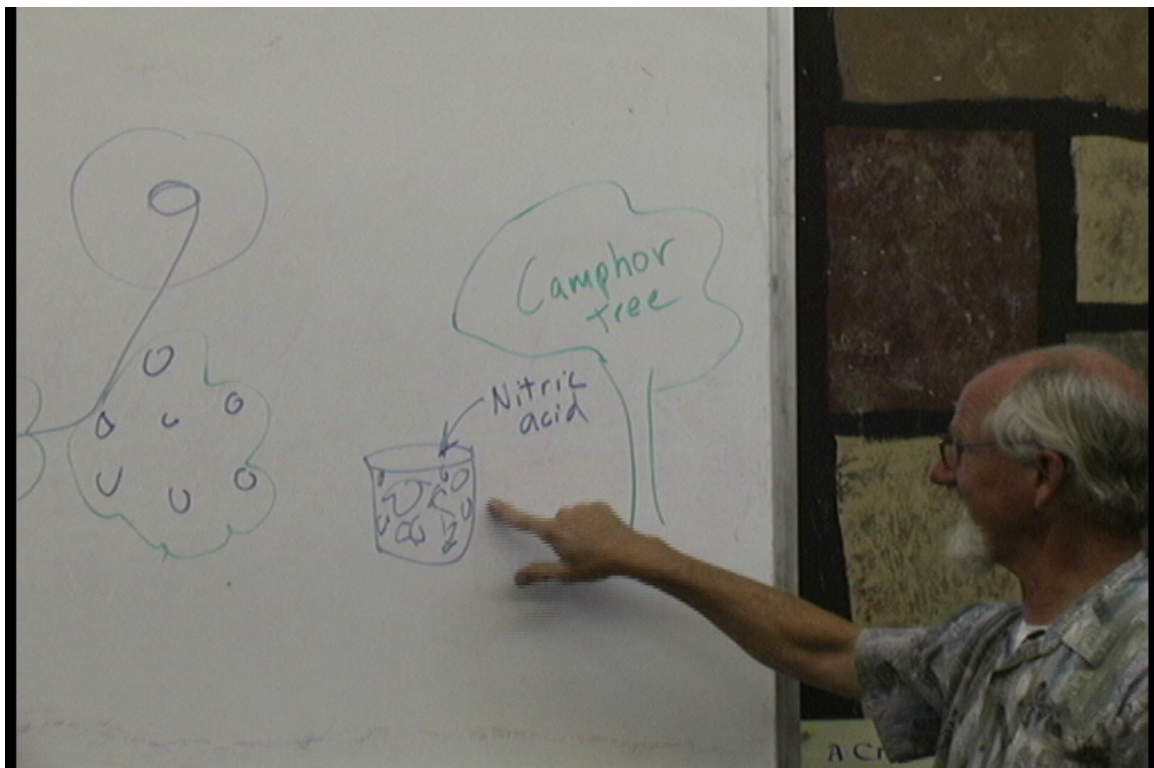
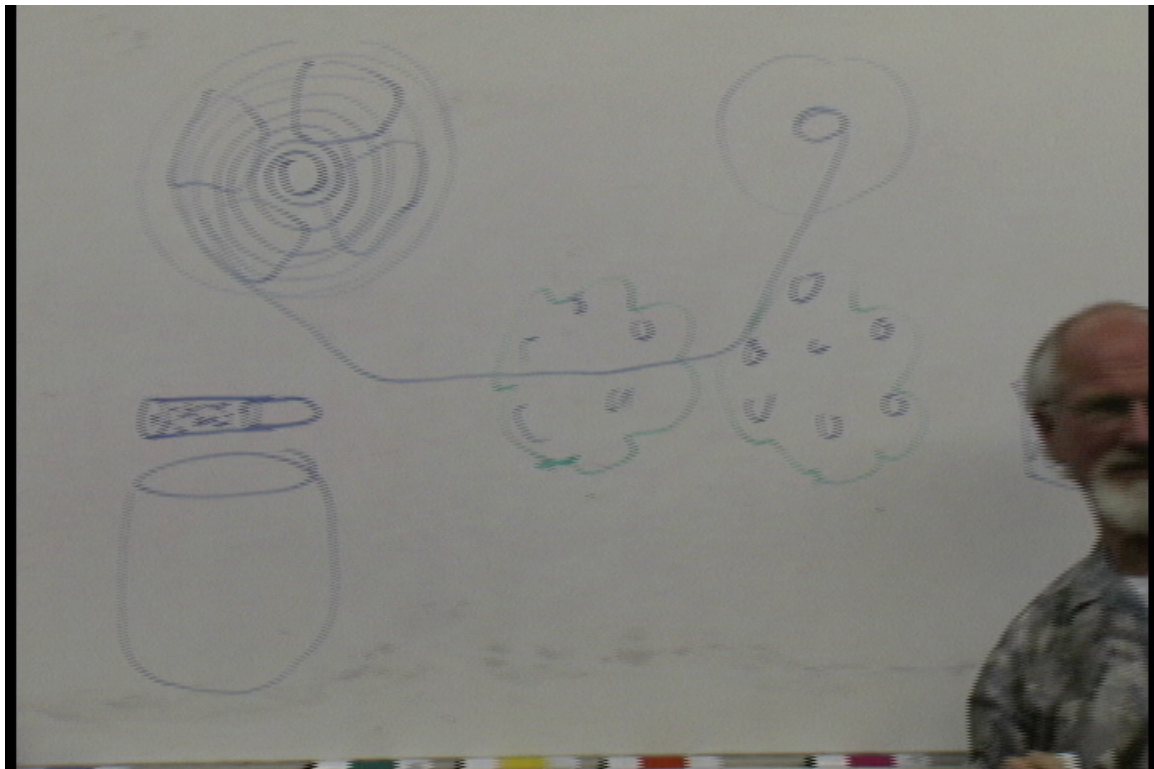
