

Dog arrived at Rabbit's hotel around noon the next day. The crazies were upset by his presence. As Dog walked down the halls the crazies hid in their rooms and yelled things at him. Rabbit had told them that a Dog was coming that morning to evict everyone.



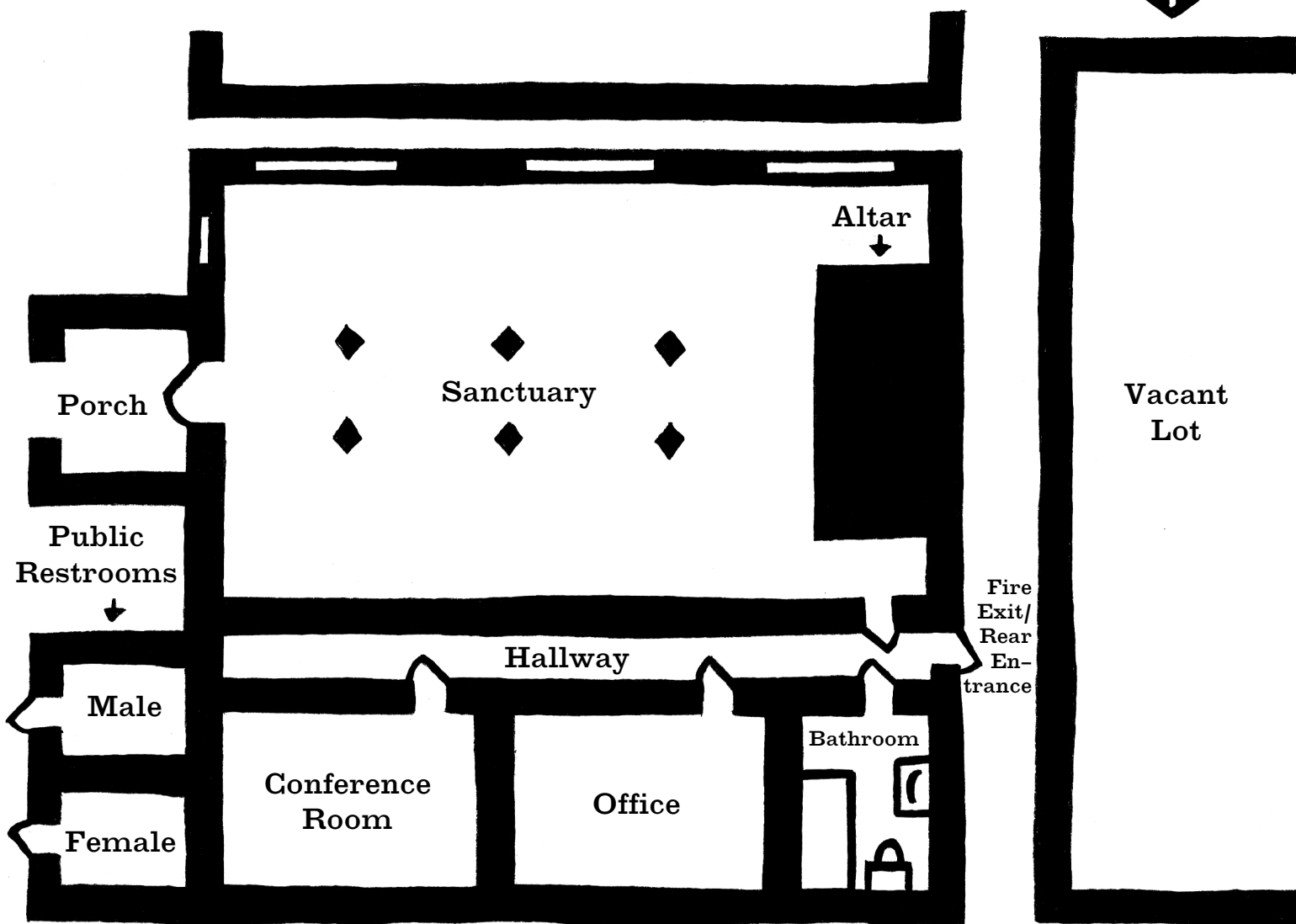
Dog was surprised to see how small the Rabbit's room was. Rabbit had almost forgotten because he'd never had any visitors. His sexual exploits had either taken place at the female's homes, or in secluded locations near where he and the females would meet. This style of romance was developed during his years without a home. Rabbit and Dog had discussed this style in great detail and adopted it as their system to prevent awkward situations as roommates. It was their first and only rule. It made their arrangement feel official.



Dog did most of the talking as he and Rabbit walked to their newly shared home. There was a formal feeling between them, almost as if they were strangers who had just had sex the night before. They were nervous and hung over. They also had never seen each other in the daylight before.

