

# The fine art of Ralphing.

Vomit

Upchuck

Throw up

Barf

Puke

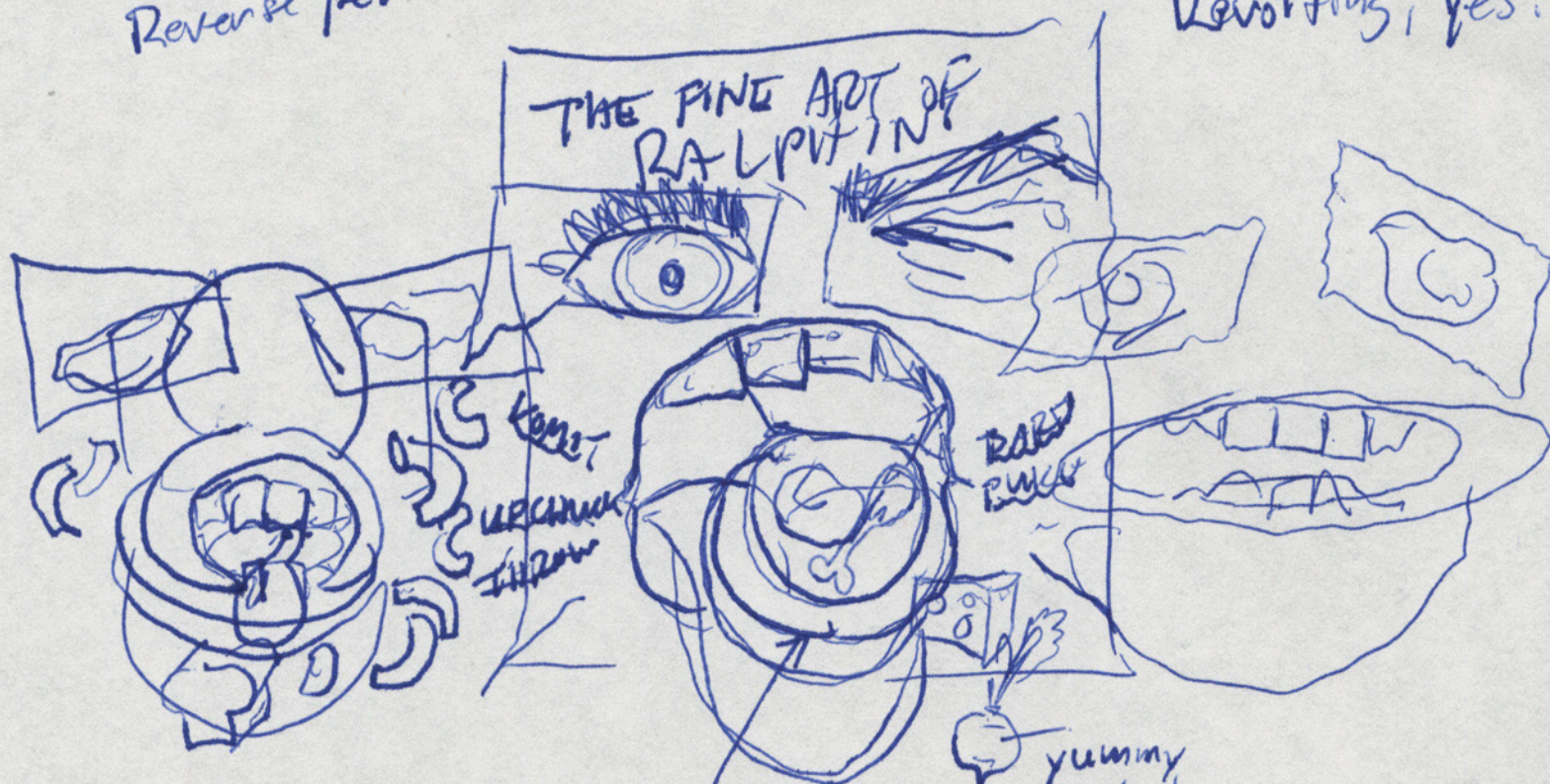
Emesis

Call Ralph on the big white phone

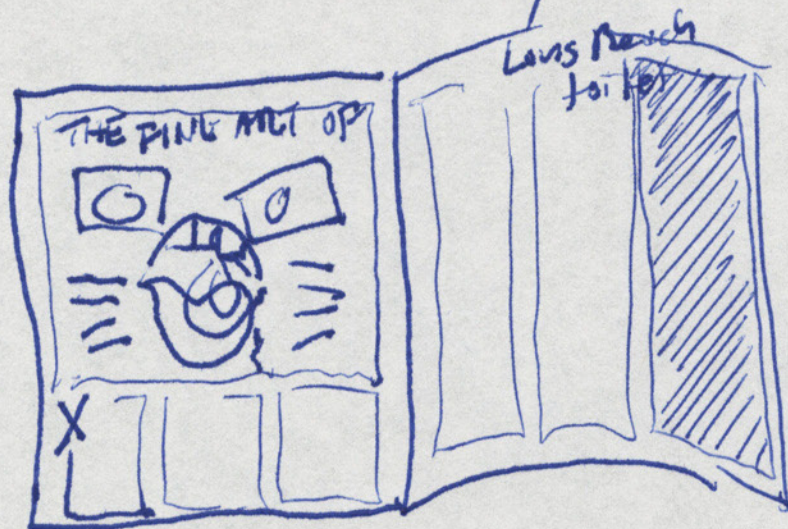
Toss your cookies

Technicolor yawn

Reverse peristalsis



Revoltting, yes?



macaroni in background

## POZ Pieces

A Strange Immortality  
a personal voyage through  
lymphoma

Collateral Damage

the fallout of the lymphoma  
treatment was for more  
damaging than the cancer  
itself.

Lament of the Licit Junkie

a journal of my life as  
seen through my meds.

Unforgiveness

the first batch of HIVers  
have much in common with  
the first brood of Anne Rice  
vampires.

## Collateral Damage

when the cure is as  
bad as the condition

Chemotherapy → immune sup.

bronchitis, strep,

pseudomonas, (and then kin  
the monads) ~~and then~~

hydrogonomonas

gator bites and poor dental hygiene

sinuses and septicemia

danger diagnosis

the grand entrance (the godlike  
paramedic)

the heart stopping excitement

Kira sees the long needle

the unused defibrillator

the lack of an NDE in my NDE

diagnosis

welcome to the ICU! the sights  
the sounds  
the smells

My first word: "bedpan!"

while you were away ...

2 days asleep (bronchoscopy orange juice blood

The kitchen sink - tobramycin, replacement  
vancomycin, levofloxacin, etc.

Otoxicity

Chemo Ward (2 weeks)

It's your problem, deal with it!

Appeasing the sorcerer; apprentices

spinal fluid, bone marrow

sputum, blood and more blood,

arterial blood, stool samples

scintigraphy rights

hallucinations,  
fingers, shale fauna  
movies

Home (1 week)

Here we go again (three more weeks)

Collateral Damage

My deal with God ...

40 lbs protein  
voodoo  
buttocks + feet

The stranger in the mirror

The pants that didn't fit

Congratulations! Your hair has  
begun to grow back.

Conclusion - the cost of vigilance.