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Libra: Did you just refer to a knife as a "people

opener"?

Scorpio: Should I not have?



























Was I
Too soft,
Or was
The world
Too hard?



# my guiding rule with suetonius is that if i think it's funny then it happened, thanks for understanding



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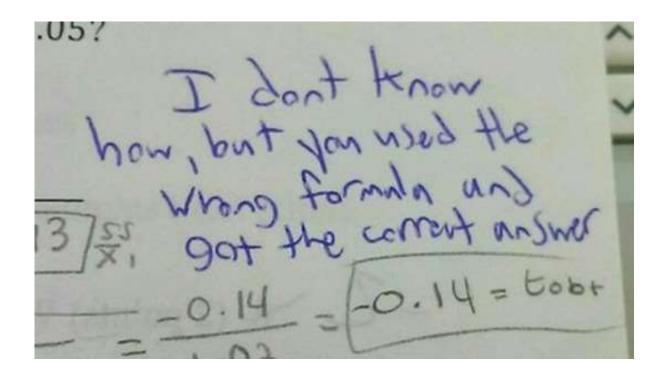
I literally bought a cane this week because I was tired of worrying about what other people thought about me using a cane. And I decided I was going to be a bad ass with it. I feel like one with it. I wish I had seen this sooner.



#### gayarsonist Follow

hey sorry i'm late my 8 foot tall demon boyfriend got his horns stuck in the door again, you know how it is.

"Whatever you now find weird, ugly, uncomfortable and nasty about a new medium will surely become its signature. CD distortion, the jitteriness of digital video, the crap sound of 8-bit - all of these will be cherished and emulated as soon as they can be avoided. It's the sound of failure: so much modern art is the sound of things going out of control, of a medium pushing to its limits and breaking apart. The distorted guitar sound is the sound of something too loud for the medium supposed to carry it. The blues singer with the cracked voice is the sound of an emotional cry too powerful for the throat that releases it. The excitement of grainy film, of bleached-out black and white, is the excitement of witnessing events too momentous for the medium assigned to record them." -Brian Eno





we'd be spared a lot of gifted kid discourse if some of you would just admit to yourselves that you grew up thinking you were superior to everyone else and now you're deeply insecure after realizing that you're not actually all that special

# THIS.





# "HEY! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?" ME:





La iatt'alla finestra Lo surici allo purtuso La colpa è de li femmini Che filano senza fuso

-- idiozia tradizionale messinese



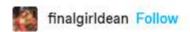
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"This is a kind of neo-liberalism of the emotions, in which happiness is seen not as a response to our circumstances but as a result of our own individual mental effort, a reward for the deserving. The problem is not your sky-high rent or meager paycheck, your cheating spouse or unfair boss or teetering pile of dirty dishes. The problem is you. It is, of course, easier and cheaper to blame the individual for thinking the wrong thoughts than it is to tackle the thorny causes of his unhappiness. So we give inner-city schoolchildren mindfulness classes rather than engage with education inequality, and instruct exhausted office workers in mindful breathing rather than giving them paid vacation or better health care benefits."

 Actually, Let's Not Be in the Moment - The New York Times (via aethergeologist)

NAZISTA INTERIORE: TIE'!

I am a magpie that roves the canons, searching for shiny things to put in my nest.



"You want to be brothers-in-arms, to have him to yourself... to be shipwrecked together, (to) perform valiant deeds to earn his admiration, to save him from certain death, to die for him - to die in his arms, like a Spartan, kissed once on the lips... or just run his errands in the meanwhile. You want him to know what cannot be spoken, and to make the perfect reply, in the same language."

- Tom Stoppard, The Invention of Love

#### MY KIND OF DEFINITION 4 LOVE



#### Anonymous asked:

i really want to hug hestia. she seems really nice, and warm, and probably smells like freshly baked bread, and she doesnt seem to get a lot of attention by everyone else and i feel kinda sad for her. like, from what i can remember about her, she seems like that one mom friend that gives really good advice, and big warm bear hugs, and likes baking things for everyone

idk man, i just really like her and i wanna hug her ( ′ ‿ `)♡

anon this is so wholesome...im sure she would hug you back!

# plato clutching his chest and crying and throwing up rn



When tiktok convinces you to buy a projector and create faux windows in your bedroom.

Show this thread



Everyday we stray further from gods light and deeper into platos cave

#### LA NEMESI FILOSOFICA

Magari quelli vecchi c'erano già da qualche parte, ma ne ho appena sentito uno nuovo...

Agli Esami:

Dezza: --Mi parli di Voltaire. Studente impreparato: -- François-Marie Arouet... (rosso bieta) Dezza: -- Voltaire. c'est plus facile. Lenel (l'ENEL) ha ricostruito il Codex Theodosianus...

Prof: -- il diritto è trasmissibile per atto tra vivi... Stud: -- e anche per atto tra morti.

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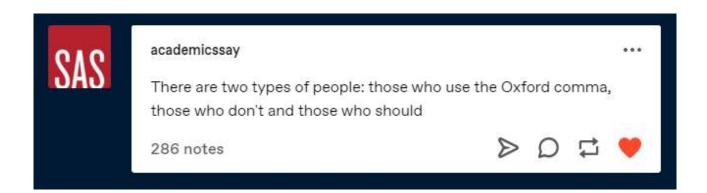
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"Where no one intrudes, many can live in harmony."

-Chief Dan George

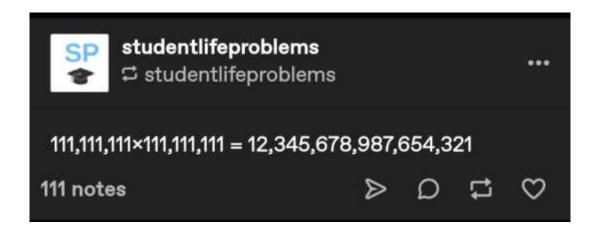




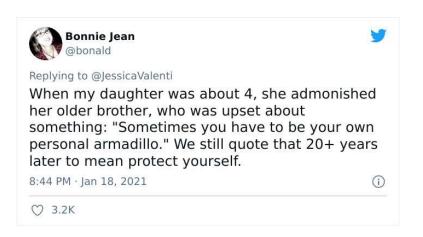
2. Freudian mapmaker. At least it started off as a map.Along the way it started to look a little like your mum.-- listingtoport



# "Someone tried to return ice because it had melted"



I'm selling my unused BA degree, bachelors in criminal justice and a minor in forensic science. Never been used, you can just cross my name out on the diploma and write yours in. Trying to get what I paid for it.



Was standing behind these two older adults and this teen girl at the gas station last year. She was on her phone and the guy snapped at her for "not knowing how to live without technology" and without looking up she went "don't you have a pacemaker?".

Someone yelled out in a Walmart, "I'm not ashamed of who I am". Another

voice echoed back, "that's your parents job".

My brothers were fighting and one said the other had a thick skull, he

responded by saying "that's because I actually have something worth

protecting"

One of my favorites is one I told my sister.

Her: If I had a nickel for every time you swore, I would be a millionaire.

Me: If I had a nickel for every time you pissed me off I would put them in a bag

and hit you with it.

My mom spit out her drink from laughing.

My 3 year old niece came over with her dad, and, as little kids do, just randomly

interrupted our adult conversation to say emphatically: I'm THREE!

Me: Wow, sweetie! How did you get so old??

Niece, gently but matter-of-factly correcting me like I am a simpleton who

needs help: Actually, I'm kind of new.

Bully: You're a piece of s\*\*t

Kid that was get bullied: and you're the rest of it

#### VERY IMPORTANT! ABOUT PROJECTIONS AND "PLAYING A'T"

#### toobertpoondert

My advice to people, but especially kids, who are invested in celebrities, be they actors, musicians, bloggers, youtubers, authors, whatever, is to keep your distance. No matter how happy their content makes you, no matter how strong the pull of a special interest/hyperfixation/obsession might be, it's important to step back every so often.

Do you find yourself following them on all forms of social media? Do you follow their friends and family, who might not even make content themselves? Do you research their lives? Step back. Just because they are famous doesn't mean it's okay to engage in stalking behavior.

Do you find yourself getting anxious if you miss a video, or they upload off schedule? Step back. I know they can help you through dark times but you can't rely on them all the time.

Would you be devastated if they turned out to be a not-so-nice person? Step back. You can only trust them as much as you trust any stranger. Don't see yourself up to be shattered if they fall off that pedestal you put them on.

No matter how much somebody interacts with their audience, the relationship is still parasocial. Just keep that in mind. Don't put all your trust in a stranger. It's okay to enjoy these people and their content, but keep your distance and step back.

#### star-anise

I had a Jungian psychology professor once who had us do an exercise on "reclaiming projections". Often when we form a strong bond with someone, it's because we see things in them that we want to have or we're afraid we have, but don't feel totally capable of owning. This can be positive—if we value being creative, successful, and beautiful, we'll find someone we think embodies those characteristics and admire them. It can also be negative—if we're afraid of being rude or unlikable, we'll find someone ruder and less likable than ourselves to reassure us that those qualities are in them, not us.

When we project too much onto other people, and/or they act in a way inconsistent with our projections, the relationship becomes unhealthy, for them or for us. Seeing your idol be imperfect can feel like a personal loss, because you've lost access to your method of exploring creativity and beauty and success. Or, your negative projection, a fixation on somebody's flaws, can blind you to their real good qualities.

When your personal projection gets in the way of seeing someone as a real person, you need to get back in touch with those qualities inside yourself.

So we actually had to sit down and write: What qualities about this person inspire such strong feelings in me? What pieces of me have I invested in them? How do I have those qualities? How can I develop or handle those qualities in a way that doesn't involve this person? What would my relationship with this person be like if I acknowledged these parts in myself and saw us as similar? That was the exercise that let me finally start to heal and move on from a relationship I'd had where I very much admired a BNF, got her attention, and was a dedicated lackey and fangirl, and told my depression that I must be a good person, because someone I admired so much liked and spent time with me! And then... she had a bad reaction to her psych meds, totally misinterpreted something I said, told me I was a terrible friend, and dropped me like a rock. That experience stayed absolutely raw for a year and a half, until I started to take ownership of the positive things inside of me that I'd tried to displace onto her.

"Satire is meant to ridicule power. If you are laughing at people who are hurting, it's not satire, it's bullying."

- Terry Pratchett



#### mr-hyde-and-mr-seek

a while ago i attended this lecture on autism. guy in the audience said he had many of the symptoms that were presented and asked what should he do to get treatment and possibly a diagnosis. instead of answering his question the psychologist went on a tangent about how "the clinic reigns all powerful over guesswork", and how actually it has become a trend amongst little children on the internet to claim that they are autistic for cool points, and that this hurts real autistic people. no she didn't tell him how to get his symptoms looked into, she just made it very clear that to her, aknowledging your own symptoms is bad and evil and hurts the poor real mentally ill people.

an ex-friend of mine, then a psychology major and by now probably a full psychologist, once lectured me on how horrible and bad it was that i told her "i probably have some sort of neurodivergency", and that if i were her patient she would never give me a diagnosis because "you aren't like this now, but i know that if you get a diagnosis you'll use it as an excuse to start treating people badly. that's just how mentally ill people are."

same ex-friend was extremely disgusted when she found out that fans sometimes make neurodivergency headcanons for characters that have the same symptoms as they do, and that authors sometimes write books with neurodivergent protagonists in stories that don't focus on that (ex: she seemed horrified that percy jackson has adhd?)

multiple psychologists i've seen on facebook agree that they should refuse to treat patients that say "i'm here because i have symptoms of a disorder and wonder if i have it", and that a patient should arrive to a psychologist as a blank slate.

school psychologist asked me how i was feeling about my trauma situation and i told him i thought my friends would leave me. instead of addressing the issue he said that that no i didn't, that i was lying, that i had searched "bpd symptoms" online and now i was faking symptoms because i wanted to have bpd, that he shouldn't have told me he suspected i had a personality disorder because now look what was happening. no, i didn't search bpd symptoms online. yes, my friends left me, it was a completely founded belief and not a symptom, let alone a faked symptom.

so the next time you hear someone saying they're "anti self-diagnosis" i want you to understand what they're saying what they're saying is:

- i don't want people to be aware of their own symptoms
- i don't think my patients should have access to any information that doesn't come from me
- i don't think neurodivergent people should learn how to cope with their symptoms and live "normal" lives
- i think neurodivergent people should be denied a diagnosis because the moment they get one they will become evil and dangerous
- i don't think people who don't look like a stereotype could possibly be neurodivergent, even if they have all the symptoms, so i think they are faking it for attention and should be denied treatment



When the French Navy officially ceased using Morse Code on January 31st, 1997, the final message they transmitted was "Calling all. This is our last cry before our eternal silence."



aidashakur Follow

Stop overthinking why people did you dirty. They did it & they meant it. Move on.

A new study finds that because mongooses don't know which offspring belong to which moms, all mongoose pups are given equal access to food and care, thereby creating a more equitable mongoose society.

This could be us but nuclear-family-centric-society is playing.

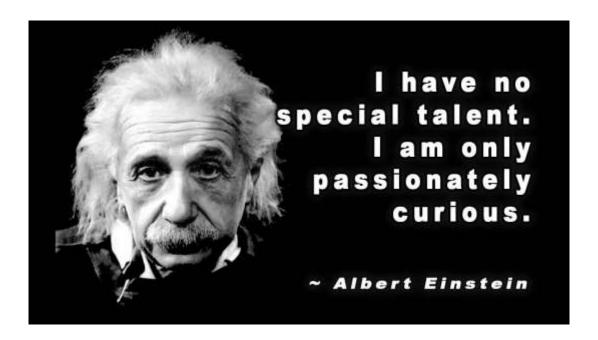
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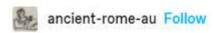
"Teenagers are annoying" so true but do you remember what being a teenager was like???? They can be as annoying as they want, god knows they need it Remember when you literally had no agency in your life? Yeah:/

#### elidyce

There are two major Frustration High Points in the average juvenile life.

- 1. When you're about 2 and have finally learned how to talk enough to ask for what you want, and STILL DON'T GET IT which is an injustice unparalleled in your entire life experience.
- 2. When as a teenager this injustice has persisted for between ten and fifteen years, no strategy you've learned has worked, and you just finally GO THE FUCK OFF.





Latin grammar is a social construct. The Romans honestly just made that shit up as they went along.





"Your heart and my heart are very, very old friends."





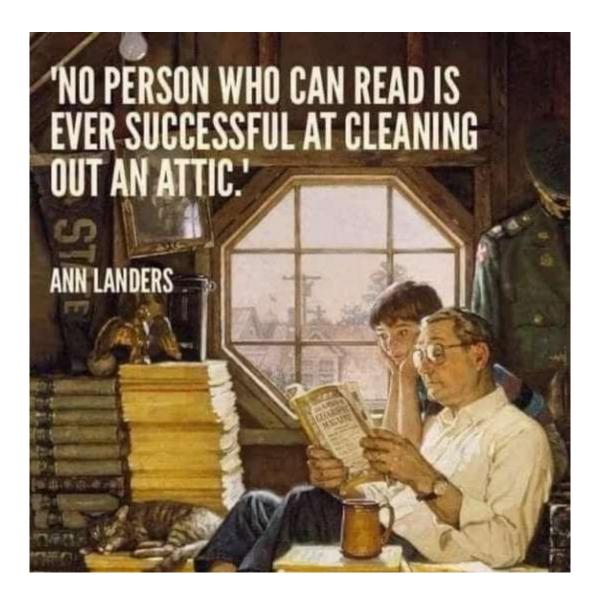
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"Animals are something invented by plants to move seeds around."

## -Terence McKenna

live laugh love ? oh I thought you said lift that log... anyway look at all these bugs I found

Source: total-insect



Let's once and for all kill the idea that something isn't genuine if you have to ask for it. Communication is a vital part of all healthy relationships - and if you want people to give you what you need, you'll often have to say it out loud. The care your loved ones freely choose to provide once you tell them what you need isn't fake just because they couldn't read your mind.

Source: compassionatereminders



Reminder that you are an omnivore, a predator, and a pretty big one at that. You are not a bee or an ant. It is, in fact, normal for you to just want to lay around not producing anything. You're a mammal. Stop judging yourself for not being a hive insect.

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Good news: if you're currently laying around and not producing anything, you are a credit to your species.

we shouldn't be this kind of tired at our age

-j.b. [dying]

#### E.O. Wilson said it best:

"The real problem of humanity is the following: We have Paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions and godlike technology. And it is terrifically dangerous, and it is now approaching a point of crisis overall."

...lo diceva anche Lorenz e gli hanno dato del nazista.



What if we're born crying because reincarnation is real and we already know what we're in for?

thoodleoo

i really think we should bring back the chiton/tunica as the greeks and romans wore it. like, think about it, gender-neutral, simple to wear, versatile, can be worn with or without a cloak or other adornment, lets you show off as little or as much leg as you want, has just the right amount of drapery, dare i say sexy











i think it would be really fun if the graduate with the lowest GPA also gave a speech. the antivaledictorian if you will

--mk



Boyfriend: why do you watch so much

murder stuff?

Me: just in case you slip up

we don't want to forget each other. that's history.

-- catadromously



# To love someone long-term is to attend a thousand funerals of the people they used to be.

The people they're too exhausted to be any longer. The people they don't recognise inside themselves anymore. The people they grew out of, the people they never ended up growing into. We so badly want the people we love to get their spark back when it burns out; to become speedily found when they are lost.

But it is not our job to hold anyone accountable to the people they used to be. It is our job to travel with them between each version and to honour what emerges along the way.

Sometimes it will be an even more luminescent flame.

