally feel like women in America, despite some of the gross inequities still lingering there, have a lot more opportunity to create the lives we want to.

#### All Said and Done

Let's just say that, as I head back to North America, I think I'll blend more into the crowd. I'll be able to hang out with my female friends without any restrictions. I'll be able to resume my great friendships with men. I admit to feeling some relief that I'm going somewhere where the thoughts, dreams, and beliefs of everyone count more equally, regardless of gender, age or marital status.

That being said, I'm sure I'll come back to



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Korea sometime. Who can resist the charm of the people, especially my friends? Maybe when I return, the women will have a little more freedom. And maybe I'll spot another hot Korean man doing a hot dance and he won't run away when I hit on him!

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#### 좋은것

#### 한국의 나이트클럽(Rock) 에서의 재미

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내가 입는 것 혹은 외모때문이 아닌것만은같다. 나는 항상 약간의 한국인들이 내가 아름답다고 하는말을 듣는다. 비록 그말이 약간 의심스러운 마음이 들지라도 분명 그것은 나를 기분좋게 한다. 왜냐하면 어느정도 진 실성도 발견할수있기에…그리고 아무 사심없는 이야기 이기도하다. 그러한 말은 나를 신선하게 하고 들뜨게도 한다. 심지어 아무치장없이 이른아침에 거리를 활보하더라도 그런이야기를 듣는다.

#### 좋은한국인 친구들

여기에 있는 사람들은 대체적으로 재미가 있다. 유머 감각과 자기자신을 재미있게 이야기하는 감각은 대단하다. 그러나 그들은 매우 감성적이기도하다. 나는 약간의 최고의 친구들을 사귈수 있었다. 남을 배려하는 마음과 신뢰의 끈으로 한국인의 친구사이는 모두 외관상보다훨씬 더 잘 연결되어 있다. 또한 나를 대할대 한국인들은 나와의 만남이 전생부터 이어져온 인연이라 생각하기에 따뜻하게 대해주었다.

나의 한국인 친구들은 나의 마음을 감동시켰고 삶을 풍푸하게 해주었다. 따뜻한 마음과 친구들에게 열린마음은 나에게 친구가 무엇인지와 서로 어떻게 대하는지를 잘 보여주었다. 누군가가 상처받거나 도움이 필요할때 친구들이 모여서 도와준다. 나는 이런 친구들의 도움과 우정을 좋아한다. 그것은 개인주의가 바탕이된 미국인과는 전적으로 틀린 것 같다.

#### 싫은점

보아라 그러나 한국인 남성들과의 만남은 약간은 도 덕적이다. 이색적인 (금발의 외국인)외모에 기초한 남 성들로 부터의 시선과 칭찬은 그들과의 테이트를 하는 것이나 친구가 되는것과는 전적으로 틀리다.

나는 항상데이트에서 혼돈스럽고약간은 괴로움도 발 견한다. 그러나 나는 항상 남성들과 좋은 우정을 나누거 나 내가 데이트를 하는 것은 어렵고 나를 곤역스럽게했다.

왜냐하면 내가 30세이기에 결혼을 하거나 아이들을 갖는것으로 생각될뿐만 아니라 대부분의 한국인들은 30살의 여성이 남자친구가 없거나 인생의 목적이 결혼 이 아니라는 사실에 약간은 놀라는 것같다.

나는 남녀간에단지 우정을을 위한 만남이 이곳에서는 존재하지 않는다고 생각한다. 내가 만나는 사람들은 미국에서의 경험보다는 보다 극단적이다. 나도 "당신은 아름다워요"라는 말을 많이들어왔다. 반면 내가 한국남성과 이성적인 매력을 느끼면 그들의 대답은 "No"이다. 때때로 "춤추실래요" 혹은"커피한잔할까요" (친구로써) 대답은 "No"이다.

거절은 나를 속상하게 만들기도 한다. 지금까지 나는 개인적으로 거절당했다. 친구들을 통해서 혹은 전화상

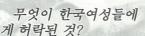
> 으로 그것은 상당히 복합적이기 도하다. 그들은 나를 아름 답다고 하지만 실상 데이 트하자는 것과는 틀린 것 같다.

> > 그러나 반대적인 측면 E 있다. 내가 누군가와 데 이트신청이나 친구로써 무엇인가를 원하면 그는 결혼등을 생각한다. 나는 친구가 그것을 가르쳐주 기 전까지 알지못했다. 이 문제에대한 해결책은? 남성들이 많은곳으로 가라. 그곳에는 아

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신중

히 생 각지 않고 내가 누군가에게 관심있는것도 모른다. 그리 고 그들과 함께 더많은 장소 들을 갈수있다. 여자들과 가 는것보다 그리고 그것은 나 에게 불평이기도하나 남자 들에게 만 있는 자유.



나는 한국여성들에게 있는 약간의 제약들을 좋아하지 않는다. 한국여성들에게 어떻게 행동할지에 대한 많은 "법칙들"이 있다. 나는 그들에게 허락된 것이 무엇인지가 궁금하다.

여성들에 대한 제한 어린나이에 시작한다. 예를 들면 내 학생중에 13살의 소녀는 그녀의 일기에

썼다. "내가 어른이되면 나는 여자의 존재가 싫기에 남자가 되기를 원한다." 자연스레 생긴 이런말은 나에게 더 이상 설명이 필요없는 것 같다. 이런사실은 여성들을 만나며 자연스럽게 알게되었다. 여성들은 결혼하여 아들을 원하고 그들이 일을 할지라도 집에서 모든 것을 하기를 원한다. 비록 그것이 불공평할지라도!

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(여성들은 같은 일을해도 남성들만큼 돈을 못받고 일 터에서 동등하게 대우받지도 못한다.)

반면 남성들은 밤새파티하고 바람을 피우고여성을 통 제하고 집안일은 별로 돌보지 않는다.

여성에게 있는 이중고는 정말 마음에 들지않는다.

나는 미국인으로서 모든 나의 자유와 선택에 감사를 하지 않을수 없다.

미국에는 약간의 불평등이 있을지라도 더 많은 자신이 원하는 삶을 살수있는 기회가 여성들에게 있다고 생각한다. 모든발언과 행동에도 더 많은 자유가있다.

내가 미국으로 돌아갔을 때 나는 양문화의 포함을 경험하게 될것이다. 나는 아무제한없이 나의 여자친구들과 거리를 돌아다닐수 있을것이다.

나는 또한 남자들과도 상당한 우정을 쌓을수도 있을 것이다. 나는 성과 결혼유무에 상관없는 모든이가 동등 하게 대우받는것외에 춤, 생각, 리듬이 있는 미국에 다 시가게 된것에 안도감을 느낀다.

그러나 언젠가 다시 한국에 돌아올것이다. 그러나 누가 한국에서의 친절하고 좋은 친구들을 잊을수있을까? 아마도 내가 돌아왔을 때 한국 여자들이 보다 많은 자유를 가지기를 원한다. 또한 나는 매력적인 한국인과 같이 춤추는 상상도 해본다.

영어선생이자 샌프란시스코의 자유기고가 샤샤는 아 래이메일 주소로 연락될수있다.

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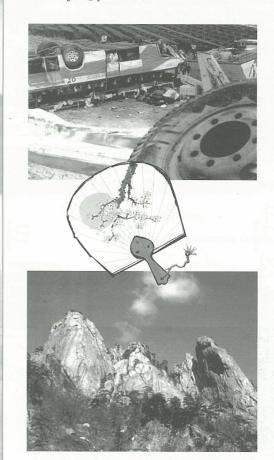
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### 제목: 영어선생님의 구역질

다른 대다수의 경우와 마찬가지로 나는 아이들을 가르쳐본 어떠한 경험도, 어떤 일이 일어날것이라는 생각 조차 없이 (영어를) 가르치기 위해 한국에 왔다.

단 몇개월 동안 나는 이것이 휴가가 아니라는 것을 깨달았다.