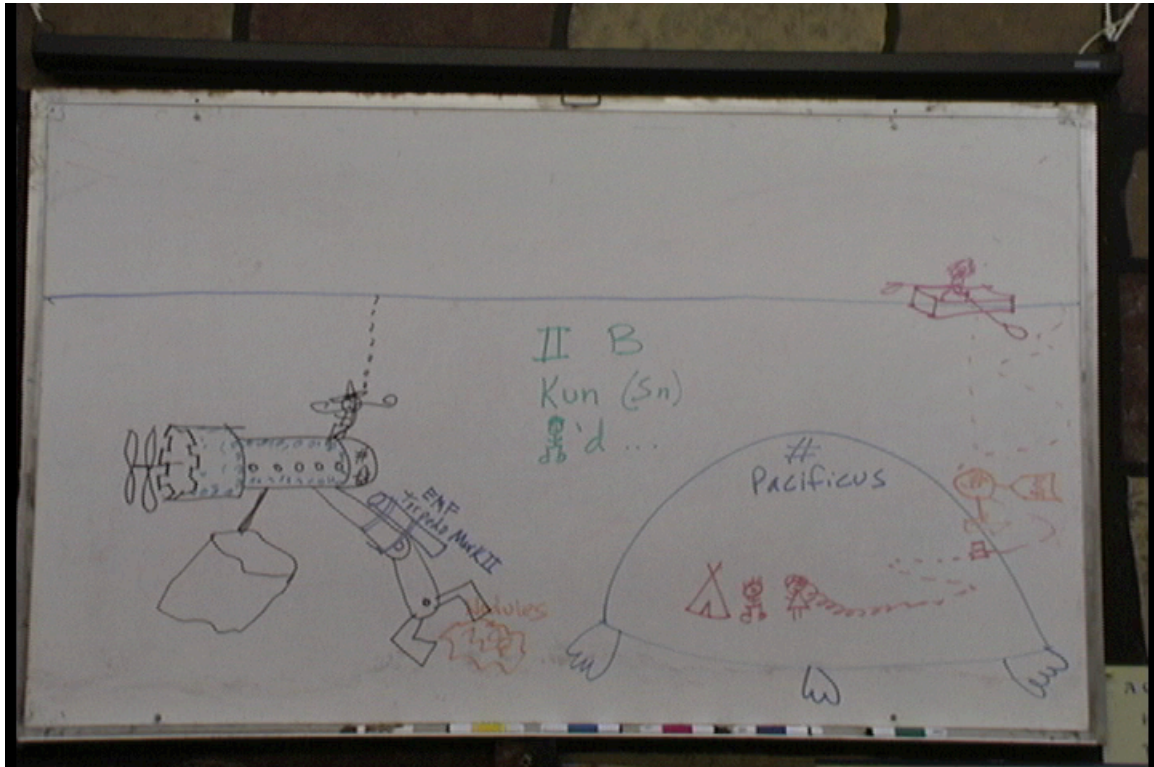


