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Dear Ursula & Stuart

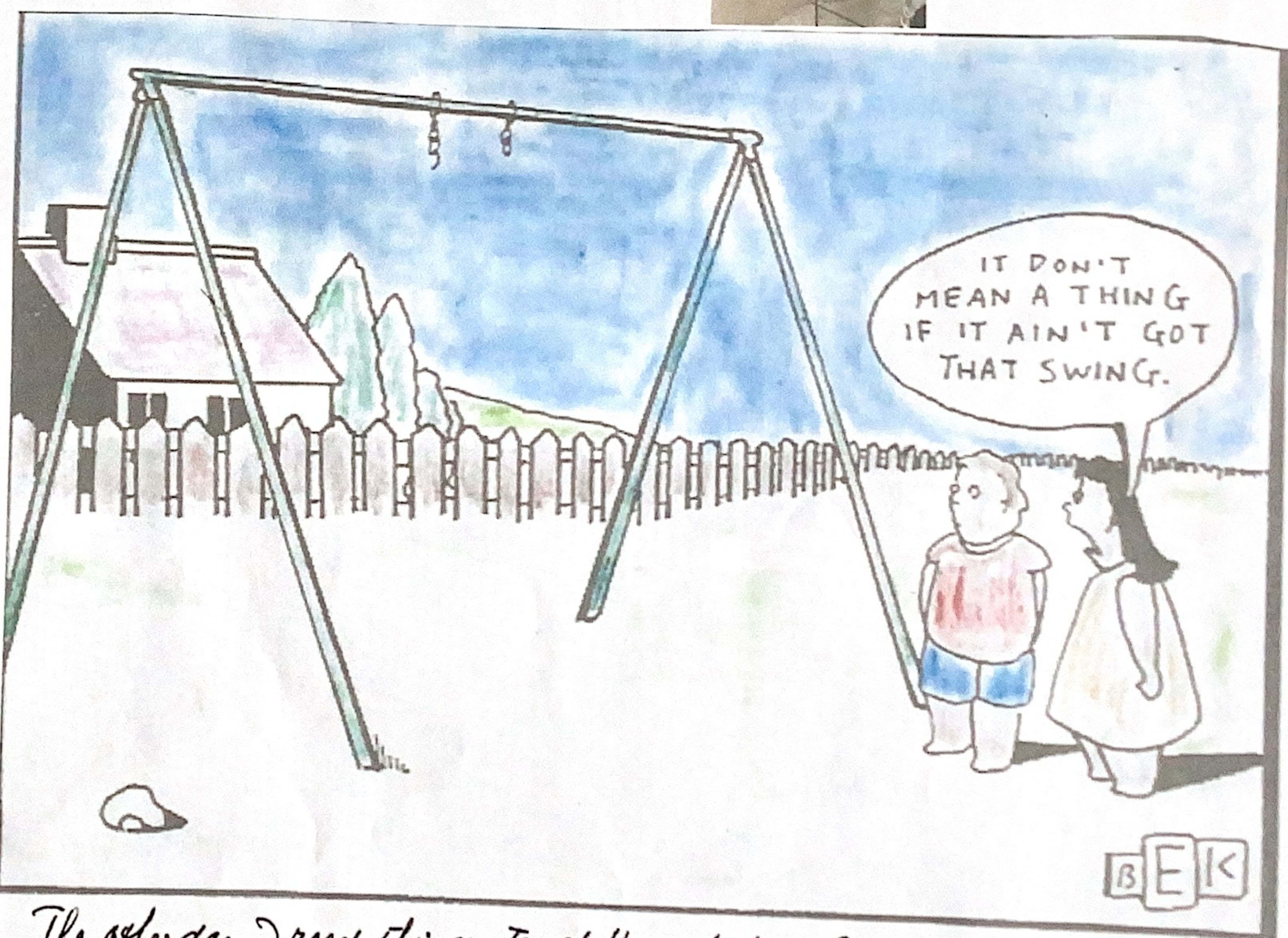
The year 2018 is coming to an end. As usual we evaluate the past year to determine whether the year 2018 can be added to the annals as a happy year or not. In the confirmative case we can inform those, who wished us a happy New Year in December 2017, that these wishes have been fulfilled, despite the fact that Floris (our number 1), father of three lovely daughters (14, 13 and 10 years) informed us in April on the telephone that he and Else-Marie were separated. It was lightning ray in a clear sky for us.

Floris is not willing to share his motives for the divorce with us. When you are 47 years old, you are personally accountable for your own decisions in life.

It is a relief for us that Floris and Else-Marie arrange the divorce in an adult manner so that daughters do not have to choose between either the mother or the father. Arrangements are concluded in good faith in as much you can speak of good faith at divorce procedures. Both Parents wish to control the damage for their daughters.

On the 24th December we invited Reinoud (our number 2) with his wife and two small daughters (4 and 1½) and Floris + his daughter for a lunch on the gracht and thereafter for a boatride through the canals to admire the light festival, which has become an annual event.

Other topic: When you stayed with us I was ashamed of our bathroom. It was a wake-up call for a renovation. → Voila →



The other day I read this quote of Henry Miller: "Confusion is a word we have invented for an order which is not understood."

Statements that cannot be either confirmed or disconfirmed by experience create confusion. I notice that there is a lot of confusion in the world except at the kindergarten.

We hope all is well with you both and with Sam + family. Vera & Best Love Adrian