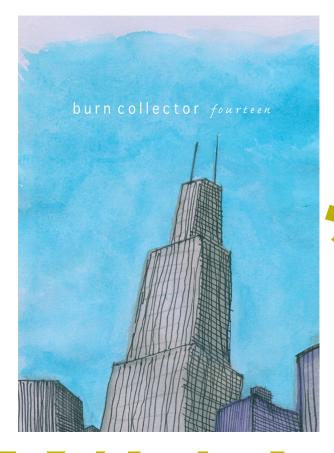
BURN COLLECTOR #14

AL BURIAN

In an age where so much emphasis is placed on the happenings of celebrities, politicians, and other marketable characters, it is refreshing to take a step back and enjoy a straightforward, honest approach to the in<mark>sanity of</mark> modern times.

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Finally, the elusive hermit Al Burian returns to grace us with more of his crazy half-baked opinions. This is the comics issue, and it's chock full of drawings, short subway sketches, an essay extolling the virtues of the post-Fort Thunder school of comics, and an extended Jack Chick religious tract parody, culminating in a climactic Marvel style battle between the author and God. The writing spans the last several years in Chicago, and is some kind of attempt at wrestling a meaning, moral and/or hopefully happy ending from that bitterly temperatured town.

Like peers Aaron Cometbus and Doris zine publisher Cindy Crabb, AL BURIAN is a veritable independent art powerhouse. In between touring and recording in such beloved punk bands as Milemarker, Hellbender, and Challenger, Burian has a released a library of books and zines, most notably the Natural Disasters zine and book and the long-running Burn Collector zine and its book anthologies. Burn Collector #14 is his second release for Microcosm, the first of which, a graphic novel, Things are Meaningless, was released in 2003. Burian, regularly on the road, lives in Berlin. His latest band, Challenger, recently toured Europe after a long dormant period.

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