내가 일하는 동안 내주위에서 콧물이 흐르는 코가 나를 매스껍게 했다. 내가 그것에서 벗어나려 하는 동안에도 그 코는 그들의 숨에 따라 오르락 내리락 하며 내주변을 힐끔 거렸다. 그것은 끝이 없었다. 내가 방해받기 싫어하는 휴식시간에도 그 코는 마치 정해 진 모습처럼 나타났다. 작은 손가락들이 그들의 작은 구멍으로 코를 파기 위해 쉴새 없 이 사라졌다.

계속 손을 씻게 하고 질책하여도 'Hello Song,'이나 'Ring around the Rosy,' 등의 노래를 부르며 둥글게 손을 잡거나 다른 것들을 할때도 내 머리 속에 그 더러운 습관이 떠오르는 것을 막을 수 없었다.

나의 동료 선생님들이 정규적으로 옮곤하는 감기는 내가 갖는 근심이나 회피로도 어쩔 수 없다는 것을 알게된다.

물론 주말에는 이런 질병을 옮길 수 있는 아이들 없이 술로 인한 망각의 상태로 탈출하

아주 귀여운 아이가 점심식탁 차리기를 도와주려 할때 너는 항상 그들이 숟가락 잡는 것에서 나를 보호하려한다. 그 숟가락들은 작고 코묻은 더러운 손가락들로 어루만져진

우리는 'retcher'로 세례받은 어린 영혼의 출석을 우리 학교에 축복해왔다.

나는 아이들이(retchers-구역질하는 자) 보통의 작은 창조물이라는 것을 알고있다. 그 reverbrating inside my head after work hours. 리고 그들은 그들의 특별한 습관으로 더 특별해지는 것이다.

어떤 꼬마가 그의 과자를 토하고 상황을 놀랍게 바꾸어 놓는다.

이렇게 갑작스럽게 토하는 일이 발생하면 그 어린 영혼은 걷다가 중간에 서있게 되고. 다른 즐거운 아이들보다 더 분수와 비슷한 모습을 하고 있게 된다.

내가 이 우연한 사건으로부터 잠시 피해이있는사이, 인생의 향기에 더해져 이상한알수 없는 향기가 방안을 가득 채운다. 이 토한 것들이 다 치워진 후에도 다음날에도 (냄새 와 대항하며 싸우는 것보다 오히려 도망가는 것이 낫다) 그 다음주에도아마도 다음번 토하는 일이 발생할 때까지 아마도 그 사건은 아마도 계속 남아있을것이다.

우리의 작은 아이들이 음식을 잡고있을때도 문제가 된다. 그가 음식을 먹을때 기침을 하는 경우가 있다. 이때 테이블 주위의 모든 어른들은 앞으로 뛰쳐나올 음식들 때문에 두려워하며 움직일 수 없다. 이 어린 아이는 놀라서 어쩔줄 모르지만 그의 작은 음식들 이 튀어나오는 경우는 단지 50%일 뿐이다. 이런 일이 일어났을때점심은 충분히 먹지 도 못한채 마무리하게 된다.

그러나 더많은 가르침의 즐거움이 있다.

특히 어린 소녀들이 질러내는 즐겁고 날카로운 무작위의 비명이 있다. 이 비 명은 고막이 찢어질만큼 힘들지만 무척 즐겁다. 그렇지 않다면 그것은 화가 난 아이들이나에게 미소를 주기위한 울부짖음인가? 모든 아이들은 그들만의 비명이 있다. 확실히 이런 높은 비명을 선생님들은 좋아한다. 항상. 아주 자 주 우는 아이들은 언제나 드라마의 여왕처럼 울 시점을 찾으려고 한다. 그리 고 오늘도 여느날과 마찬가지로 토하고 코를 훌쩍이는 소름끼치는 손, 토하는

아이들, 멀리 울리는 비명, 그리고 내 작은 보호의 큰 외침이 있는

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Translated by: Ryu Ji Young

Warning: Despite content, the author truly does love her children.

#### \*\*\*Retchings of an English Teacher

Like so many, I have come to Korea to teach. Like so many, I have entered blind, without any real idea of what to expect, without any experience of having taught children before.

While I have been here only a mere few months, I already know that this is not my vocation. The snotty noses that surround me during the majority of my work day disgust me. While I try to turn away, I still manage to glimpse with my peripheral, their nose-come slowly lifting and decending as they breathe. This is without end. Even after a blowing session, which I am personally loathe to engage in, the snotty nose reappears like a fixed facial feature. The little fingers disappear into their navel cavities every so often, too often, mining, always mining.

I cannot help, despite the number of hand washings and reprimands doled out, think of these excavations when we are called upon as good teachers to link hands in a circle for yet another rendition of 'Hello Song,' or 'Ring around the Rosy,' or countless others that have a nasty habit of

The colds and flus I see my fellow teachers plagued with regularly leave me to believe that my fears and disgust are not without validity. Of course the weekends spent escaping into an alcohol induced oblivion without children might add to this sickly reality.

When one of the children, oh so sweetly, tries to help set the table at lunchtime, it is all I can do to prevent myself from grabbing the spoons from their hands. These spoons that are so lovingly caressed by grimy little nose-come hands without regard for a handle.

We have been blessed at our school with the presence of a little soul who has been christened 'the retcher.' I know that retchers are common little creatures, and they become only more special with the frequency of their particular habit. It is amazing in a base kind of way, how often and under such varied circumstances one little being can upchuck his cookies. Our little soul can be in mid-stride, when all of a sudden, he resembles more a fountain than a joyful little child. While I quickly try to retreat from this happenstance, the indistinguisable aroma fills the room, adding to the aromas of a lifetime. Even after the retching has been removed, never by myself I might add -there are times when flight is always better than fight- the aroma lingers, into the next day, the next week, or perhaps it is only into the next retching incident.

Our litle pupil has troubles holding his food down.

As he eats, he occasionally coughs. At this point, every adult around the table freezes, dreading the possible forthcoming spew. Our little tyke is full of surprises however, and it is only fifty percent of the time that his little bodily fluids escape.

When this happens, lunch quickly comes to an unfullfilled end.

But there is so much more to the joys of teaching.

There are the joyful, piercing little screams that are randomly emitted, particularly by the little girls. These little piercings are so full of joy it is amazing that they can cause so much discomfort to the inner eardrum.

Or is it the wailing of an upset child that brings a smile to my face? Each child has her or his own signature squeal. Certainly it is those high volume bawlings that are the favorite of all teachers.

There is always too, a frequent cryer, always trying to rack up frequent cryer points, a future drama

queen.

And so today, as on every day, I look forward to my next workday, where my own retchings will increase, and I will be one day closer to the the close of my encounter with the snotty sniffles, the horrifying hands, the rising retches, the sonorous screaming, and the bravado bawlings of my dear little wards.

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### FIRE

To meet my woman, This dark night, takes my breath away. Longing dissolves my tendons And I tremble in terrible desire, While my loins burst into flames.

The pine forest is dark And the wind quiet this night. I could almost hear the ocean waves Were it not for the blood Pounding in my veins.

The flames light my way Through the dark path And I see her standing at a remove, Quiet, looking towards me, waiting, And the flames ignite the forest into raging fire.

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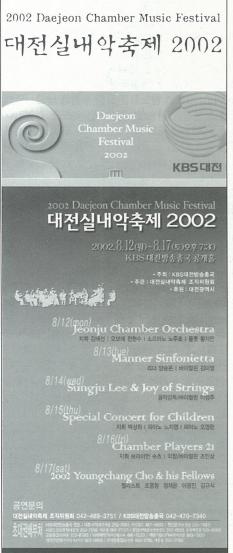
내 여신을 만나기 위해서 싫까, 서준 밖은 낱 들뜨게 한다. 서리가 불꽃으로 파열할 때 그리움은 날 무기력하게 만들고 난 가혹한 욕망에 몸을 떤다

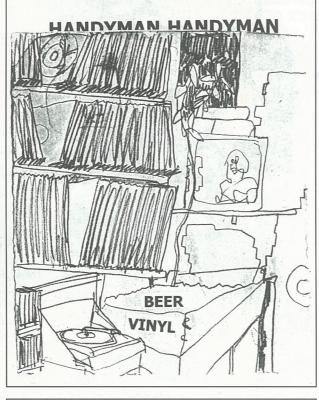
소늘 밤 소나무 숲은 서話고 바람은 고요하다. 파도 소리가 들리는 듯 하다 내 혈관에서 고동치는 것은 되가 아니킨칼.

