

Many Prompts Monologue
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WOMAN

Oh how I wish I'd never gone to see America with my new boyfriend. First we were pulled over two hundred yards from the airport parking for expired tags and unpaid tickets on his car. They wouldn't let us drive away but I pleaded with the tow truck driver so he delivered us and our luggage to the gate on the way to the impound lot. We had missed our flight and found ourselves stranded at La Guardia Airport waiting for an early morning connection. We finally made it to Miami. We were starving and walked into a hole in the wall BBQ place when I was approached by a leathery Norwegian man on roller blades. It was rainy and he was wearing what looked like a sweater from Scotland. He carried with him a small gnome doll named "Gucki". Together they had been to over ten countries, but the poor doll had lost an ear and arm along the way. I was trying to be polite but in the stuffy restaurant I was overwhelmed by the smell of wet sheep. He had a sad tale about needing money to get his dead grandmother out of Canada and across the border. He had this plan to float her out on a canoe, like the ferryman crossing the River Styx. It sounded too crazy to be made up. As I reached into my purse to give him money, he grabbed my bag and roller bladed away. Stranded with nothing but a dollar and my boyfriend's guitar, I called my parents who were camping in remote Wisconsin and gave them the bad news. I last saw my former boyfriend on a corner in South Beach playing his guitar for money while I headed to the airport. Only 24 hours after my adventure began, I was back where I started. There's no place like home.

This piece sampled from the following list of prompts:

A guy left his dreams of being an architect 2 drive cross country but gets stuck in KC, MO w/ a dollar, and a guitar

Missing the bus and you don't speak the local language

Traveling with ashes

Moving from unsure to confident

Getting bad news from home while traveling

Grandma dies while on a family trip to Canada...how do you get her back across border? (canoes strapped to the roof may be involved...important: don't forget the canoe)

Missing the night's last train

Being asked to make your own instant coffee while stopped at a rural diner

Where do you get lost?

Crossing the River Styx

Strangers on a train

Small gnome doll/toy named Gucki who has been to 10+ countries and has lost an ear and an arm along the way.

While walking through Edinburg, Scotland in the early evening, a very drunk Scottish man stumbles down the street yelling, "YER GUILTY" to everyone he passes by.

Walking to a hole in the wall BBQ place in Florida when I was approached by a leathery Norwegian man on roller blades.

A teenage girl purchases an authentic, wool sweater from Scotland. After a rainy day of walking, while ni a pub eating fish n chips, her friends begin to question why it has been smelling like sheep all day...

Riding a dogsled (like they use in the Iditarod) except instead of dogs it has cats

Oh, how I wish I'd never gone to...

Being stranded at LaGuardia Airport