**I Don’t Normally Leave Reviews For My Airbnb Hosts, But Since They Insisted**

by Dominic Symes

‘the wifi exceeded expectations’

& now I’m stuck for anything else to say. I’m trying to write this review before checking out, sitting on a bamboo mat on a floor in Yogyakarta. I could have spent all night kissing the smog from your mouth & spitting it back into the brown river, but instead we lulled the rats to sleep with our whispered suspicions, utterly in awe of their roof-shattering romantic aggressions, infinitely better suited to the conditions. Maybe it was just karma biting us back for lying to our host when we told her it was our honeymoon, but we didn’t want to be disturbed & were kinda hoping that we’d get a discount. Plus, we knew we’d be leaving soon & couldn’t have anticipated she’d ask to see our wedding photos. So we stayed up, unsleeping, to watch each other sweat above the sheets in this tiny bedroom without a mosquito net or an air-conditioner, but I guess it’s best not to mention that. ‘The teak furniture was beautiful’

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