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ST. EOM IN THE LAND OF PASAQUAN

(The Life and Times and Art of Eddie Owens Martin)

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Tom Patterson tells the tale of EOM in the plainest of honest words. The harsh, funny, poignant testament of a Georgia misfit who hustled and sinned for half a century in Gutter America and then went home to Buena Vista and built a one-man Paradise. Simon Rodia, the Postman Cheval, Sun Ra, Charles Mingus, the Douanier Rousseau, L. Frank Baum, and Harry Partch are names that come to mind in the Land of Pasaquan.

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The late, great St. EOM wrote to Jonathan Williams on November 1, 1977: "The weather is lovely this morning as I write this letter to you. Makes one happy to be alive. Even if it's not in the plans and pranks of the bureaucracy in Washington and Atlanta, let's be up with Pasaquoyanism! And may the old mores change for the better. I will have some collard greens for you when you come next time. Sin!! EOM."

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