

# UNEMPLOYMENT

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Aaron Smith is one of the best zine writers publishing these days, and his zine *Big Hands* is one of my all-time favorites. A North Carolina native with a habit of drifting around with bands and friends, Aaron writes thoughtful stories about everyday adventures and includes personal, political, and cultural analysis in every piece.

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*Unemployment* is the newest zine by Aaron Lake Smith of *Big Hands* fame. "There's nothing quite like the nagging doubt that accompanies a period of unemployment," begins the zine and for the next 44 pages Aaron brings us along on his dark journey into the heart of the failing American empire.

"...*Unemployment* is the isolated story of an isolated person that is lacking something far more significant than a paying job," says *Arthur Magazine*. "It's the perfect read for urbanites like myself who appreciate allusions to Black Flag and Nietzsche within pages of each other, drinking black coffee, and waxing endlessly about the ugly confines of civilization."

Whether touching on the allegorical implications of the Spider-Man/Peter Parker character symbiosis, dreaming about a shameful meeting with a Christ-like Crimethinc author, or just roaming the recession-era streets, Aaron applies everything to the current economic slump and does so in prose that is tight, engaging, and downright hilarious.

Brooklyn-based writer **AARON LAKE SMITH's** zine *Big Hands* is now on its seventh issue. He has written for *Arthur Magazine*, the *New York Times*, *Evergreen Review*, and *Brooklyn Rail*. He is currently working on a novel called *Mother Asphalt*.

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