

Wish You Were Here: *Lark Pien*

When did you live in the Bay Area, and what brought you here?

i was brought to SF by the stork in the early 70's. i lived in the bay area for 40 years or so (in san francisco, san jose, oakland, and los altos).

What prompted you to leave?

a broken heart

Where did you end up?

stuck in portland (but it's ok)

Has your artwork changed or evolved since you left the Bay Area?

hmm... i stopped painting in oils. i publish some of my comic journals and exercise notes now. i continue to draw and write fiction (in comics). i've changed, and am also still me.

What are you up to now?

i study tai chi and other internal art practices (xingyi, bagua, yichuan), with colleagues older and younger. i do a lot of listening, and try to help people work towards where they want to go in their practice. sometimes it's for health and sometimes it's martial interest. on occasion i'll meet someone who has a profound artistic sensibility and this will be expressed in their practice too. as a cartoonist i'm rather solitary and independent, so being a gym rat has been a good for social and personal growth.