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**Donald Fagen and Walter Becker began writing songs together as students at Bard College in the late 1960s, and in the early '70s in California they started a band they called Steely Dan.**

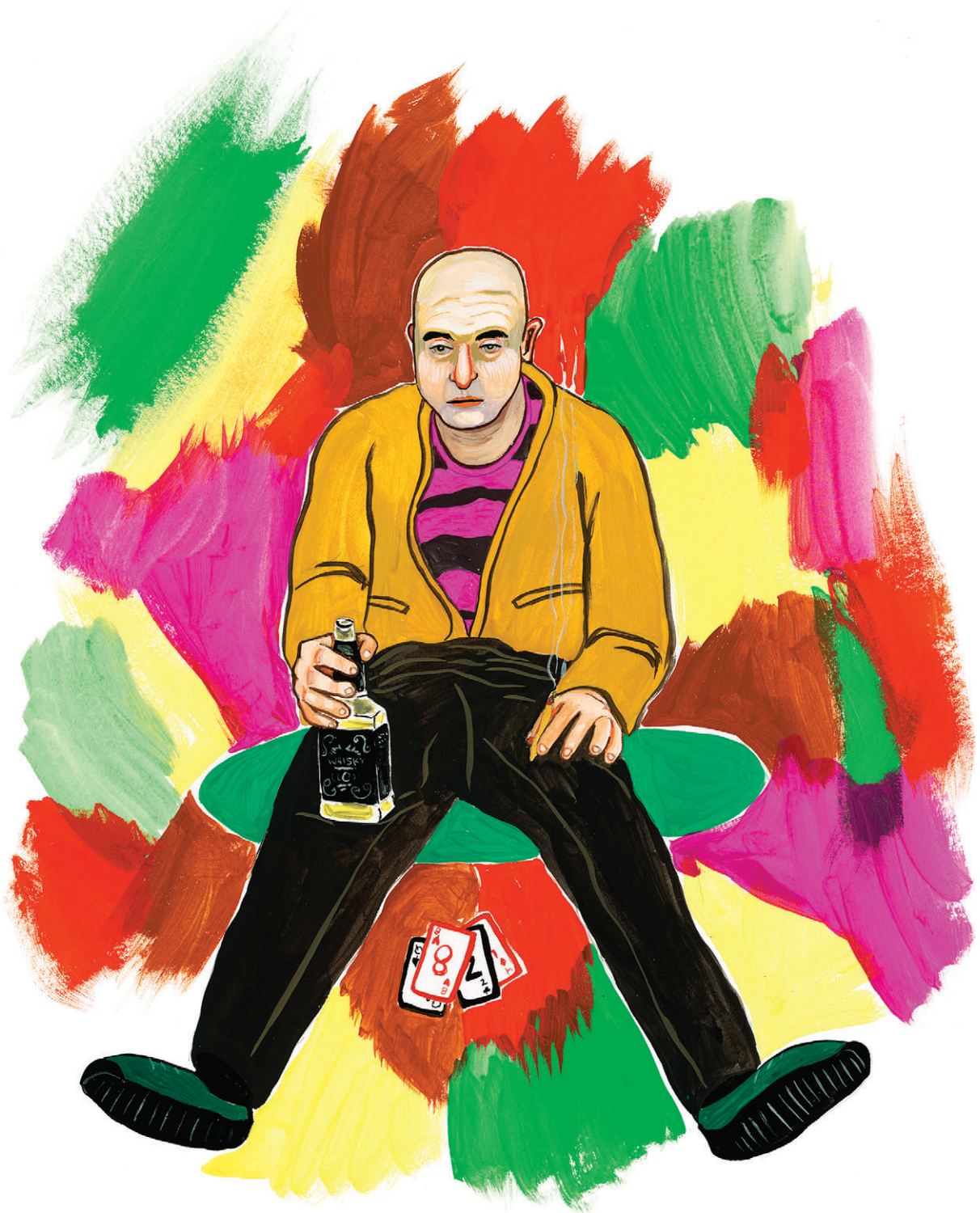
**Like a lot of people, they felt their youth slipping away and the world tilting off its axis, but if it got to them, they tried not to let anybody see it.**

**They released seven albums before parting ways in 1981.**

**They reunited in the late '90s, and in the year 2000 they released their first new studio album in nearly two decades. A ninth and final album followed in 2003.**

**Walter Becker died of cancer in New York City in 2017.**

**As of 2022, Donald Fagen continues to tour under the Steely Dan name.**



JACK