

# UNBU KLING THE BELTWAY

IMPROV EVERYWHERE, A NYC-BASED GROUP KNOWN FOR CREATING SPONTANEOUS FUN, HELD THEIR 1ST PANTSLESS SUBWAY RIDE IN 2002.

THIS JANUARY, THE GROUP, THROUGH LOCAL ORGANIZERS, COPIED IT ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING TRADITIONALLY UPTIGHT WASHINGTON, D.C.

THROUGH FACEBOOK, OVER 4000 PEOPLE WERE INVITED.

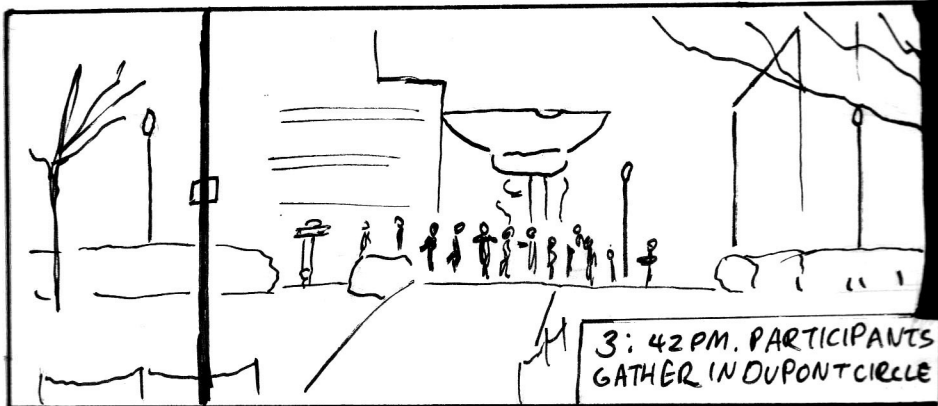
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2008 No Pants Metro Ride

### Information

Time and Place

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2008  
 Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Location: Dupont Circle fountain  
 City/Town: Washington, DC



3:42 PM. PARTICIPANTS GATHER IN DUPONT CIRCLE



...TO A LOT OF PRESS

AT THE NEW YORK COMPANION EVENT AN HOUR BEFORE, OVER 900 PEOPLE CAME OUT TO GO PANTSLESS, BUT IN THE CAPITAL CITY, THINGS WERE MUCH LESS CERTAIN. AND WHAT ABOUT THE METRO POLICE?

I SAW IT ON FACEBOOK. DC'S NOT AS UNUSUAL AS NYC.



BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONLY ONE WITH MY PANTS DOWN.



THE COPS SEEM WILLING TO TOLERATE US, BUT ONLY TOLERATE US.

I HOPE MY BOSS DOESN'T SEE THIS.

ELIZABETH, AN ORGANIZER

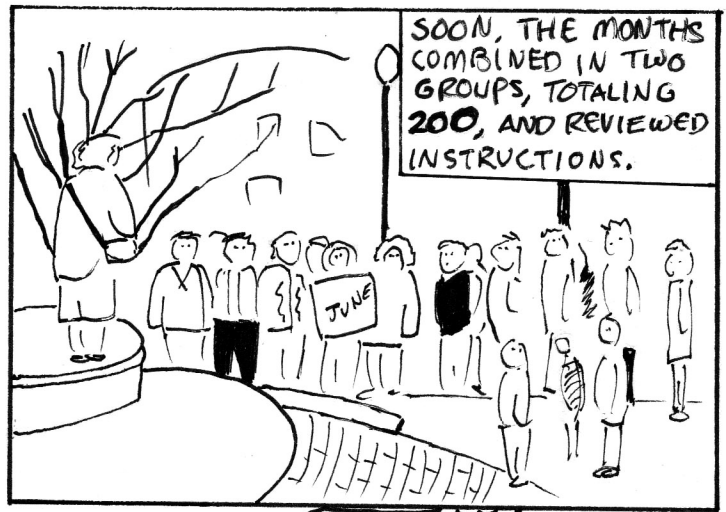
PEOPLE BEGAN TO TRICKLE IN, AND AROUND 4 PM, ORGANIZERS TOLD PARTICIPANTS TO GROUP THEMSELVES ACCORDING TO MONTH OF BIRTH; ADDING SOME DC-STYLE ORGANIZATION TO THE IMPROV MADNESS.



