



Forward to Glory I: Tempering

By Brian Paul Bach

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The rise of an actor from total obscurity to worldwide fame has grave consequences in this, the first cinematic entry in a new four-part epic-noir-satire.

Butterbugs is a nobody, a nothing. But that's not why he's compelled to drive to Hollywood and hurl himself upon the mercy of the cinematic capital. His only dream is to act. Without any plans, resources or friends, he throws caution to the wind and embarks on a journey to the City of Angels. The trials that result pose only one question: will Butterbugs remain a non-entity, or will his big dream come true?

Facing the movie monolith's prospects alone, Butterbugs attempts to perform dramatic scenes in front of the homeless and amongst the inebriated. Living in his car, and with dwindling reserves, he searches for opportunities, takes on a hazardous scaffolding job, and makes desperate pleas to bankers for clemency. Isolation leads to alienation, from fringe existence to bare survival, all in a city which cradles high achievement and bottomless failure. Despite his rough start, Butterbugs is strangely attractive to other outcasts turned possible allies: Heatherette – a mysterious force for good whom he weirdly rejects, and who in turn, rejects him; Starling – the thief who tries to love him; ProwlerCat – who might indeed save him, though it is far too early to know for sure. At one of his bleakest moments, Butterbugs receives his first sign of hope that his dreams remain alive: a screen test and the chance to be an extra in a major production. But now, with his first opportunity in hand, nothing seems as it should, except his going forward. Forward to...

Abundant with movie lore and invention, **Forward to Glory I: Tempering** by Brian Paul Bach is an ode to the cinema and the bewitching power of entertainment. A love letter to Hollywood and artistic expression, it is also a rebuke of the decline of individualism and a call for creation that will please the most studied culture vulture and blockbuster lover alike.

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