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The Repetition Issue

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## Opinion: Repetition is sometimes a good thing

I like some repetition. Like a good beat. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum. It is easy to get

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– Kent Roberts, Minneapolis

into the beat for the sake of the beat though. It gets a little weird, when that’s all we need. Just a

drum pounding in the ear, like the drone of a machine. It’s, well, it’s consistent. Consistency has always been important to me – which is why I brought a tape recorder with me to my job taking invoices out of folders, removing the staples and receipts, and putting them back in the folder in the correct order. It was a temp job in Manhattan. I realized my music should be consistent with my activity, unlike the women who listened to dance music

nearby. No, on my headphones, I just listened to myself repeatedly singing, “I’m arranging papers in order, I’m arranging papers in order, I’m arranging papers in order, and I’m taking out the staples.” The recording was 5 minutes. At the end, I’d rewind it. I did this for 3 hours, as a sort of Buddhist mindfulness exercise. And obviously I’m glad I did.

– Kent Roberts, Minneapolis

## Interview with Kent Interrelational Guru Kent Roberts

by Kent Roberts

*Sub-semi-pro interrelationship guru Kent Roberts sat down with me, looked square into my eyes, and said, “Kent, you’re not half the man that I am, but you are half the manchild: the child part. Because I’m a guru, and a guru is a grown-up.”*

**Kent:** How dare you?

**Kent:** All right, all right, I’ll calm down.

**Kent:** That’s insufficient. You just were really mean to me.

**Kent:** You need thicker skin.

“You were just really mean to me.”

– Kent Roberts (Kentself),  
confronting Kent Roberts

**Kent:** I do have a question to ask you, your guruship.

**Kent:** Ask away, foot-licker.

**Kent:** Um, I don’t see why you have to berate me.

**Kent:** Just ask your question.

**Kent:** Why are you so concerned about what everyone thinks of you? Why are you so damn insecure?

**Kent:** Wait, you’re talking about yourself, right?

**Kent:** I don’t know who I am!

**Kent:** You’re a journalist, ya big dummy. Somebody get this guy a glass of water.

**Kentphorism:**

“Exploring the woods is a good way to get a woodpecker flying overhead warning everyone.”

# bacKent

**Kentphorism:**

“When you hear someone say, ‘Watch this,’ that means you should be wearing a helmet.”

WORLD’S MOST WRITTEN- IN-A-CABIN-FEVER -DREAM BACKSIDE OF A KENT ROBERTS PUBLICATION

## avant-Kente: “33 x 3”

by Kent Roberts

I'm giving it  
Away I'm giving  
The stuff away  
This stuff that  
Floats to the  
Top this stuff  
That is clearer  
Than air that  
Is whispered by  
A sarcastic sprite

That releases in  
An exhale passing  
On to another  
Sphere, glowing, transcendent,  
A signature moment,  
An apex, a  
Death is a  
Birth we trade  
Souls back and  
Forth with occupants  
Of a parallel  
World where everyone

Looks into their  
Mirrors and sees  
Us looking back  
It confuses them  
So much that  
They stop and  
Stare at their  
Hands, muttering to  
Themselves, "I guess  
I must be  
Losing my mind."

## Laundry situation

by Kent Roberts

Sometimes I think I am  
living in a *Groundhog  
Day* reality in which the  
same day is repeating.  
“Wouldn’t that be weird

if I were in that reality?”  
I think. I mean, what if I  
really were? The thing  
is, I basically am. For  
instance, I feel like the  
part of me that says it is

time to do laundry has  
been on the same setting  
for three days. Hm.  
Perhaps part of the  
reason for the repetition  
is that I ignore many

internal administrative  
requests. I just don’t  
listen to anything I say  
at all on the first pass.  
It’s very disrespectful.

## Resistance corner

by Kent Roberts

History repeats itself. We owe our  
incoherent misdirection to never  
learning anything at all.

Resistance is standing up to  
racism. I’m making a feature film  
for \$33,333.33 about the  
Confederate flag. I’m releasing it  
exclusively online, through solar

servers, pay whatever. And I’m  
donating 33.33333% of profits to  
the Southern Poverty Law Center.  
Excuse me, did I stutter? Because  
I’ve been stuttering lately.

## Fact & Fiction About Kent Roberts

**Fact:** Kent may stay underwater for a while to see how you respond when you think he’s drowned.

**Fiction:** Kent will not pretend to die simply to manipulate you into showing him that you love him.