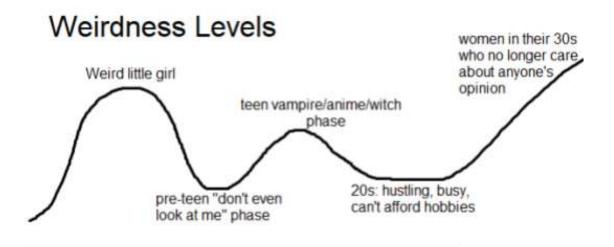
Sometimes it will be a flicker that disappears and temporarily floods the room with a perfect and necessary darkness.

#### HEIDI PRIEBE

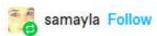
# "The soul is the same in all living creatures although the body of each is different."

Hippocrates

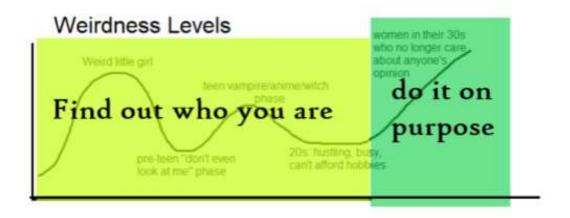
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a graph based on my observations



I would like to apply a Dolly Parton quote to this most excellent graph.



I wish I could explain it so someone could understand it. I'm afraid it's something I can't put into words.

There's just this heavy, overwhelming despair—dreading everything. Dreading life. Empty inside, to the point of numbness. It's like there's something already dead inside. My whole being has been pulling back into that void for months.

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Kay Redfield Jamison, Night Falls Fast

To an outsider (and probably to my mom at the time) it may have seemed like I didn't understand the instructions or was being intentionally difficult. But I can't just follow an order without a reason. I must decide for myself if the order makes sense before I follow it, and I need the logic behind it to do that.

..disse il cavallo

"No new sin has been discovered in five thousand years."
What thorough people our ancestors were!



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my dad just walked in, asked me "what do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?" and *left* 





learning French has really encouraged me to live in the moment because I currently cannot conjugate any other verb tense

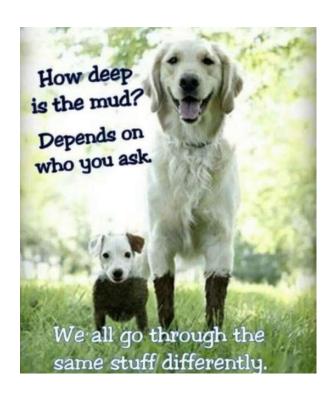


Normalize telling students nobody reads all of anything in academia.

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"Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in."

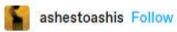
Mark Twain





nothing better than showering and putting on oversized clothes and getting into bed with clean sheets and reading books while sipping your favorite drink. LITERALLY NOTHING DON'T FIGHT ME ON THIS

Source: ashstfu



1. your suffering can't end until you stop identifying with it. If your sense of self is tied up in your suffering, anyone or anything that attempts to separate you from it will become the enemy because, whether consciously or subconsciously, you will on some level believe they are trying to take away a part of who you are.

2. read the above again.

#### osddifficult

A lot of people with childhood trauma (and, from my experience, especially attachment trauma) find themselves yearning for a parent figure. A mother, a savior - someone to hold you and love you in all the ways you needed when you were a child. Someone to hold you while you break into a million pieces.

At some point in recovery/therapy you will have to face the harsh reality: there will never be anyone. Not like that, not anymore. And mourning that? That's too much, that feels like a pain that cannot be survived. A pain that will swallow you whole, a pain that will drown you. Therapists can offer a lot of support, but not like that. So maybe you want to switch therapists in hopes of finding someone who can (even though, if they are a good therapist, they can't), or you would rather be without therapists because then at least they won't have to suffer the pain of "someone's here but they're not enough".

Getting a little support, a little of everything we missed, a little of everything we want... Getting a little is worse, in some ways. Because getting a little bit activates the pain; it triggers the feelings of what we miss. Dripping a couple drops of water in an empty bucket makes you feel how devastatingly empty that bucket is.

Getting nothing and being absolutely alone is dull. It's a drag of depression and darkness. But getting a little bit but not everything? That's sharp and flashing pain, it's dry heaving from the heavy crying. It's intrusive thoughts and self-destructive thoughts. It's breaking apart again and again and again.

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like i'm sorry that you're hurting i really am, but lashing out at other people who you perceive to be enjoying their lives more than you are because the actual source of your misery is out of reach or not something you can bully and belittle into submission is unfair and cruel. and if you do this and take pride in blaming other people who were uninvolved until you made it their problem for your personal issues and dragging them down to the level of bitter unhappiness you exist on you need to get off the internet and seek professional help from someone who can actually support you. i am serious.

#### GZ sputato

You will find yourself so much happier if you just acknowledge that other people's lives aren't about you. If there is any wisdom I can pass on from my time on this earth to other people, that's it: other people's lives aren't about you, and that's okay.



- What do you do for a living?

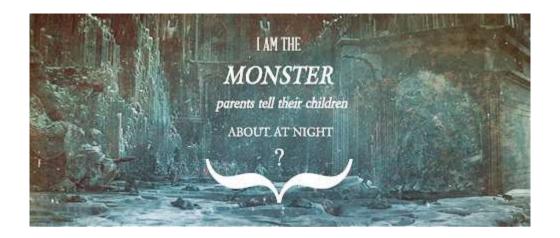


my best, i do my best

"Take life one step at a time" The steps:



On a related note, if I see one more person claiming that women's clothes don't have pockets because witches were carrying potions around in them, I'm going to beat someone over the head with an obnoxiously large 18th century pocket containing a hardcover fashion history book and several bricks (because they're big enough to hold all of that).



Sometimes you just have to pick yourself up and carry on



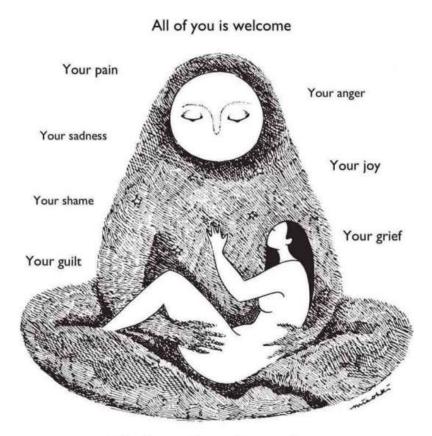
## Proposition Ten:

## Intimacy is trust.

Intimacy is not doing things together. Intimacy is not sex. Intimacy is not sleeping in the same bed. Intimacy is not living together. Intimacy is not sharing confidences. Intimacy is not gazing into each other's eyes. Intimacy is not touch.

#### Intimacy is trust.

It occurs when two women are safe for each other to be around, when they can be themselves without fear of criticism, rejection, shame. Intimacy is the result of not having to edit experiences, censor actions, revise histories, screen friends, hide shortcomings, pretend to share someone else's interests. Intimacy is not willed, forced, coerced, manipulated. Intimacy is a result of two things: respect for a partner's core values, which is a reflection of one's own self-esteem, and the ability to communicate that respect effectively—in other words, good communication skills.



All of you is welcome here

Trust nobody not even your wife or any of your legitimate sons, all of whom want to see you humiliiated, deposed or killed

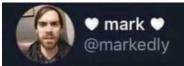




king-yeti Follow

if you date a left handed person as a rightie it means you can hold hands together while holding swords in your dominant hands and fighting off your mutual enemies <3

THE TIRACLE OF BEING LOVED JUST FOR EXISTING. 



One nice way to feel better about yourself is to imagine what Steve Irwin would say about you if you were a little snake he found in the desert



I don't want my damn refrigerator connected to the internet. It has one job

Just because we have access to instant communication doesn't mean I'm obligated to message you back immediately.

Just because I disagree with your opinion doesn't mean I hate you, I don't need to agree with everything just to be politically correct. You can still disagree and be cordial. We seem to have forgotten that.

No phones when you're eating with someone

Physical keyboards are better.

Stop helicoptering your kids and let them go outside and scrape their knees and drink from the hose.



"I try to be available for life to happen to me."

Bill Murray



## Anonymous asked: **How do you fall back in love with life?**

#### malisoun-deactivated20200727 answered:

- 1. clean your room. clean space, uncluttered space, space that doesn't have miasma clinging to it can work wonders. clean the dishes. sweep. take out the trash. peel the clothes off the floor and wash them, and then actually fold/hang them. take a long shower. scrub behind your knees. brush your teeth. (this can be utterly exhausting, but try to get it done in a day, if you can. the end result is worth it.)
- 2. pull out your notebook. it doesn't need to be a new notebook, but preferably one that you don't usually write in, or that you haven't touched in a while. fuck moleskins. the yellow legal pad will work fine. sit in your room, or in the park, or in the library, and write a list. count clouds. describe all the colors that you see, and note patterns that arise. sketch the cracks in the walls. note the shape light makes when it enters a space. talk about what the air tastes like, smells like. what sounds are there? even the white nose, break that down: air planes, fans, cicadas, anything. remind yourself that you are sitting in the middle of a space brimming with detail. remind yourself that you are not in nothingness and emptiness. your world is fathomless. it has potential.
- 3. drink cold water and try to eat something that isn't processed. it does not need to be fancy. buy yourself an apple with the change between your couch cushions. eat it outside. if you're someone who walks, walk somewhere afterwards, just to stretch your legs. take your fucking meds. remember that its a good thing that you are inside your body. your body is a fantastic and endlessly intricate machine, and even though society has smacked a bunch of poisonous ideas on it, that doesn't change its inherent worth and splendor. take care of it.
- 4. read a novel. underline your favorite lines, and write phrases that twist your heart inside your chest on the back of your hand with an ink pen. read a novel like it's poetry. read poetry, something decadent but unpretentious. watch a movie you haven't seen before. if there are free art galleries near you, walk through one. take your time. let yourself bask. if there are patterns in what makes your soul ache, write those patterns down marbles arches or soot crumbling bricks or dandelions or descriptions of dresses or whatever it is, write them down.
- 5. your chosen family is important. remember, they picked you as much as you picked them. the love has no obligation. it is given freely and it is given from a place of compassion. you are not a burden. if you need to breathe, take a minute by yourself and just exist, but remember to go back to your people. when they need you, listen and be gracious. always be gracious. the universe sometimes remembers things like that.
- 6. listen to new music. link jump on youtube or related artist jump on spotify or ask the chap beside you in the cafe what their favorite band is, and listen to that. listen to something that you don't usually listen to. we tend to tie up a lot of memory with music. we are falling in love again. the soundtrack needs to be specific to that.
- 7. allow yourself to indulge in romantics. press flowers in old books. play movies with subtitles and mouth the words. dance in your room. wear something that makes you feel good, even if you wouldn't wear it in public. write your chosen family letters, even if you hand deliver them. write poetry, even awful poetry. revel in its awfulness. eat dark chocolate and when your chosen family want to go out, try to go out with them sometimes, even if its just to the market.



if you really loved me you wouldn't call me "honey" or "babe" you'd call me "god-like Diomedes, master of the war-cry, breaker of horses"



"Most of our childhood is stored not in photos, but in certain biscuits, lights of day, smells, textures of carpet."



Sherri Turner @STurner4077 · Jun 16

I look at my mum's old house on Google maps street view, the house where I grew up. It says 'Image captured May 2009'. There is a light on in her bedroom. It is still her house, she is still alive, I am still visiting every few months on the train to Bodmin Parkway,

# CHORUS: Brave girl. KASSANDRA: People never say that to a lucky person, do they?









IF I SAY GOODNIGHT AND AN HOUR LATER YOU SEE ME ONLINE IT'S NOT THAT I LIED, IT'S JUST THAT I FAILED





my 2yo after watching Brave: MAMA TURN INA BEAR?

me, comfortingly: no baby mama won't turn into a bear, it's okay 2yo, distressed: MAMA TURN INA

BEAR \*PLEASE\*?

me:.....oh i see



the concept of *growing into* love is so much more intriguing than falling in love. it's like, on all our good days and bad days, I will choose to love you, I will learn with you, I will live my life with you and we will grow into and with each other through the passage of time



Geova è un dio di distinzioni binarie.

Comincia con il cielo e la terra, le acque sopra e le acque sotto, il giorno e la notte, e prosegue fino agli spaccamenti di capelli in sedici del Talmud.

Lo dice il vicario nel romanzo (peraltro brutto) da cui hanno tratto *Photographing fairies*.



#### positivelyqueerace

"I'm a therapist and keep this poster in my waiting room, apparently it's saved a few lives." I don't like the phrase "a cry for help." I just don't like how it sounds. When somebody says to me, "I'm thinking about suicide. I have a plan: I just need a reason not to do it," the last thing I see is helplessness.

I think your depression has been beating you up for years. It's called you ugly, and stupid, and pathetic, and a failure, for so long that you've forgotten that it's wrong. You don't see any good in yourself, and you don't have any hope.

But still here you are: you've come over to me, banged on my door and said, "HEY! Staying alive is REALLY HARD right now! Just give me something to fight with! I don't care if it's a stick!

Give me a stick and I can stay alive!"

How is that helpless? I think that's incredible. You're like a marine: trapped for years behind enemy lines. Your gun has been taken away, you're out of ammo, you're malnourished, and you've probably caught some kind of jungle virus that's making you hallucinate giant spiders.

And you're still just going, "GIVE ME A STICK. I'M NOT DYING OUT HERE."
"A cry for help" makes it sound like I'm supposed to take pity on you, but you don't need my pity.
This isn't pathetic. This is the will to survive. This is how humans lived long enough to become the dominant species.

With NO hope, running on NOTHING, you're ready to cut through a hundred miles of hostile jungle with nothing but a stick, if that's what it takes to get to safety.

All I'm doing is handing out sticks. You're the one saying alive.

I have reserves about the results of this attitude re: becoming the dominant species = the most damagingly invasive on a global scale.

In any case, I'm not asking for a stick to fight with: I'm asking for a cat to fight for.

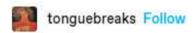
#### lastoneout

"Why are you so lazy?"

But you're not lazy. Lazy is when you shrug things off because you can't summon up the give-adamn. When you're curled up tight on your chair, at your desk, alone and grey and desperately wishing that you had your life in order, that you did all those things that you had to do, that it didn't feel like breaking rocks just to feed and clothe yourself and get some sleep, that's not lazy. People don't understand. You tell them "It's Hard." They tell you, "No it isn't. You're just lazy." You start to wonder if they're right. Is breaking those rocks easy for everyone else? Are they that much stronger than you? They don't look like they're struggling. "Just try harder," they say. But you're trying. It's not working. Breaking boulders in your path until you're spent isn't lazy, and you do it day after day.

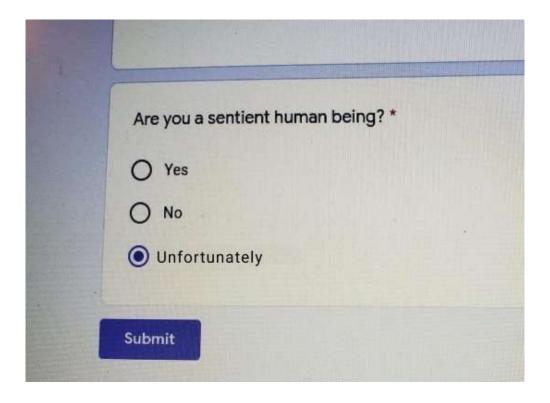
You're not lazy. Most people don't have those rocks to break. They don't even know what it's like to have to break rocks to get things done. They don't understand how hard you have to work, and how hopeless you feel, when you try and fail to do what they do easily. Things hard harder for you, they really are. And if those people had to deal with your problems they wouldn't be doing any better.

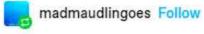
You're not lazy. You're not weak. You're fighting hard. I guess I just want you to know that I know that."



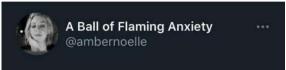
Now, after so much solitude, death doesn't frighten me, not yours, not mine either. And those words, the last time, have no power over me. I know intense love always leads to mourning.

Louise Glück, from "Metamorphosis"





That's the problem with gods; their pleasure and their wrath often look the same.



Unpopular opinion: I don't think your life has to have a purpose, or you a grand ambition; I think it's okay to just wander through life finding interesting things until you die

# what is grief if not love persevering -- Loki

"As early as the 1920s, researchers giving IQ tests to non-Westerners realized that any test of intelligence is strongly, if subtly, imbued with cultural biases... Samoans, when given a test requiring them to trace a route form point A to point B, often chose not the most direct route (the "correct" answer), but rather the most aesthetically pleasing one. Australian aborigines find it difficult to understand why a friend would ask them to solve a difficult puzzle and not help them with it. Indeed, the assumption that one must provide answers alone, without assistance from those who are older and wiser, is a statement about the culture-bound view of intelligence. Certainly the smartest thing to do, when face with a difficult problem, is to seek the advice of more experienced relatives and friends!"

Jonathan Marks - Anthropology and the Bell Curve (via leofarto)



My maternal grandfather was a math professor at the City University of New York. He died before I was born, but he passed a key bit of wisdom to my mother, and she passed it on to me:

The important thing is not **knowing** the answer, it's knowing how to **find** the answer.

You need to draw and make art or else all the images will stay in your head and you'll get sick

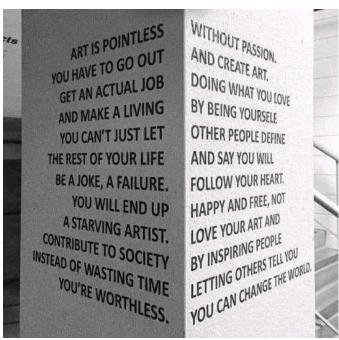
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"This hurts me because \*i\* say it hurts me" is...basic.

