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COMMUNITY ANTHOLOGY
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We hope you enjoy this CCAF 2020 Community Anthology digital edition!

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“SELF-ESTEEM ISSUES IN A FLORIDA NATURE PARK”

STAY BACK! 100 FT 20 FT

WHY CAN YOU GET SO CLOSE TO THE ALLIGATORS? WON'T THEY ATTACK ME?

OH, NO, THEY WON'T BOTHER. YOU'RE NOT WORTH THE EFFORT.

OH?

OH...

OH.
THAT GOOD SAMARITAN INCONVENIENCED HIMSELF TO SAVE THE LIFE OF SOMEONE HE DID NOT EVEN KNOW.

THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.

WEARING A MASK IN PUBLIC IS A PROVEN PRACTICE TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE HIGH RISK AND MORE SUSCEPTIBLE.

CDC GUIDELINES DR. ANTHON

FOR THE WHOLE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD: “YOU SHOULD LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

GALATIANS 5:14

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.
Early in our isolation, I took to occasionally reading "Dracula" aloud as we went to bed.

"...listen to them. The children of the night."

It was not universally thrilling.

Certain parts, however...

I had for dinner or rather supper, a chicken done up some way with red pepper, which was very good but thirsty. I asked the waiter, and he said it was called "paprika hendl," and that, as it was a national dish, should be able to get it anywhere along the Carpathians.

That sounds tasty. I'm gonna look it up.

Tonight's dinner: chicken paprikash, aka, paprika hendl!

Yum!!

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**Chicken Paprikash**

As adapted from "NYT Cooking's" recipe.

Requires a deep skillet & a serving bowl.

- 3-4 lbs chicken thighs
- 3 TBL A.P. Flour
- Black pepper + salt
- 1 TBL Olive Oil
- 3 TBL unsalted butter
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 TBL paprika mix of smoked Hungarian & Spanish is best
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 lb egg noodles
- 1 tsp dry parsley
- Heat oven to 400° and season the chicken w/salt + pepper.
- Heat oil + 1 TBL of butter. Sear chicken, then remove.
- Saute onion, add garlic, then flour + paprika. Simmer.
- Add tomatoes + broth. Whisk until smooth.
- Nestle chicken in, bake until chicken is done (30 minutes?)
- Meanwhile, cook noodles in salted water. Strain and toss w/remaining butter in serving bowl.
- Top w/finished chicken.
- Stir sour cream into skillet sauce, salt to taste. Pour over chicken + noodles.
- Top w/parsley + black pepper. Serve to weary travelers.
DOWN IN THE WILLOW

WHERE ME AND MY LOVE DID MEET

AS WE SAT A-COURTIN' MY LOVE FELL OFF TO SLEEP

I HAD A BOTTLE OF BURGUNDY WINE, MY LOVE SHE DID NOT KNOW...

SO I POISONED THAT DEAR LITTLE GIRL, DOWN ON THE BANKS BELOW

I THREW HER IN THE RIVER...

MY FATHER OFTEN TOLD ME...

IF I WOULD MURDER THAT DEAR LITTLE GIRL...

WHOSE NAME WAS ROSE CONNOLLY

MONEY WILL GET YOU FREE.

WHOSE NAME WAS ROSE CONNOLLY

MY RACE IS RUN, BENEATH THE SUN

THE DEVIL IS WAITING FOR ME

FOR HIS ONLY SON SOON SHALL WALK TO YONDER SCAFFOLD HIGH

FOR I DID MURDER THAT DEAR LITTLE GIRL...

WHOSE NAME WAS ROSE CONNOLLY
SLOW DOWN!

by Lucas T. Antoniak

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end.
It's happened again! Another anthology!
The sixth annual, to be specific.
Huzzah!

Each year, we at the Putnam County Library put out the call for local comics creators to submit short works for us to collect and print, and EVERY-SINGLE-TIME they do not disappoint. With all that is going on in their lives, they still took a moment to say "This is worth doing" and sent a piece of art to share with their friends and neighbors.
Huzzah!

Each year, we collect these comics and put them out into the world to be read, asking our community if this is something they would enjoy, and EVERY-SINGLE-TIME we get a definitive "Yes!" The proof is right here, as you read these words, because you made an effort to check this whole thing out. Art and artists cannot thrive without an audience, and so you, the readers, are an essential part of this whole process. If you saw something you especially enjoyed, please reach out to the creator and let them know. In this way, we can all keep encouraging our artists toward future creations.
Huzzah!

And maybe, just maybe, something here sparked an idea in you, The Reader, that's given a notion that you could also be A Creator. Chase that thought, because you absolutely can. All you need is some inspiration, a pencil, and paper.

We're only a year away from the next CCAF.