

# What's He Building In There?

By Mr. Negative ([original post](#))

This nondescript single man has subscriptions to “those” magazines. He never waves when he goes by. He has no dog; he has no friends. He sends many packages. He has pounded nails into the hardwood floor. People have heard someone moaning, low, and have seen the blue light of a tv show. He has a router, and a table saw. There's poison underneath his sink, and enough formaldehyde to choke a horse. He has an ex-wife in Mayor's Income, Tennessee. He used to have a consulting business in Indonesia. He gets a lot of mail. He may have done time in jail, and has been seen on the roof, signalling with a flashlight. He's always whistling an unidentified tune.

—from Tom Waits' “What's He Building?”

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