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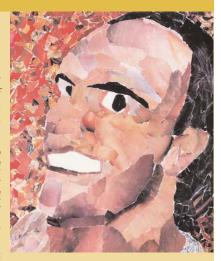
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# epilogue

# Dear Fellow FLEPPC Members:

This has been quite a ride - I hope that you've enjoyed it as much as I have. In the summer of 2001, I left my office at lunchtime and drove my minivan to a shopping strip mall to pick up my shoes from a repair shop.

Somewhere along the way I was inspired to write what became the first chapter of this Wizard of Oz odyssey that has continued quarterly since then. Now I awaken dazed from the dream, and see you looking down at me, asking where have I been. The answer of course is that I have been on a journey with you. You are the strong, sensitive, intelligent, outspoken, and crazy heroes of this



story. You embody the knowledge, foresight, initiative and humanity that he and she possess, and together you are an unbeatable team.

Thank you for granting me supposed anonymity for the past few years. Your consideration has allowed me to let this story self-evolve in a vacuum relatively devoid of prompting. I hope that angle didn't seem too weird, but it just worked best that way.

Thank you to my muse, the Goddess of the Moon, for your constant encouragement, and many thanks to The Fern Queen, who read Chapter 1 and expressed her support by publishing it. Look what can happen with just one spark of positive energy.

And so this story ends, but continues. Live it, and love it. There is work to be done. Thank you,

J.A. (a/k/a Tom Fucigna)

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