Boy, alone on stage.
Girl enters.
Boy meets girl:

Boy oh, there you are.
Girl oh, it's you.

Boy and girl exit, together.

Still Life

Clodagh Chapman

A 2-yr-old child's toys spread across the floor.
2-yr-old Where does this go?
Parent In the box.
2.y.o. puts toy in box.
[Repeat ∞ until tidy]
Parent All done!
Pause.
2.y.o. (*holding the box*) Where does this go?

Politics

Benjamin Victor

Mice invade theatre. One at first, running down centre aisle. Then more, many more. Actors must be inaudible over tiny feet.
Everyone is too polite to say anything. Blackout when mice chew through mains.

Arriving

Nat Norland

Sheepskin Return Service

Upon the discovery of loose wool, return it with a handwritten letter of commiseration, to its sheep of origin, at the earliest possible opportunity.

A game for one.

Patience

Joe Strickland

Westminster - a full moon shines.

MP So, who thought this was a good idea?

MP dumps a bloodied Waitrose bag on the table.

Minister For the minutes, change 'Waitrose' to a more working-class-friendly supermarket bag.

MP Yeah, we're fucked.

Big Ben chimes.

Alien

Nancy Netherwood

He sits in his pants, hand in a bag of salt n vinegar crisps.

Him You sure?
Her I don't mind doing it. I like it in a weird way.

A sock slips from the pile she carries. Across town, another sock slips from another pile. She picks it up & swears. It echoes down the street. Birds leave the trees. Three traffic lights turn green at once & something in the universe rips. Everything's about to change but they don't know that yet. He offers her a crisp.

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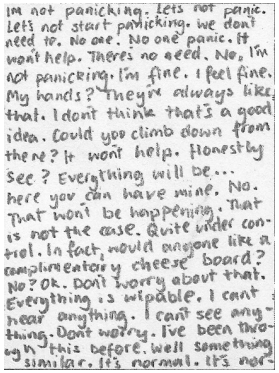
Alan Fielden

Mikhail Gorbachev's Facial Mark Hey wats happening guys im Mark!



the constant battle

Dea Doglione



Steak or cake?

Clare Packham

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-ettes

is a zine of tiny plays

M studies a massive black painting intently, eventually…

M Do you think it's ready yet?

Attendant Should be, yeah

M takes a run up and jumps inside, swallowed by the pigment

B enters and goes to jump into the painting

Attendant Hold on! Someone's just gone, give it a few minutes

B waits, boredom slowly turns into studying the painting intently

Sheepskin Return Service

Edward Smyth

TIM removes all of his clothing, item by item. Drops them centre stage. Halfway through, rain begins.

TIM I thought I was happy before but now I'm making a real change. I'm arriving.

Arthur Miller's The Crucible, National Theatre 2022

Pip Williams

It's about injecting some hope into things. About change

So you work in politics, then?

Yeah, I… I thought you knew that when we

No sure, I was just surprised you actually meant real, like… politics

What did you think I meant?

Again Again

Matt Neubauer with Rafe, Margot, & Grace Aldridge

LAUREN stands at the edge of her kitchen table.

She presses herself up on her tiptoes, and floats towards the ceiling.

She splays her whole body against the plasterboard.

She passes through the ceiling, and arrives flat on the ground, on the floor above.

Boy meets girl

Dom Luck

a performer appears.
they slice a steak.
it is meat.

they slice a steak.
it is cake.

they slice a steak.
it is meat.

they produce a small camping stove.
they place a steak on it.
- should I flip it?
- not yet
it melts, and eventually burns.
it is cake.

we understand it wasn't really about steak.
or cake.

it won't help

Julia Pilkington

hope: if everyone feels like this,

defeat: well, they're not doing anything about it.

hope: they must *want* to do something, though.

defeat: you don't think they'd have done it by now?

hope: but *I* haven't.

defeat: exactly.

hope: I could…

defeat: what are you waiting for?

hope: …

Mikhail Gorbachev's Facial Mark

Joseph Hollas

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Two children, under rubble, arms outstretched to hold hands.

A Someone will come. And then we'll shout. Save your strength.

B is calm, B does not cry, B does not make a sound. B waits.

Rinse & Spin

Rachel-Leah Hosker

A drab living room. An astronaut. Their young child.

ASTRONAUT And I could cover the whole earth with my thumb. All of it. Gone. (*beat*) How old are you now.

The child is silent.

Chamber Tantrums

Katherine White