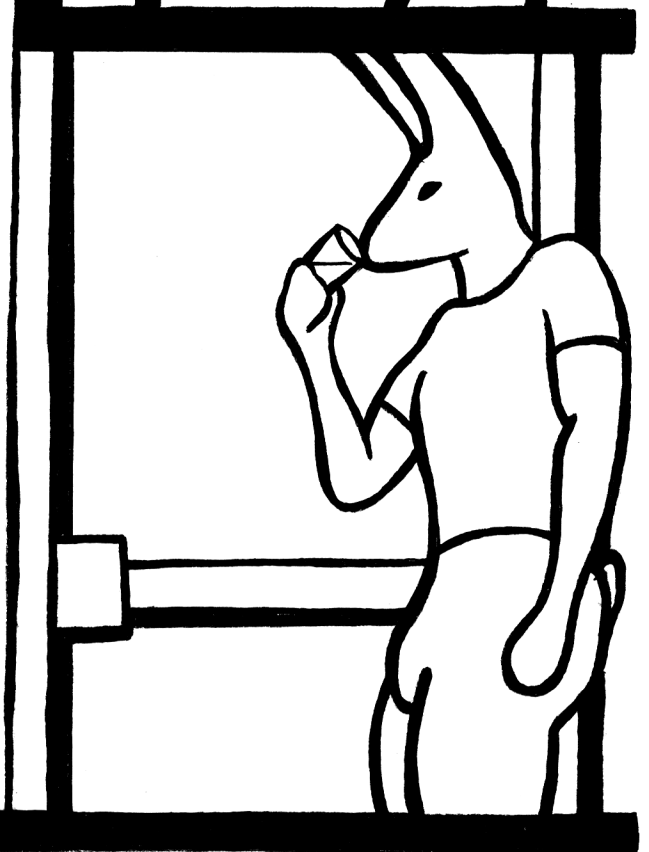


The Dog became very popular very quickly. He was given the coveted position of Front Door Identification Checker, a position that Rabbit had refused on numerous occasions. Fire Exits were for beginners and King Snakes. No one understood why Rabbit would choose it as his position.



Each night when the bar would close, Dog would sniff out the hidden stragglers while Rabbit would wait to see them out. Once the grounds were secured, Rabbit and Dog would sit at the bar and discuss, with great joy, the troublemakers of the evening. Being that the two of them were usually the last employees to leave, they would help themselves to anything from behind the bar.

If Squirrel was there, they would ask him if it was okay, as if they would together be putting something over on the Antelope.

If the Antelope was there, they would ask him if it was okay, as if it was a special occasion. A night did not pass without drinking.

It was early in the morning. Rabbit was still sleeping when the crazy old Chicken who lived down the hall came tapping on his door once again. She gave the information earnestly and with concern. Rabbit thanked her and closed the door.



The Sloth's bar had been sold. With it went the hotel. The new owner was going to have the place renovated and turned into something a little more upscale. The crazies would be kicked out, as would the Rabbit.



The crazies had decided to stick together and fight. They felt confident that Rabbit would join them. Rabbit did not express an opinion. He had grown up with nothing and saw other people's property as none of his business.



That night, after closing up the Antelope's club, Rabbit asked the Dog if he knew of any cheap rooms. Dog told Rabbit that the room he lived in was large enough for the both of them. It was already cheap, so splitting the cost would be more than beneficial. The idea of working and living together pleased them.



They spent the next few hours shoulder to shoulder at the empty bar, getting drunk and plotting out their future as a team.