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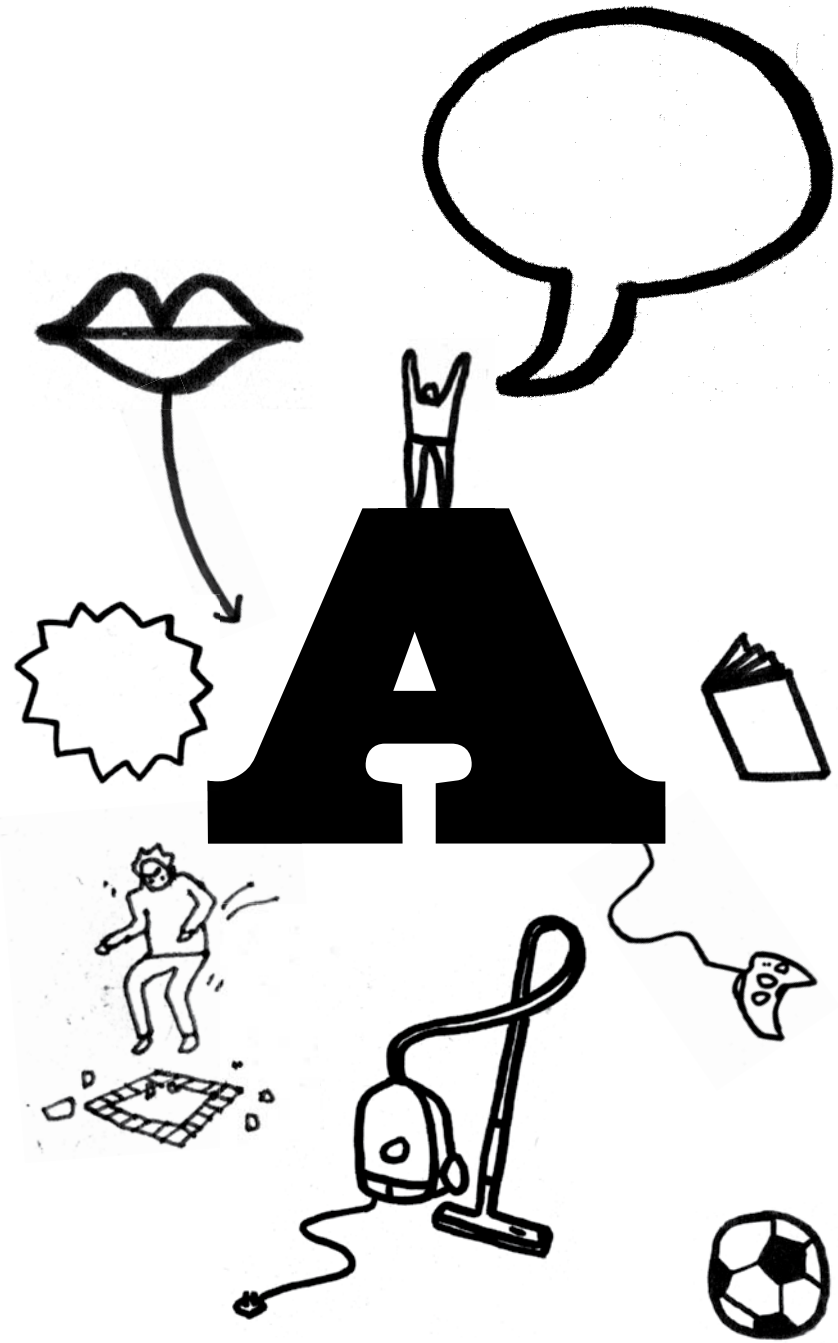
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ABASHED

Pronounced ~
uh-bashed

Means ~
embarrassed, uncomfortable.

As in ~
He was abashed to find himself naked in the middle of assembly, but euphoric* to discover that it was all just a dream.



And ~
I'm abashed when my mum complains that there's no toilet paper in the restaurant.**

A bit like ~
ashamed, mortified.



