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Hello all, the best of luck and blessings to you i

This email marks half a year of newsletters. Strange to think in those terms about the intensity of life that is condensed in these emails.

I am writing you with much positive energy and happiness. I hope you are experiencing something similar in these winter days, or at least know that it is close to you.

Links

- about crying very hard. https://freejacob.com/22-12-2024/.
- music video collaboration with new friend. https://youtu.be/CU9FM3fWiNQ?si=v7I_ASqaGlepdLlo.
- picture show and reflection of past year. https://freejacob.com/01012025-2/.
- having fun w Emily from New York. https://youtu.be/skEtLezmBJE

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Life in Rotterdam

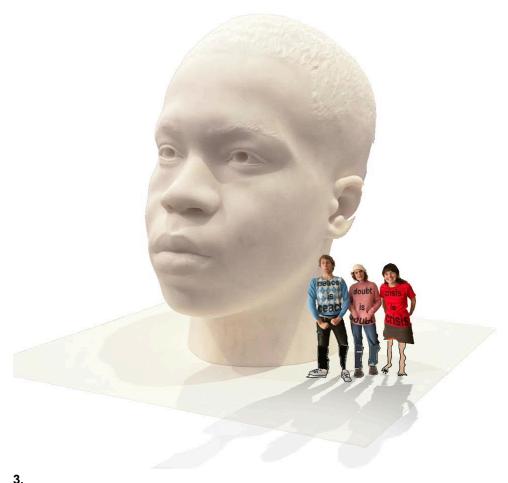
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Last time I wrote you I was settling in in Rotterdam, that is not so different now. I do feel a lot more 'at home' than I did before. The whole month of December was split between frantically looking for a job on one hand, and enjoying the warmth of a nice appartement and X's presence (She does not want me to refer to her name anymore) on the other. Apart from writing a whole bunch of job applications it felt really luxurious. It is\was a quiet life without that much craziness or special. Something I really appreciate, it is really allowing me the space to have focus on the little projects I want to pursue. There were a few highlights, one of those was the celebration of my birthday with X, she was not there in October so we celebrated it in December, two months later. I cried really hard for the first time in a very long time. https://freejacob.com/22-12-2024/.

2. Friends

In the beginning of december I was going to many cultural events and talking with many different people, surface level but fun interactions. I really feel how hard it is to actually make friends without a structure to facilitate it (like school). Nonetheless I have met some people I would really consider friends by now. One girl called Lola for example, a really unique and funny person. Out of nowhere she sent me a freestyle and I made a video for it. It is worth a watch https://youtu.be/CU9FM3fWiNQ?si=v7I_ASqaGlepdLlo.

At one point zeger, madeline and maartje also showed up and we did a sleepover + went to kunsthal rotterdam together where the Thomas J price sculpture in the picture was the only one I really liked. It was a really fun time and refreshing to hear someone speak Flemish (i am really the only one here). + notice the shirts hehe.



New year and christmas

Christmas was cosy with the family, but they are all getting a bit older and their energy is diminishing. I personally think we all put way too much emphasis on the food to make up for this. On new year I felt really blessed. We went out to eat with a whole bunch of friends that I know trough S and it was extremely cosy and cute. We went out to see the fireworks and afterwards we split up to go to parties etc. We went to a houseparty to which I was invited by someone trough this newsletter. It was really fun and i met new people. After we went to another houseparty that was also fun. We went to sleep late and had a really cosy 1st of january.

I have taken the time to really reflect on the profoundest ways my life has changed over the past year in this blog post https://freejacob.com/01012025-2/. In the video attached you see a photo overview. from the post: "...how funny it is

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when you realise that in the end it really is 'all about love'. That that cliche really does hold one of the major keys to a meaningful life. This is something I fully grasped in my 22nd year of life, in 2024."

4.

Emily from New York

Emily from New York arrived a bit over two weeks ago and has been living with us since then. She is a friend that X made while there. It has been a big pleasure to have her. She was also there on new year. She, X and me have been spending a lot of time and that has been quite fulfilling in terms of friendship. Today me and Emily went to a qigong class together. It was a bunch of old ladies that were super nice. I think we might have been the youngest people to ever set foot there. A fun video of Emily and me; https://youtu.be/skEtLezmBJE

5.

CRAZY NEWS

Last week I got the message that I am accepted in AIR Berlin Alexanderplatzs. A residency that is partnered with the Flemish government. This is really crazy news. It means I will spend all summer (4months) in Berlin in a free apartment while getting 2000 euros a month. I can not wrap my head around how I was chosen, but I was and that makes me so insanely excited and a bit nervous. aaaaaaaaaaa give give me your Berlin suggestions guys:). Also everybody is invited to visit:))))

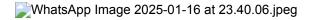
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(written one day later) This evening I forgot to show up to a planned meetup with some people I really care about meeting. This makes me feel extremely stupid.

But despite my daily stupidity, things are moving very positively. I have found a job in an Indonesian restaurant, so now I work four days a week in the evening from 17h to 21h. Three weeks in, I really like it. I serve food and jump on my bike to deliver orders when they come in. My colleagues are really nice and every day I get a really nice plate of food. I also get paid well. It gives me a certain stability and rythm that I really appreciate, it feels like I am finding my tempo after a very long time of not being solidly rooted anywhere. Strangely enough I have really lost the urge to work on the blog for the most part. Sorry for not updating hehe.

I wish you all the inner peace and love that one can find on a day as today. And please, write me back if you feel the urge to. Or just call me on my new number +31617801725, do not hesitate.



A last very funny thing that happened:

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I was texting an acquaintance from Congo, he is a priest and lives in a monastery. I shared a picture of me giving X a kiss on new years eve. His response was :



it is the first time i have ever seen a kiss.



A truly mind-blowingly beautiful and touching thing. I hope i did not disturb him.

With this I leave you.

Ciao 💜 💜 🖤