Because people don't believe you when your hurts are non-normative.

"This feels good because \*I\* say it feels good" seems like it's just the other side of the coin.

-- headspace-hotel



(like aunt Mimi and John Lennon)



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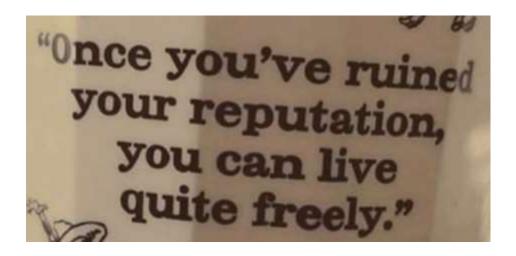
i really love that line ού μὲν γάρ τοι ἔτ΄ ἄλλος ἐλεύσεται ἐνθάδ΄ Ὁδυσσεύς, "no other odysseus will ever come to you," because he's saying not that he is the true odysseus but that there is no truer odysseus alive on the earth. he doesn't say, 'i am the real odysseus.' he says, 'i'm the realest odysseus you're going to get.'



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there was an odysseus before there was a war

but who remembers him?

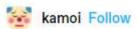


On the other hand, you have the roots of fanfic. It was born out of marginalized groups such as women, people of colour, and members of the queer community deciding to take the stories that had been aimed at a largely male, white, heterosexual audience and inverting them into something they could enjoy and relate to.

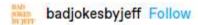
Hector believes in – he believes in institutions, he believes in - in country, he believes in his family, he believes in the army. Isn't it funny how hard it is to describe a good man? He's a brave man, but deep down, he'd rather be taming horses."

— An Iliad, Lisa Peterson

neo-Philistines on tumblr:



People on this site really latch on to the idea that only good people are capable of producing good art. It'll turn out that somebody is a scum bag and so many bloggers on here will come out of the woodwork going "Well actually I thought their art sucked the whole time" Sit back down. No you didn't.



The only reason there are pyramids in Egypt

is because they are too heavy to be carried to the British Museum

... \*or\* the Louvre

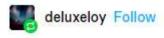
"A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any other invention with the possible exceptions of handguns and Tequila."

~Mitch Ratcliffe



#### Sweet upon the mountains, such sweetness As after-birth, such sweetness as death.

-- Dionysos (Bacchae)



So, y'all remember that post that said animals in urban areas slowly became nocturnal to avoid encounters with humans? Apparently that includes humans.

Wно are you, reader, reading my poems an hundred years hence?

I cannot send you one single flower from this wealth of the spring, one single streak of gold from yonder clouds.

Open your doors and look abroad.

From your blossoming garden gather fragrant memories of the vanished flowers of an hundred years before.

In the joy of your heart may you feel the living joy that sang one spring morning, sending its glad voice across an hundred years.

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), poem 85 from "The Gardener", 1914

> "Can you multitask?" yeah I can listen, ignore, and forget at the same time.



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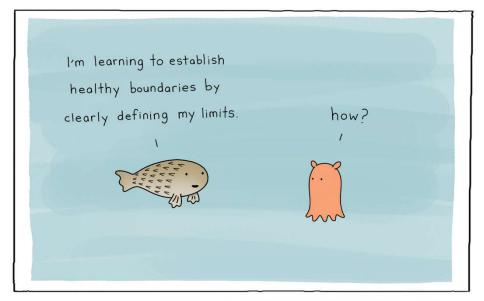
"All you can do for another person is be an environment in which if they wanted to come up for air, they could."

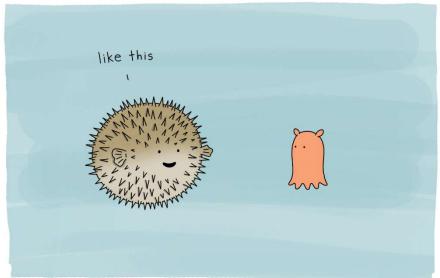
- Ram Dass



Ironically, when we start to get better, we also often get sad-- because we start to realize how much we've missed out on, how badly certain people failed us, what the younger version of us actually deserved.

Healing involves healthy grieving. No way around it.





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Elizabeth whenever Darcy is insulting her family:







academicssay

How many academics does it take to change a lightbulb: One tenuretrack faculty member, or 10 adjuncts for the same price

...



#### academicssay

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How to publish a manuscript:

- 1. Get excited about an idea
- 2. Write, procrastinate, procrastinate
- 3. Click submit, feel pride/relief
- 4. Wait 18 months
- Overhaul repeatedly to satisfy reviewer preferences leaving only the slightest trace of initial excitement
- 6. Add line to CV



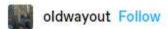
learning French has really encouraged me to live in the moment because I currently cannot conjugate any other verb tense



#### sidhewrites Follow

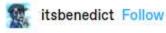
Y'all ever get fatigue so bad that you're laying down and it feels like you need to lay down MORE? Advanced laying. Somehow.

"an assertive man is a boss, an assertive woman is a bitch"



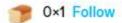
My anthro professor has three forbidden words for his essays: problematic, interesting, and large. Point being they're all filler words, he wants you to just skip straight to why it's interesting or why it's problematic. But anyway, any time I disagree with him in class I say to him "mm, interesting, but largely problematic."





This is not a place of honor. We buried a ton of useless poison sludge here. It shoots invisible death rays that kill you slowly, so don't dig it up or you'll die.





they need to bring back cool older family members who teach you how to use a torrent client



hzzzl Follow

that's me except i'm 23



#### 0×1 Follow

no thats basically what i meant i was taught by a 14 year old when i was like 10. piracy should be one of the very first thing you learn how to do on a computer. computers should be thought of as piracy devices first and tools for work second

my mental health:



Arriva il momento in cui, dopo aver perduto le illusioni sugli altri, si perdono quelle su se stessi.

#### Emil Cioran







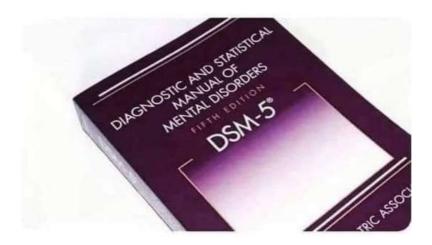
fuck i'm so excited to be cold and sad in a couple months being hot and sad is not it

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# we've normalized enough. it's time to paranormalize



Her: "This book reminds me of you" The book:



There is no way of life to pass down to your children, no tradition, nothing your father gave you that you can give to your son! You were born into a world that is unintelligible and inaccessible to the children you wanted to inherit it, and you and your children will both die in a world that is as foreign to you both!

-- headspace-hotel





IM LAUGHING SO HARD I DIDNT THINK SEXUAL DESIRE WAS A
REAL THING LIKE I ALWAYS SAW PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT HOW
THEY WANTED SEX BUT I THOUGHT THEY WERE JOKING OR
EXAGGERATING OR SOMETHING THATS WHY IT WAS SO HARD
FOR ME TO REALIZE I WAS ACE BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WENT
WITHOUT SAYING SEX ISNT THAT IMPORTANT IM 19 YEARS OLD I
CANT STOP LAUGHING LITERALLY 99% OF THE POPULATION
EXPERIENCES SEXUAL DESIRE AND I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE



Don't underestimate the power of fantasies and stories and characters to get you through a rough patch. It's more than just "playing make believe." It's psychological and emotional survival.

And it's NOT just for kids.

1:52 PM · 5/17/21 · Twitter Web App

I hope that this story has comforted the afflicted and afflicted the comfortable."

- Julie Cordero-Lamb, herbalist & ethnobotanist from the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation



What state do u live in?







6) "bad English" suggests there's such a thing as "good English"....and have you SEEN this language? We just live like this.



#### arry-on-my-wayward-butt Follow

frequently thinking about how god decided off the cuff that people should all speak different languages and therefore become divided culturally and interpersonally because if we managed to successfully organize and work together we would eventually reach and defeat him. OG fascist.



#### friendlylycanthrope Follow

Are you implying the tower of Babel was the first union

YES



#### resqectable Follow

"Travel and tell no one. Live a true love story and tell no one. Live happily and tell no one. People ruin beautiful things."

#### - Khalil Gibran

...come la storia inedita di Wilde a proposito del poeta che quando vide i fauni e i centauri raccontò di non avere visto niente (se solo avesse dato retta a se stesso...)



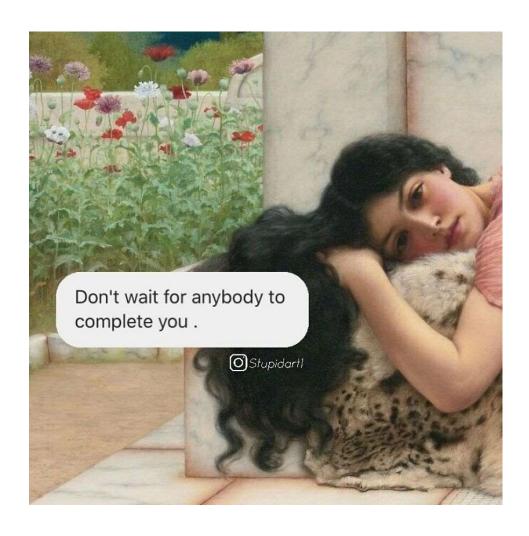






with great pain comes the great inability to form a coherent sentence

reading is just staring at a dead piece of wood for hours and hallucinating



Fall in love when you're ready, not when you're lonely





#### seaoflove Follow

a long time ago i learned that a big part of your life needs to be undocumented and just simply enjoyed in the present, you don't need to post a picture of the book your reading for it to be good. you don't need to have a pic of you posing before the sea as proof that u had a good trip. there's a very fine line between manufacturing moments for future nostalgia and honoring happy experiences by commemorating them into art, and it's all about intention; do i want to take a picture because it would look good on ig or do i want to take a picture because i do not want to forget how insanely happy i am right now? or, preferably, do i even need to take a picture at all?



academicssay

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, replicability.

TIL that there are four stages to learning a new skill: unconscious incompetence, conscious incompetence, conscious competence, and unconscious competence.



#### averagefairy Follow

this is a message for everyone who is 22. if you're 22 please stop worrying, take a deep breath eat a bagel maybe, everything that feels impossible is going to work itself out, have a great day



#### fibonassi Follow

do u have a message for 25 year olds



#### averagefairy Follow

uhhhhh 2 bagels?

Day 7281 of being emotionally broken:

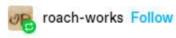
A support dog ran up to me and put its head on my lap and I was thrilled untill it's owner said it can sense sadness



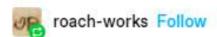
when i was 10 or so i was deathly afraid of vampires so i stole the garlic powder from my mom's spice cabinet and kept it in my coat pocket and if i was out at night with like my parents and thought someone was acting really sus i'd try to surreptitiously sprinkle a lil garlic powder on them

like imagine a weird little girl deciding you failed her vibe check and promptly seasoning you

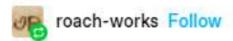
I'm honestly offended on behalf of my clone at the idea she's be brought into this world just so she could work. If I get cloned, first off we are unionizing



i think ultimately you become whoever would have saved you that time that no one did

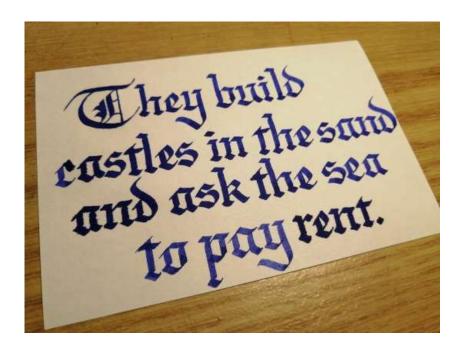


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I'm crying because when my dad was eighteen he was going to join the airforce and then the night before he had a dream that Jesus slapped him in the face with a gigantic fish and asked him what he was doing and he woke up and thought, "Jesus is right what am I doing?" And that's why my dad did not join the military.



pll4smadonor-r Follow

#this is the only christian vision i actually think was sent by god

"Questions arose. Like, what in the fuck was going on here, basically."

- Thomas Pynchon, Inherent Vice

"it is a mistake being incarnate; I should be made of the same substance as the dark."

 On the Spectrum of Possible Deaths, 'Bats' by Lucia Perill (via decreation)

## poverty stops the best minds in their tracks -- Vincent van Gogh



#### spacepiratecaptainsexy Follow

I don't have a haunted doll, but my house has been very haunted ever since I was little. So when I hear a cabinet open I'm just desensitized and I'm like "Please close that, thank you" And sometimes they do, sometimes they don't, and when they don't I'm just casually like "rude". Or when something moves or disappears, I'm like "Don't be touching my belongings please I worked for those, you didn't. I need that thing." And I've had friends witness cups just move across my counter or doors and cabinets open and close and they're astounded when I casually and calmly say "Please close that" Or "Don't you be touching stuff over there" Unfazed and they're always terrified and like "wtf" And my answer is always "They're just people, they were alive once, they know what's up, chill"



#### heroofthreefaces Follow

The thing you have to remember about spirits is, whatever their reasons for hanging out instead of moving on, you're the corporeal one. You're the one who belongs here and is grounded here. They're not the boss of you. My late wife taught me this.

... Before she died. Before she died.





#### xiaq Follow

Ever since I found out that earthworms have taste buds all over the delicate pink strings of their bodies, I pause dropping apple peels into the compost bin, imagine the dark, writhing ecstasy, the sweetness of apples permeating their pores. I offer beets and parsley, avocado, and melon, the feathery tops of carrots.

I'd always thought theirs a menial life, eyeless and hidden, almost vulgar—though now, it seems, they bear a pleasure so sublime, so decadent, I want to contribute however I can, forgetting, a moment, my place on the menu.

Feeding the Worms by Danusha Laméris



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In a hole in the fabric of the universe there lived a god.

Now, this was not one of those minor gods of bedtime stories or petty wars for heaven; this was the One God, all-loving and all-knowing, who created the world – only he hadn't created the world just yet, which is why he was sitting in a hole in the fabric of the universe.





# parents when u tell them u have a mental illness



You are alive. You have a home. You have a bed. You have food. You have clean water. Be grateful.

Show this thread



I am grateful, I'm just depressed and anxious. That's different



"How can one read all the books one ought to, when one hasn't even time to read the ones one ought not to?"



#### www suhojpg

- \*wants to read\* \*doesnt read\*
- \*wants to draw\* \*doesnt draw\*
- \*wants to study a language\* \*doesnt study the language\*
- \*wants to watch new movies\* \*doesnt watch new movies\*
- \*wants to do stuff i like and enjoy\* \*doesnt\*



## momqueer

this is called depression

## BEST POST EVER ABOUT ADULTING!

#### weirdcultstuff

I love being an adult because you know what actually happens when you run your car into a curb and scratch up the bumper?

Nothing. You get it fixed, or you don't. Whatevs.

You know what actually happens when you are depressed or sick or on your period and don't cook dinner?

Nothing. You still get to eat *something*, nobody scolds you, it doesn't have any real bearing on your future success, and you don't get soft shunned for a week by your family.

You know what actually happens when you break stuff, forget stuff, get sick, fall asleep, are rude, miss a flight, don't know how to do XYZ thing on fixing cars or canning food or whatever, lose things, get lost because you can't read a map and forgot to charge your phone, buy the wrong groceries, plant the wrong plants, not make your bed, make your bed wrong, jump on your bed, sleep on your bed, eat crackers in your bed, have emotions literally anywhere?

Nothing.

Nothing happens. No one is mad.

No one can hurt you, and if they do there are laws saying they can't and that it's an actual crime with legal consequences.

All there are are outcomes and different paths and different problems and different situations and you just bumble your way forward into dealing with those and that's it. That's the whole thing. It's not the wrong choice, having problems isn't indicative of your inherent badness or inadequacy or lack of applying yourself. It's just life, and it's happening to literally everyone.

I'm not even kidding.

You just do stuff and nothing bad happens. Walk around existing? Nothing bad will happen. Wild.

You can *cry*. In *public*. And the most likely outcome is not that you will get taken away to receive the beating of your lifetime, it is that people will mostly ignore you and some will be

kinder to you. 🐯

#### randomslasher

On Saturday I got pulled over because it turned out I'd been driving on expired tags for a year and hadn't even noticed.

I got told to "take care of it soon please" and let go with a warning. Today I went to the DMV and paid a \$5 late fee along with the 2-year fee for registration, got new plates and stickers and that was that.

A year late. No big deal. No one was shocked or appalled. It was just a thing that happened and then I took care of it. No biggie.

Turns out, people expect you to make mistakes because they're people and they make them too. More often than not, you can just fix them and move on.

## glassesmcfancyhair

Guys, even the "big stuff" is fixable.

Do you know what happens if you forget to file your income taxes one year (look, I was still drinking pretty heavily, I forgot a lot of things that year)?

Literally nothing, the IRS has a little section on their site that reads "did you forget to file? Just file within 3 years to avoid any fines."

People mess up. We make mistakes. There is almost always a mechanism to fix them. It's going to be ok.



## A suit of armor adorned in stickers.

Anonymous asked:



R u naiad or dryad?

neither, im just a random mortal they keep around for entertainment



#### thoodleoo

yknow it's a real shame that romans didn't have access to australia specifically for augury reasons, i really wish i could have seen a roman augur have to deal with australian birds. like imagine trying to properly interpret an omen from a fuckin. cassowary



## thoodleoo

loving that the general consensus here is that "the omen when you see a cassowary is that you are about to die of cassowary"



## timemachineyeah Follow

70% of the planets surface is undrinkable uninhabitable death water that sharks love. How is that a human-centric design.





