

TALES ABOUT ABROAD

Dear Travel Diary,

Growing homesick I decided I needed to replicate the comforts I'm used to back home. Mainly, awkwardly bombing at stand up comedy in front of strangers. How could I be at ease without that in my life?

So I booked a train, missed that train, and then took a different train to Bristol, where a bi-monthly open mic was being held. What a city! The day was bright and sunny and city was full of colors. In just 30 minutes I had fallen in love with the city. Speaking of love, I have no idea where my wife has been.

The sun was just setting as I reached the location of the mic. Where was this open mic being held? A "fruits and veg store" inside a closed mall, of course. If you're having trouble picturing this, use the backrooms aesthetic for inspiration. As I wandered the long and empty halls of the British mall, I began to worry that I had stumbled into some sort of scam. Luckily, just around the corner was the venue. Its small and cozy setting stood in stark contrast to the rest of the mall. With my scam-based fears put to rest, I could finally begin focusing on my performing-based fears and…

My set went great! Sorry. I know it would be more entertaining if I bombed, but sadly I didn't. Maybe next time? Truthfully, the entire night was a ball (in a mall)! Solid performances all around and a really welcoming crowd. At the end of the night, a musical comic in a spiffy hat told me that my act reminded him of Woody Allen's stand up. This is a comment I'll be keeping from my wife.

Overall, I really couldn't have asked for a better experience at my first open mic abroad. I can't wait to start branding myself as an "international comedian," regardless of whether or not I do any more comedy while I'm here.

INS AND OUTS OF SPRING SEM (SECOND HALF)

Micah, What she says goes

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Severance HSM 3 Bad posture Station brunch Old British people Barb & Star Romy & Michele Daft Punk Awkward silence Snapping as applause Vintage SNL Blueberries Canned lemonade NPR Tiny Desk Chocolate chip muffins Timothee x Kylie fanfics Extra-long Oscar acceptance speeches Vulnerable Letterboxd entries Griffin's yellow sweater Cyberbullying Peace Love Maximalism Print media Wicked OUT Tie-dye Ben Stiller (unfortunately) Hamilton The ants in the Bullsheet office Fortune 500 companies Cover letters Big utensils The grapevine Bullying Highlighters Realism Minimalism Tastemakers Singing during your Oscars acceptance speech Cashmere Living in the past That weird Spotify DJ thing Apple Music Wallflowers Blind optimism Thousand Island dressing Marvel movies The ants in the Bullsheet office again Statistics Flat earth deniers



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