### 17 Growing up in Austria

In which Stefan Sagmeister is born and raised and attempts to embark on a career as an anarchist, a musician and an engineer before heeding his true vocation, graphic design.

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### 67 Goodbye, Vienna

A very short chapter, but it should be read, notwithstanding, as a prequel to the next.

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Wherein Sagmeister masters the arts of advertising, overwork and imbibing amid the exotic splendors of the Far East; and enrages his peers with reference to certain parts of the human anatomy.

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Introduces some famous characters, including Mr Mick Jagger, Mr Lou Reed and Mr David Byrne, and shows how Sagmeister and his accomplices established a reputation in the music industry and notoriety among designers.