



# distractions

## THE WALLET hilarity

Eyes open staring at shadows  
A bony ass imagined  
Touching the front seat  
As he finds the glove compartment

Reaching to close against the snicker  
The driver's license photo  
An unidentifiable card

But if I saw the stealer  
What words would make him ashamed  
or repentant?  
'You jerk, you missed  
the unsigned money order  
worth \$99.'  
It probably brushed  
Against his intruding fingers.  
Would he know his own failure,  
futility,  
Or would he be more careful  
more invasive,  
Next time?

I would press charges if they caught him  
I want to urge them to brush for fingerprints  
something!

Catch him  
In some courtroom they cut off your hair  
I wouldn't want that  
I would like to see  
The judge in the courtroom  
Love myself,  
showing good dignity after bad.  
As they say.

I wonder if he's taken  
Any movies out  
With my Blockbuster Video card.

## Letter from Korea

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Annyong Haseyo!

After a couple of months of not touching a drop of alcohol, I went to a party last night and got pretty wrecked on soju, the local evil water. It smells like rubbing alcohol, if that's any indication of what it's like. One of the Korean teachers, Julie, bought a bottle for us. It's 25% alcohol and costs about 600 won for a bottle about the size of a beer bottle. It tastes pretty awful to me. Dillan, another Korean teacher, came over to our apartment after the party because it was too late to take a bus back to his home (it's about a two hour ride!) and he and I talked until 5 in the morning. Pretty crazy.

We have a new Korean teacher at the school. She starts in a week. Her English name is Belle. She says she studied German literature in university. Jennifer, another Korean teacher, also studied German literature, or history. Maybe it's a big thing here. A couple of the Korean teachers recognised T.S. Eliot (who wasn't German, of course), and one of them read "The Waste Land" in Korean.

I went downstairs today for some no-cha (green tea) with Kim Ho Chin, my friend at the bank. Thursday night we are going

downtown to be out and meet his girlfriend. Some night after that I will be introduced to a friend of hers. Match making is very popular here in Korea. Apparently, though, if birthdays aren't compatible then the match can't be made.

That's it for now, buddy. Take Care. I sent your insam cha [ginseng tea] the other day. I hope you enjoy it.

Love and affection,  
Marcus



distracting cat by M-K  
a distracting cat in her own right