



The Betrayers by James Barcelona
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Before the photo app, I had no friends.



I lived in Venice Beach by the canals, where I ran 4 to 5 miles, 4 times a week.



I worked at a start-up in Westwood.



Sometimes I would fly to San Francisco just to meet people I saw in the photo app.



Sometimes I would stay at home and take photos with my phone.

Venice Neighborhood
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This is a long exposure I made w/my phone.
Los Angeles, 2011



This is a photo I took when I moved to SF.
San Francisco, February 2012



When I moved to San Francisco, I worked for a startup.



At the SF start-up they would not let me be creative.



I created on the photo app. I hosted a bunch of meets.
San Francisco, Fort Funston, May 2013



I met interesting people from far places.
Joshue Tree



I went to other interesting places.
San Diego, August 2013



Elizabeth Gilmore, San Francisco, January 2014



How does one photograph betrayal?

San Francisco, November 2014



All I can say is this: I went back to having no friends,
and traveling to far places alone.
Iceland, November 2014



Iceland, November 2014



Iceland, November 2014



When people see shots like this they say the want to shoot with me.

San Francisco, April 2015



But that isn't true, because I spent my birthday in
2015 here alone.

Marin County, July 2015



I still use the app to meet people and get better at photography.

Los Angeles, November 2015



I still believe it's a useful tool.

With Welsh Flag: Cielo Dela Paz, San Francisco, january
2016



But I am tired of the photo app and how fake people are. The fakeness has infected even me.

Yosemite, March 2016



I am going to build a community where I don't get betrayed, or ostracized for telling the truth when someone is being shady. I am tired of feeling alone in my home town, and wish there were people that liked to talk philosophy of art.

Crater Lake, April 2016



I just shoot lots of film now so I don't have to use the photo app. The less time I'm on my phone the happier I am. Will I find a new community?
San Francisco, 2017