내가 지나가는 서두운 길을 불꽃山 빻친다. 저 멀리 날 바라보며 조용히 기다리고 있는 그녀가 보신다. 숲은 격형한 불꽃 속에 타소른다.

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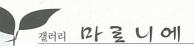
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# Foreign workers in Daejeon (대전의 외국인 노동자)

A minister, Kim Gyu-Bok, and his church, Bin-Deul Church, have been working for the poor and restless through an NGO called Daejeon Association With Foreign Laborers (DAWFL). It provides education, counseling, medical care, job search, etc for foreign factory workers in Daejeon.

김규복 목사의 빈들 교회는 대전 외국인 노동자와 함 께하는 모임(이하 '대외함')을 통해 가난하고 힘없는 사 람들을 돕고 있습니다. 대외함은 대전지역 공장의 외국 인 노동자들에게 교육, 상담, 의류지원, 직업알선을 도와 주고 있습니다.

#### 1. Korean Dream in Daejeon - 코리안 드림

THAD When did foreign laborers first come to work in

LifeR Korea started to accept them in 1988, though it is a little later in Daejeon with our small number of factories. Foreign laborers appeared here in 1992. After the legislation on trainee system in 1994, many foreign laborers came and the number has grown to 2000. Half of them are illegal. Indonesians are the most numerous. The next are Vietnamese and Uzbekistanians and Kazakhstanians and Chinese. Though small in number, there are Bangladeshis, Filipinos, Pakistani and Nepalese.

THAD 대전에 외국인 노동자가 들어오게 된 건 언제부터 인가요?

LifeR\_한국에 외국인 노동자(이하 '외노')가 들어오게 된 것은 88년 이후 이지만, 대전에는 공단이 적기 때문에 1992년에서야 눈에 띄기 시작했죠. 1994년 산업연수생제 도의 도입으로 대량으로 유입되어 현재는 2000여명에 이 르렀어요. 이중 절반 정도가 불법 체류자 입니다. 나라별로 는 인도네시아가 가장 많고 베트남, 우즈베키스탄 과 카자흐스탄 그리고 중국 순이고, 소수이지만 방 글라데시인, 필리핀인, 파키스탄인, 네팔인도 있어

#### 2. Tough and Ironical Reality -힘들고 모순된 현실

LifeR Since the '88 Seoul Olympic Games, the number of foreigners, who came as tourists and are now working illegally, has increased to 100,000. As a result, the Korean government admitted them and legislated a trainee system. Trainees pay an allocation fee to a local broker so they can be sent to Korea. The fee ranges from 700,000 to 900,000won. It is about equal to one year's salary in Korea. They are so poor

that they have to borrow money to pay it and the interest in South East Asian countries is high. The broker makes a lot of money out of this. The increased debt places them and their families in a great deal of hardship. Therefore, if they work for two years, they only save one year's salary after they pay back their debt. The salary for trainees was 200,000 won in the past. After struggling for their rights, it was raised to 700,000 won which is still lower than regular workers' by 20%. This is the way trainees are abused. Trainees who escape from the work place and work as illegal visitors are treated as regular workers. Though it may not make sense they receive higher salaries than trainees receive. Of course, there remains the danger that they may be expelled. Employers, who want to prevent trainees from escaping work places, do not pay 50% of the salary and put it in the bank account under the name of employee till the end of the contract. It is sort of hostage money. This tough and ironical reality makes trainees think the earlier they escape the better. The number of foreign workers in Korea is estimated at 350,000. 78% out of these, or 270,000, are illegal visitors.

LifeR 88서울 올림픽 이후로 관광객으로 와서 노동자가 된

불법 체류자들이 증가하여 그 수가 10만을 넘게 되자. 994년 정부에서는 이를 불가피하게 받아들여 산업연 수생 제도를 마련하게 되죠. 산업연수생은 자기나라의 송출 회사에 취업 알선비를 내고 노동자 신분이 아닌 연수생 신분으로 와서 일하게 됩니다. 취업 알선비는 500만원에서 1000만원가량 이고 이는 우리나라에서 1년 봉급에 해당하죠. 대게 빚을 내서 마련하게 되고 또한 동남아시아는 상대적으로 고리이기 때문에 빚과 이자의 증가로 본인과 가족들이 고통 받게 되고, 한국 에서 2년을 일하면 1년 임금을 벌게 되는 셈이죠. 임금 도 산업 연수생인 경우에 예전에는 20만원 정도 받다가 점차 현실화 되어 현재는 정규 임금의 80% 정도인 70만원 정도를 받아요.이렇게 연수생은 착취를 당하게 됩니다. 그 런데, 상식을 뛰어 넘은 이야기지만, 직장을 이탈하여 불법 체류자가 되면, 추방의 위험을 제외하고는 노동자로서의 임금과 대우를 받을 수 있답니다. 이탈을 막기 위해 공장에 서는 봉급을 50%까지를 통장에다 넣어놓고 돌아갈 때 주 겠다며 압류 하죠. 일종의 인질금 이죠. 이런 상황 속에서 차라리 하루라도 빨리 이탈을 해서 불법체류자가 되는 것 이 유리하다고 생각하는 거죠. 한국에 외노는 35만 명으로 추산되고 이중 78%에 해당하는 27만 여명이 불법 체류자

THAD\_How about housing conditions? LifeR They mainly stay in the dormitories provided by



the company, which are dark inside or sometimes can even be container boxes. Those lodging conditions are pretty bad according to Korean standards, but they are still better than those in South East Asian countries so the workers tolerate their inconveniences.

THAD How long do they work a day?

LifeR Recently Koreans work eight hours a day and five days a week in some cases, but foreigners work twelve hours a day and six days a week. Sometimes they have to work in two shifts on Sundays.

THAD Any other difficulties at work?

LifeR Koreans do not want to work at factories because the work is dirty, dangerous, and difficult. The Korean workers who are there are not well educated so that they frequently swear, shout and touch with a slap at work. They also do this to foreign colleagues even though it is not common practice to do such things in South East Asian countries. The Laborers from there receive more shocks at these behaviors than their Korean coworkers think

THAD is it possible for them to get compensation when they get injured at work?

LifeR After years of struggling it is now possible. THAD When there is a payment delay, what do they



LifeR A civil appeal to the Office of Labor works. However, sometimes the employer holds a grudge when an appeal is made, and will report their trainee for illegally staying to the Office of Immigration. If so, the worker gets paid but has to be forcefully expelled.

THAD How do they spend their free time? LifeR Some visit their friends in Korea. Most of them finish their work at night and since they have to send

the salary to their family back home, they do not have any money to spare, and so they can't enjoy their leisure. It is also because there is no culture of sparetime. It is a pity that some of them go out shopping here in Korea and that some of them waste their money on pubs or Dan-ran-joo-jeom.

THAD\_숙소는 어떤가요?

이너 박스이거나 실내가 어두운 경우가 많고, 우리나라 기 준으로 보면 굉장히 좋지 않은 셈인데도, 동남 아시아에서 의 조건 보다는 나으니까 견디는 거죠

THAD 근무시간은 어떤가요?

LifeR\_ 우리나라 사람들은 8시간 근무다 주5일제 근무다 하 는데, 대게는 주6일에 12시간 근무를 합니다. 2교대로 일 요일까지 일하는 경우도 많아요.