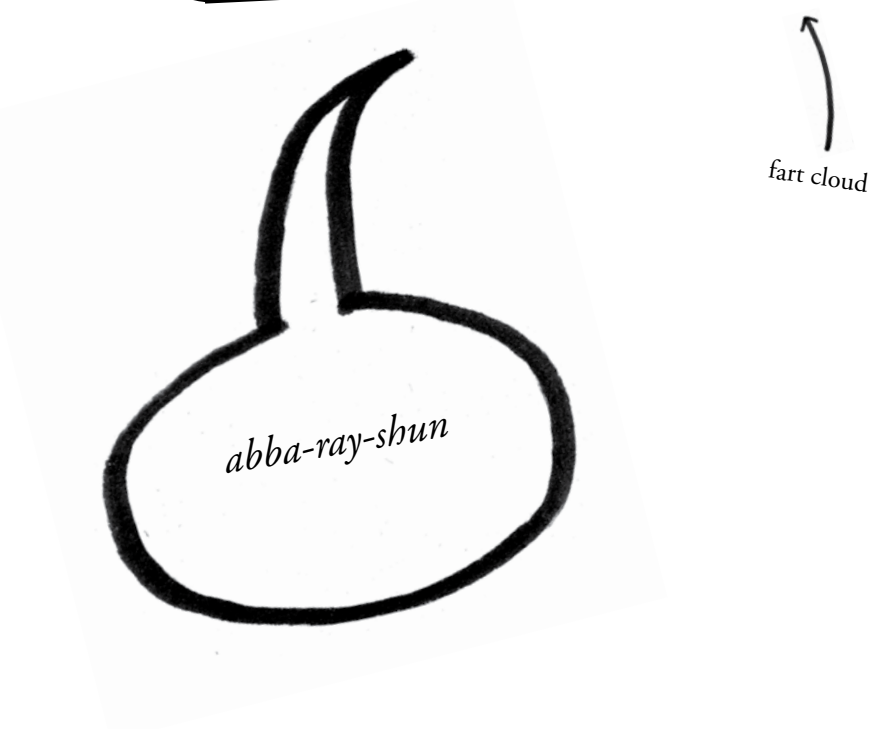
Nothing to do with ~
being bashed.***

The opposite of ~
unabashed.

If you like this word, try ~
abated.

**Thrilled, ecstatic.*
***Toilet paper in the *toilets* – not the actual restaurant.
****Battered.*****
*****Battered* as in *hit* – not as in *fish*.*

ABERRATION



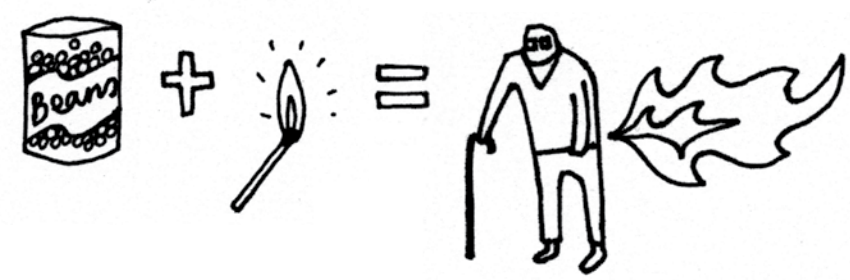
Means ~
a departure from what is considered normal or acceptable.

As in ~
In a moment of aberration Grandpa got up from the table and set fire to a fart.*

And ~
Tidying his room the first time he was asked was a one-off aberration.

A bit like ~
deviation, anomaly.

Nothing like ~
an Abba tribute act.**



Don't confuse with ~
Aberystwyth.***

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*One of his *own* farts – not someone else's.****
**Swedish pop group. Big in the 1970s. Ask your gran.
***A small town in Wales.
****Don't try this at home kids*****
*****Wait till you're out.******
******I'm kidding. Don't try it *anywhere*. Trust me!