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November 2021 Newsletter

Jack Kent: The Wit, Whimsy, and Wisdom of a Comic Storyteller

Almost a full year after submitting the manuscript to my editor, there's finally progress on my biography of cartoonist and children's author **Jack Kent**! Both of the review readers recommended publication, and both offered some helpful suggestions for revision. So for me NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) once again became NaMaReMo (National Manuscript Revision Month).

The revised manuscript will go to one more reader, so the waiting game resumes, but hopefully it ends with an offer of a contract and a fourth(!) published book.



The Hopefuls News Round-Up

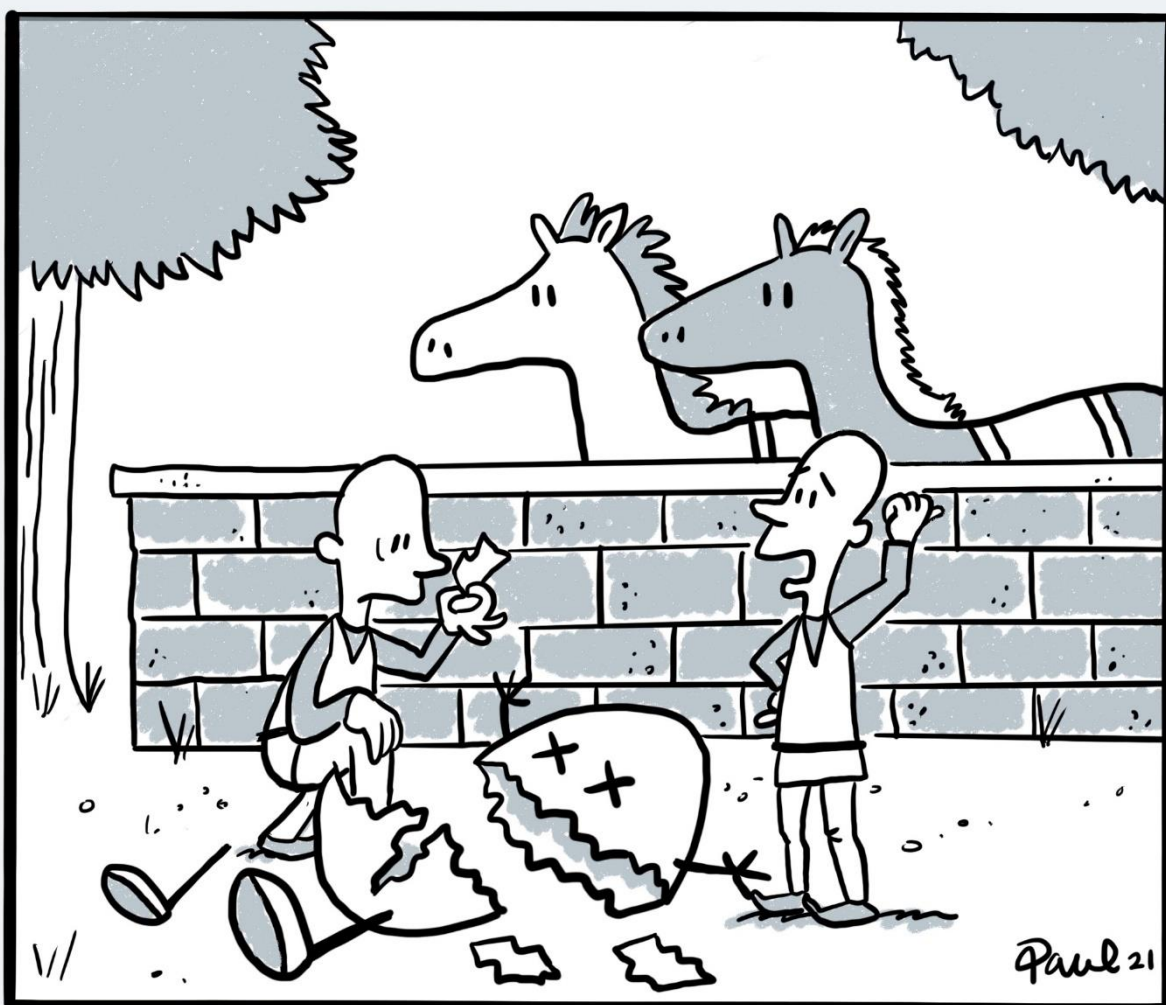
The guys I wrote about in *The Hopefuls: Chasing a Rock 'n' Roll Dream in the Minnesota Music Scene* have been busy the last couple of months, and it looks like that's going to continue into 2022. In October, Erik Appelwick began posting a series of hypnotic song / video loops on Instagram. They appear to be from a new Vicious Vicious album called *Paradise*, which Erik is promising before Christmas. Darren Jackson has been doing shows around the Minneapolis area and is teasing a new double album called *MICD* for release next year (as the book details, Erik and Darren are no longer on speaking terms, but they keep releasing new albums at virtually the same time). Finally, Storyhill are fully active again. In addition to a recent set of three shows in Minnesota and Wisconsin, Chris and Johnny have been doing a series of living room concerts on Crowdcast for their Patrons.

3 Minutes, 49 Seconds

On my music blog, I've been releasing weekly playlists I'm calling "12 More by...". Each week I choose a musical artist I wrote about back in and then pick twelve additional songs that I feel best summarize their career from 2008 to the present.

The list of artists includes Beck, Aimee Mann, Foo Fighters, Wilco, Nada Surf, and Death Cab for Cutie, Weezer, and Ben Folds. Check it out at <http://3min49sec.blogspot.com>.

A Brain Cloud



"If they couldn't put him back together, what chance do we have?"

As always, thank you for reading. Love and peace to you all.

-[Paul](#)