THAD\_다른 근무상 어려움은 없나요?

LifeR\_외노들이 일하는 곳은 한국인들이 근무하기 꺼려 하 는 3D 직종이고, 그곳의 한노들은 교양 수준이 낮고, (일제 시대의 잔재로 생각을 하는데) 멸시적인 태도를 취하거나 욕 잘하고 툭툭 건드리기도 잘하죠. 외노에게도 그렇게 하 는 경우가 많은데, 동남 아시아에서는 크게 소리를 지르거 나 욕을 하거나 사람을 때리는 일이 별로 없기 때문에 상대 적으로 외노가 느끼는 충격이 크답니다.

THAD 산업재해를 당했을 경우에 보상 받을 수 있나요? LifeR (그동안 싸워온 결과로) 현재는 보상 받을 수 있어

THAD 임금이 체불되었을 경우에는 어떻게 하나요? LifeR\_노동청에 민원을 내면 받을 수 있어요. 하지만 기업 주가 여기에 앙심을 품고, 임금을 지불하면서 외노의 불법 체류 사실을 신고하여 강제 추방 시키는 경우가 있어요. THAD 문화생활이나 여가생활을 하나요?

LifeR 가끔 한국에 있는 친구들을 만나기도 하지만, 밤에 야 근무가 끝나고 송금을 해야 하기 때문에 (시간과 돈의 여유가 없기 때문에) 여가 생활이 를 즐길 수가 없어요. 또 한 한국에 건전한 놀이 문화가 없기 때문이기도 하죠. 안타 까운 것은 상업주의 문화에 젖어서 쇼핑을 한다거나 극소 수 이긴 하지만 단란주점이나 술집에서 재산을 탕진하는 경우도 있죠.

#### 3. DAWFL - 대외함

THAD What made you help foreign workers and how did the association develop?

LifeR My church located in a factory complex was helping Korean manual laborers and poor people even before these foreigners arrived. While the working conditions for Koreans had already been improved,

those for foreign laborers at the beginning were significantly worse than those of the Koreans. We wanted to help them. We started to support them in 1992 and the association started June 1994. The number of foreign laborers has grown since 1994.

THAD 어떻게 외국인 노동자들을 돕게 되셨고, 모임은 언 제 결성되었나요?

LifeR 빈들 교회는 공단이 있는 대화동에서 위치하고, 외 국인 노동자들이 들어오기 전부터 이미 한국 노동자들이나 가난한 사람들을 위한 사업들을 하고 있었죠. 외국인 노동 자들이 들어왔을 때에는 이미 한국 사람들의 노동조건이 많이 좋아진 상태였고, 초기 외국인 노동자들은 한국 사람 들에 비해서 너무 안 좋은 조건에서 일해야 했기 때문에 이 를 돕고 싶었고, 92년부터 공단에 보이던 외국인 노동자들 을 돕게 되었죠. 모임은 94년 연수생제도 생기고 대전에 외국인 노동자 수가 늘어나게 되자, 94년 6월에 모임이 설 립되었어요

THAD What kind of members does DAWFL have?

LifeR\_There is an executive committee and a volunteer service part. The executive committee, consisting of lawyers, doctors, and ministers, has 10 members and makes plans and provides financial support, while the 40 volunteer members teach the Korean language and culture, and counsel the workers from four to eight on Sundays. Medical- including dental- services are supported and membership hospitals are introduced. Once a month there is a special event such as athletic competitions or picnics or cultural tours and usually 100 to 150 people attend.

THAD 대외함의 구성원 및 활동은 어떻게 이루어 지나요? LifeR 실행위원과 자원봉사단이 있어요. 실행위원은 변호 사, 의사, 목사로 이루어져 자금을 대고, 정책을 세우고 있 어요. 전체 우리 회원은 150명쯤 이고, 자원봉사는 40분 정도, 실행위원은 10분 정도에요. 매 주일 오후 4시부터 8 시까지 자원 봉사자들이 모여서 봉사 활동을 해요. 봉사활 동은 (영어를 할 줄 아는 외노는 전체의 10%이기 때문에), 한국어로 한국어를 교육하고, 한국문화를 가르쳐 주거나 상담을 하게 됩니다. 2년 정도 체류하게 되면 의사소통이 가능해 진답니다. 또한 의료 진료를 지원하거나 회원 병원 을 알선해 주기도 하죠. 또한 한 달에 한번은 전체가 모여 서 특별행사를 해요. 체육대회를 한다거나 야유회를 간다 거나 문화 관광을 하러 가기도 하죠. 이 행사에 오는 외국 인 들은 보통 100명에서 150명 정도입니다

THAD Are there any activities with NGOs for foreign laborers in other regions?

LifeR\_A signature-collecting campaign for the abolition of trainee system and legislation of labor permission system is underway. If there are workers who want to work in other regions, we take care of them

THAD What is the labor permission system?

LifeR It requires a mutual agreement between employer and employee for the contract. Even when the contract is broken, the employee can stay and find another job in Korea. The Korean government promised to implement the labor permission system after receiving outside and domestic public opinion. Instead, lobbying from the Middle and Small-sized Companies Association made the government keep the trainee system and make a public notice to increase the number of trainees.

THAD What is the relationship with government or companies like?

LifeR The information and human relationship of DAWFL outnumbers those of government or companies so they ask favors for DAWFL for law counseling and job offers. THAD It sounds like DAWFL has become useful to foreign workers.

THAD 다른 지역의 외국인 노동자들을 위한 모임과 하는 일은 어떤 것이 있나요?

LifeR 현재 산업연수생 제도를 노동 허가제로 바꾸기 위한 서명운동을 함께 벌이고, 외국인 들이 지역을 옮기는 경우 일자리를 알선해 주기도 하죠.

THAD 노동 허가제란 무엇인가요?

LifeR 사용자(고용인)와 노동자 쌍방의 합의에 의해 계약 이 체결되고, 계약이 파기 되었을 때에도 노동자는 한국에 남아서 다른 사용자(고용인)와 계약을 체결하는 것을 말하 죠. 정부에는 국 내외의 여론을 반영하여 노동허가제를 실 시하겠다고 했으나, 중소 기업 측의 로비에 오히려 산업 연 수생을 늘리는 안을 내놓은 상태입니다.

THAD\_정부나 기업과는 어떤 관계를 유지하고 계시나요? LifeR 저희가 보유하고 있는 자료나 접촉하고 있는 사람들 이 훨씬 많으니까 오히려 그 쪽에서 협조를 구하는 경우가 많아요. 예를 들면 법률 상담 실적을 올린다거나 구인 광고 는 경우 입니다

THAD 일종의 창구가 된 셈이네요.

**THAD\_**What are some of the difficulties?

LifeR There was a case where a Korean worker beat a Vietnamese to death about a year and half ago. As a way of solving the problem, the Koreans tried to take the side of the Korean worker rather than that of justice. That was really a pity.

THAD\_Why do you as a Korean help foreigners?

LifeR No one else will help them if not us. Some say that to help illegal visitors is illegal. But even in the Bible there was a system to help the sinners who had not done it on purpose. Also these foreign workers are working in the places where Koreans do not want to work and so are a precious asset for the Korean

THAD 이 모임을 꾸려오시면서 힘들었던 때는 언제였나

LifeR\_1년 반 전에 베트남 노동자를 한국인 노동자가 구타 해서 죽게 한 사건이 있었는데, 사건 해결하는 한국 사람들 이 (정당하게 해결하기 보다는) 한국 사람 편만 들어서 안 타까웠어요

THAD 한국인이면서 외국인을 돕고 계시는 것에 대해서는 어떻게 생각 하시나요?

LifeR 아무도 외노를 도와줄 수 없는 상태에서 우리라도 도와야 겠다는 마음이에요. 불법 체류자를 돕는 것은 불법 이 아니냐는 목소리도 있는데, 성서에도 도피성 제도라고 해서 고의로 죄를 짓지 않는 자를 돕는 제도가 있었죠. 또 한 한국인들이 꺼려 하는 직종에서 근무하고 있는 외국인 노동자들은 우리나라 산업에 없어서는 안될 존재입니다.

