

OTHER THINGS TO EXPLORE

These diversions (probably) don't pertain to our story, but you may enjoy them nonetheless.

Check the schedule for Songbyrd DC (Brydland's live music venue) and catch a show there.

Go on a Union Market District Art Tour (art.unionmarketdc.com) which includes the famous heart mural as well and a collaboration with a First Lady.

Visit The Museum for Black Girls, an interactive, multi-room art installation.

For more uniquely DC experiences, visit "Shop Made in DC" (325 Morse St NE) or Politics & Prose bookstore (1270 5th St NE) - full listing of shops unionmarketdc.com/shop-the-district/

Make sure to visit some of the rapidly disappearing food/merchant wholesale shops (most are open to the public) to get a flavor of how this area was throughout much of the 20th century.

Wander the alleys and streets of the Union Market area and look for what's left of the rough and grimy warehouse district and what has been built on top of it.

Hungry?

Union Market has dozens of options unionmarketdc.com/dine-the-market

And in the immediate vicinity are many other options including: Shouk (plant-based Israeli street food); La Cosecha food/shop hall (a smaller Latin-themed Union Market - try Las Gemelas taqueria, which Joe Biden stopped by in 2021) and DC's oldest Italian grocery/sub shop "A. Literi, Inc." (since 1926).

Check out these songs on the platform of your choice to enhance your DCPG experience!

DISSONANT CITY SOUNDTRACK

Oh, But I Do
Henry James

For Sentimental Reasons
Nat King Cole

Drinkin' Wine, Spo-Dee-O-Dee
Stick McGhee

Interlude/Night In Tunisia
Dizzy Gillespie

At Home Experience

If you choose not to leave home right now, or you live far away, find a place that gives you a chill and laid-back vibe. Perhaps burn some incense or light a candle. Put on some music (even better if you go vinyl), and just relax.

Break the seal inside the box. Begin by exploring the items in the order described in the "WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE" section.

Watch the video and listen to the record referenced above as you read through the notes and journal entries:

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DISSONANT CITY CHAPTER FOUR

Byrdland Records
1254 5th St NE

Located near Union Market, Byrdland Records is a vinyl records and music store from the team behind Songbyrd Music House!

Fun fact - Union Market started as a replacement market for the old Center Market located near the National Mall in 1931.



what you need to know

Bring your Chapter 4 envelopes.

While there is no expectation that you need to purchase anything at Byrdland, if something does strike your fancy, let the staff know you're a Rorschach Psychogeographer and get 10% off your purchase.

Byrdland is located just outside Union Market, which is full of culinary delights, so you may want to schedule this visit around a meal!



HOURS

Byrdland Records operates Tues, Wed, Thurs 12-8PM, Fri & Sat 11 AM-9PM, Sun 11AM-8PM, closed on Mondays.

GETTING THERE

Metro - Red Line to NoMA-Gallaudet U stop. Turn right on Florida Ave NE. Turn Left on 5th St NE. The shop will be on your left.

Parking - paid parking on nearby streets or free parking is available in the lot in front of Union Market (enter off 6th St). Please pay close attention to all posted signs and meters.



IF YOU'VE BROUGHT A YOUNG (OR YOUNG AT HEART) RORSCHACHER ALONG

Visit Union Market and search for the flying pig located inside the market or the chandelier made of old water bottles. Do a treat-around-the-world, visiting shops and eateries throughout. Bonus points if you try something new and unusual!

(If you're up for a short walk, the Swampoodle playground at 3rd and L NE is an excellent stop with an even better name. Challenge your bigger kids to research where the name comes from.)

Accessibility

While the Union Market area is easy to access with sidewalks and minimal inclines, please be aware that it can be very busy on weekends.

DON'T MOVE THE REFRIGERATOR* NOTES

Union Market is a vibrant, happening place with lots to experience and explore, but please be cognizant of others also enjoying the space.

Also, if you do your own research on any of the real life figures in Chapter 4 you may uncover some unsavory accusations. Rorschach certainly doesn't condone or glorify any of those actions.

* "Don't move the refrigerator" is a shorthand phrase invented in the early days of Rorschach to mean-- "This should be so obvious we don't think we have to say it...but we're saying it anyway."



What To Do When You Arrive

In 1938, Max Silverman opened a radio sales and repair shop at 7th and T St NW. It quickly evolved into selling records as Quality Music Co. and then eventually into the hugely successful chain "Waxie Maxies." Quality Music Co. no longer stands, but Byrdland Records is an excellent spiritual ancestor of Max's shop.

When you arrive, take your time to explore the shop. Then head toward the back and find a seat in their lounge. (Don't worry. Owners Joe and Alishia are expecting some Psychogeographers.)

Open your Chapter 4 envelope and explore the contents inside. Stop just before the last object in your envelope. Visit the Local Music crate near the front door of the store. In the back of the crate, you'll find an envelope with a recording from Cupid.

Take it over to the listening station. (It's a record player on your left when you're facing the cash register.) Put the headphones on, play the record and listen to Cupid. If you need any help, the Byrdland staff will be happy to assist. When you're done, please return the record to where you found it.

Head back to the lounge and read the last item in the envelope as you contemplate the many roads that led you here and all the choices you'll make as you head back into the world...and of course what soundtrack will play through all of it.

A GREAT PSYCHOGEOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION INCLUDES:

Wandering as you explore your physical world in a leisurely way

Subverting your everyday relationship with the city through a fresh perspective

Discovering the present through the prism of the past... and maybe a dash of the occult.

As you explore the present, past and fictional world of **DISSONANT CITY**, think about where these ideas converge. If you're moved to snap a photo, sketch a vision or jot down a moment in time--do it.

And as always you can share your unique perspective with us at info@rorschachtheatre.com or tag us on social media

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