

Etoonin' Incorporated - All for the Lord

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The Secret Life of Jim Bures

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Honestly, my favorite part of Etoonin' is the writing. I'm thankful for the creativity and the cartoons too, but I love the writing. I'd probably send out more Etoonin's without cartoons, but I have one subscriber who only reads Etoonin' if there are cartoons. It's good form, anyway.

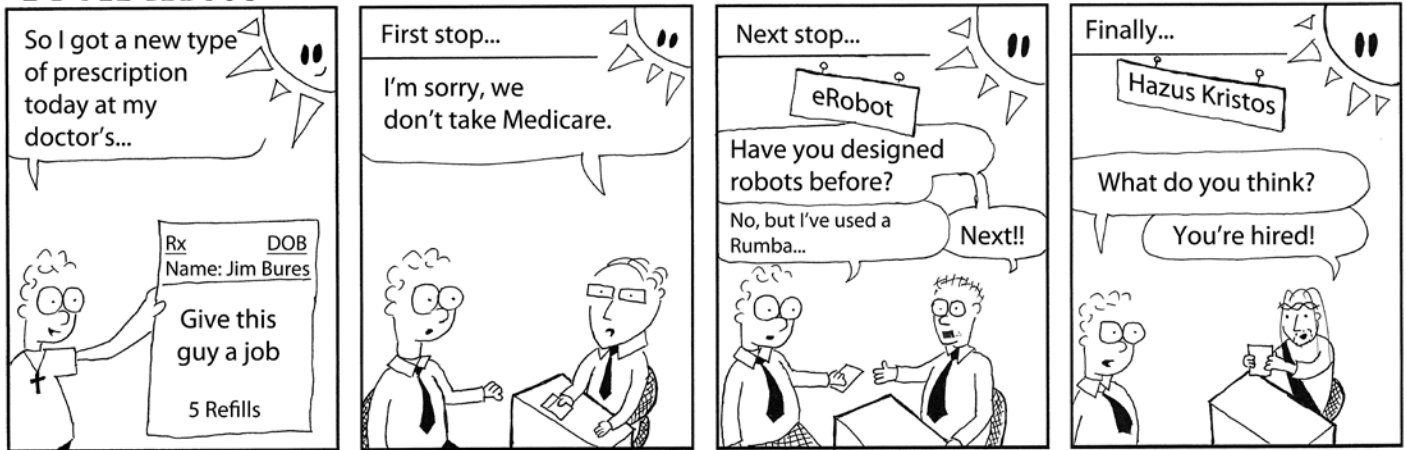
I like to explore the meta-themes of my life. Often I feel I'm not allowed success at the things I desire to do. I see myself as the "unsung" hero. I desire fame. I watch movies that touch me and I desire to do something similar, something great. I struggle with finding and fulfilling life's meaning among all the ordinary things people need to do to survive. As I churn through job after job, as I watch the low wage workers take their breaks, I wonder if these people feel the same pull toward something greater than the 9 to 5. Do they feel, like I do, that there is something greater than this? I wonder...

I say I desire fame, and I do, but I am entirely too reluctant to serve others, as the least will be greatest. That is fame to God. I'm also entirely too glued to Facebook to actually do things that lead to fame. The scary part, to me, is that my creativity comes from God. I can't manufacture it myself. It forces me to wait on Him, on His terms. I run far ahead.

Fame for a cartoonist is quite anonymous. It requires fans, but rarely do people know what their favorite cartoonist even looks like. Think of Bill Waterson, who drew Calvin & Hobbes: wildly successful, but entirely unknown. The fame I desire would probably ruin me. A grass roots effort is probably much better, staying connected with fans one by one. Honestly, most folks are entirely forgotten a few generations after they die: fame is fleeting. I am famous in God's eyes: He'll remember me. That will have to be enough.