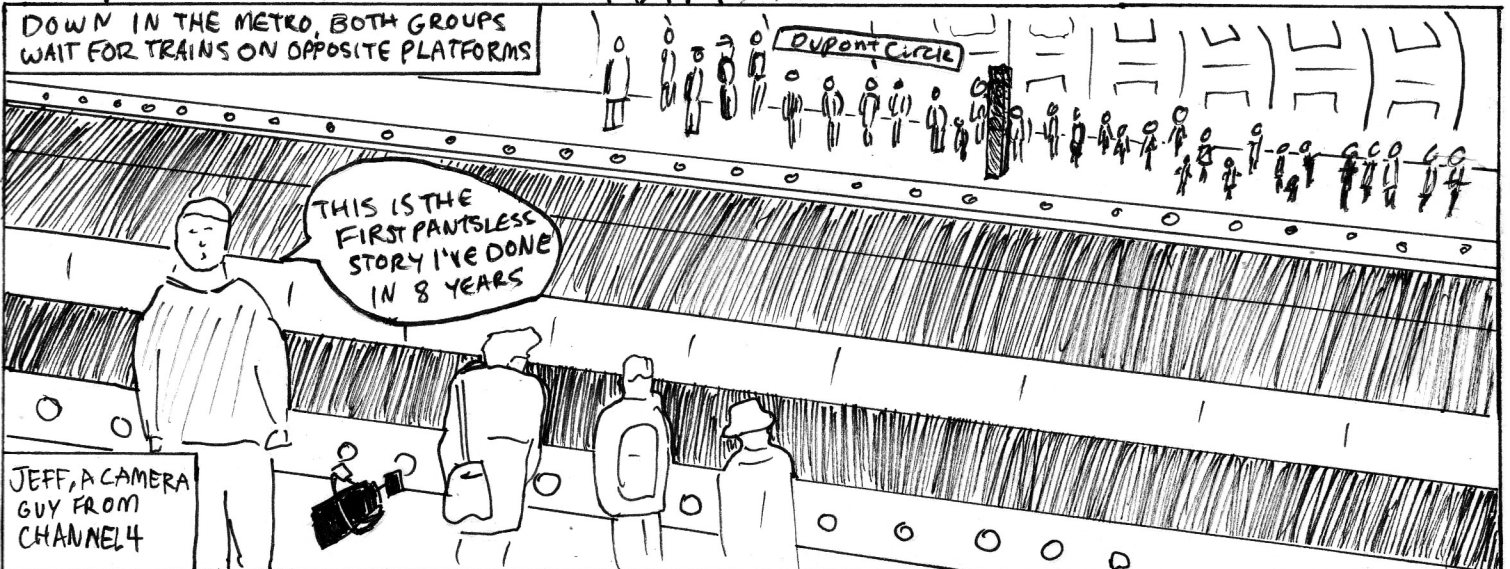
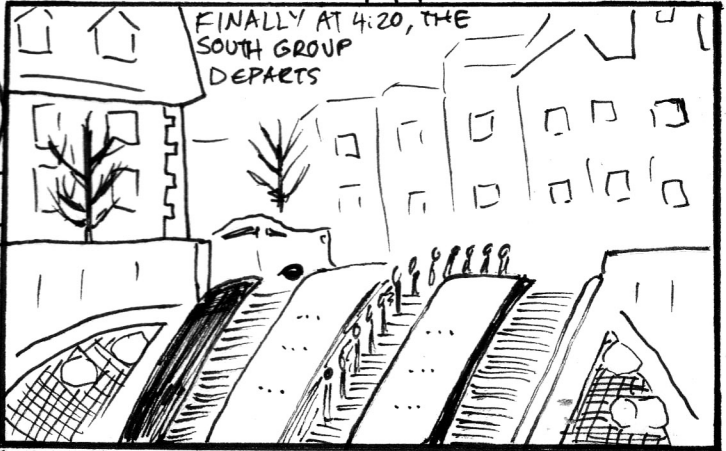
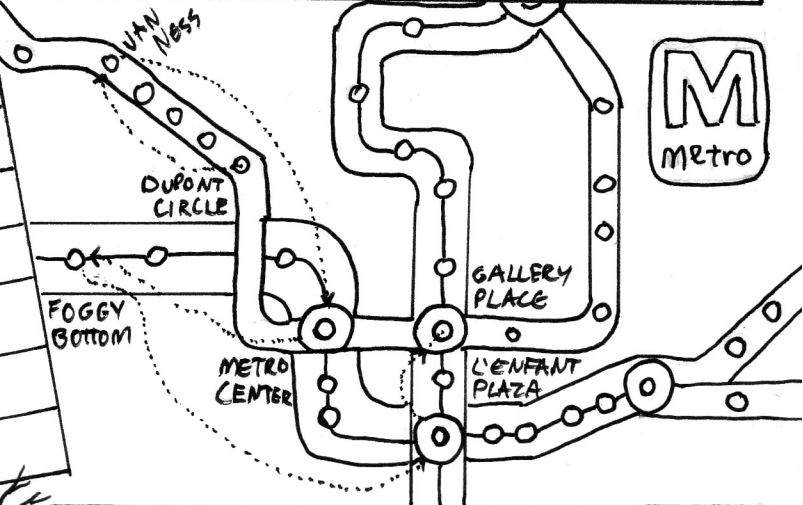
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IF YOU HEAR MY VOICE, I'LL SEND YOU IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!

