

THE RIVER TROLL

A Story of Love

Written and Illustrated by

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Late at night our friend wanders a little and ponders quite a lot on a long walk along a river looking for a reason to keep on living. He meets up with a troll and a few other all-night ghouls as he drifts along, searching for purpose. They all find it amazing our friend can negotiate his way through the day posing as a teacher.

Excerpt: "He sits. Strangely when he sits under the bridge his head is still near the roof. Wasn't his head touching the roof when he was standing? He sits. He still fills the space. I'll tell you a story, but you better send a tasty child my way or I'm not telling you anymore."



ABOUT RICH THÉROUX

Besides being a cave-man, Rich is a genius talent at painting and drawing. His art hangs here and there in prominent homes and galleries but he prefers not to boast about it. Rich is founder of Rumble House and happens to also teach junior high school art. He is the author and illustrator of *Stop Making Art and Die*, and the co-author of the poetry book, *A Wake in the Undertow*, along with his partner Jess Szabo. Intriguingly, he calls himself a tomato can. He and his tribe exist/co-exist in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



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— **ERIC VOLMERS**, *The Calgary Herald*,
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