



Well, my time has finally come. I thought I was dodging Covid like Keanu was dodging those bullets in the Matrix, but last week I faltered (went to Florida). Literal days ago I was bragging about I must be invincible with all the past exposures I've had. and then God decided to humble me.

It's not so bad, but I am extremely bored. I miss cooking. I wanna bake a cake or make a stew or I don't know, go out and check the mail. Three times a day Greg ventures downstairs for me to pillage our pantry and at night we eat takeout on the bedroom floor. I didn't realize how often I would go to the kitchen to eat dark chocolate or some ice cream or whatever until I didn't want to tell someone else to get me those things a dozen times a day.

Maybe this is a good time to... reset. I'm going to do a dry (rest of) January. I've barely had coffee in the last week. **HEALTH HERE I COME.** I think at a certain age you are pulled into the orbit of "Okay, if I try this thing maybe I will feel better!" and that loop continues forever with moderate, short-lived success. Relatedly, I am addicted to seltzer water now.

It's snowing. I'm only halfway through my isolation. I watched a LOT of TV. Let's jump into it!!!

LET'S CONSUME MEDIA

TV & Movies

- ***The Witcher***. This is fantasy done right! A confusing first season with bards and vague accents? A cartoonishly hot demon slayer? Scary powers from a moody teenage girl? It has all that and more. This season rocked. I love what they're doing with Yennifer, felt very raw. Her mid-season nihilism grounded the show a bit.

I didn't love the last episode, though. and yes I may have played the video game for three years, but that doesn't mean I can recall the storyline. When I think back, all I remember doing is securing all the grandmaster armor, making potions I never needed to use, and exploring all the question marks on the map. Point being: the twist surprised and upset me, and like I said to a friend on the phone, it felt "so unrealistic!" And she then reminded me it was canon. Oops.

- ***Insecure***. Was there ever a better series finale? I'm going to miss watching these girls. Molly's story is how you do a character arc! I went from hating this bitch last season to rooting for her so hard. I love how they kept it so real, and that even as life didn't follow a perfect path, we saw Issa thriving and dare I say... *secure*.
- ***What We Do in the Shadows***. Oh my God this last season is truly ridiculous. I don't know how much more I can handle watching Guillermo get morsels of victory only to be shot down again. Nandor really made it bearable. also that bit at the end with Colin Robinson was thoroughly upsetting and I wish I did not bear witness to it.
- ***Hacks***. This was really good! I laughed out loud at some parts. But I think it may fall victim to one of those shows where I really like the first season and am uninterested in the setup for the S2 and thus never continue watching. (i.e. Westworld, Shrill, Killing Eve...)

Books

- I did manage to read a book in the brief moments away from my beloved screens. *The Right To Sex* by Amia Srinivasa was heavy, theoretical, and not as compelling as I thought it would be given the hype. This book was eager to point out the shortcomings of a number of feminists movements without offering the slightest idea of what justice—or progress, even—might look like in a not-just, carceral, patriarchal society. The notions of what desire is, its political influence, its limits and opportunities was cool to read, especially after attending a seminar in Key West all about desire in fiction and poetry.

[This review](#) of Srinivasa was almost better than the book, and it's an interesting read even if you don't plan on picking it up.

Podcasts

- For some reason... I am INVESTED in the podcast, *Who? Weekly*, a self-described “stupid” show about D-list celebrities. Do I recognize a single person Lindsay and Bobby talk about, even in passing? No. Is it entertaining? WILDLY. Celebs are modern day court jesters and I like to hear about how they dance.