THAD Is there anything you think that Koreans should change concerning foreign laborers?

ifeR\_Koreans tend to be exclusive out of the misconception that Korea is comprised of a single race. The Korean language helps us think of ourselves as one race, but it is not true. To make it worse,

Koreans are submissive to white people and looking down on the black or yellow races. I hope Koreans will acknowledge that we all belong to one human race. When it comes to the company owners, the savage management mind to pursue goals without paying attention to laborers should disappear.

THAD 한국인들이 바꾸어 야 할 것이 있다면 어떤 것 이 있을까요?

우리나라 사람들은 단일민족이라는 생각으로 다른 민족에 대해서 배타적인 경향이 있는데, 사실 한국어라는 단일 언어를 쓸 뿐이지 단일 민족은 아니거든요. 게다가 백 인들에게는 사대주의적인 자세를 보이지만, 특히 같은 피 부색인 황인종이나, 흑인을 천시하는 경향이 있죠. 한 인류 로서 함께 사는 자세가 필요한 거죠. 또한 기업이 노동자에 게 정당한 임금을 지불하지 않고 이윤을 추구하려는 천민 자본주의 적인 경영 마인드가 바뀌었으면 합니다.

#### 4. League of our own - 함께 사는 세상

THAD\_Any business in mind for the future?

LifeR I would like to build an international culture center within the factory complex. Foreign workers do not have a chance to get any cultural benefit; therefore, it would be a place for exchange and acquisition of mutual cultures. Besides, it would be great if there were mediation centers in their home cities then they could get information on job opportunities in Korea and help those people returning from Korea to settle down. If it works, workers do not have to pay the expensive mediation fee.

THAD 구상중인 사업이 있나요?

LifeR 공단 안에 국제문화센터를 만들고 싶어요. 외노들이 고 오서 문화적인 혜택을 못보고 가기 때문에 외노들과 함께 한국문화나 국제적인 공동의 문화를 습득하고 교양도 높이 고 갈 수 있도록 센터를 만들고 싶어요. 또한 한국을 다녀 간 외노들의 현지 정착을 돕고, 한국 취업을 알선하는 센터 를 외국 각 도시별로 만들고 싶어요. 그렇게 되면 취업 알 선비로 많은 돈을 쓰지 않아도 될 테니까요.

THAD What would you like to say to readers?

LifeR We would welcome readers from Western countries who were willing to volunteer their services. THAD What would you like them to do?

LifeR\_English teaching from four to eight on Sundays is one way to help and there are many other possibilities

THAD\_이 글을 읽는 외국인들에게 하시고 싶은 말씀이 있 으시다면?

LifeR 봉사해줄 수 있다면 참 좋겠어요.

THAD\_어떤 종류의 봉사 활동이 있나요?

LifeR 매주 일요일 오후 4시에 와서 자원 봉사자들과 노동 자들에게 영어를 가르쳐 줄 수도 있고, 그 외에도 함께 다 니면서 할 수 있는 일들이 많이 있어요.



daughter

Ngar

female trainee, Ngar was beat to death by her lover, a Korean factory worker, in October

2000. The man was kept in prison for several months and then was set free. The divorced woman, Ngar, left a daughter in Vietnam.

2000년 10월 산업연수생으로 일하던 22세의 베트남 여성 **리아**(본명 부이티투 응아)가 애인인 한국남자에게 구타 당 한 뒤 사망. 가에 변수의원 복역 후 출소. 이혼녀인 응아 에게는 베트남에 딸이 있음

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Editor's Note: 'DDD' WILL RUN SOME OF ITS FOMER FEATURES ON OUR NEW FORMAT. THIS IS THE FIRST

Going into the army

Hello Again. 여러분 안녕?

This is the second time I can see you in the magazine. But, this might be the last time, unless I break my leg or get really hurt, and then fortunately they do not want to let me in the Korean Army.

이번이 잡지를 통해 두 번째 만남을 갖는군요. 하지만 제가 몸이 심하게 다치거나 다리가 부러지거나 해서 군대가 나를 원치 않는 이상 이번이 마지막이 될 수도 있겠네요

I want to think about Valentine's Day in Korea, but I better tell you all I am distracted about my upcoming life.

원래 발렌타인데이를 어떻게 보내야 할지를 말하고 싶지만 , 나의 바로앞의 현실에 내가 좀 심난해서 그것이 뭔가에 대해 말하는게 나을 것 같습니다.

It is winter now and I have to go into private training.

이제 겨울이고 전 훈련을 받으로 가야 되여. I think many of you call this boot camp

I think many of you call this boot camp 많은 사람들은 그 곳을 신병교육대라고 하죠.

Well, either way I don't want to get chilblains on my feet and hands (that is a fancy British word for blisters), and going into the army right now without having a girlfriend to miss me I have blisters on my soul.

겨울이라서 동상을 안걸리도록 조심해야 될텐데, 여자친구없이 군대 간다는게 그 자체가 가슴에 동상이 걸린 것 같네요.

Also I am way out of luck because I did not get into the select group of KATSUA (Korean Augmentation Troops to the United States Army). I don't know why this did not happen for me.

게다가 운없이 저는 다른 사람들 잘만 가는 카투사도 못들어 갔구요.

All of my foreigner friends tell me I speak English well, but I believe what my parents tell me also, encouraging me to carry on with the ups and downs of life.

ups and downs of life. 대부분의 내 외국인 친구들은 나보고 영어 잘한다고 그러는데, 어쨌든 부모님이 내게 힘내라

고 말하길 인생은 새옹지마다라고 하는 말 저는 믿어요.

I guess all of this is just the way that the fortune cooke crumbles in my English

speaking mouth. 내 생각에도 과자 부스러기 입에 서 떨어지는 및 그런스도 인

서 떨어지듯 뭐 그럴수도 있 다고 생각해요.

Actually I hate it when the Chinese restaurant gives me a fortune cookie; I just want them to sell JjaJangMien and JjamBbong.

솔직히 중국집이 짜장면이 나 짬봉이나 팔지 왜 그런 놈 의 과자를 주는지 정말 이해가 안가네요.

Whenever I tell my friends and different family members that I'm going into the army they tell me like, "Oh...poor thing. Sorry about that."

My brother and lots of other people have gone through it, and maybe they think that making me a soldier will make me a real man. Well that's

what they told me about drinking too, and all it did was remind me to go to the bathroom a lot. And the next morning I was still lonely. Last month I went out fell in love and broke up with three girls. I must have been looking to fill in my empty heart. But something was not right, and so I still haven't done out here what I desire to do before I get in there. I want to fulfill my physical desires. And once I am in there I know I am only going to get stuck in army stuff anyway. I'll have to forget I have a heart. 내가 친구들이나 친척들에게 군대 간다고 말하면, 대부분은 "가여운 것, 좀 고생하겠네!"라고 말하지만 우리 형이나 기타 군대 갔다가 온 사람들은 군대 갔다오면 진짜 사나이가 될 거야 라고 말합니다. 아마도 그들이 나를 생각할 때는 술을 많이 못 마신다 거나, 화장실만 들락날락 거린다는게 아직 어리다고 생각하기 때문인 것 같습니다.

그 다음날 난 무지하게 외로웠죠, 지난 달만 해도 세명의 여자와 사귀였다 헤어지기를 반복하고, 무언가 많이 잘못 된 것 같기도 하고, 괜히 가슴만 공허해지고 무언가가 찝찝하고 씁쓸한 이상한 기분이 드네요. 한편으로는 육체적 갈등을 해소하고 싶기도 하고, 일단 내가 군에 입대하게 되면 군에서는 내가 하고 싶은 일들을 다 할 수 없으니깐요, 난 군대서는 내가 가슴을 가지고 있다는 것 또한 잊어야 될 테니 말이에요.