## moonlight-at-dawn Follow

Why did "be critical of your media" turn into "find all its flaws and hate it" why did people become allergic to FUN



## sayitwithsarcophilus Follow

Because people confuse "critical as in critical thinking" with "critical as in criticizing something," so they think that "look for something bad, no matter how far-fetched" is what "being critical" means.

...just like my father

Parents wonder why the streams are bitter, when they themselves poison the fountain.

John Locke, philosopher, b. 29 August 1632 (via macrolit)









## slimetony Follow

hey people who know astrology shit. ive been having a lot of feeligs lately, any planets i can blame that on.



chandra-nalaar Follow

earth

"freedom to read" is okay apparently, but the phase "banned books" is, well, banned. if i tried to publish this scenario in a novel, my editor would probably send it back with a note saying that the irony is a bit too on the nose & that i need to tone it down a little. we have censored the discussion of censorship. i cannot handle how hilarious this is



"People don't want to work" I think you'll find it's that companies don't want to pay them



y'all know the feeling of coming home and not having to speak to anyone? sensational.



Me when I'm finally finished doing everything by myself instead of simply asking for help:



#### willowcrowned

Maybe it's just because I'm Jewish but I do truly believe that life gets ten times better when you learn to complain cheerfully

I think a part of it is that it lets you acknowledge that something sucks, which is actually really good in a culture that wants us to pretend that everything is fine and we're soldiering through all the time. Like, no, my grocery bag breaking and spilling all over the floor is not fine. I've had a long day and I'm really upset and on the verge of tears because I can't handle one more thing and pretending like it's fine only means breaking down later.

But if you let yourself complain, if you let yourself swear terribly and creatively, and you stare down at the bruised vegetables like they've personally disappointed you, and you make yourself smile because this is really just so, so stupid, you feel a little better. There's a power to acknowledging that something sucks and making yourself feel better anyways. There's a power to going "and THEN my bag broke, and it's like—seriously? my day was bad enough" and doing it with a smile.

You shouldn't have to pretend things are fine when they aren't. You shouldn't have to force yourself to smile through things that make you feel terrible. But if you can make yourself laugh by staring down at some strawberries that have decided to revolt, and give them a lecture on why they're just terrible, really, and that makes you smile—then maybe that's a good thing.



Checking if the guests have left so you can finally walk out of your room & eat the left over food







I'm at the age where loud noises make me mad. like calm that shit down



Yesterday I explained something so bleak to my therapist she asked me if we could pause for a minute so she could think about it. I'm getting close to winning therapy I can feel it in my bones.



## handlebars-tothestars Follow

Listen. Listen, the paper I write on used to be a tree, and before that it was some poop, and before then a rat; before then a tree again. nothing is permanent and everything used to be a star, and before that, maybe some paper, there is no original content and every second is brand new







## gayarsonist Follow

people who live in old houses don't give a fuck about anything they'll be like yeah i hear scratching inside the walls at night, it was annoying at first but now it's just part of the charm of this place for me, i actually can't fall asleep without it.



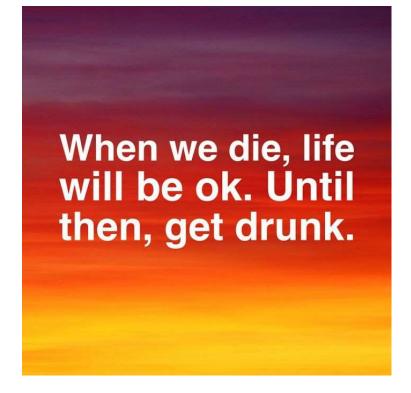
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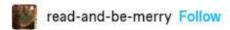
the shadow that passes my bedroom door when i turn the lights out was a bit concerning before i found out about the guy who died here 200 years ago. now i know it's just him i'm not worried, he's like a son to me.



## gayarsonist Follow

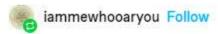
if you feel like you're being watched while you're staying here, don't worry about it! you are, but it's friendly:)



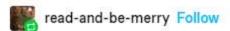


## List of Books to Read Before You Die

- 1. Any book you want
- 2. Don't read books you don't want to read
- 3. That's it
- 4. Congratulations you did it



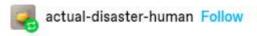
I really like this list. All my favorite books are on it.



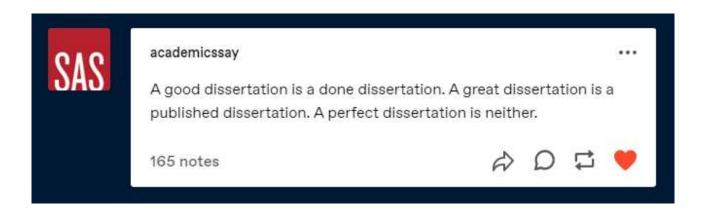
Thanks I worked really hard on it

Me on my way to overreact





## Danae and Medusa can get married and Perseus can have TWO Badass Moms



- 1. Stop.
- 2. Investigate the source.
- 3. Find better coverage.
- 4. Trace claims, quotes and media to the original context.

Otherwise known as SIFT.

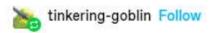


my life is pretty great except for what happens in my brain

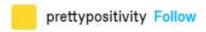
- From the end of the translator's note of Emily Wilson's *Odyssey...* I just really liked this mental image she used to sum up the important themes in the *Odyssey!* 

The text reads: "There is a stranger outside your house. He is old, ragged, and dirty. He is tired. He had been wandering, homeless, for a long time, perhaps many years. Invite him inside. You do not know his name. He may be a thief. He may be a murderer. He may be a god. He may remind you of your husband, your father, or yourself. Do not ask questions. Wait. Let him sit on a comfortable chair and warm himself beside your fire. Bring him some food, the best you have, and a cup of wine. Let him eat and drink until he is satisfied. Be patient. When he is finished, he will tell his story. Listen carefully. It may not be as you expect."





but wait, if we reverse 'dom' you get 'mod'. I suggest we use 'moderator' as a gender neutral version of mom/dad



i hope you heal from the things no one ever apologized for



lakevida Follow

i understand the cicada noises but out of respect for their privacy i will not be translating



its-caesar-bitch Follow

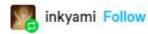
Plato







Superstition of the day: if a pine tree growing next to a house outgrows the building, its dwellers shall die out.



Suddenly my grandfather always saying "A human cannot live higher than the trees" has an exciting ring to it.

keeping myself sharp by regularly asking myself tough questions like "what happened yesterday" and "what was i planning on doing just now"

# The Benefits of Walking Away



- 1. Makes bad things disappear quickly
  - 2. Gives everyone optimal view of your back
  - 3. Answers question, "I wonder what would happen if I just walked away"

@ all my Jewish friends: I'm sorry if I slide into ur DMs asking about Jewish holidays, it's just that sometimes Elijah tells me shit like "it's shake a lemon at God week" and I genuinely don't know if he's shitposting

## Nathan Howe @natehowe · 2d

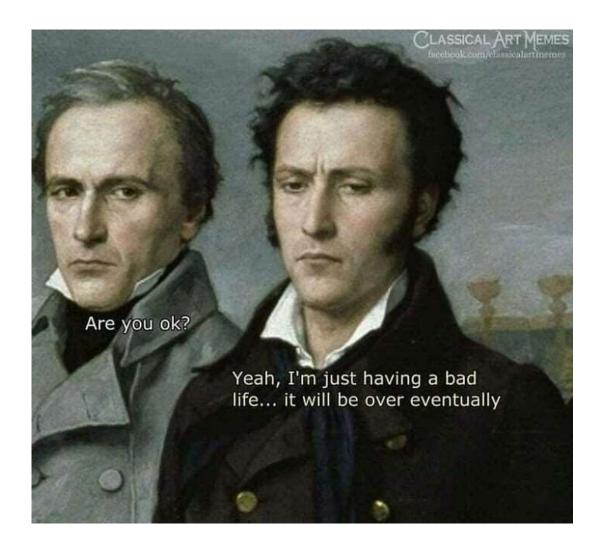
 An imperfect solution now is better than a perfect solution that will never happen.

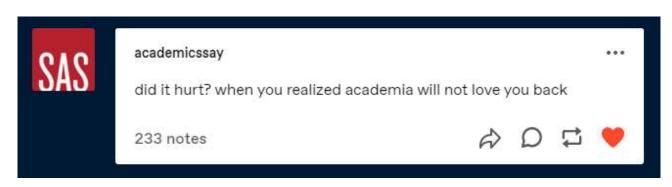
"Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world."

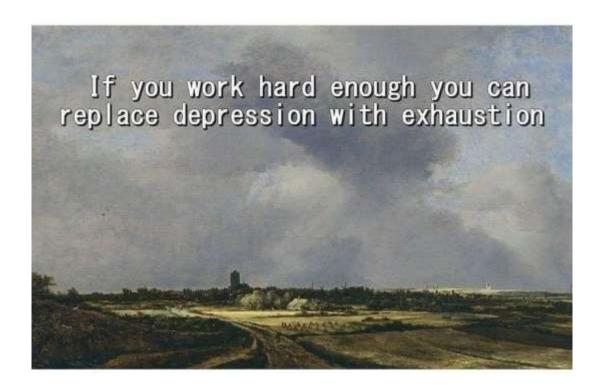
Voltaire

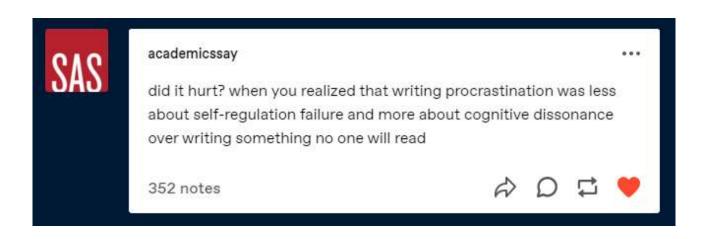


Every time I find the meaning of life, they change it.









not gonna lie it is really annyoing having to listen to my own thoughts i Cant ever get a moment of peace in here



## big-innit-hotel Follow

god grant me the strength to send this email, the courage to send this email, and the wisdom to send this email



## atlasfreak Follow

why are you reciting the triforce



## big-innit-hotel Follow

how else am i supposed to send this email



"The Constitution only guarantees the American people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."

Benjamin Franklin

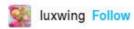


## biconachilles Follow

help someone on tiktok is trying to suggest that alexander of macedonia was actually a woman and one piece of their evidence is that the city named after him is alexandria which is a feminine name :/



i'm doing really really well in my life rn as long as i don't think about anything that has ever happened or anything that might ever happen

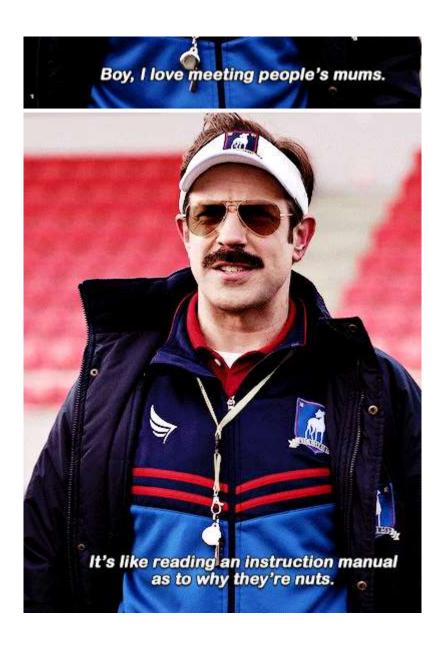


I miss when electronics came in at least six colors and none of the colors were beige



...we were all happier at the time

Rory... Rory. Killing him won't change what he's done but it will change you.



"There's a legend about a Chinese painter who was asked by the emperor to paint a landscape so pristine that the emperor can enter it. He didn't do a good job, so the emperor was preparing to assassinate him. But because it was his painting, legend goes, he stepped inside and vanished, saving himself. I always loved that little allegory as an artist. Even when it is not enough for others, if it is enough for you, you can live inside it."

- Ocean Vuong, from an interview with Zoë Hitzig in Prac Crit



I sort of wish I could still like Jesus, but I just... don't. I simply do not like apocalyptic prophets.

Charismatic leaders who use vague but charged language manipulatively and make extreme demands on their followers are not great examples of how to be a good, ethical citizen

help they're cancelling jesus for being toxic

"I think that all women are witches, in the sense that a witch is a magical being."

- Yako Ono



Characters with raw, unbridled power, that choose compassion and kindess anyway



I usually get addicted to literally anything that distracts me from the fact I exist.

## Every man has 2 fantasies:



'All odds are against, lads!
We shall hold no matter
the cost! Let us die with
honor and glory for
something greater then
ourselves!"



"Shh... Its ok. You don't need to act strong anymore. Just hold onto me and let it all out. You're good enough... You're a good boy"



Broken English is a sign of courage and intelligence and it would be nice if more people remembered that when interacting with immigrants and refugees.



stop telling ppl to write like hemingway i promise u adverbs are not another face of the dark lord satan its ok



## animate-mush Follow

First they came for the verbs, and I said nothing, because verbing weirds language

Then they arrival for the nouns, and I speech nothing, because no verbs

Then they for the descriptive, and I silent because verbless and nounless

Then they for me, and, but no

A guy did ask me if working at a body farm was creepy and did not like that it was ok until you learned that decayed human fingers are a deer's favorite midwinter snack.

• Natural History Docent: "A guy asked us 'If I had a time machine, and managed to kill and cook a T-Rex, what would it have tasted like?' and every paleontologist on staff deciced to take him seriously. They did research to learn about fat distribution, and read up on culinary science to learn what flavors meat, even did chemical analysis on the bones. They concluded that it'd be Tough (no evidence of juicy fat pockets), bitter (carnivores tend to taste foul) and would probably kill him, because heavy metals travel up the food chain and T-Rex accumulated a lot of the cadmium that was in the dirt in the late cretaceous. Wrote him a letter with our findings and he sent us back a drawing of him and his buddies cooking a T-Rex over a fire and all of them throwing up and dying, and it's my favorite drawing in the whole world."



You don't have an Angel or a Devil on your shoulder. You have an Angry Viking and 50's House Wife.



knightwing14 Follow

Both are telling me to solve my problems with murder



solidagosempervirens Follow

The debate is over the method.



"When the bird and the book disagree, always believe the bird."

John James Audubon

'Absolutely no roller skates in the lab.' My husband worked for a private lab startup and half the women there did roller derby. The lab was (as many are) a repurposed warehouse with nice smooth concrete floors. One of the women thought it would be fun to skate between machines. She got a lot done but the boss figured osha wouldn't be too thrilled so the sign went up a few days later. You could still wear your skates in the break room.



you weren't a "well behaved" child you had anxiety and were terrified of conflict





## Witch Tip #154

Wearing a peach pit around your neck will ward off evil.



## youcantseebutimmakingaface

Bad witch tip: several peach pits and a sling shot will ward of everything else



worse witch tip: a few peach pits correctly distilled will produce cyanide, which should sort yer problems out nicely.





I have become someone else. I have forgotten everything.

Medea (1969) // dir. Pier Paolo Pasolini

## ...con le ANGURIE!



^for the rats to sniff

Source: birchbeer

22,525 notes







a-method-in-it 😅 perksofbeingalittletwat Follow



rslashrats Follow



Source: rslashrats

"In the evening my griefs come to me one by one. They tell me what I had hoped to forget. They perch on my shoulders like mourning doves. They are the color of light fading."

- Linda Pastan, from "Old Woman," The Five Stages of Grief (W. W. Norton & Company, 1978)



'Diets are a cure that don't work for a disease that doesn't exist' was one of the slogans said by the first fat activism movements in the 60s. This is not new information.

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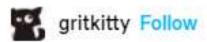


"The secret of the Great Stories is that they have no secrets. The Great Stories are the ones you have heard and want to hear again. The ones you can enter anywhere and inhabit comfortably. They don't deceive you with thrills and trick endings. They don't surprise you with the unforeseen. They are as familiar as the house you live in. Or the smell of your lover's skin. You know how they end, yet you listen as though you don't. In the way that although you know that one day you will die, you live as though you won't. In the Great Stories you know who lives, who dies, who finds love, who doesn't. And yet you want to know again. That is their mystery and their magic."

Arundhati Roy, The God of Small Things

# "Knowledge is a process of piling up facts; wisdom lies in their simplification."

Martin H. Fischer



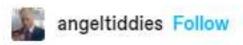
There is a crack in the storytelling That's how fanfic gets in

Language is a living thing, and when it dies, it leaves bones.

-- Maria Dahvana Headley

# I honk directly up to God

-- The Horrible Goose



gloria in excel sheets deo

## keep afloat

Me trying to excel in my career, maintain a social life, drink enough water, exercise, text everyone back, survive and be happy ???





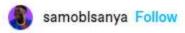
'what are you going to do with your degree in classical philology?'
literary necromancy, next question please











hate that i can't hang out in silence w online friends. sometimes when i'm not replying it's not in a "this conversation is over" way or in a "i'm too busy to reply" way. but in a "on all levels except physical my head is on your lap while we both silently scroll on our phones" way



Not wearing glasses anymore. I've seen enough



Robin Williams once said, "I think the saddest people always try their hardest to make people happy because they know what it's like to feel absolutely worthless and they don't want anyone else to feel like that."

A student once asked Bruce Lee "You teach me fighting, but you talk about peace. How do you reconcile the two?" Bruce Lee replied: "It's better to be a warrior in a garden than to be a gardener in a war".

In 2006, a 56-year-old Bill Murray accepted an invitation to a college party in the Scottish Town of St. Andrews after a round of golf. He went to the students' house, drank all their vodka, then washed their dishes and left.



shout-out to the person i overheard today rushing into an antiques shop to ask, very urgently, 'do you have any silver crosses?'. wishing you well in your fight against the creatures of darkness, friend

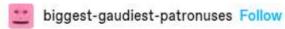
Source: lesmiserabelles



Interviewer: Are you good at staying calm in stressful situations?