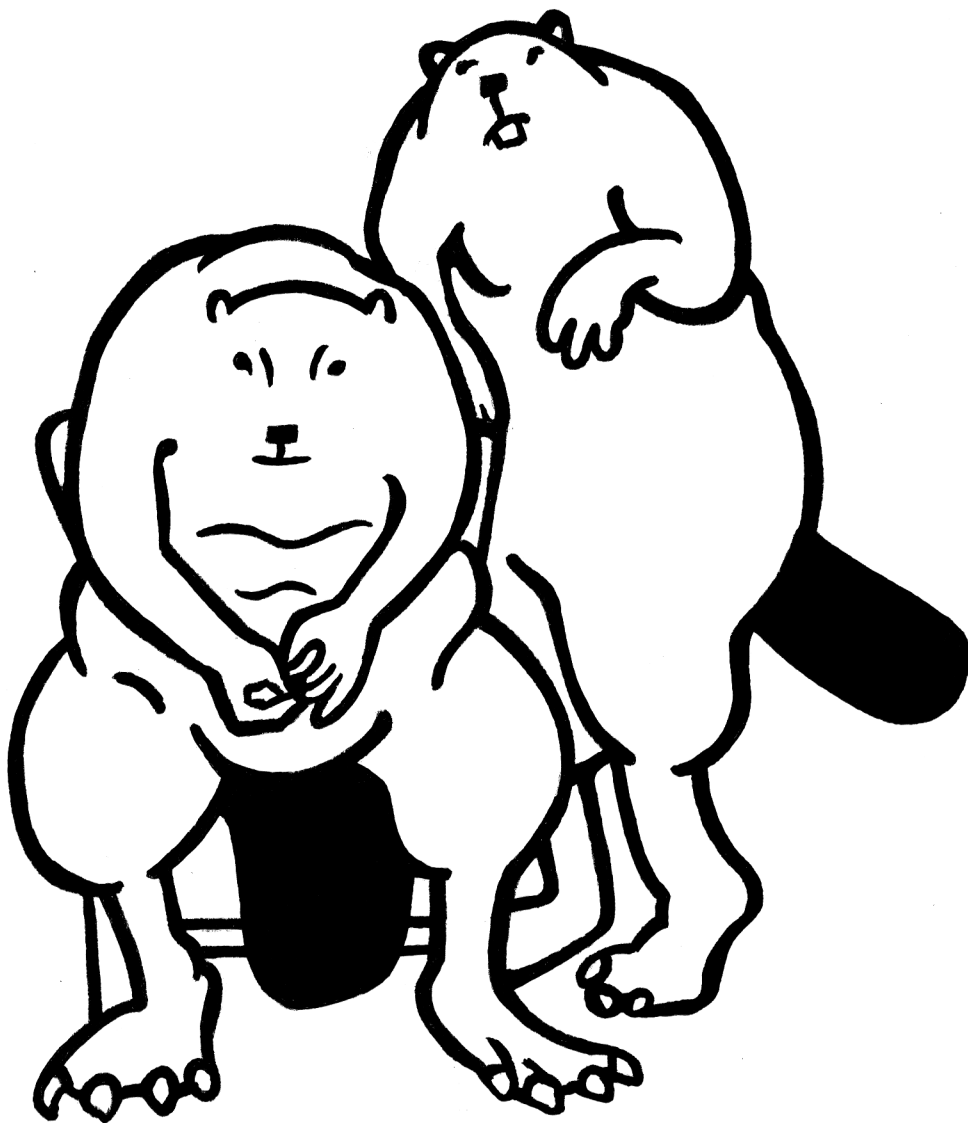
They stopped in front of an abandoned church. This was where the Dog lived. Rabbit's excitement eliminated any awkward feelings that either of them may have had.

The front of the church was boarded up. They walked through a side alley to a small back street. Their entrance was in the back. It was much less impressive than the front. Dog unlocked the door with a new key that he had made for the Rabbit that morning. Dog opened the door and turned on the light.



Inside was a very ugly hallway that smelled. To the right was a locked door that led to the church. To the left were three doors. The first was the bathroom, the second was the landlord's office which was used for storage, and the third was the old conference room. This was where they would live.

Their landlord was a Beaver. His father owned the building. His father owned several low-rent apartment buildings throughout the city. The Beaver worked for his father as the caretaker of his properties. The Beaver's father purchased the old church for the land it was on and not the building. It was to someday be torn down. In the meantime it was to be used as storage, and as an office for the Beaver, who secretly rented out the conference room



behind his father's back. The Dog and the Rabbit were unaware that this was the case. They believed that their rental agreement was legitimate. The Beaver told the Dog and the Rabbit to avoid his father at all costs. His reason was that his father only wanted to rent to other beavers. That's how most beavers were. Beaver used this ongoing lie to make the Dog and Rabbit feel grateful.

Acceptance into the Beaver community was not a thing that any other animal would ever seek. They were an unappealing species with unappealing habits. The Beaver Landlord had qualities that placed him far below any standard that his own species could ever find acceptable. He was physically grotesque and mentally unappealing. Because of this Rabbit felt sorry for him, but after spending any amount of time with the Beaver, Rabbit would feel more sorry for himself and want to leave. Unfortunately he was always held prisoner during these times by the sense of gratitude that the Beaver had created with his lie.