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I can count on one hand the days left before I have to go into the army. 이제 손가락으로 내가 군대들어갈 날을 셀수 있을 정도네요.

It is easy to think about a place where I have never been before.

내가 한번도 안 가본 곳을 생각만 해보기란 정말 쉽죠.

I'm looking at all the circled clocks in my art shop (this is where I first wrote to you from), and the swinging second hand is putting me into a state of hypnosis.

The ticking of reality is not leaving me alone. I am now in a taxi for one of the last times and I don't know where to get off. All the bars and bus stops are just passing me by. Even though in the taxi I can go where I want. In the army I will be told what to do, and I must follow without knowing my own will. Back in the gallery I can dream about getting myself to where I know I belong. I can guess in some strange way that everyone reading this right now knows exactly what I am feeling, but that must be just an assumption... the clocks on the wall are ticking. I tell my friend Scott about this

and he just grins, telling me that a broken clock can be right just twice a day and that this is it's time. I don't like to look at the wall of clocks anymore.

나는 지금 아트샵에 걸려 있는 많은 둥 근 시계들을 빤히 쳐다 보고 있습니다. 그리고 흔들리는 시계의 초침은 나를 최면 상태로 빠져들게 하고, 하지만 곧 똑딱거 리며 가는 시계의 바늘은 나를 가만히 내버 려 두지 않습니다. 이제는 택시 안에서 아까 운 시간을 허비하며 어디로 내려야 할지 도 모르겠고 그냥 멍하니 차창 밖의 보 이는 버스 정류장과 술집들, 그래도 택 시에서는 내가 가고 싶은 곳을 갈수나 있 지 군대에서는 그게 군대에서 시키는 대로 나의 의지와는 상관없이 해야되고 가야 할 텐데, 미술관으로 다시 돌아와서, 저는 내가 가야되는곳에 대해 꿈을 꿔봅니다. 내생각에는 이 글을 읽는 분들도 분명 제가 무슨 꿈을 꾸는지 무 엇을 느끼는지 알거에요 하지만 그것은 단지 추측일 뿐이죠, 이런 이야기를 스코트에게 이야기 했더 니만, 그냥 웃으며 고장난 시계는 시계 바늘이 움직이지 않으니 하룻 동안 두 번 정도만 제 시간을 맞칠 수 있다고 말하네 요. 벽에 걸린 시계 이제 보고 싶지 않네요

Okay, I'll see you guys again (I hope). I'll probably be able to say how I can fire guns and kill people like North Korean soldiers. I want to appear next time in DDD as Boy in the Barracks. Never

again as Boy in the Gallery. Call me Shin.

그래요 나는 여러분들을 다시 볼수 있으면 좋겠어요. 그리고
가능하다면 아마도 다음에는 어떻게 총 쏘는지 사람 어떻게 죽이는지를 말하게 될지도 모르조. DDD에 제가 다시 나타난다면 이제

는 미술관 소년이 아닌 군대간 소년이라고 해야되나? 그냥 '신'이라

고 불러줘요

PS. Below I left you a shijo poem. 제가 지은 신조가 있는 시를 남겨놨으니 보세요.

"Sky, Flower, You, Me"

By Shin

Flower blooming face to the sky out to passerby 그 꽃은 행인 밖에서 하늘과 마주하여 핀다. Gently smiling as face to face they become one 살며시 마주보며 웃고 그들은 하나다 There's no Sun and Moon Nothing but sky between 그들 사이에는 해도 없고 달도 없고 You're the only my blossom in my heart. 오직 하늘 뿐이다.

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### Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia is the representation of sounds by words: snap, crackle, pop!

English onomatopoeia doesn't always give accurate descriptions of the sounds the words have come to represent. Does a fire really go 'crackle crackle' or a whip go 'crack'? When we speak we often replace these words with un—transcribable sounds. A whip goes 'watish' or 'wapeesh' when I say it, but doesn't look right written.

Hangul is a very sonorous language, so it enables Koreans to make up more accurate sounds and write them down with

a greater chance of them being understood. In the English speaking world this is a privilege only had by a few poets, Batman, and the combination of the two, Eminem, and even he has the aid of good publicity and trailor park graphics for a

background.

Here is a list of sounds and words in both languages.

You may disagree with some. I think it is sometimes arguable if the word is a noise or the name of the noise.

(this list was compiled by the nearest people at the time)

Compiled by Will, uuiill@hotmail.com

#### Animal sounds

(Eng.) birds wings(새가 나는 소리) bee(벌) cat(고양이) chicken(닭)

chicken(닭) chick(병아리) cockerel(암닭) cow(소) cuckoo(뻐꾹이) dog(개)

dog (angry)(성난개 duck (오리) frog(개구리) horse(말)

hooves(말발굽소리) hooves(fast)(빠른 말발굽소리)

lion(사자) mouse(쥐) pig(돼지) (Eng. sound)
flap flap
bzzzzzz, buzz buzz
meow
cock a doodle doo
tweet tweet

cluck cluck
moo
cuckoo
woof woof, ruf ruf
grrrr
quack quack
ribbit ribbit
neigh

clip clop clip clop clippety clop ×2 roar eek eek

oink oink

zz buzz
dle doo
ruf ruf
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(Korean sound[한글/roman])

퍼득 퍼득 / paudauk paudauk

윙 / wingggg 야웅 / yauong 꼭끼요 /ko ki au

삐약 삐약 / bbiyak bbiyak

꼬꼬꼬 /ko ko ko 음메 / um meh

뻐꾹뻐꾹/ baukook baukook

멍멍/ maung maung 오르릉 / eu reu rwaung

꽥꽥 / queck queck 개골개골/ kaegool kaegool

하이잉 / 이허잉 / hee ee ing/ ee hee ing 뚜거덕 뚜거덕 / doo kuh duk doo kuh duk

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더거덕 더거덕 / dakadak dakadak

어흥 / auhung

찍찍 /jik jik

꿀꿀 / gool gool

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You're off on some dodgy deal, you've become a hustler

of words and worlds. you scam with language's quick moves

scoop up some loose change because hey

Canadian money doesn't seem to go very far these days

your last five tucked tight in fist

international departure lounge at SFX

a Vietnamese guy smoking in the washroom

flicks his cigarette in the corner and lights another one

boarding the plane, they bump you up

executive class, you could get real used to this

"Could I see the single malt menu?"

You awake in **seoul**, a sprawling world of chemical mash

mountains and humid green smog

a fleet of screaming blue scareplanes

immigration photos, Canadians fat-track through quarantine...

by doug steedman didadaejon@yahoo.com

#### 연구들과 학생들 크리고 적들에제 "DDD"

#### **Mud You Like**

Write something about the Boryeong Mud Festival they said. Of course, it must have been my buff Yorkshire accent which suggested I'd be a suitable correspondent. And anyone's perception that life is grim in North England has been reinforced in recent years by films like "Brassed Off" and "The Full Monty." And I admit that I'm a bit of a magnet for muck



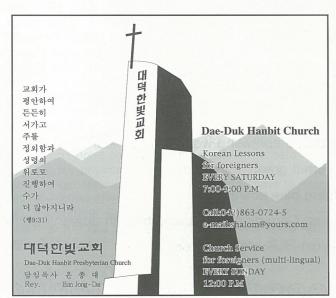
from greasy food splatting onto my latest 'best' shirt to that volcano of festering plastic bags in the corner of the kitchen. It might have something to do with my lackluster upbringing yet I believe everyone's destiny is to keep just one step ahead of the toxic shock that will one day be our undoing.