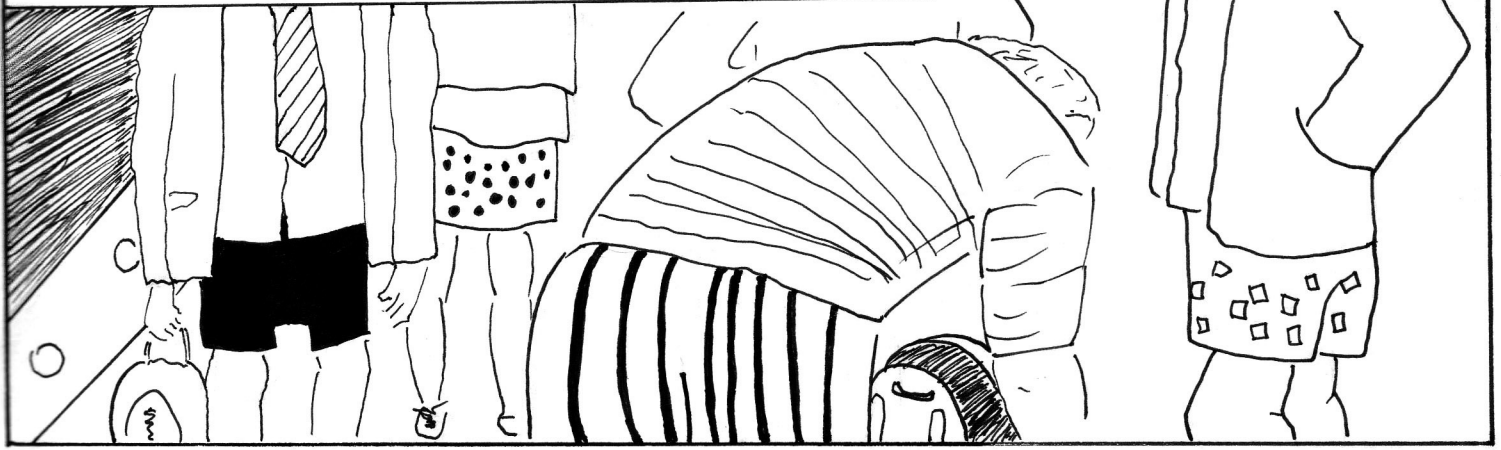
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DuPont → Van Ness  
 \*Depants after Cleveland Park  
 Van Ness → Metro Center  
 Metro Center → Foggy Bottom  
 Foggy Bottom → L'Enfant Plaza  
 L'Enfant Plaza → Gallery Place  
 \*Repants on Shady Grove side