Me: I'm not good at staying calm in relaxing situations.

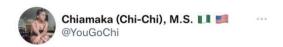




an atheist ghost, they refuse to move on to the afterlife on the grounds that the afterlife does not and should not exist

"yeah sure I could 'go into the light' as you so eloquently put it, but let's be analytical about this. worst-case scenario, the afterlife is real and I get cast into some version of Hell for being a nonbeliever. slightly better-case scenario, it's a reincarnation-based afterlife, which means I end up having to do the whole Existence thing all over again, which frankly seems like a huge roll of the dice. enormously risky, given the low quality of life many people experience, and that's setting aside philosophical issues of identity, e.g. without the memories and experiences that shaped me, would I even still technically exist as a version of myself I could identify? reincarnation aside, let's bear in mind there's no actual evidence there's even a so-called 'afterlife' waiting on the other side-for all we know, my consciousness will just dissolve into nonexistence. again, huge roll of the dice. and even in the best-case scenario? wherein I somehow pass an Arbitrary Morality Test I didn't sign up for and get accepted into some sort of magical Heaven or whatever? well. consider it from my point of view. all of a sudden I'd be a member of a strange and unfamiliar society, subject to a completely new set of rules and regulations that I probably don't get a say in. Is 'Heaven' a democracy? will I still have access to free will? will I have meaningful choices regarding lifestyle and occupation? what do the holy books say about that, huh? I could be forced to spend a literal eternity worshiping a deity who has made some extremely questionable and problematic decisions regarding the universe. I'm not signing up for that! how is that any better than my current situation? listen buddy, I spent 80 years living in a capitalist hellhole before death Itself finally freed me from all the obligations and restrictions of modern existence. I don't work, I don't pay rent or taxes, I just wander from place to place keeping my own schedule, doing my own thing, beholden to neither laws nor peer pressure. as purgatories go, that's a pretty sweet deal! and what guarantee do I have that any damned afterlife is going to be more tolerable than my current notexistence, huh? none! none whatsoever. skeptic? damn right I'm skeptic! not to mention this whole Heaven-and-Hell dichotomy seems extremely manipulative if not outright abusive, as moral systems go. that's no way to parent a species! nope. just, nope. this whole religious afterlife nonsense sounds like a whole lot of unnecessary stress and risk. I'm perfectly comfortable staying right where I am, thanks ever so, so you can tell your exorcist to write that out in latin and shove it up his ass"

Argh in my dream I said thx in cantonese when a neighbor invited me to eat something hot but they gave me a look and corrected me with the mandarin word.



Summarizing my Ph.D. program in one sentence.

The more I learn, the less I know.

"Tom got into a book, crawled and grovelled between the covers, tunnelled like a mole among the thoughts, and came up with the book all over his face and hands."

John Steinbeck, East of Eden

thoodleoo

it's very good and funny to me that in the 5th and 4th century bc there were all these amazing, influential philosophers walking around and then diogenes of sinope was out there like this



"The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper."

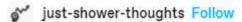
W.B. Yeats

L'avenir appartient à ceux qui se lèvent tôt. Je vais me recoucher.



Replying to @BlkMamba

I work with a flat earther... at an airline.



Just broke my personal record for consecutive days lived..Going for the record again tomorrow

### bondsmagii Follow

### Anonymous asked:



Some of this talk about faith and the idiots who say stuff like "I don't need (x), God will protect me!" just reminds me of something an old pastor once told us in church: a man is adrift in the ocean, he's fallen overboard and is now treading water in the middle of nowhere and calling out for God to save him, after awhile a boat comes by and offers to help him, he tells them "no, God will save me!" and sends them away (1/2)

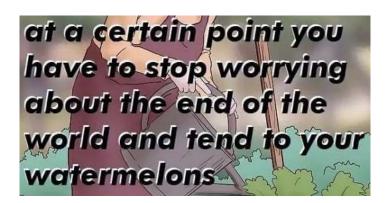
### bondsmagii answered:



more time passes and another boat comes by and offers to help him, again he refuses and tells them "no, God will save me!" sending them away, even more time passes and a third boat comes by offering to help the man but once again he says "no, God will save me!" and sends them away, eventually he can no longer keep treading water and he drowns, when he gets to heaven he asks God "why didn't you save me?" and God tells him "I tried, I sent you three boats!"

Next time a stranger talks to you when you're alone just look at them shocked and whisper " You can see me"





#### Borderline:

It's seeing someone you adore and trying to emulate them because you have no idea who you are (allowed to be)

"Is this worth being sad about? Is it worth talking about?"

It's wondering if you're faking your symptoms. It's disassociating and feeling like a ghost for days. It's feeling like you aren't real, and then wishing you weren't. It's fear, a lack of self, and about a million different thoughts running through your head at all times. It's trying to live for the people you love as opposed to yourself. It's feeling suicidal and then feeling bad for feeling suicidal because, whoops, you're being manipulative.

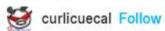


"If you weren't so stupid what would you be?" Asks the husband. The wife replies, without even skipping a beat. "Single"





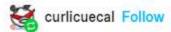
I asked my Lyft driver to drive as fast as he comfortably can and he just said "I am from Russia" and now I feel like we're about to break the sound barrier



what if instead of having a fake name for internet personal-life purposes we could have a fake name for professional work-life purposes



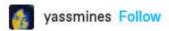
fantasy culture where you have a different name for every role in your life and a true name that is extremely secret



you don't get to know all of me

it's tuesday you only get to know sara





my favorite part abt this generation is no one is ironing their clothes anymore fjckfncn fuck that! if the wrinkles wanna be there let them



"If you simply cannot understand why someone is grieving so much, for so long, then consider yourself fortunate that you do not understand."

- Joanne Cacciatore



### utopians Follow

nothing like stepping outside while the seasons are changing and suddenly feeling a change in the weather that knocks you back in time by several years

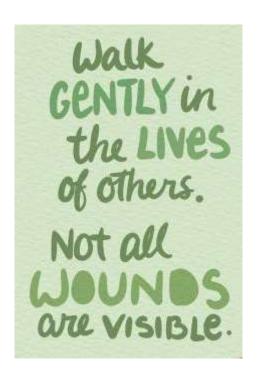


### utopians Follow

sorry professor I'm going to have to miss class today bc when I
walked outside in the morning it was cold and sunny in a very specific
way and suddenly I was struck with a nostalgia for years past so vivid
and potent that I had to sit down

### sayitwithsarcophilus Follow

Happy pride to cake asexuals, dragon asexuals, demisexuals who took forever to figure out their own orientations, are and nonbinary people who have ever self-identified with slightly twee internet neologisms, cottagecore lesbians, classical studies gays, trans femmes of pegasister experience, trans mascs of slash fandom experience, kinky polyam bi goth nerds, mspec women who ran sexpositive blogs in the mid-2010s, people who overidentify with queercoded villains in old movies, and anyone who understands that being a living human being with emotions is already so potentially embarrassing that it's pointless trying to separate cool queer identities from cringe ones.





My father used to say, Why do they have a wall around the cemetery? Because people are dying to get in there! I was probably 5 or 6 and this is the first joke I remember.

-- geopsych



### motherfucker-unlimited Follow

Haters will imprison you inside a magic crystal and be like "If this seal ever comes undone the World will be plunged into Eternal Darkness and reality itself could shatter."



### exceptionally-stupid Follow

What are you planning on doing once you're out of there?



### motherfucker-unlimited Follow

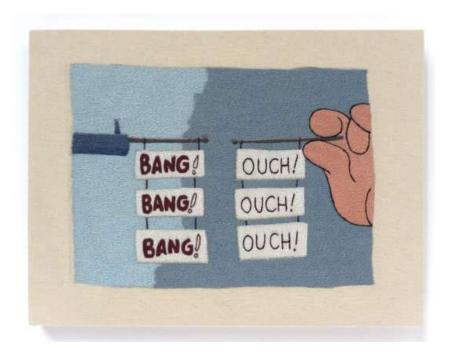
Plunge the World into Eternal Darkness, maybe shatter reality if I feel like it

You smell organic.



Hello darkness my old friend.

Darkness (2 days later): Sorry just saw this.



### Story time: Source: luulapants

In middle school biology, we did an experiment. We were given yams, which we would sprout in cups of water. We then had to make hypotheses about how the yams would grow, based on descriptions of yam plants in our books, and make notes of our observations as they grew. Here's what was supposed to happen: we were supposed to see that the actual growth of the plant did not resemble our hypotheses. We were then supposed to figure out that these were, in fact, sweet potatoes.

What actually happened was that every single student in every single class lied in their notes so that their observations perfectly matched their hypotheses. See, everyone assumed the mismatch meant they had done something wrong in the process of growing the plant or that they had misunderstood the dichotomous key or the plant identification terminology. And, thanks to the wonders of a public school education, everyone assumed the wrong results would get us a failing grade. We were trying to pass. We didn't want to get bitched out by the teacher. Curiosity, learning, science - that had nothing to do with why we were sitting in that classroom. So we all lied.

The teacher was furious. She tried to fail every student, but the administration stepped in and told her she wasn't allowed to because a 100% fail rate is recognized as a failure of the teacher, not the class. It wasn't even her fault, really, though her being a notorious hard-ass didn't help. It was a failure of the entire educational system.

So whenever I see crap like Elizabeth Holmes's blood test scam or pharmaceutical trials which are unable to be replicated or industry-funded research that reaches wildly unscientific conclusions, I just remember those fucking sweet potatoes. I remember that curiosity dies when people are just trying to give their superiors the "right" answers, so they can get the grade, get the job, get the paycheck. It's not about truth when it's about paying rent. There's no scientific integrity if you can't control for human desperation.

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School is a torture system

My mom asked me what I plan to do on my birthday.

I: sit down and be quiet.

"As readers, we remain in the nursery stage so long as we cannot distinguish between taste and judgment, so long, that is, as the only possible verdicts we can pass on a book are two: this I like; this I don't like. For an adult reader, the possible verdicts are five: I can see this is good and I like it; I can see this is good but I don't like it; I can see this is good and, though at present I don't like it, I believe that with perseverance I shall come to like it; I can see that this is trash but I like it; I can see that this is trash and I don't like it."

- W.H. Auden





degenerate-perturbation Follow

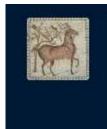
yeah I'm a nonpracticing woman. I was raised female but I don't really believe anymore yknow?

### i'm a negative person, like... if anything better than the worst happens, i'll be happy





If four thousand years of Zeus being married to Hera didn't make sibling marriage a thing in Greece I don't think we need to worry about someone's samdean art



### thoodleoo

sometimes im having a bad day but then i smell the onions that im cooking up in olive oil with some black pepper and garlic and i remember that i love life actually

Non ho la verità in tasca ma ho la libertà in testa



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I live my life under the basic principle that people know their minds, bodies, genders, and orientations better than I do so I just take them at their word when they say they are a thing.



### grifalinas Follow

"But people could be faking for-" I don't care. I would rather show someone a kindness they don't need than not show them one they do.



### betweenheroesandvillains Follow

card to make two neat lines. He pulls a Euro out and rolls it, using it to snort up the substance quickly. He shakes his head softly and exhales deeply.

petition to make Americans google "euro" before writing fic



### supportive-snapmaw Follow

If you can roll up a coin you deserve to snort coke imo

A baby puffin is called a puffling. Who wouldn't want to know that.

thoodleoo

really wish i could have hung out with marcus aurelius like. you could be freaking out about something stupid and unimportant and he would just look at you with that blazed face he seems to have in all of his statues and say something like "why are you so concerned with the worries of this world? some unknown day you shall die, and your essence shall be dispersed, and then none of this will be a source of anxiety for you" and you'd just be like ok thanks marcus

#### the dead two-headed lamb...

but tonight he is alive and in the north field with his mother.





"Well, whatever doesn't kill you, makes you stronger."

"No Susan, it gave me crippling anxiety, a fear of abandonment, and dozen other things I have to process in therapy for years."

10:33 PM · 13 Jun 21 · Twitter for Android

### andhumanslovedstories Follow



I'm very excited for my latest craft experiment, where I rhythmically slap sale rank oil paint onto a canvas and I see how long it takes to dry so that I can finally touch the paint textures I stare at so longingly in museums. 12 hours in, still wet. I am beginning to think this might take longer than I thought which you can imagine is quite a burden, as I am absolutely horned up to rub this paint.

# Why would you paint your house absolutely black?

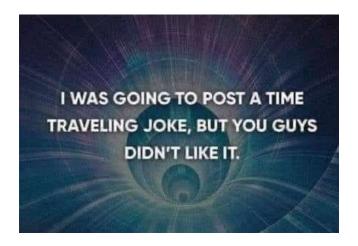




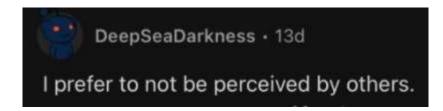
So that ppl think I'm a witch & leave me alone

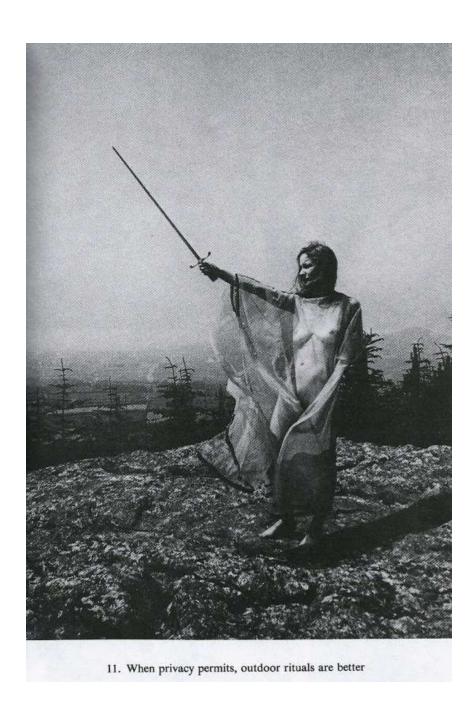
"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."

Robert A. Heinlein



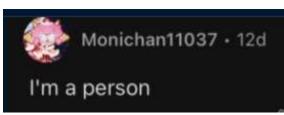






# What's your gender?





...and in the end, loving things loudly in fandom has helped me be better at loving things and people loudly in the rest of my life.

-- hudders-and-hiddles



The beast doesn't need to transform to be loved. He doesn't have to turn into a boring fucking prince to be loved. Or renounce to the essence of who it is. To me love is not transformation, love is acceptance and understanding.

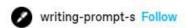
Guillermo del Toro



"I want to tell you, don't marry suffering. Some people do. They get married to it, and sleep and eat together, just as husband and wife. If they go with joy they think it's adultery."

Saul Bellow, Seize the Day (via quotespile)

and what if suffering popped out and raped you and now has married you as if it makes it all right andon top of that is furiously jealous?



"Dead men tell no tales? Wrong, your honor. As a necromancer, I literally summon my first witness, the victim."

thoodleoo

say what you will about the spartans but you have to admit that the laconic phrases they were known for are kind of badass. like when philip II of macedon sent them a letter asking if he should come as an ally or an enemy, they just sent him back a letter saying "neither."



### "The Constitution only guarantees the American people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."

Benjamin Franklin

I saw a post that said "I wasn't myself for months and nobody noticed". I felt that.



"Are you male or female?" Baby i'm an affront to god

"You'll never have to negotiate your way into a heart that wants you there"



#### Il catechismo dei fanciulli di Pio X:



**7.26am**@sharmavishesh26

I hate when I plan conversation in my head but the other person doesn't follow the script.

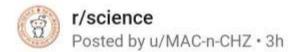


Once we are extinct I hope aliens will visit and see our empty desolate landscapes filled with JESUS IS COMING signs & assume that he ate us





reverse communion



### The more biotech science you know, the less you fear GMO crops, study finds | Genetic Literacy Project





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The more you understand science, the less you're afraid of the products of science. Who knew.



1.2k



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With computer software it's the other way around.

#### >>> COMPUTER NERDS ARE RIGHT

People's general happiness peaks at age 21, and it does not come back to that level until they retire.

> The oldest sibling is basically classified as an emergency adult

# If Satan punishes bad people, doesn't that make him good?



### are enemyofrome Follow

honestly i relate to quintus fabius maximus verrucosus cunctator because i too live my life according to fabian tactics, avoid battle, don't chase cows, follow hannibal everywhere, declare victory if you haven't been defeated this week

#i mean if it works it works



#### beetlejuices Follow

biblical angels but their true form looks like the patterns in 90s arcade carpets



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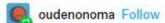


Source: beetlejuices





Good morning to everyone except my partner who, at 2am, mid-dream, sat bolt upright in bed and terrifyingly shouted into the dark: "Will there be a buffet?"



There is a Jewish story about a wealthy man who came to his rabbi and said "I have decided to build an orphanage, can you put me in touch with the relevant people"

The rabbi was delighted to do it, and introduced the man to some charities. After a few weeks, the man came back to the rabbi.

"I have decided not to build the orphanage," he said. "I realised that I was only doing it because I wanted to be admired as a philanthropist, my motives were selfish."

The rabbi answered, "do you think the orphans will care what your motives were? Build the orphanage!"

### ...ESATTO.

Bisogna dirlo a quel giovane prete che durante la predica ascoltai raccomandare alle dame di san Vincenzo di non sognarsi di fare opere di bene se non sono sicure di farlo senza vanità.





### **David McPhee** · Updated September 10 Ph.D. Psychologist, therapist for kids and adults



How do I answer my dad with dementia when he talks about his mom and dad being alive? Do I go along with it or tell him they have passed away?