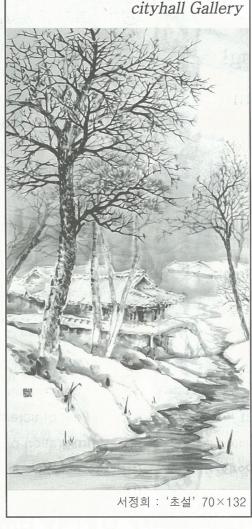
Not that the prospect of wallowing in cooling mud on a day as hot as Hades isn't a natural turn on. No matter how fat they are hippos ain't fools. So this festival that takes place every July, lasts about a week, and takes advantage of the mineral rich inlet mud to be found around Daecheon beach. Daecheon will not win any prizes for architectural grandness, the beach is long, wide, and slopes gently and safely into the Yellow Sea. But there are plenty of decent eating and drinking establishments, and the place is crowded from those to the water's edge. The first thing as ever to do after getting a drink is people watch, in fact, I believe the reason for Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine was to set-up this precedent. But anyway, before long the wincing gaze rests upon bodies who surprisingly look better in dirt. Somehow normally sanctimonious clean-freaks have seriously caked themselves thoroughly in the brown stuff and are either basting to a fine crust or rushing for a swim, only to start the whole process off again. It's like getting another drink: it doesn't take much effort to get a piece of the action here in Mudland.

Apart from ridiculously energetic pursuits taking place, such as mud wrestling, mud sliding and mud throwing, the main activity here is to take handfuls of the gooey deposit from large vats and literally slap it all over. Not a good idea if you're a blind spec wearer like myself and like the character "Piggy" in that "Lord of the Flies" novel from another Northern England victim, but really it is all very soothing now. Then the idea is to dry out on the sand and let the marine deposits do their stuff. I guarantee that the combination of crashing waves, tightening skin and muddy

protection from the Sun's and SoJu' sexcesses will give you a very smug expression but hey this is dynamic Korea and it's all almost for free. For the more cosmetically and sober minded, a wide selection of mud cosmetics can be purchased from the beach area, and this year the local council organized a Film Festival and Photographic competition. But I never saw those because the Mud Festival is simply having a good day out at the coast wallowing with family and friends, And for those intimidated by beach culture and body fascism, not to worry for a thick layer of mud really does hide a multitude of sins.

By Phil Scothern





Traditional Korean Painting @

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#### Summer in The City

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Hot town, summer in the city
Back of my neck getting dirty and gritty
Been down, isn't it a pity
Doesn't seem to be a shadow in the city
All around, people looking half dead
Walking on the sidewalk, hotter than a match head

But at night it's a different world
Go out and find a girl
Come—on come—on and dance all night
despite the heat it'll be alright
And Babe, don't you know it's a pity
That the days can't be like the nights
In the summer, In the city, In the summer, In the city

Cool town, evening in the city
Dressing so fine and looking so pretty
Cool cat, looking for a kitty
Gonna look in every corner of the city
Till I'm wheezing like a bus stop
Running up the stairs, gonna meet you at the rooftop

But at night it's a different world
Go out and find a girl
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#### 도시의 여름

Lovin' Spoonful

무더운 거리 도시의 여름 뒷덜미는 끈적거리고 시내에 나가보니 안타까와요 도시에는 그늘이 없는 것 같아서요 주위를 둘러보니 반쯤 죽은 사람들 성냥개비 끝보다 더 뜨거운 인도를 걷는 사람들

하지만 밤은 다른 세상이죠 밖으로 나와 상대를 찾아요 자 어서요 밤새 춤춰요 덥지만 괜찮을 거에요 그리고 내사랑, 안타까운 사실을 아시나요 낮이 밤과 같을 수 없다는거 도시의 여름, 도시의 여름

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- 10. Hardiness: Korean footballers must play with the spirit that they use to answer their cellphones.
- 9. Impartiality (A): It is not what the referees do; it is whether you win the game.
- 8. Impartiality (B): The referees are not against you just because they don't look like you.
- 7. Fundamentals: It is okay if you don't always pour beer or soju for your seniors first.
- 6. Innovation: It is okay for the players' wives or girlfriends to occasionally smoke in public.
  - 5. Value sharing: (A) It is better to stick to your own vision then listen to the ignorant crowd.
  - 4. Value sharing: (B) Players are not picked by what school they go to or who they know.
  - 3. Expertise: (A) Players can watch International soccer matches instead of 'Korean' melodrama.
- 2. Expertise: (B) It is okay for the coach to have cool gray hair and even an ex-wife.
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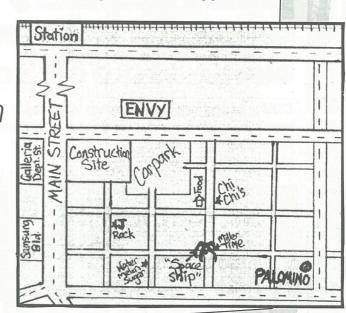
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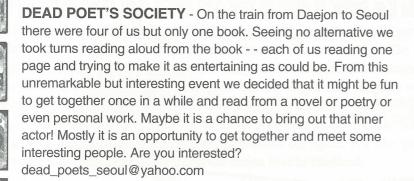
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9/18 Taejon vs Suwon 19:30 (Home)

9/25 Taejon vs Suwon 19:30

10/20 Taejon vs Chonbuk 15:00 (Home)

10/23 Taejon vs Busan 19:30

10/27 Taejon vs Pohang 15:00 (Home)

10/30 Taejon vs seongnam 19:30 (Home)

11/2 Taejon vs Ulsan 15:00

Taejon vs anyang 19:30 (Home)

11/10 Taejon vs Bucheon 15:00

11/13 AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2002-2003

11/17 Taejon vs Chunnam 15:00 (Home)















































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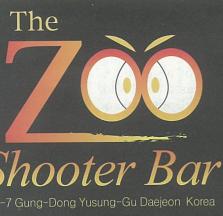
They were right! When, shortly after settling into my seat, in the prelude to the evening performance, they had the audience all singing 'Happy Birthday' to one of the actors, I knew I was in for a treat.

No one told me it was a non-verbal percussion cabaret of drumming and dancing. All right... there were a few English words (carrot, onion, cabbage, cucumber, Oh Yeah!) and all the rest was gibberish... in a ninety-minute performance! It was so well done that the plot was immediately grasped, the humor impeccable, the drumming hypnotically moving, and the characterizations flawless. The pace was intense from the dizzying speed with which the action shifted locations on the set to the flying knives, the cascades of food and the swift scene changes. We were cajoled and extorted into shouting and cheering and jeering louder than the audience on the 'other' side. Audience members were lured up on stage and delightfully set up. We got to throw balls at the actors. It was a fun-filled good time and they were right. It is worth experiencing





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# Back Talk by PEPPERTHINK

KOREAN PATRIOTISM, OR NATIONALISM?

Who wasn't stunned and impressed by the red-shirted display of Korean solidarity during the world-cup games. Korea's soccer victories induced a national euphoria of unity and triumphalism possibly surpassing any sporting event: and ineterestengly rivalling North Korea's own worship of its Dear Leader-Kim Jung II.

"Korea needed this... it was more than a national party." Says Kim Kum-Sang who works as an IT specialist in Kangnam of Seoul and is a good friend of mine. "It was a rebirth experience for South Koreans. After the IMF we needed something to remind us Korea is great-we can do anything, if we come together!" Mr. Kim then playfully clapped his hands and chanted, "Dae Han Min Guk!" with a proud smile on his face.

Many foreigners in the spirit of comity shared their enthusiasm for Korea's victories, viewing Korean world-cup fever as a positive revival of Korean patriotism, like it's only a self-esteem boost for a country with a troubled past. But was it only patriotism drivenand displayed by sport? Many western observers were troubled during the Korea / U.S.A. game by the unseemly mocking gesture clearly rehaearsed and then exhibited from the Korean team after its first score against the U.S.A. team; a mockery made all the more disturbing by a roaring approval from the Korean-filled stadium. Westerners not living in Korea later learned Koreans on a national scale have been harboring a festering grudge since the winter Olympics incident when a Korean short-track ice skater was disqualified by an Australian Judge. The result gave a victory to a Japanese-American skater named Ohno. In the logic of Korea, this incident translated into a powerful anti-Americanism that still continues to burn below, above, and on the surface of Korean and American relations.