AFTER WAITING 11 MINUTES, THE SOUTH GROUP TOOK THEIR FIRST TRAIN AND "DEPANTSSED" COMPLETELY AT VAN NESS STATION.



NOW PANTSLESS, THE GROUP FELT THE BREEZE AS A TRAIN ARRIVED...



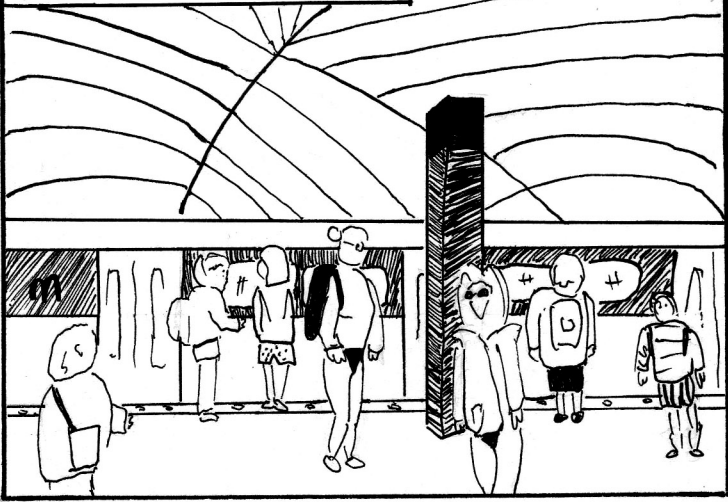
...AND THE PARTICIPANTS BOARDED...



OTHER RIDERS WERE INTRIGUED.



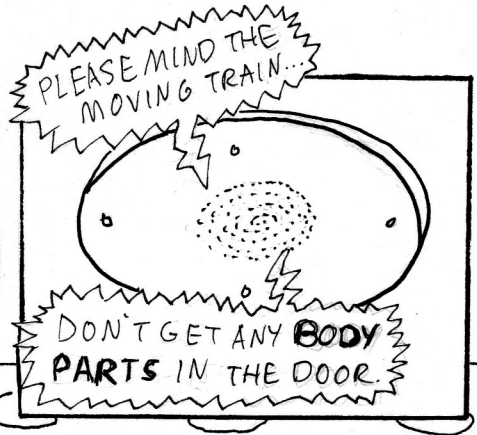
THEY CHANGED TRAINS...



AGAIN AND AGAIN.



5:30, (IN FOGGY BOTTOM - OF ALL PLACES - ONLY 25 PARTICIPANTS REMAINED.



FINALLY, THE GROUP RE-PANTSSED AT CHINATOWN/GALLERY PLACE.



AT 6:00, THE WASHINGTON D.C. NO PANTS 2K8 METRO RIDE WAS EFFECTIVELY OVER. THE MEDIA ATTENTION HAD ATTRACTED A MID-SIZED FIRST-YEAR CROWD, BUT ALSO ENSURED D.C. WOULD BE THE ONLY CITY WHERE THE METRO AND POLICE OFFICIALS WERE ALERTED BEFOREHAND.

A FITTING REACTION FOR THE CAPITAL CITY.



THE END.

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