Susan
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Shoe Inventory

PHOTO	DESCRIPTION	METAPHOR	FANTASY
	Plum recycled, recyclable leather, wood fiber, and gum flat ghillies. Groundhog, 2011.	Cordelia	"Daughter, you must eat these three loaves of iron bread," croaked the hag who lived in the hut on chicken legs. "Break these three iron walking staves. Wear out these three pairs of sensible shoes. Only then will you reach your goal."
	Dust colored Gore-Tex and pleather hiking boots. Vasque 2011.	Schlepper	When a big male baboon demanded her lunch, Susie screamed, dropped the bag, and ran away as fast as she could while the baboon sat down to enjoy her tuna fish sandwich.
	Black neoprene bootie (#5 of 5 pairs). Warmers, 2011.	River Rat	Suzette was intrigued by Cousteau's offer. Since her paper on Barrier Reef ecology in *Nature* had brought worldwide attention to the crisis, she was the obvious choice to lead the team.
	Thistle suede shearling fleece-lined boots (#4 of 5 pairs). Uggs, 2010	South Pacific mukluks	A frigid breeze blew across the beach as the twin red sails of Hōkūleʻa emerged from the fog beneath the Golden Gate Bridge. Kukana kicked off her boots and jumped in her canoe to meet it.
	El dia de los Muertos rubber lugsoled orchard boots (#3 of 3 pairs). Chooka, 2010	Tat	Standing in the orchard's tall wet weeds Sooze secured a tiny box in an apple tree. Inside were 100 brown, bean-shaped mason bee cocoons. As soon as they warmed up the little pollinators would chew their way free and get down to business. Or so she hoped.
	Aegean canvas, jute, rubber espadrilles (#4 of 8 pairs). 2010.	Esplanade	Susanochka lounged back in the chaise, shading her face with last week's *Pravda*. "Valodya," she said from behind the paper, "if exile means spending the rest of my life on Corfu, darling, I'll take it."
	Cartoon on white leather on wood clogs. Dala, 2009	Svensk	Even among the practical Swedes, Nurse Sanna was known as a pragmatist. And an optimist. "That is a good poop," she told her patient as she helped him back into bed. "You'll be discharged soon."