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*** a publication by and about Kent Roberts, and for the global community ***

Exclusive interview: Kent claims not to be a narcissist

By Kent Roberts

Kent: So, I understand that you are trying to position yourself as a non-narcissist.

Kent: Since I have a publication about myself, I could be described as a classic narcissist. But I sometimes forget to look at my face in the mirror when I leave the house, and I don't realize my

mistake until I'm standing in front of a clerk or barista.

Kent: If narcissism is a problem with self-reflection, you definitely don't have it. I mean, look at you – you are very reflective. You are my reflection.

Kent: See, that's the issue – building your own reflection is a suspect act. You like staring at yourself conceptually and

intellectually even if you don't obsess over yourself physically.

Kent: Yeah, I often can't be bothered to shave the hair on my neck. And sometimes around my mouth even.

Kent: That is disgusting.

Kent: Your shame is one cause for the malaise that prompts my often real lack of self-concern.

Kent: No, that's on you. Kent out.

Chair, small table & file folders: Kent HQ flex seating

by Kent Roberts

Kent leadership announced a new Flex Seating program at Kent HQ that will continue at the new location. The program is designed to “enhance collaboration, teambuilding, morale, and efficiency,” explained Kent Built Environment Designer (KBED) Kent Roberts,

who added that letting staffers choose their own seating – and reconstruct it to suit their immediate needs – helped foster competitive drive and goal orientation while improving trust and retention.

“I sometimes like moving the small table and folding chair to the front of the place, so I

can use the computer there – rather than in the bedroom, where it feels more like a prison,” explained Kent Internet News Surfing Director (KINSND) Kent Roberts. Kent Internal Assessor (KIA) Kent Roberts was more skeptical about the new seating program. “It insults our intelligence,” he said. “The reason it exists is because the

budget is so tight that we can't afford furniture for every room.” KBED Roberts was unmoved by that point. “KIA Roberts has a history of irritation when we try to manipulate ourselves into feeling better about hovering above the poverty line,” he said “Frankly, we would rather not face reality.”

Bed: detrimental to SheKent search?

by Kent Roberts

My bed is not just small but is the bottom of a bunkbed, and was

given to me by my parents. This bed is not very good for recruiting the SheKent. Also, the bed is covered with three blankets – two

from my ex-girlfriend and one from my grandmother – the latter with running horses on it. I'm not doing myself any favors.

Kentphorism:

“Mark your progress in the board on the wall, so that you don’t get overwhelmed and take a nap.”

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Kentphorism:

“Don’t let anyone, including yourself, talk you into doing anything that you wouldn’t do.”

WORLD’S MOST HAIR-RAISING, INFORMATION-SATURATED BACKSIDE OF A KENT ROBERTS PUBLICATION

First pangs of nostalgia arrive at Kent HQ

by Kent Roberts

I have been feeling my first real waves of nostalgia as I approach my departure from the current Kent HQ. I look out the window at

the tree next door, a tree that I really love. I felt it looking out the back window at the spot where I kept considering making a late-season snow angel and never did. I can’t avoid the emotions as I

near the transition – within 48 hours at press time. Space changes in a moment, imbuing time with clearer definition, segmenting life, prompting a look back while moving forward.

Resistance corner / avant-Kente: “Dear Stormy’s Stallion (SS)”

By Kent Roberts

Dear Stormy’s Stallion,
Your leadership’s a work of art,
Every step you take down the West Wing
Is the promise of a McDonald’s fart.

Dear Stormy’s Stallion,
Spelling in all-caps like you’re taking a stand,
Distracting with bravado
While you perform sleight-of-hand.

Dear Stormy’s Stallion,
Taking on law, science, and the press,

You’ve made reason my fetish
Fantasize a dissertation defense as I undress.

Dear Stormy’s Stallion,
You don’t want Mueller to take you out?
You shouldn’t have been a Russian agent

At this point, it’d give you more clout.

Stormy’s Stallion rides again. Without a saddle, without a friend. Into a wasteland filled with lightning and tornadoes, whinnying with fright, kicking mud everywhere.

Water bottle from Guy

By Kent Roberts

Correction: This article should have appeared in the Sustainability Issue, as I think was indicated in a previous issue.

When someone looks at themselves and glorifies their position, we think of them as looking into water. Water is the

avenue to self-love but also survival. I had a man stay with me, Guy. Guy did not have anywhere to go and was going to sleep at the river. I told him he could sleep at Kent HQ. Soon after arriving, Guy told me that he was in town because he had killed

a man and had to see some state officials. The next day, before I dropped him off at a railyard, he gave me a bottle of water, “artesian” spring water that he had found right at a moment when he was thirsty. I hope Guy is all right and am happy he didn’t kill me.

Fact & Fiction About Kent Roberts

Fact: Kent has a habit of looking at everything he writes and judging it by its flaws, as *subperfect*.

Fiction: Kent burns his writing, ritually inhaling its ashes as he soaks in an invigorating bubble bath.