Enter into his reality and enjoy it. He doesn't need to be "oriented." Thank God the days are gone when people with advanced dementia were tortured by huge calendars and reminder signs and loved ones were urged to "orient" them to some boring current "reality."

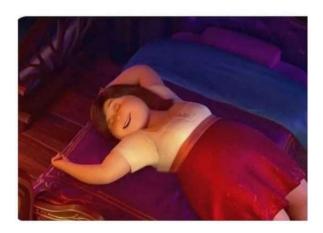
If dad spends most of his time in 1959, sit with him. Ask questions he didn't have time for before. Ask about people long dead, but alive to him, learn, celebrate your heritage. His parents are alive to him. Learn more about your grandparents. If he tells the same story over and over, appreciate it as if it's music, and you keep coming back to the beautiful refrain.

This isn't "playing along to pacify the old guy," this is an opportunity to communicate and treasure memories real but out of time.

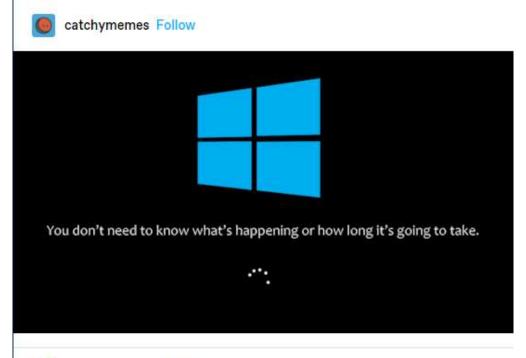
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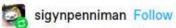
"There's no point being grown-up if you can't be childish sometimes." Fourth Doctor, Doctor Who

Me at home where I can be ugly in peace and comfort









as an IT person I would like to sue this screen for emotional damages

"you'll understand when you're older"

i am older and i understand absolutely nothing

thoodleoo

considering that guard geese were a thing in the ancient world and a goose is an infinitely more terrifying animal than most dogs, i would just like you all to consider: cerberus, but instead of being a giant three-headed dog he's a giant three-headed goose

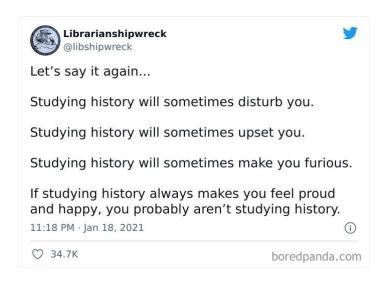
#TERROR. DESTRUCTION. HONK #greek mythology #cerberus

# Are we not dead and only seem to live, We pagan men, fallen disastrously Into a dream we only think is life? Or do we live, and life itself has died?

 Palladas, a Greek poet from Egypt writing in the 4th century AD (Greek Anthology 10.82, trans. Gideon Nisbet)

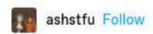
To love or to write is the same thing. It always means submitting to the clear nakedness of a silence.

Cristian Bobin









you know what's really fun and in style right now? being kind and making others feel loved and valued

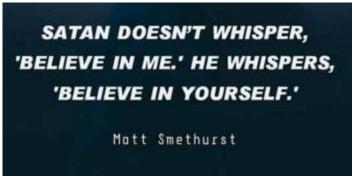




Spartacus.

@infiniotic

i'm going at 200mph (mistakes per hour).



...YEAH.

"I love you as certain dark things are to be loved, in secret, between the shadow and the soul."

- Pablo Neruda, 100 Love Sonnets







### Are you years or older?



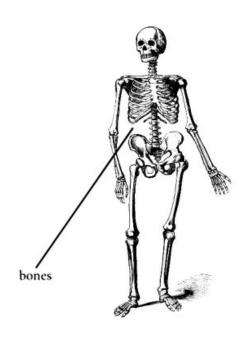
## adult:



"you know, so few people really turn me on that it seems kinda silly to get hung up on a gender thing" -- "Me and the Boys" by Trish Thomas 3. You were bitten by a sleeping person. At least, come full moon you very often turn into a sleeping person for the whole of the night and sometimes even longer. It is the only explanation that makes sense in this crazy world.

-- listingtoport

# Skeleton Parts, Identified

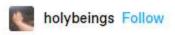


Thank you, this was very informative

"It was hot, and I realized that memory is a memorial to events that could not sustain themselves into the present, which is why memory is tinged with pity and its music is always a dirge."

Mark Strand, from "Narrative Poetry," The Continuous Life:
 Poems (Alfred A. Knopf, 1992)





than a stegosaurus

What a blessing to be moved by anything at all



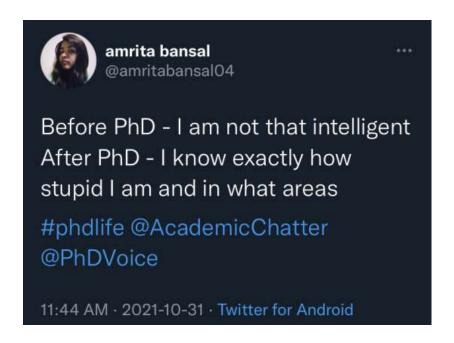


11:00am - anything is possible 2:00pm - but not today

### [enter Antigone and Ismene]

Antigone: we begin in the dark and birth is the death of us

Antigonick (Sophokles) trans. Anne Carson



# NO GOD

# NO MASTERS

ONLY





western cultures believe we must be alive for a purpose. to work, to make money. some indigenous cultures believe we're alive just as nature is alive: to be here, to be beautiful & strange. we don't need to achieve anything to be valid in our humanness.

When you're completely broken but somehow manage to keep your shit together





# not100bees Follow

i don't know where i saw it but people on here really do act like reading is a moral action one takes for the sake of itself and not an activity one does because one enjoys it.



## not100bats

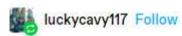
some people read books that challenge them because they enjoy that and some people read snappy plot focused books because they enjoy them, when you die you are not going to face Book Anubis who will weigh every book you've ever read against the Feather of Literary Value



My very sweet and VERY Catholic coworker: this new abortion law... they're saying God doesn't believe in killing the innocent babe to save the wicked mother.... Well I have some news for them about what he did to his own son.

Me: oh my god.

Her: honey. Exactly.



Comforting a person in distress does far more for them than trying to convince them that they shouldn't be distressed.

"I'm here with you," is so much better than "calm down"



thinking about the casual intimacy of showing someone you love an unfinished work of art, the underlying message saying, i trust you with my unpolished heart



# I'm trying, box. I'm trying'





Me: Stop arguing with your sisters.

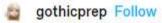
9-year-old: I'm not arguing.

Me: Then what are you doing?

9: Being right.

5:38 PM · May 30, 2019





the reason why people are so hard to read is because they are composed of the letters a, t, c, and g in random sequences and as im sure you know, that doesn't spell anything



If we can just get through this month, we only have one more month to go before we need to get through another month



The War on Christmas cannot end until Christmas stops its illegal occupation of November

"I'm Yngvar the Wanderer. Although most people now call me Yngvar Doom-Sayer. It's true, the world is about to be destroyed. Some people are frightened by this, or they despair, or even try to deny the truth of what I say. But my message is actually one of comfort. The world is ending, and we can't do anything about it. Once you accept that, you'll be at peace, like me. Spread the word. The world is coming to an end. But it's nothing to worry about. Find comfort in your powerlessness. I find it comforting to know when the end will come, and that there's nothing I can do about it."

Every year you live through the future anniversary of your death.

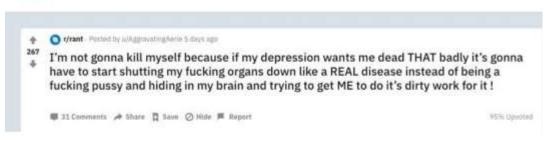


I don't want to go through things that don't kill me but make me stronger anymore

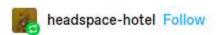
"Before you ask someone for a hand, remember that you have one of your own at the end of each arm"

-- Audrey Hepburn





#### Oh my god



depression: kill yourself

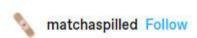
Me: kill me yourself you coward



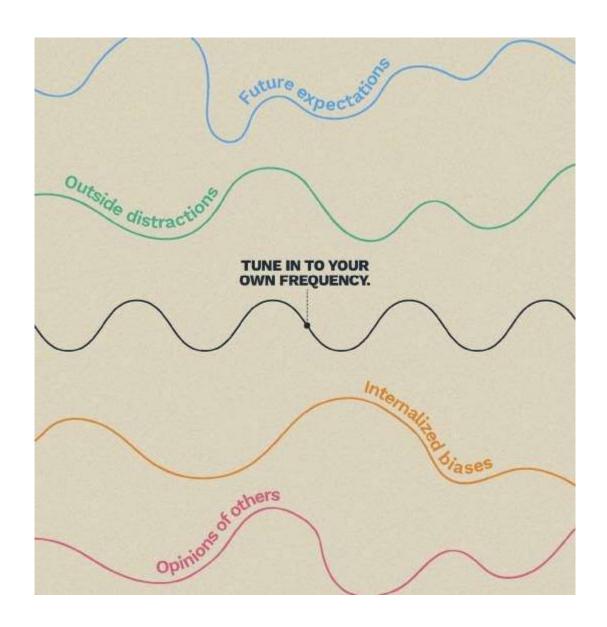
hey guys does anyone know what the fuck

The fundamental reason Loki can't be diagnosed with anything is that he doesn't exist; writers/directors just gave him the particular idiosyncrasies that suited the story they were telling at the time. For people who do exist, labels are how you find community. (...) In contemporary society, a diagnosis is a kind of story that helps you survive and communicate, and the final word of a story is less important than the telling of it.

-- pennypaperbrain



reverse 'i knew about it before it was cool'. i refuse to consume it until it is borderline irrelevant.



# "My greatest accomplishment was when my pig won the Fattest Medal at the Hartington Fair"

(Lord Emsworth?)

-- Spencer Compton Cavendish, 8th Duke of Devonshire KG GCVO PC PC (Ire) FRS (23 July 1833 – 24 March 1908), styled Lord Cavendish of Keighley between 1834 and 1858 and Marquess of Hartington between 1858 and 1891



anomitinity



I keep a bowl of lemons out in my kitchen.

People really think I have my shit together.

EM Forster's work tailed off once he finally had sex. Better that than a life of despair **Sam Leith** 



normal-horoscopes Follow

[OPENS FRIDGE, REMOVES TUPPERWARE CONTAINER LABELLED "Pomegranates from land of dead do not eat"]



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[I REMOVE A SECOND CONTAINER LABELLED "Fairy apples do not eat (Autumn Court)]



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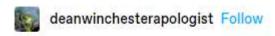
[I APPROACH THE BLENDER]



roachranch Follow

So my boyfriend came out as trans last night and I realized something... back when we first started dating we identified as lesbians, then I came out as trans and consequently realized I'm bisexual, and now I'm in a gay relationship. So what I'm trying to say is that I have actually been LGBT as a singular person. Every single acronym. I have ascended and reached gay nirvana





i want so badly to be more offline but alas the siren call of images



# wheeloffortune-design

i see the younglings post things like "are you still on tumblr at 30?" and "go take care of your kids instead of reading fics"

and i just feel sad

because you have a bunch of young people who are terrified of getting older. they think age is going to change them, into something boring, something different, something grey.

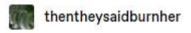
and i just want to tell them, reassure them: you will still be the same person. isn't it wonderful?

you will love the things you love for so many years. you will find joy in the same things, decade after decade. you will feel the same inside, through all this time. yes, the body will change. yes there's more responsibilities, less time, even less energy.

but there's no magical age where you stop enjoying that specific story, that specific game, that specific hobby.

but you know what also comes with age?

you have less fucks to give.



Age gracefully?

No.

Age explosively.





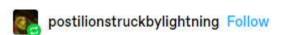




...e anche l'universo oscillatorio: big bang > big crunch > big bang again



It is entirely unfair that cleaning is an act that must be repeated, I am not a god so why should I be expected to fight against entropy



I have a niece who, when she was about three or four, shouted, "Anyway, God is dead!" in the back of a car. As it turns out, she wasn't channeling Nietzsche but just misunderstanding the information she'd been given about the meaning of Easter.

I was 3 when I had an argument with my grandma that Mary's name was clearly "Mrs. God", because if she and God had a baby, and you all told me that you have to be MARRIED to have a baby, then obviously it follows that her name is Mrs. God.



#### shawneesmith Follow

these middle schoolers are touring campus and one of them walked by me and said "hey what's college life like" and i told him "it sucks" and he said "well it can't be any worse than middle school." he's right



# wonderingstar42

Take these words through your darkest hour, for though we maybe tired and hungry, at least we're not in fucking middle school

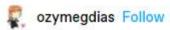


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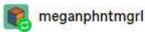
"The real problem, the kind of thing that would make De Niro in Casino groan, 'Amateur night!', starts when people imagine that they can stop immoral behavior by policing immoral characters, phrases, or scenes in literature. They're looking for the wrong thing. They're sniffing for depictions of immorality, when they should be scanning the silences, the evasions. There's a very naïve theory of language at work here, roughly: 'If people speak nicely, they'll act nicely' - with the fatuous corollary, 'If people mention bad things, they must like bad things.' The simplest refutation of that is two words: Victorian Britain. Victorian Britain carried out several of the biggest genocides in human history. It was also a high point of virtuous literature. Because they were smart about language. They didn't rant about the evil of their victims or gloat about massacring them, at least not in their public writings. They wrote virtuous novels, virtuous poems. And left a body count which may well end up the biggest in world history."

Amateurs Talk Cancel, Pros Talk Silence

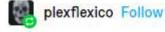




do you ever think about how weird it is that the moral of *Frankenstein* is kind of less just "graverobbing is weird and creepy" and more "take some fucking responsibility if you're going to do so"



"if you're going to create a large corpse son, you better be ready to love him"



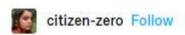
'We are absolutely responsible for what we create and bring forth into the world, whether or not those things turned out the way we had hoped.' "How about we pretend I'm allergic to people and I don't talk to anyone for the rest of the day?"

anonymous, 5 years old
 ©LiveFromSnackTime

# "15 of my imaginary friends are dogs."

- Ike, 7 years old

@LiveFromSnackTime



if I could give a piece of advice to any Teens and Youths following me.

Just lie to people on the internet. Strangers don't have a right or
need to have your real name and age much less your location and
rave and orientation and triggers. Pronouns are probably fine though.

Other than that where else are you going to have the power to force people to call you by an outlandish name that no one IRL would?

Where else can you force people to refer to you as idk LordMoomin?

I know a lot of major social media expects you to use your real information and make it public but you don't have to and you really shouldn't either. Even aside from the privacy issues, what are they, a cop? Fuck off

# The Shortest and Sweetest of Songs

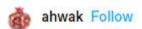
Come Home.

(1893)

**George MacDonald,** from "The Complete Poems & Fairytales," wr. c. 1905

#### Il Vero Professionista:

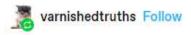
I'm going to look under your bed, I'm going to dump out any drawer I find. I'm checking your freezer. I'm looking under the bathroom cabinet. Think that incredibly smart hiding spot you saw in a spy movie will work? We watch spy movies too. It's really going to be a matter of security versus convenience for you. If it takes me more than a minute to get to something (and don't forget I'm more than willing to break s\*\*t to get to stuff) then it's not worth my trouble. I want to be out of your house in less than 15 minutes tops.



maybe this to-do list will fix me







Poetry is found in the spaces between editing and existing

Old lady cooing at baby: "Oh! So new! So precious! So unaware of climate change!"

**Coverheardsanfrancisco** 

Why is everything so damn bland? Why is white and grey the popular colors? Whatever happened to color? Why can't we have living rooms wallpapered with big bright flowers, long suede couches in deep fuchsia? And, mile-high blue carpets that you sink into when you walk? Whatever happened to walnut paneling and colored subway tile in the bathroom? Whatever happened to delicate stenciled flowers on the inside of the bowl of the bathroom sink?

# g teaboot Follow

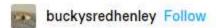
One of the things I resent most about being Animal Brain Apex
Predator trapped in Maximum Productivity Society is that I have to
work when the weather is gross, instead of following my natural
instinct to burrow myself into something dry and soft and sleep until
Optimal Foraging Conditions

# keaboot Follow

It is dark and cold and wet and miserable and I have a warm dark quiet hideaway full of food and drinking water that is safe from interlopers and for some ungodly reason instead of holing up there to conserve my energy, I am standing up in a brightly lit beige room for several hours. A possum wouldn't put up with this shit. I'm going to bite someone



# i am retired in the sense that i was tired yesterday and today i am tired again



you can find me here, in the corner, daydreaming and yearning about lonely people finding each other and making a home out of it

I spend a lot of my life looking at books with left-hand-page Greek or Latin, and right-hand-page English, and you get used to it, you get used to thinking in the little channel in between the two languages where the perfect language exists.

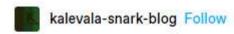
#### Anne Carson, interviewed for Brick

Translation happens in the space between, in what is passed over and what is held up to the light.

Meghan Purvis, On Translating Beowulf



adults seemed way adultier when i was a kid



# Death in Kalevala

Death as we know it doesn't exist in Kalevala since basically no one important stays dead and those who do just keep on talking as if nothing happened.

And if you thought that was a joke, I hate to break it to you, but Kullervo's mother literally yells from her grave to the sobbing Kullervo that he has to remember to take the dog out for a walk.\*

\* Only in the New Kalevala, though. In the Old Kalevala, Kullervo skips visiting her grave, to put it kindly.



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I maintain that humans started attempting classify animals, and some god or another made the platypus, and is still laughing.



