

ZINE #1

# RHONDDA DRAWN AND READ



Stories inspired by David and Ann Remnant

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## Late One Night

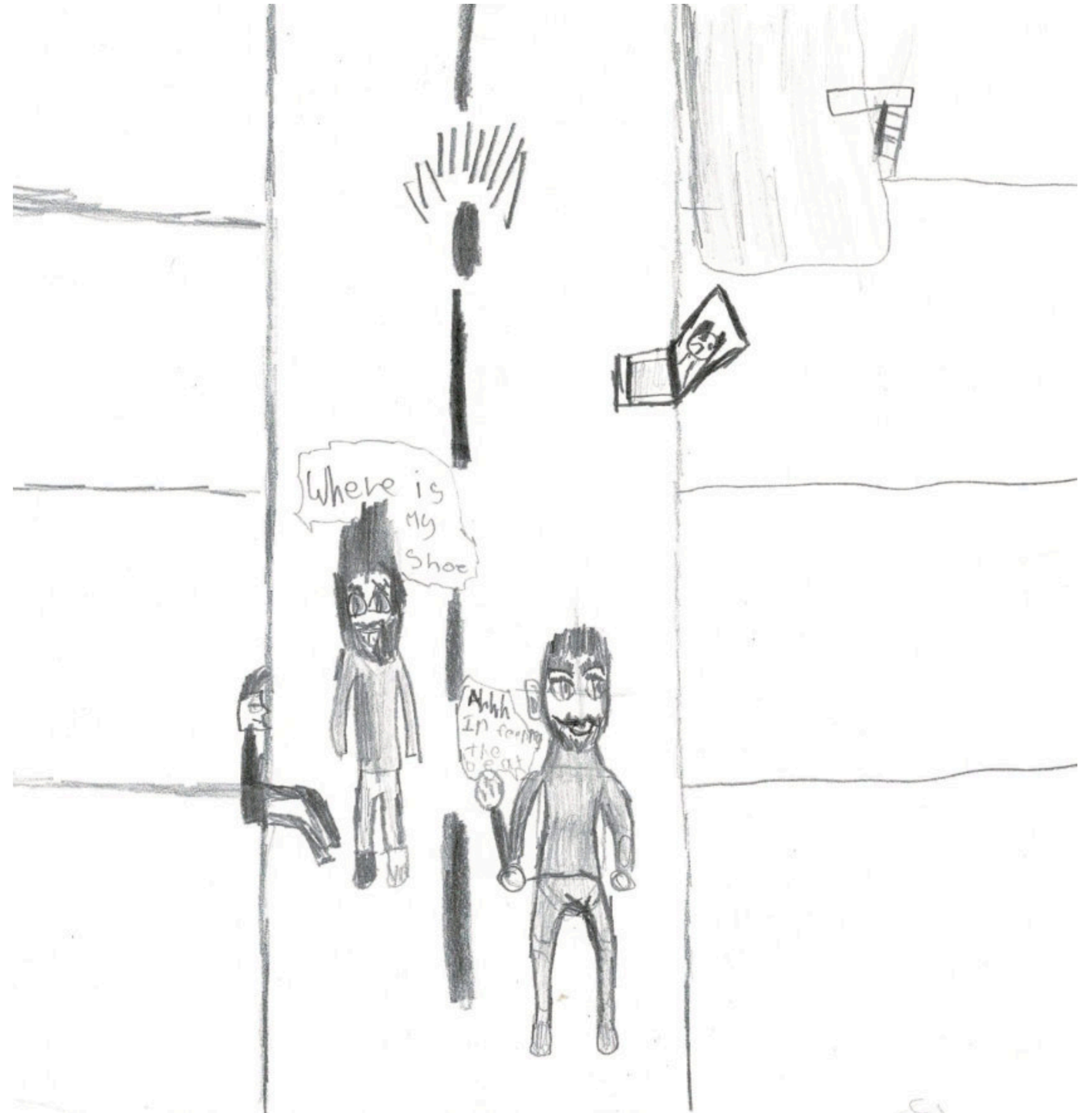
David shared this funny memory from his childhood.

It is about his neighbour a sergeant-major called George, who was a First World War survivor.

Very late one night, a group of men were walking down David's street on their way home from the pub.

They were quite drunk and they were shouting and making a lot of noise.

The whole street - including George - were trying to sleep, but the noisy men had woken them all up.



George was very angry at being woken up.

David heard the noise and peeped out through his curtains.

He saw George at his open window shouting back at the men.



David could see George balancing his chamber pot on his windowsill.

Then suddenly he tipped it up and over the men saying...



The men now all wet and not very happy, quickly ran off.  
Then everyone went back to sleep.

## The Cockle Man

Many people told us of their fond memories of eating cockles at the beach in Porthcawl. Locally the best cockles were said to come from the sands of the Gower Peninsula.



The cockle man would come around the streets once a week and sell cockles door to door.



Some say these are actually the best cockles in the world.

Ann remembered when she had eaten them as a child she would wash the shells and paint them. She would make holes in them by rubbing them carefully on the ground. Then she would thread them together to make a necklace.



Cockles are shellfish that you cook in their shells and then you use a pin to get them out of the shells so that you can eat them all up.

## Scooter of Love

In 1959 Ann met David at a dance at The Rink, a dance hall in Porth.

She liked him but when he asked her for a date she wasn't sure if she wanted to go out with him.



She let him walk her home that night and they arranged a first date because she found out that he had a Lambretta (a scooter).

She'd never been on one before so she decided she would go out with him if he took her on his Lambretta.



David had bought the scooter from a shop in Port Talbot because he was working in a hotel and needed transport to get there.

After walking Ann home,  
he went out the next day and bought her a  
brand-new helmet from a shop in Porth.

That weekend he took Ann to the Mumbles  
on his Lambretta.

He kept that scooter for four years...



...but he's been married to Ann for  
much, much longer than that!



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