

**Rob Walker Films Presents**

# The Pneumatic Tube



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*"All your base are belong to us!"*

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**The kind of sickness gunfighters and Romantic poets get**

As I type this, we are one week into our new apartment and I think it's going to work out really well. However, we still can't find our knives and our wireless router. This has made using internet difficult and preparing salads impossible. However, the place is clean and has air conditioning which I'm ambivalent about. On the one hand, I love being kept from the ever increasing boil of our summer climate, on the other hand, I can't assume that we will always have it this way as our collection of window shakers and box fans in storage can attest.

I have also come down with a nasty chest cold which has haunted me for a week now and I'm not sure there's anything I can do about it aside from sip laudanum and cough into a handkerchief with the initials of a woman I once knew...

Anyway, let's get this ball rolling!

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I laughed way harder at this than I have at anything in a long time. Read it aloud.



Story Corps



I've long been a fan of [StoryCorps](#) since I first heard some of their work on NPR. Over the years, StoryCorps has recorded thousands of people telling their stories. Some of these stories are funny, some are heart-wrenching, some are haunting, but they all give a glimpse into our shared human experience. Some of these stories have been turned into animated shorts adding a visual element to the stories being told. "The Nature of War" is one of my favorite episodes and you'll see why as Specialist Justin Cliburn tells his story of meeting two young boys while on deployment in Iraq. Watch it [HERE](#).

**John Hodgman**

## SETTLED LAW

A MACHINE GUN IS NOT A ROBOT. PEOPLE LIKE WHAT THEY LIKE. A HOTDOG IS NOT A SANDWICH. THE PERSON DRIVING PICKS THE MUSIC. BE MINDFUL OF THE WORK YOU LEAVE FOR OTHERS. THERE ARE NO DEMONS LURKING IN WIND PRODUCED BY BOX FANS. IF YOU ARE WITHIN 250 MILES OF A GERMAN INDOOR WATER PARK HOUSED IN A FORMER ZEPPELIN FACTORY, GO TO IT. PAY FOR CONTENT. TIP EVERYONE BECAUSE THEY ARE HUMANS NOT GARBAGE. YOU ARE NOT GARBAGE. SO DO NOT EAT PIZZA OUT OF THE GARBAGE EVEN IN CANADA. AND DO NOT WORK FOR FREE. DO NOT SEEK OUT DISPUTES IN LIFE JUST TO BE ON A PODCAST. DO NOT FIGHT COMMON SENSE WITH PEDANTRY, AS IN "A HOTDOG IS A SANDWICH BECAUSE IT IS LISTED ON THE SANDWICH PART OF THIS ONE MENU I FOUND." STOP TRYING TO BE RIGHT ALL THE TIME. BECAUSE YOU ARE MOSTLY WRONG.

JUDGE HODGMAN RULES.

# THAT IS ALL.



JUDGE  
JOHN HODGMAN  
PRESIDING

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'JH' in a stylized, cursive font.

I am an unabashed John Hodgman fan and have been since I first saw him on The Daily Show hawking his first book [Areas of My Expertise](#). However it was really this [beautiful, funny and heartfelt TED Talk](#) that cemented him as one of my all time favorite writers/humorists. John Hodgman straddles both the absurd and sincere and if you want a taste of both side of his sensibilities I highly encourage you to check out his podcast Judge John Hodgman. The podcast has fake internet judge (John Hodgman) preside over odd friend and family disputes, things like [“Is a hot dog a sandwich?”](#) [“Can I get my girlfriend to like Metal?”](#) [“Are you a grave robber if you steal miniature Christmas trees from cemeteries?”](#). Hodgman and bailiff Jesse Thorn provide laughs but also thoughtful verdicts regarding these often bizarre disputes. I could recommend Hodgman errata all day like this episode from [This American Life about an unmade Star Wars script and also death](#), or this piece about Hodgman [watching Downton Abbey with his cats](#) but i won't.