# messy-scandinoodle Follow

Zeus: \*hits joint\* okay so like. It's gonna have a duck bill right. But an otter body okay? And then a beaver tail. It's a mammal. But. It lays eggs!

Hades: wait wait dude. Give it. Give it poison. Make it poisonous



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Athena: You mean venomous, and make sure the eggs have both reptile and bird traits.

Hermes: \*takes the joint\* Give it extra senses.

Poseidon: It should be aquatic.



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I MEAN where's the lie



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Demeter: ... And where exactly do you expect me to put this?

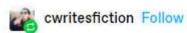
Everyone: Australia.



be useless, so nobody can use you

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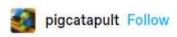
This isnt a joke my favorite piece of writing advice that I've ever seen is someone that said if you were stuck with a fic and couldn't figure out why or what was wrong, your problem is actually usually about ten sentences back. Maybe there was something wonky about the tone or the dialogue or you added something that didn't fit but it's usually ten sentences back. And every single time I get stuck in a fic I count back ten sentences and it's always fucking there



If you write yourself into a corner, back out of the corner.

"Hey I like your personality"

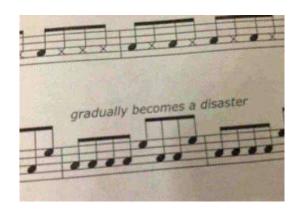
"Thanks, it's a disorder."



A kind person whose social justice vocabulary is outdated or inadequate for the concepts they're trying to communicate is a better person than anyone who'd rip them down as a bigot for not keeping up with the euphemism treadmill. Morality is measured by how you treat people, not how well you've memorized a continuously evolving set of shibboleths.







(ridendo): "MI chiamano Maestro perché non hanno altre parole per offendermi".

F. Battiato

# John Ruskin the moralist: "To teach taste is to form character". Oscar Wilde the dangerous aesthete: "The Young Prince".

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## princesskuragina Follow

Sometimes I think about lesbian icon renée vivien lauging so hard she had to leave a lecture bc the man was talking about how a book of anonymously published love poetry was the pinnacle depiction of a young man's desire towards women..... but it was her book. She wrote it. About her girlfriend.

Therapist: Name three things you're good at.

Me: Overthinking, second guessing, and stress eating.

Therapist: No





#### homosexual-having-tea Follow

You ever think about how unified humanity is by just everyday experiences? Tudor peasants had hangnails, nobles in the Qin dynasty had favorite foods, workers in the 1700s liked seeing flowers growing in pavement cracks, a cook in medieval Iran teared up cutting onions, a mom in 1300 told her son not to get grass stains on his clothes, some girl in the past loved staying up late to see the sun rise.



# quecksilvereyes Follow

there are scriptures all over the world painstakingly crafted hundreds of years ago with paw prints and spelling mistakes or drawings covering up mistakes, a bunch of teenage girls 2000 years ago gathered to walk around their hometown, getting fast food and laughing with their friends, two friends shared blankets before people lived in houses, a mother ran a fine comb through her child's hair and told it to stop squirming sometime in the 1000s, there are covered up sewing mistakes in couture dresses from the 1800s, some poor roman burnt their food so well past recognition that they just buried the entire pot, there are broken dishes hidden in gardens of people no one even remembers anymore

Oh man i think i just ran out of pain

Paint\*

i still have plenty of pain

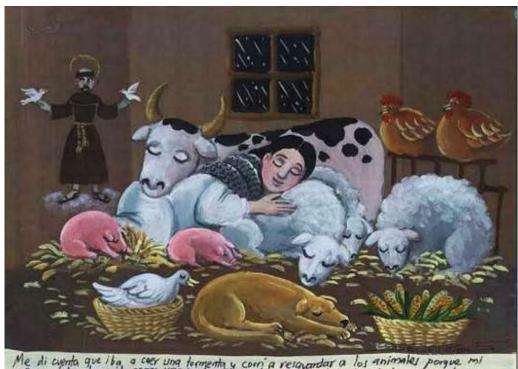


# INSIDE YOU THERE ARE TWO WOLVES



you should probably see a doctor, the recommended amount of wolves inside you is zero

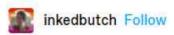
Are you a sentient human being? *
O Yes
O No
<ul><li>Unfortunately</li></ul>



Me di cuenta que i ba a cer una termenta y com a resquardar a los animales porque mi espos estaba dormido como una predia. Habendeles presto a todos bajo techo ya no pude karcam a la Cara porque se soto el aquo coro con graniza, ari que, me acontode entre los animales y debo confesar que nunca des mistan bien como esa noche dos gracias e contratorios nerros estabandos recestos relamente descontra verigo a desmir con esta local.

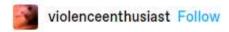
I saw that a storm was about to start, and I ran to shelter the animals because my husband slept like a log. I got them under the roof but couldn't ran to the house myself because a heavy rain with hail broke out. So I made myself comfortable among the animals, and I must confess, I have never slept so good as that nigh. I give thanks to Saint Francis because now when I really need to rest I come to sleep with them, as far as possible from my husband snoring.

'Venice is a complicated place, physically and spiritually, and it is extraordinarily difficult to establish Venetian facts. Nothing is ever quite certain.' – Jan Morris

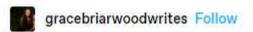


if your sexuality feels constricting or like a set of rules you HAVE follow then maybe you just... aren't that sexuality pal





as always when a famous jewish person passes, i feel the need to restate that the correct jewish honorific in death is "may their memory be a blessing"



May your voice move the world like the windmay it gently soothe, and may it tear doors from their hinges when they need to be opened.



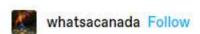
therapist: would you say you're living a life of quiet desperation?

me: no I'm pretty vocal about it

#### TRANSITIONING:

"I love my body enough to go through whatever hell is necessary to make it feel like home."

-shards of blue



someone told me once that shooting stars are really just angels throwing away their cigarettes before God could catch them smoking thoodleoo

\*tries to summon a demon with google translate latin but the demon is really pedantic and it just turns into the romanes eunt domus scene from life of brian\*

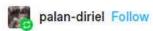
#### #tagamemnon

#look he may be haagenti the great president of hell but he's not gonna sit here and let me conjugate my verbs poorly #queueusque tandem abutere catilina patientia nostra



#### thoodleoo

you've heard of death of the author, now get ready for necromancy of the author, i'm going to translate ancient texts and bring drag these motherfuckers back to life whether they like it or not



#translation as necromancy...making me think of enrique de villena #first person to translate the Aeneid into Spanish #had a reputation as a necromancer

God spoke to John and said, "Come forth, and you shall receive eternal life."

But John came fifth, and won a toaster.

- Do you have anything to drink?I have water.
- -Do you have anything harder?

# Two fish are in a tank. One turns to the other and asks "Do you know how to drive this thing?"

My ex-wife still misses me

But her aim is getting better



A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

What do you call a broken can opener? A can't opener.

# I don't trust elevators. I am taking steps to avoid them.

What happened when Batman and Robin got run over by a steamroller? They became Flatman and Ribbon.

A priest, a nun, a rabbit, a doctor, and a lawyer all walk into a bar. he bartender looks up and says "what you doing here".

The rabbit replies, "I think I am a typo"

Why do sharks swim in saltwater? Pepperwater makes them sneeze.

If somebody is rude to you, ask them to repeat themselves. Here's why...
"sorry?" "excuse me what was that?" "can you please repeat what you said?" in
a calm confused tone

They are most likely to either rephrase what they said or say it in a nicer way.

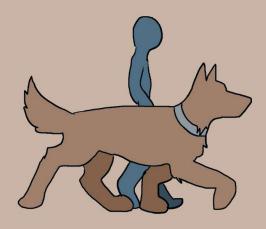
Most people feel the guilt kick in once they get another chance of repeating what they said before, they get this little feeling of either 'what is wrong in what I said?' or give them a slight realization of 'wait.. There seems to be consequences'.

"It wasn't that friendship needed to be sexualized, it was that erotica needed to be ... friendship-ized."

You must either learn to carry the Universe or be crushed by it.

BEFORE MEDS, LIFE WAS LIKE ALWAYS WALKING A HUGE DOG. ON EASY DAYS, THE DOG WANTS TO GO MY WAY.

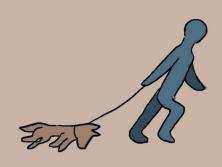
ON BAD DAYS, IT WON'T. I CAN EXHAUST MYSELF BY TRYING TO DRAG IT, AND MAKE NO PROGRESS.



I THOUGHT GETTING ADHD-NEDICATION WOULD GIVE ME A SMALLER DOG, EASIER TO DRAG WITH ME.



INSTEAD, I SUDDENLY WAS THE DOG. AND I DON'T NEED TO BE DRAGGED.



I AM FREE TO GO WHEREVER I CHOOSE



AND I AM SO FUCKING FAST



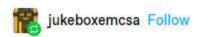




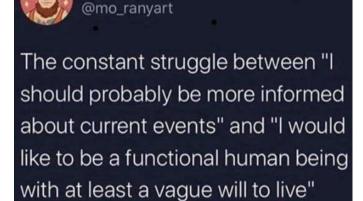
# here's a qoute by Erin Mckean about it:

"You don't owe prettiness to anyone. Not to your boyfriend/spouse/partner, not to your co-workers, especially not to random men on the street. You don't owe it to your mother, you don't owe it to your children, you don't owe it to civilization in general. Prettiness is not a rent you pay for occupying a space marked 'female'."

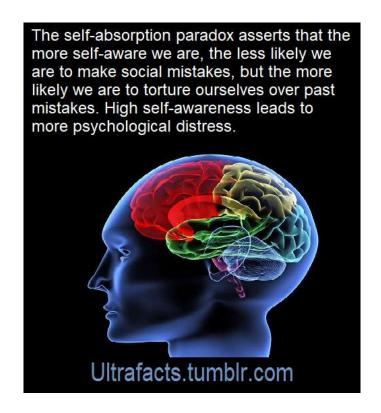




Millennial Odysseus is starting to suspect there's something wrong with his GPS...



it's mo!

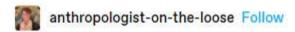


'Give me three minutes to reflea,' said the Cat.



I always think of one of my co-workers at a husky farm near Inari, who told me apropos of nothing while we were clearing out dog shit together that he thought the reason Americans are "like that" ("like what, Veikka" got the response "you know what I mean") is because "they never see their grandma's tits." His logic was that "in Finland, you go to the sauna with your grandma from when you're a baby, and you see her naked, and this is years and years before you ever see any porn, so you know before you see any of it that it's temporary and fake. And when you get a girlfriend later, you know it's only a matter of time before her tits look like that too, you accept this. And Americans don't know that! They don't! They look at porn, and then they get a wife, and then they're surprised and bitter when she gets old it's true!"

Like, to be clear, I think Veikka's analysis might have been missing more than a bit of nuance, this is the same guy whose motto was "Driving 600km south to Rovaniemi to get therapy is expensive, chopping wood till you don't care about it anymore is free", but I do occasionally still look at some British or American take online and think to myself, in his voice, "they've never seen their grandma's tits"



The point of officially naming a pet is not to actually use that name but to have a baseline from which to come up with every conceivable nickname to call them instead.



### abyss13warlock Follow

You bury a seed not because it looks nice in the dirt, but because the limbs that branch out will look nice in the sky



### anthropologist-on-the-loose Follow

Congrats on contributing to the ancient tumblr tradition of turning shitposts into profound poetry

#### queerpyracy

listen. listen. the consumption of animal products is about mutually beneficial relationships Not domination and that's why prioritizing animal r\*ghts over animal welfare is an absolutely brain fungus take to have

urban leftists who've never so much as raised a chicken will be like "umm think about the politics of your diet???" because they can't conceive of the fact that domestication is an incredibly sweet gig for most livestock where they don't have to look for their own food or shelter or water are protected from predators and also get free healthcare and a quick clean death

#### dovewithscales

You can pry my steak from my cold dead claws but I will advocate for the cow, the farm worker, the butcher, and the grocer to all have happy healthy lives until my dying breath.

### lifewithchronicpain

In order to plant vegetables, you have to till the land. Tilling the land kills every snake, mole, mice, etc.. living there. If you think it's possible to avoid animal death by the food you choose, then you're just ignorant.

Zerotonin.
Thave lots of it.



If you're ever feeling guilty about not cooking a fresh home-cooked meal, a reminder that people in cities historically either had cooks or ate at food stalls, going back to Ancient Greece. Ancient Egypt, too, although since everybody ate bread, beer, and onions, less of a thing.

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### Kingfisher & Wombat @UrsulaV - 35m

It's a weird quirk of our obsession with nuclear families that everybody is expected to have time, skill, and equipment to cook daily and that if you're a woman, particularly, you are a lesser person if you aren't casually able to cook every day with random fresh ingredients.

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### Kingfisher & Wombat @UrsulaV · 30m

Don't buy into that. People since forever have hired cooks, gone to inns, lived in extended families where it wasn't always your turn to cook, or ate such simplified diets that it was less of an issue.

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# Journal of Some Universal Rejection

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#### About the Journal

The founding principle of the Journal of Universal Rejection (JofUR) is rejection. Universal rejection. That is to say, all submissions, regardless of quality, will be rejected. Despite that apparent drawback, here are a number of reasons you may choose to submit to the JofUR:

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### theambitiouswoman

Communication feels like arguing when you have a hard time expressing your emotions.

#### glowdiamond

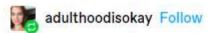
I find that if you grew up in a dysfunctional family, with a verbally and/or physically violent parent, regular communication or healthy disagreements feel scary and unsafe because you grew in a highly unstable/ volatile environment where a conversation about potato salad being too salty could have escalated into a full blown fight.

I know for a fact that I avoid disagreements and difficult conversations because it makes me super tense and i'm constantly trying to anticipate the person's reaction/what they would like to hear to keep myself safe.

In your adult life, you have to train yourself to be an open communicator, you have to take responsibility over yourself and work on healing your inner child so that you don't get wound up whenever a tough conversation needs to take place, disagreements are normal and healthy (no one is going to agree with everything you say), it is safe for you to disagree with others, it is safe for your to voice your opinion, it is also highly recommended for you to express your emotional/physical needs even if it feels uncomfortable, your partner/friends/colleagues are not mind readers.

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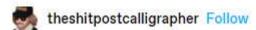
theres a knight in my backyard stabbing the ground with his sword trying to render my soil barren by killing the worms but luckily ive trained them all in classical ballet and they keep pirouetting away from the blade



you can't get sentences like this anywhere else

### butchcommunist Follow

If you can't even disagree on a single relatively major political point with a close friend, then yes I think that's a problem in how you relate to people and I think the rapid spread of the assertion to the contrary is directly responsible for the absolute inability many people now have to even engage with ideas they disagree with on an intellectually honest basis, and it is certainly responsible for the pride some people take in that inability.



s/o to the teachers in high school i had who knew about shit like ADHD and optimal arousal, never mentioned either term to me, and just let me make a truly prodigious amount of paper stars and shuriken during class



### gallusrostromegalus Follow

Shout out to Mr. Luke in sixth grade who looked at the drawing of a dragon with some algebra in the margins I turned in for my math notes because that's what I'd put down during lecture, then looked at my perfect test scores and said

"Hey how about TWO notebooks so your math notes don't mess up your dragons?"

Today's date is both a palindrome and an ambigram! Which means you can read the date from left to right, from right to left and also upside down!







"men be like-" "women be like-" just shut up and tell us that specific thing that your ex did



big fan of polite and minimal explanations when you need to get out of work, school, plans etc. just a definitive 'sorry but I can't make it today.' and then if they press for details or are rude about it say 'sorry, something came up. thanks for understanding' i'm over the idea that you have to exaggerate/overexplain your situation even when you don't want to do that to be worthy of flexibility and grace in your life



### finnverbose Follow

The "thanks for understanding" is a power move, too, because then if they keep pressing it's like implying that they're NOT being understanding.

# It's okay to live a life others don't understand.

Jenna Woginrich





### In my own life, it gives me a bit of raisin d'etre.



I do not give god permission to judge m3





unfortunately in graduate school the act of reading becomes oriented as an extractive practice and thus can easily lose its potential as a ritual of pleasure. sadly, reading becomes an act of harvesting or scavenging citations to cover bases and hedge bets.

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109 year old woman says secret to long life is avoiding other people



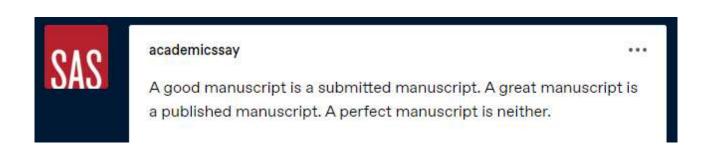
Virtual happy hours are worse than in-person happy hours. Just let me close my computer and drink alone.

Town folk know pleasures, country people joys.
-- Minna Antrim



#### cor-ardens

also, i keep thinking about that artist who lost an arm and she made self-portraits and of course they depicted herself without an arm, and people were like why do you keep marking art about the loss of your arm, and she was like i don't. i'm making art about myself and i only have one arm. while a lot of people write poetry about their own pain, sometimes personal poetry is just a reflection of who they are, and who they are is shaped by traumatic events and other things that *you* may find upsetting.



## Three Reasons Why You Shouldn't Open the Door



- 1. Doors usually lead to places.
  - Places are often populated with **people**.
  - People are, by and large, spectacularly awful.

-- Jane Austen?



Saw is unrealistic no-one has that much will to live  $8{:}03\,\text{PM}\cdot\text{May}\,18,\,2021$ 



### neil-gaiman Follow

starflight-blog asked:



aren't you like 60?

no offense but why tf are you on tumblr?