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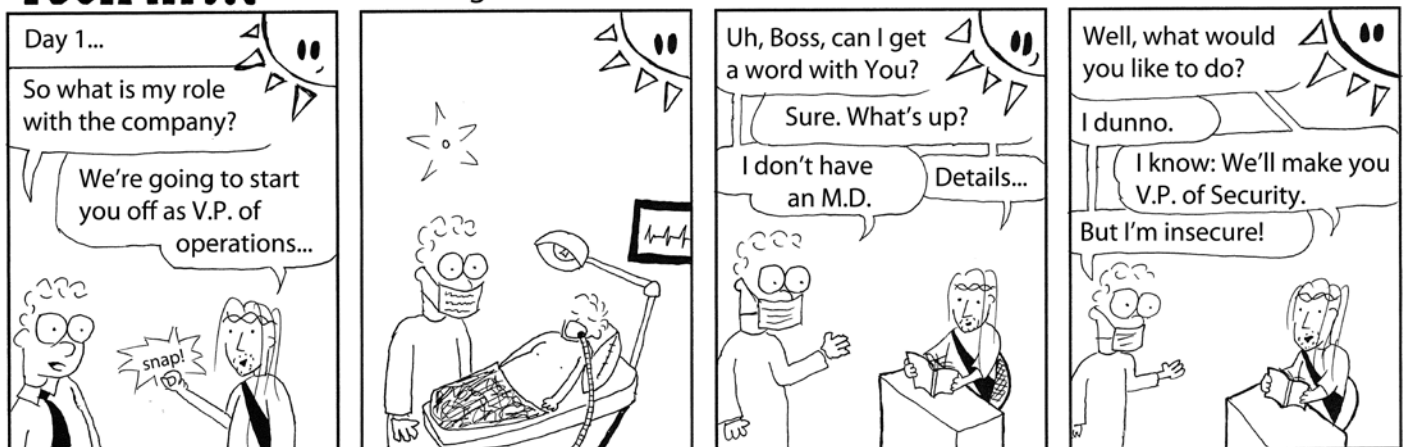
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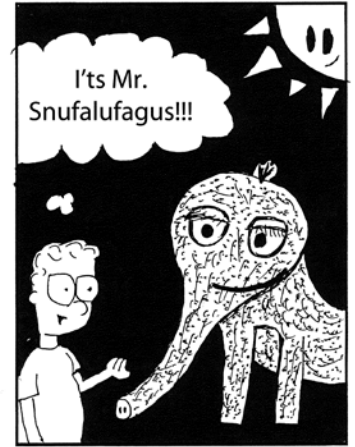
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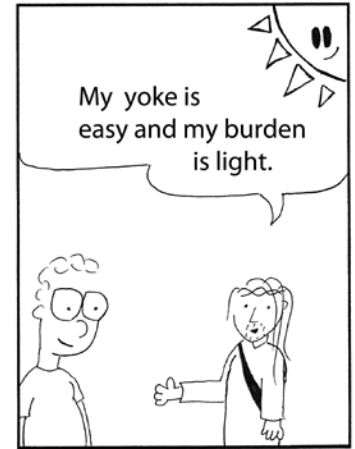
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Reflection after the Movies.

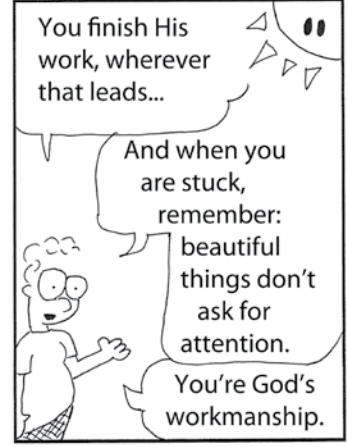
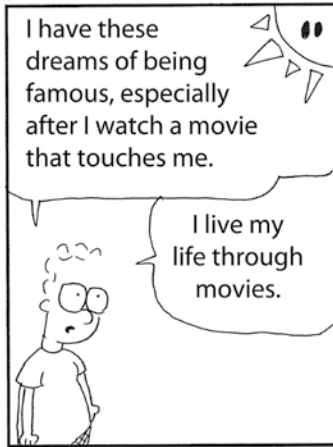
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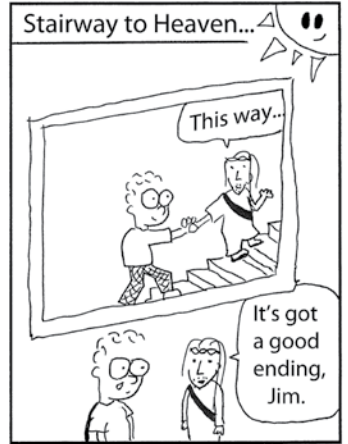
Lifting the Secret Life of Walter Mitty

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Nov. 21st, 2016



DAV 5K



Thanks to you, friends and family, I was able to raise \$530 for Disabled American Veterans. The 5K was held at Castle Island, South Boston, on a cold, windy morning on Nov. 12, 2016. I am proud to report that I ran the whole distance without stopping. My time was 41:52 or 13:29/mile. After \$1,595 for the Run to Home Base, together we've raised \$2,125 in 2016 to help our veterans.

So Thanksgiving is this week: I hope you all have a wonderful celebration and meal together. Thanksgiving with my family will feature dueling dinners at my Mom's and my Brother's, behind her. It is certain to be joyful. Christmas music has already started here on Magic 106.7 FM. I say bring it! Christmas is awesome: the Birthday of Jesus, all the family parties, the gifts given and received, the Christmas Carol Party at my apartment...

I'm already thinking ahead to next year's fundraiser. I think I'll do something like the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center's Walk for Change. I'd like to do something to help stop sexual violence and sex trafficking. It is way too common.

Getting back to the fame thing, I've experienced fame three times: 1) as a leading fundraiser for the Walk for Hunger at Raytheon: at least 100 people knew me as the walk guy. 2) at my Church: there was a period back in my MWCC days, that most of my Church knew my name personally. And 3) when Ken Schatte took me to Chip Shots and helped me sing Karaoke in 2012. Even though I was miserable, singing songs transported me to a place where none of my possessions mattered to me. I'll ask, if you've enjoyed this issue, please forward my email to others who might like it. I've only got 41 subscribers. Thanks!