Refering to the Winter Olympic incident a colleague of mine Choi Jueng-eun, who likes to take forays into Itaewon to meet Westerners and drink beer passionately claims,

"Everyone saw what happened-it was obvious we won-the Americans are always trying to push us down, they don't want us to succeed... hey just want to control us.

Is this true? The Koreans also showed this behavior and logic while hosting the 1988 Olympics. Not long after the Olympic flame was lit the Korean mockery began. It started with a Choson Ilbo newspaper column criticizing the American athletes in the opening ceremony who paraded waving hands and holding signs reading, "Hi, Mom". Korean spectators began booing American athletes during the games and cheering Russian athletes on principle that 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend' During a boxing event NBC, the American TV network, zoomed in on a Korean boxer who staged a forty-minute sit-down strike in the middle of the boxing ring after clearly being beaten. The Korean media responded by inciting anti-Americanism claiming the NBC network insulted Korea by not covering-up the boxer's protest.

Don't forget that the 1988 Olympics hosted by Korea began what is known as 'the han-river miracle' where the economy and outlook towards Korea was optimistic and the hopes of the outside world were for a celebration of international harmony; many, however, walked away feeling they witnessed a grand xenophobic show-off, a strutting on the big stage by arrogant newcomers. So what are we to make of the recent world-cup extravaganza hosted by Korea? Did we witness the patriotic enthusiasms of a nation coming of age? Or, was it Korea's ageold tribalism in make-over? Neither.

What we witnessed is a racialized Oedipal complex; a "boyfather? struggle sweeping the globe in reaction to western

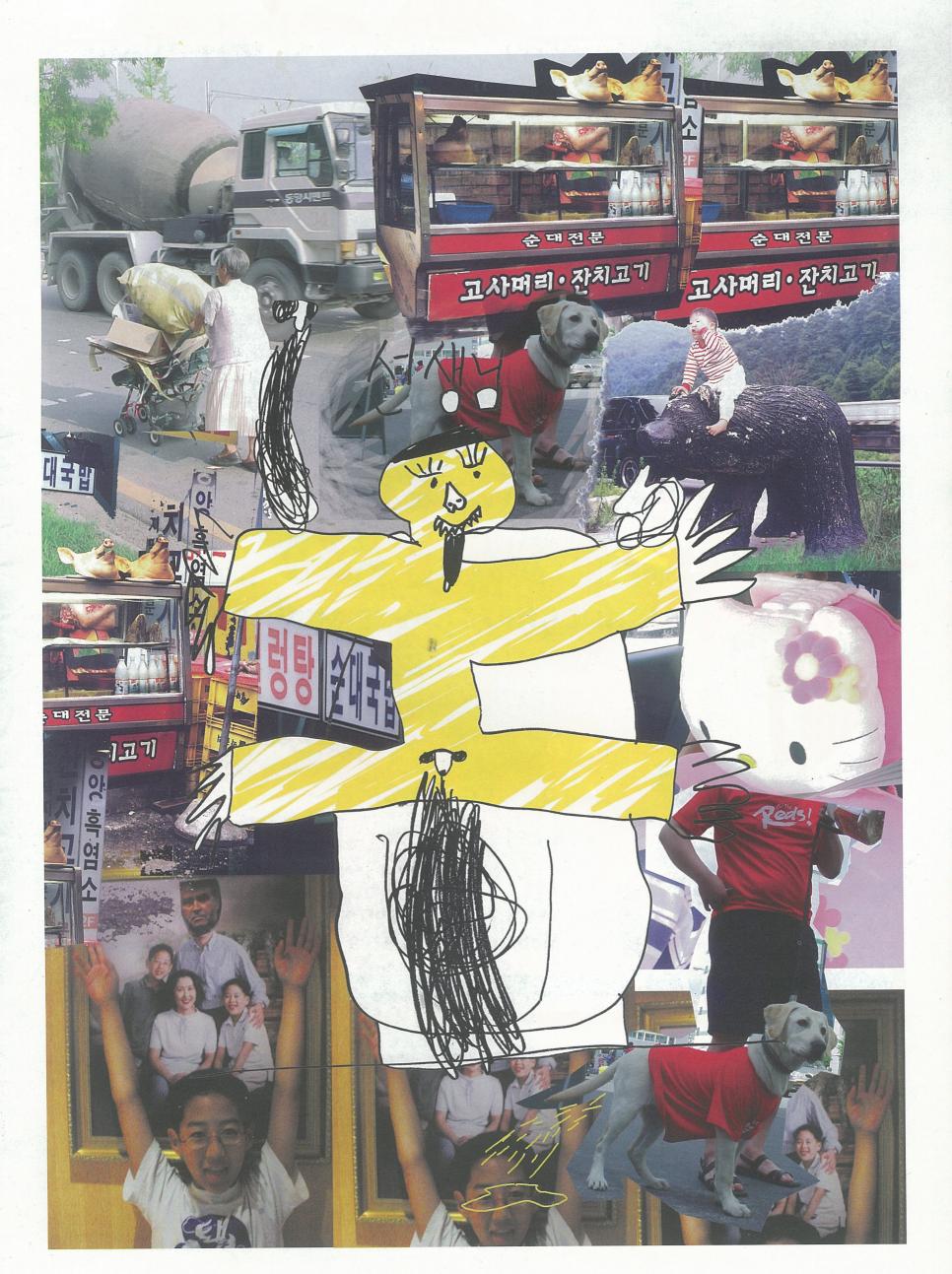
modernity-and it's name is Anti-Americanism. Feircely patriarchal cultures such as Korea have perhaps been symbolically emasculated by the modern west. In Oedipal terms, Korean men are put in the position of having to kill the father, the West, in order to cancel their underdeveloped "boy" status reclaiming manhood and (by the way) a longed-for mystical union with an idealized motherland called Korea. Stay with me here because possibly along these same psychological thoughtlines during the world-cup we witnessed the boyfather dialectic as a splitting of the "good white father" in the figure of Gus Hiddink, and the "Bad white father" traditionally and not always wrongly projected onto America. Anyway, this a lot to swallow but Choi Jueng-eun(a lawyer like myself) in an Itaewon bar reveals that, "Did you know we want to grant Hiddink the first honorary citizenship ever to a foreigner?'

Perhaps the first step of being considered a non-foreinger by a Korean is doing battle against the West. Choi continues, "Osama Bin Laden flew a passenger plane into the twin towers; Korea flew a soccer ball into the twin towers of America's face! Dae Han Min Guk!" He said feeling the influence of a mug of American beer in his hand. Obviously Korea's anti-Americanism, at this point, is less dangerous than it is whimsical. But the question remains: Was Korea's world-cup fever a show of patriotism pointing to a healthy maturation process as a nation? Or, was it a symptom of a collective personality disorder called -"Nationalism?"

Erich Fromm, a psychiatrist and humanist essayist, extensively studied the psychological aspects of nationalism. He believes, there is no doubt a great deal of positive value in nationalism -IF- it is seen as a feeling of interest and love of one's nation. This is called patriotism. Fromm, however, declares the psychological seeds of hate and ethnic-fascism find fertile soil when the 'love of family, race, and nation' is pitted against the larger 'love of humanity'. I believe the Korean family values that we westerners always hear about are indeed suspect under this split definition. It is possible that even the modern Hermit Kingdom is a just another scary/ anger culture without real morals nor compassion, only: love of blood, family, and the mutual-support systems needed to keep out the outside... other world (which, wether we can handle it or not, by living over here we clearly represent). The question I ask as I sit here reading this to my Korean wife whom I love very much is does modern Korea with all its techno happiness and fresh uplift from the recent World Cup possess a spiritual conciousness capable of deep identification with others beyond race and culture? Was the world-cup fever poetic Korean patriotism, or sinister nationalism? What does the reader think?

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