#### neil-gaiman answered:

Because when I signed up for Tumblr, back in 2012, nobody told me it would be like Logan's Run\*, and once I got over a certain age I would need to be hunted down and killed.

I suppose I should have read the terms and conditions.

\*A film from long, long ago in the misty dawn times.

### #neil gaiman

#I guess we're going to be hunted down and killed by kiddles who need a booster seat to see over the dashboard

9,601 notes











### exitwound Follow

when whitman said "i contradict myself. i am large... i contain multitudes" and wilde said "what are you? to define is to limit" and sumney said "i insist upon my right to be multiple"



### existential-celestial Follow

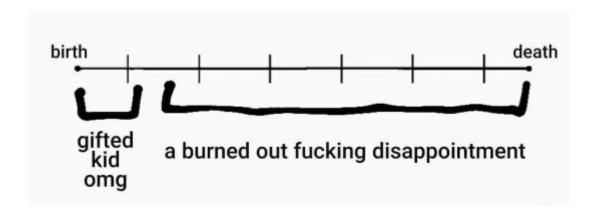
and ashbery said "accept yourself as numerous"



### soracities Follow

and when mahmoud darwish said "I am besieged by contradiction" and when lewis carroll said "I knew who I was this morning, but I've changed a few times since then"









I cannot underscore enough how important it is to have people in your life who are delighted by you. Yes, delighted. It actually is foundational to the self esteem of a child to have their adults be delighted by their existence. You are worthy of having your full essence enjoyed. I don't mean just sexually. Surround yourself with people who enjoy you. Who find pleasure in being around you and witnessing you. None of that lukewarm "they cool peoples" shit. Be around people who fuck with you heavily and joyfully.



ainawgsd •••

Maybe 11am a song came on the radio and I mentioned that it made me think of Gnomeo and Juliet. My pharmacist hasn't seen it so we were describing it and I mentioned the Shakespeare cameo.

Except I couldn't remember the actor's name. Neither could my other coworkers. The best thing we could come up with was Picard.

7:14 that evening, apropos to nothing, I shouted, "Patrick Stewart!"

No one even batted an eye, and everyone instantly knew what I was talking about.

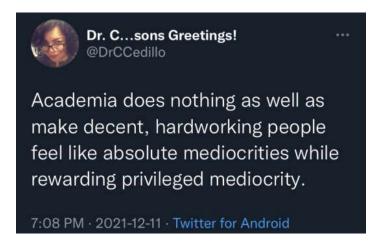


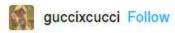
### academicssay

The academic urge to more of a comment than a question

### A mood







Our parents really have undiagnosed mental illnesses and we just gotta deal with the problems that come with that



### ultimatraditor Follow

To cite someone from Russian twitter: "If you don't feel like going to therapist, don't worry - your kids will"



### memoryslandscape Follow

"If a society needs spirituality it starts to produce artwork and to generate artists. If it does not need spirituality, a society will make do without art but the number of unhappy people will grow, of spiritually dissatisfied people will increase, humans will lose their purpose and no longer understand why they exist. So in regard to religion, it's not a personal matter to me. It concerns the fate of culture of our civilisation."

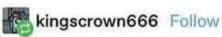
 Andrey Tarkovsky, quoted in promo for Andrey Tarkovsky: A Cinema Prayer; Painting with Light: Festival of International Films on Art, National Gallery, Singapore

### carrot-potato

"I have no idea what Im doing and you cant stop me"







There's an old saying (I think it's Russian): the same boiling water that softens the potato will harden the egg



doctor asked if i had "any feelings of depression or anxiety" and i said "dont we all" and he said "no" lol

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### draconym Follow

I often work with children and it makes me kind of sad when I'm at work and I start talking to a small child and their parent says something like, "oh, she's sixteen months, she can't understand you."

Like, 1. I know what a toddler is and 2. not with that attitude she won't.

I dreamt — marvelous error! — that I had a beehive here inside my heart. And the golden bees were making white combs and sweet honey from my old failures.

last night, as i was sleeping, antonio machado, trans. robert bly

I had a teacher who gave a lecture he had already given, word for word. He asked a question which I answered correctly. He asked how I got the answer and I said "I wrote it down the last time you gave this lecture"

I mean, I still can't speak French, but I misunderstand it better. Yay me.



### blinkpen Follow

man, remember early in the pandemic, shortly into the telework phase, when a lot of women started vocalizing "wow, i didn't realize just how much time, energy, and even money i was wasting on dolling myself up for work every damn morning, until i didn't have to do it anymore. i don't think i'll go back to doing that when we return to the office? i won't be a slob or anything, of course, i'm just not going to go out of my way to look pretty at work" and then,

so many people proceeded to lose every last crumb of their shit about it, writing the most asinine crybaby articles ever where they were just, utterly horrified by the possibility that more and more women might become comfortable looking natural/plain and completely opting out of the expectation to look as appealing as possible at all times, even when all they're doing is spending all day in a cubicle, that was bonkers, Imao,



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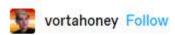
some ladies were like "during lockdown, i saw myself in the mirror without makeup much more often, and got used to it, so now i don't feel as anxious for others to see me without makeup on either, i'm comfortable with the face i have, it's fine just the way it is"

and some absolute dork ass losers heard this and went "truly, this is the death of femininity"

...some women needed nothing short of a pandemic to get the point







Translator? Why not trans now?

# WOMAN FLOORS MAN WHO SPAT ON HER DRESS IN CAR

Knocks Him Down With Jug of Molasses and Repeats With Her Fist.

### cluegrrl

And then there are some days when you have an arguably "bad" day -- yanked out of a deep sleep at 6:45 by your neighbor calling to tell you that your car just got hit on the street out front, only it's not YOUR car, because yours is at the mechanics and you've borrowed a car from your friend so it's your friend's car that just got hit, and hit BAD, and also you have two garbage cans from down the street in pieces in your yard, and their contents are basically all over, and the wrought iron handrail to your front steps is bent at 45 degrees and jesus fucking christ you were just having the best sleep you'd had in months, and now you have to deal with this...

But the kid who hit you looks like his world has just ended, and he's jittering there in his high school wrestling team letterman jacket, apologizing to you and telling you how he just got off a 14 hour shift at the FedEx distribution center and he fell asleep trying to get home, and you ask him how he is, and he says he's not hurt, but you ask no, how are you really, and he just. He pulls that beanie down over his eyes and starts to cry, and Covid or not, borrowed car in shreds or not, lost sleep or not, you just have to grab his skinny ass and give him a fucking hug. Because in a few hours you will realize that you own a truck now, and it's an old one, all steel and very high sprung. Built for work, that truck, only it needed work, so it's at a friend's house this morning, but if it had been where it belonged when this kid was trying to get him and his buddy home, that would have been what they hit. And their low slung little Toyota would have submarined right under the truck's high back end, and when your neighbor called you, it would have been to come down and watch them shoveling that kid's body out of the car in pieces.

And that glimpse into the alternate universe will turn that whole bad day onto its ear -- not into a good day, no, but into a shaky, deep breathing day of reverence for the ways things went wrong in exactly the right way for that kid to walk away from this. And a day of shaky gratitude for the fact that the universe zigged instead of zagging this morning. I am so glad it was not worse than it was.



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Chivalry, but in an explicitly queer way



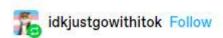
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Duty, divorced from militaristic connotations, doing the right thing because it is the right thing and because it needs to be done even if nobody will thank you for it

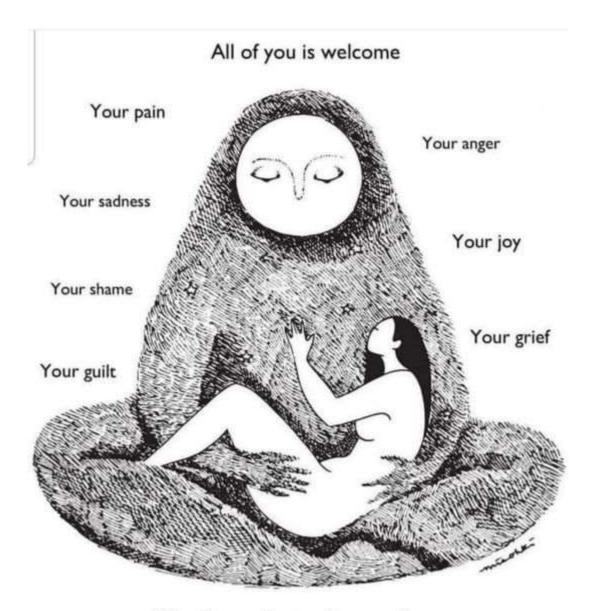


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Tradition, as connection and humanity and the knowledge that there are some things we have done for thousands of years because we love each other



I remember my mum saying to me, "I get she has dumb opinions but why did she have to tell us all about it"



All of you is welcome here



What academics say	What they mean
Various sources	I forgot the name and author of that one paper
We are grateful to the two anonymous peer reviewers for their constructive comments	God help them if I ever find out who they are
A promising area for an initial study	I have to do this to get funding
Widely discussed in the academic community	I accidentally ended up in the middle of a heated Twitter argument
The notes were meticulously transcribed	I was drunk and missed out at least seven pages
An extensive literature review	A quick Google search
A complex phenomenon	I don't understand
Has long evaded the understanding of scientists	I don't understand why I don't understand
Is impossible to summarise simply	I still don't understand
Approaching the traditional threshold for statistical significance	Not significant
More research is required	I need funding



Rahul Kohli 🤣 @RahulKohli13 · 2d

Chill out on all the "you're perfect" or "he's an angel" type tweets. You're only gonna get pissed off with me about something or other next week.

We are all complicated. We are all messy.

Never put anyone on a pedestal, you're always gonna get disappointed.



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Rahul Kohli @ @RahulKohli13 · 2d

One day you're gonna see a video of me flicking a cigarette butt or being short with a fan or some old joke ages poorly and you'll be like "See? I knew he was garbage" or "we can't have anything nice"...

\*You\* raised the bar. \*You\* set yourself up for disappointment.



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Anonymous asked:

what is the point of being kind

mjalti answered:

what's the point of being mean?





### ciaran Follow

if we could read minds I still don't think we'd understand them.



### ciaran Follow

like I've spoken to people who think in images, who have to translate each thought into words before they communicate, and I think entirely in words, laid out across the void inside my head. my father's thinking is 3d, concepts structured in ways that are incredibly difficult to translate into words, and how would that look to me, if I could see into it? how do I perceive a thought that my mind cannot contain by the nature of their construction?



### ciaran Follow

we all speak a private language to ourselves and we are always translating so we can speak to each other...don't touch me I'm emotional

> ...it's easier to understand a lion's thoughts sleep well Wittgenstein

#### heedra

i think one thing that complicates ppls willingness to understand wild animal safety is that people often take the statement 'this animal will kill you with no remorse' as a morally-charged statement about that animal and will get defensive on that animals behalf, because they themselves are equating predatory behavior with 'meanness' and can't imagine a situation in which an animal such as a bear or big cat could both be a delightful, fascinating animal with capacity for complex interactions with humans and also an animal who simply does not have the same social contracts or see any problem with killing an eating any other animal if it feels safe doing so to. i've said similar before on a broader post abt animal intelligence but like, if your appreciation for animals like bears and tigers is ruined by the idea that there's nothing you can do to prevent a bear or tiger from seeing you as potential food (short of raising it in a way that would be extremely mentally damaging for the animal, lmao), then that's problem with your own limits to compassion for animals lmao. it's wrong to equate an animals carnivory to it being 'bad' and its fair to point out how that's been historically used to demonize animals like wolves but it's no better to pretend an animal isn't what it is for your own comfort.



### bakwaaas Follow

You gotta understand that some people never really grow. They never learn their lesson. They never recognise their mistakes, they never acknowledge their faults, they never admit they were in the wrong. You will never receive an apology from them, and you will never see their behaviour change.

If you are silent about your pain they'll kill you and say you enjoyed it - Zora Neale Hurston



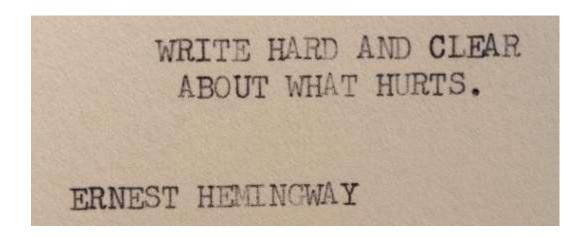
### youworeflowersinyourhair Follow

I love how the message of Frankenstein isn't "don't play god and commit hubristic acts of mad science" but instead "when you commit a hubristic act of mad science you are responsible for parenting whatever comes out of it"



I used to think I could control ducks with my mind but it turns out ducks & I just have very similar ideas about what stuff ducks should do

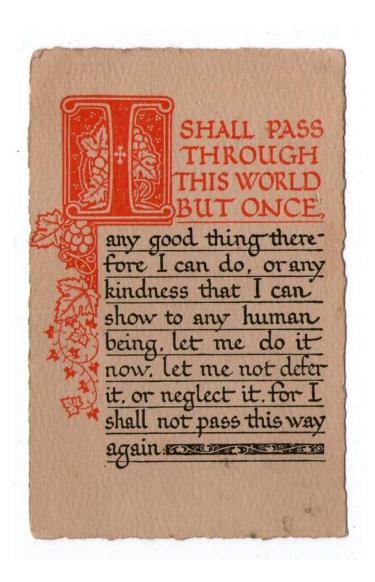






"I need an AR-15 in case I need to hijack a plane to fly my son to a country with socialized healthcare", is currently my favorite take on gun ownership.

The brain is the only thing that we know of that has named itself.



### headspace-hotel Follow

Transforms into a werewolf dramatically but the werewolf just turns in a circle and curls up and takes a nap and i wake up in the morning in shredded clothes like "wow. i feel really refreshed actually."



### cleverthylacine Follow

This is also why "nobody had gluten sensitivity/nut allergies/fibromyalgia/environmental allergies in the past!" is so dumb.

Nobody knew what caused those things and it was kind of normal to be sick all the time. Everyone acts like gluten sensitivity and celiac disease are new things. They are not. We just didn't even know what caused celiac disease symptoms until WWII when people who were unable to obtain bread suddenly got a lot better and someone connected the dots.

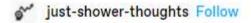
People are not sicker because of GMOs or hybrid plants, they are just as sick as they have always been, only now we have some idea what to do about it.

Our homes are a lot safer than they used to be. Our food is a lot safer than it used to be. And we are noticing chronic illness more than we used to because it's not actually something that everyone we know has to put up with. People bootstrap chronic pain patients and depressed people because there was a time when almost nobody living wasn't in pain or depressed or sick, and back then, yeah, you pretty much had to pull it together or die.

But a lot of people DIED. So we're looking for better solutions.

The Milton scholars screamed and argued about how the serpent was supposed to move before it crawled on its belly. Dr. Matthews, enraged that Dr. Goldstein could believe the serpent bounced around on the coiled end of its tail, flipped over the conference table. "Satan is not a fucking pogo stick!" he howled.

Gregory, l'inventore della PEC



A block of cheese is actually just a loaf of milk.

You could be that monster, you could be that cop. And you have to decide, in yourself, not to be.

-- James Baldwin

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no longer going to be looking for a romantic partner the usual way. instead im going to go hang out on barren islands and hope that dionysus finds me and whisks me up to mt. olympus to be his wife

### methinks therefore me am



### nevercameagain

There's this narrative that top surgery is the solution to a problem, a way to mitigate discomfort, repair a wrong.

And yeah, I can check the necessary boxes.

chronic book pain

Chronic book

### just-shower-thoughts Follow

Fairy tales don't teach children that monster exist-they already know. Instead, fairy tales teach children that monsters can be defeated.

### sadclowncentral Follow

my opinion on quantum physics is that we should stop looking into it. it's none of our business and frankly the particles seem to agree



As a Deaf guy, looking at people kissing musical instruments is quite bizarre

When the system refuses to listen to the polite conversation the answer is to get loud.

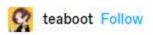




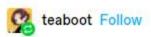


Remember, you can disappear into the woods whenever you want. You're an adult.

The problem is finding a wood.



Too bad the prophet Cassandra never met Odysseus



They say if she made a prophecy Nobody would believe her

### my-stupid-advice

I'm just going to say it. It's okay to have a low IQ.

It's okay to not be "smart", as in clever, witty, or cunning. It's okay.

It's okay to not be a leader. It's okay to be content following people- the important thing is making sure you're following the right people for you.

It's okay not to be good at maths and science, and it's okay not to be good at English or art or drama.

It's okay if you're not good at anything "academic".

It's okay if you don't have a special talent, or a hobby you're particularly invested in.

It's okay to not be charming, or funny, or 'pretty'.

It's okay if you aren't society's ideal.

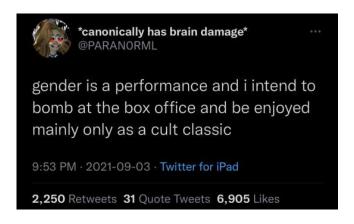
None of these things detract from you being a person. None of these things mean you have any less worth as a human being. Even if any of these things mean that you can't contribute to society as an engineer or a doctor or something, that doesn't mean you can't contribute to other people's lives.

Don't let society determine your self worth.

Because you can still be kind. Still give people cookies, or hugs, or companionship. You can still do things, you could still find something that you're passionate about, you could still find your calling. And even if you don't, that doesn't mean you aren't still human. All human beings have intrinsic value, just for being alive. You have the right to be part of society, and more importantly to be alive, whether or not you have something that make other people like you.

Your life is not dependent on others. You are allowed to just exist, to not have found that thing that makes you "you" yet.

It's okay, I promise.



## AND IN THE END... VANILLA RULES!

