

can tell who it is before you roll up to the window and see him in person, because he starts each interaction through the menu board's talk box the same way: "I'm very sorry about the wait. I hope that it wasn't too much of an inconvenience." Verbatim, every time.

Yesterday I stopped by to pick up my regular haul of two bean burritos, no onions, no red sauce, and six...

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Sad Hoppers: A
Celebration of

Tears

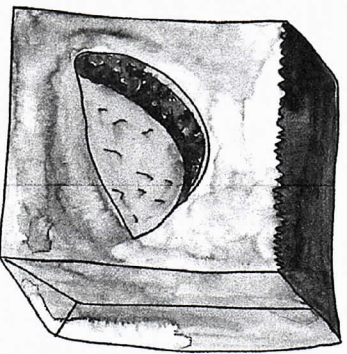
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...last word came that I was one of a wait." and oily carbs. ...that had the s the front. I ...rying was ...ould make

order a ... to just over four dollars, but I decided not to push it since he was in a bad place. Whatever was in the bag would probably be fine anyway. He ran my credit card and handed off my food.

"Thanks for choosing Taco Bell."

I pulled out of the drive-through, parked on the side of the road, and looked at the receipt to find that he'd given me the restaurant's senior discount.



Brandon Stosuy

(editor of this book)

I saw a guy shoveling snow and crying.

And a guy looking at bulk almonds in Whole Foods and crying.

Passed a guy hurriedly eating a piece of pizza and crying.

Guy with fidget spinner crying.

Guy in Merge Records shirt crying.

Saw a guy at a urinal checking his phone and crying...

and another in a JFK bathroom crying to Chicago's "Hard for Me

to Say I'm Sorry."

Guy with a mohawk eating fruit salad and crying.

Guy biting a sandwich and crying.

Crust punk on the subway reading a John Irving novel and crying.

When you make eye contact with someone crying on the subway

and instinctively mouth, *I'm so sorry.*

saw a guy crying on his hoverboard

guy crying outside a vape shop

I once saw a guy moshing and crying at the same time.

Just saw a guy looking at a photo of biscuits on his phone and

crying

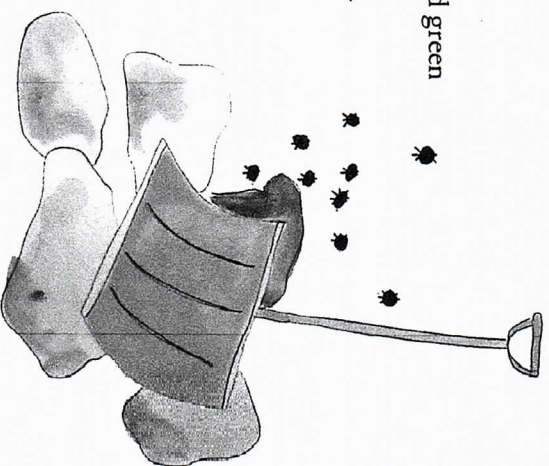
Guy in art supply store crying

to the goth guy i saw earlier air-drumming and crying: i'm here for you.

guy reading kombucha bottle label and crying
guy moshing and crying
guy at Iceage show crying
guy in barfight crying
guy vaping and crying
guy playing the Strokes loudly on his phone, crying
guy crying during Lightning Bolt
guy listening to Deafheaven and crying
guy with "Optimism" canvas bag crying
report from Barcelona: guy in Deicide shirt crying
guy with Skinny Puppy t-shirt crying.
guy in red and black plaid shirt crying
guy in DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY t-shirt crying.
guy in Ministry hoodie crying.
guy drinking Arizona Iced Tea crying.
guy crying in the cereal aisle
guy eating beef jerky and crying
guy drinking oat milk crying
saw two guys high-five and then break down crying.
saw a guy beatboxing and crying
guy eating a grilled cheese sandwich and crying.
saw a guy look at his corn muffin and then start crying.
guy jogging, crying
guy trying to log in to gmail, crying.
guy hitting send on an email and crying
guy crying while apologizing
lyft driver listening to My Chemical Romance and crying.
lyft driver listening to Future, chugging water, and crying.
lyft driver listening to "I Took a Pill in Ibiza" and crying

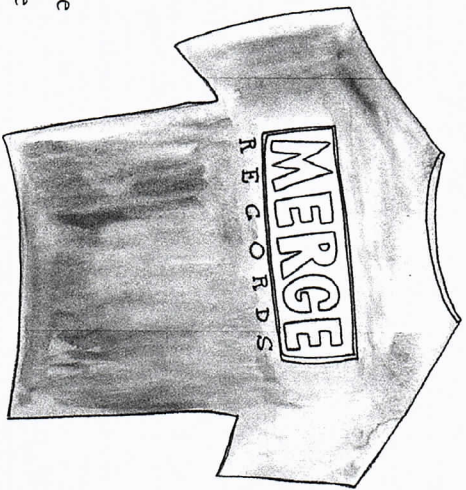
saw guy in the airport typing over and over on his phone while crying.

guy in Joy Division shirt looking at his cell phone as he walks, crying
guy listening to Blues Traveler's "Run-Around" on a small portable radio and crying.
guy humming Gin Blossoms' "Hey Jealousy," crying.
on some level, this guy singing and crying along to Coldplay in the salsa aisle makes sense to me.
I was at a kid's birthday party today where a guy did an acoustic cover of "Sweet Child O' Mine," and some people started crying.
passed a guy on the street carrying an econo-size package of toilet paper and crying.
saw a guy doing his grocery shopping in CVS and crying.
guy with goatee crying
guy drinking seltzer crying
guy doing karaoke crying
life coach crying
saw a guy with his face painted green crying
saw a guy crying at an all-you-can-eat buffet in Mexico.
guy on subway telling friend "sharks die if they stop swimming" suddenly starts to cry.
guy in the grocery store staring at bags of potato chips and crying.



overheard: "not a great day to cry yourself to sleep, bro."
saw a guy say "swag" to a friend and then
start crying.

when someone says
they're "screaming"
online, but you
look across the
room and they're
crying into their
cold brew.
when you wave at
someone you think you
know then realize they're
looking past you, and the
look on their face is sad, and
soon you're both crying.



A friend texted me this morning.

friend: i was crying. were you talking about me?

me: i was talking about all of us.

Henry Stosuy

(middle schooler, son of this book's editor)

cried when we got the message that
school was canceled during

the start of the pandemic.
I cried because it was
my second-to-final
year of elementary
school and I knew
I would never see
a lot of those kids
again.