Flash Paper Ping Pong Intro & Story Summary

INTRO:



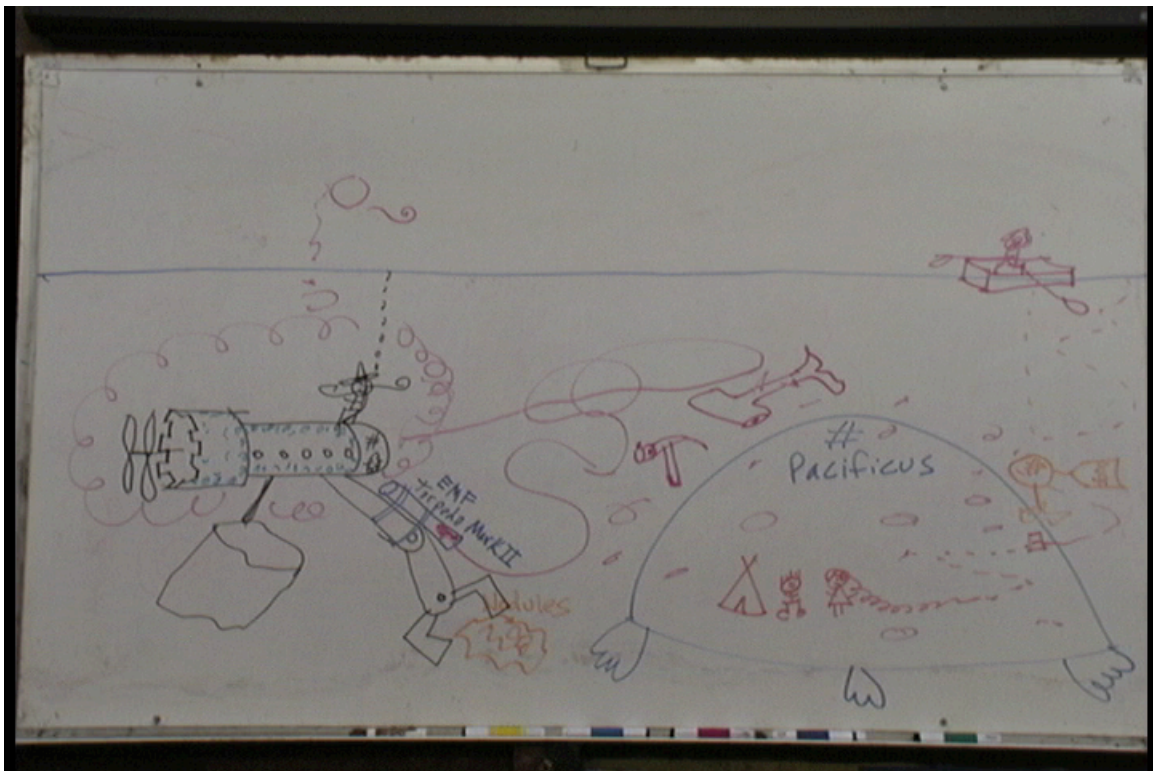
- Magicians use nitrocellulose to make flash paper.
- To make it, pick a bunch of cotton, stuff it in a jar, pour nitric acid on it, and leave it there for a long time.
- Cotton is mostly cellulose, like sawdust, grass, bushes.
- Adding nitric acid changes the cotton to nitrocellulose.
- If you put it in a round thing with a piece of lead in front of it and put a flame at the other end, it goes boom. That's a bullet.
- You can also put it in a big silk bag, stuff it down a barrel, and put a bullet the size of a Volkswagen on top of it, and fire it.
- It's called smokeless gunpowder.
- Movie film used to be made of nitrocellulose because it made a nice plastic. They'd put silver on it and develop it and make film.
- But there's a 5K watt lightbulb shining through it. And that would make it explode.
- To prevent that, they got oil from camphor trees and added it to the cotton while it was soaking in nitric acid.
- At the movie theatre, if the film got stuck in the projector with 5K watts shining on one frame, the film would start to melt. The projectionist has to get a fire extinguisher and put it out. If he doesn't notice in time, and the fire reaches the movie reel, then you can't put it out, and it burns down the theatre.



Story:

- J&J lived in a tepee inside a pressurized domed city under the ocean called Pacificus. The dome has feet so it can walk around.
- They were collecting nodules from the ocean floor. Gold, manganese, platinum.
- When they get enough nodules, they put them out through a door, attach a balloon and a price tag, and let them float to the surface. They're collected by people in rowboats. Those people sell the nodules and give the money to the poor.
- EMF wants to steal the nodules, so he makes a submarine. He stands on top and breathes through a garden hose.
- The submarine has a robot arm that can pick up nodules and put them in a cargo bay that's hanging from a rope.
- EMF had made several submarines, but the minions kept wrecking them. They'd run into rocks, or open the door to see what was outside, etc., and they'd all sink.
- He ordered a bunch of ping pong balls and filled every empty space in the sub with them. So if he cut the rope on the cargo bay, the sub would float to the surface no matter what the minions did.

- He started stealing nodules and laughing at J&J. But J&J just wandered off somewhere else to collect theirs. And EMF wasn't happy because they were also getting nodules.
- He ordered a torpedo and attached it to the robotic arm. He planned to blow up the entire dome, kill J&J, and have all the nodules to himself.



End of Story:

- J&J realized the EMF was going to blow them up. Jill stuck her head out the little door and called some hammerhead sharks to guard the dome.
- EMF knew that wouldn't help, because it was a homing torpedo. It had a homing pigeon on it that would go wherever he told it. So he told the minions to tell the pigeon where to go.
- EMG launched the torpedo. It bounced off a hammerhead shark and started wandering around.
- The minions had told the pigeon to head "home," so the torpedo turned toward the sub, which was filled with ping pong balls.
- The sub exploded in a huge ball of fire.