### **Batman The Animated Series: The Lost Episode**

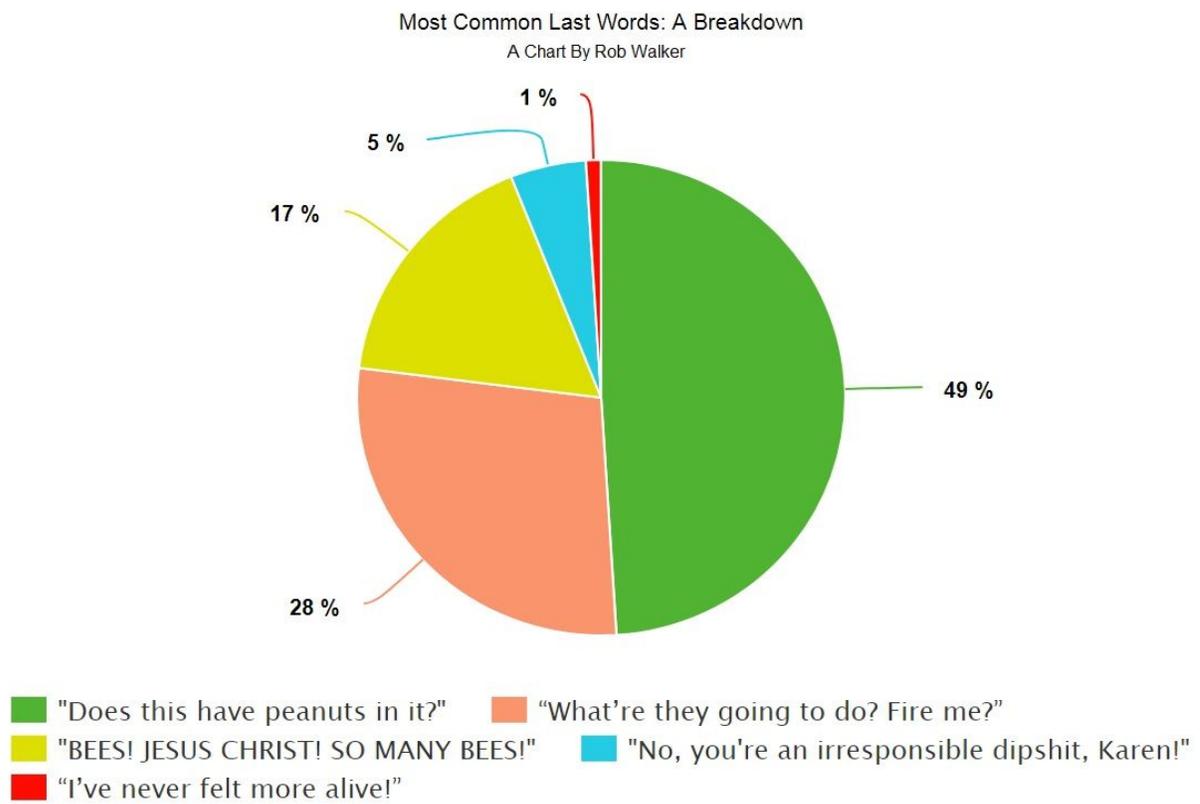
This has been banging around the internet for a while now but I only recently discovered it. In 1994/95 a Sega CD video game titled [The Adventures of Batman and Robin](#) was released. This game was modeled on the very popular Batman the Animated Series TV show and features 16 minutes of all new animation featuring the same voice actors from the show itself. Several

YouTubers have taken the footage and edited it to create essentially a “lost” episode of Batman the Animated Series and while it’s kind of choppy, its synth score is kind of dope and it’s still a fun little oddity in the same league as the [BtAS pitch reel](#). If you’re a Batman the Animated Series fan like me it’s worth a look. Watch it [HERE](#).

## REJECTED JOKES!

Explanation: I’ve been submitting humor pieces to publications steadily for over a year now, which means that I’m sitting on a ton of material that never made it to print. I continue to polish and submit these rejected pieces, but as it stands they do not have a home. Below is one of my (many) rejected pieces. Enjoy and remember that one person’s trash is another person’s treasure.

## Most Common Last Words: A Breakdown



These gorgeous buildings by Bolivian architect, Freddy Mamani Silvestre



I believe that art and design can make our world a better place. The act of seeing beautiful and outlandish things in our towns and cities can inspire pride in one's community as well as give a sense of identity. Apparently Freddy Mamani Silvestri feels the same way because he's been designing buildings in his city of El Alto to stand out. Called, "Neo- Andean" Silvestre's work takes inspiration from indigenous influences but also looks futuristic and modern. See more of his work [HERE](#).

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Well, that's it for now. I hope you guys enjoyed this issue of the *The Pneumatic Tube* or at least found parts of it useful. If you have any questions or recommendations for me, you can reach me at robwalkerfilms[at]gmail[DOT]com Be sure to tell your friends about it and if you want to reach me elsewhere, you can find me at these spaces below.

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Take care,

-Rob

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*"I can't believe I ate the whole thing" - William Howard Taft*

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