

Wisdom 2024





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A few months ago I learned that ppl who had been deaf from birth but gained their hearing later in life often say that they expected the sun to make a noise, and I've been thinking about that ever since

2024

IF IT NO LONGER SERVES YOU, LEAVE
SAY WHAT YOU MEAN
ALL IS NOT AS IT APPEARS
DO NOT EQUATE TEMPERANCE WITH INACTION
THE WORLD IS ABUNDANT
YOU ARE CAPABLE OF BOTH GREAT HORROR AND GREAT KINDNESS TOO
THERE IS BEAUTY AND HOPE IN ALL COMPASSION
THIS IS NOT YOUR GRAVE
GET THE FUCK UP
-- endure





John Perricone

Jan 1, 2022 · 🌐



Several years ago I invited a Buddhist monk to speak to my Senior elective class, and quite interestingly, as he entered the room, he didn't say a word (that caught everyone's attention). He just walked to the board and wrote this: "EVERYONE WANTS TO SAVE THE WORLD, BUT NO ONE WANTS TO HELP MOM DO THE DISHES." We all laughed. But then he went on to say this to my students:

"Statistically, it's highly unlikely that any of you will ever have the opportunity to run into a burning orphanage and rescue an infant. But, in the smallest gesture of kindness -- a warm smile, holding the door for the person behind you, shoveling the driveway of the elderly person next door -- you have committed an act of immeasurable profundity, because to each of us, our life is our universe."

This is my hope for you for the New Year -- that by your smallest acts of kindness, you will save an other's world.

There was a Happy New Year card

I read:

HAPPY NEVER



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Kidnapped and experimented on by aliens but I was in the control group so nothing happened



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i was in the library and the lights went out and i whispered "dark academia" and only one person laughed but ive been having a bad enough week that it felt like a win so cheers



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If the solution to your problems sounds like "we need a blank slate" it's a lie. There are no blank slates, and the closest approximation people can generally imagine is "burn it all down and let God/fate/history sort it out".

That's not problem solving. It's barely catharsis, in practice. It doesn't just create more problems than it solves, it destroys more solutions than it creates.

Put the apocalypse down, and back away slowly.

Real solutions to complex, systemic problems are not so easily reduced to "us good, them evil; kill them."

Put the apocalypse down, and back away slowly



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characters whose philosophy is "if i cannot be wanted, i will be needed and if i cannot be needed, let me be used until there's nothing left of me." thank you for everyone's attention. falls off stage and dies

#the good shit



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The discovery that we had it backwards and that more realistic cave paintings are generally *older* than more abstract ones is exciting from an anthropological perspective, because it demonstrates that art movements have existed for as long as art has, but I have to imagine there's some poor biologist out there somewhere going "you mean to tell me that our Paleolithic ancestors had the ability and means to record realistic, highly detailed depictions of contemporary flora and fauna the whole time and simply *chose not to*?"



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Well everyone knows what these things LOOK LIKE, Thag, why would you just COPY them?

Surely the trick is to evoke what they are at SOUL, Thag. If I want to look at a mammoth I can just GO FIND A MAMMOTH. DUH.

(...) You catch yourself excited for something and it surprises you,
'cause you didn't think you could still feel excitement anymore.
-- teaboot



Rev. Emily Hunter McGowin, Ph.D.

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Student, crying in my office: "I just feel like I have no idea what I'm doing. Like I'm just making it up as I go along."

Me, leaning forward: "I'm going to tell you a secret & I need you to share it far & wide: We are ALL making it up as we go along. All of us."

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I'd be a terrible couples therapist. I'd just be like "have you considered breaking up?"

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maybe i can gaslight myself into being okay






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wait this is just cognitive behavioral therapy




Abby Rose

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I asked my therapist for practical advice on how to battle my perfectionism and she said "actively half a  stuff because I'm pretty sure your half a  is everyone else's whole a "



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@juxdesa

i told my therapist i have trouble verbally expressing my emotions and she literally stared at me for a straight minute and said "i was trying to figure out how to say 'no s ' professionally" OKAY



why does rhubarb grow in the dark

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"It grows because it's looking for the light,"



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Tomorrow is the 4th? What's next, the fifth? The minor falls? The major lifts?

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Hate when older people say
'You're too young to be tired'
alright Margaret you're too old to
be alive but here we are



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Did you know?

Replacing your potato chips
with grapefruit as a snack you
can lose up to 90% of what little
joy you still have left in your life.



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microdosing on catabasis by taking the subway

darkshrimpemotions

If the right way is too hard, fuck it. Do it the wrong way.

Folding clothes keeps you from getting the laundry done? Stop folding clothes. Put a basket in your room and throw your unfolded clean stuff into it right out of the dryer, it's fine.

Rinsing dishes off keeps you from loading the dishwasher? Load them dirty and run it twice.

Chopping onions keeps you from making yourself dinner? Buy the freezer bags of chopped onions.

You forget to take your meds and don't want to get out of bed to get them? Start putting them next to the bed.

Can't keep up with the dishes? Get paper plates. Worried about environment impact? Order biodegradable ones online if your local store doesn't have one.

Make the task easier. Put things where you use them instead of where they "go." Eliminate the steps that keep you from finishing the task. Eliminate the task that is stressing you out.

Do it the "wrong" way. It's literally fine.



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In the end Iphigeneia walks offstage to be sacrificed singing,

this still haunts me to this day

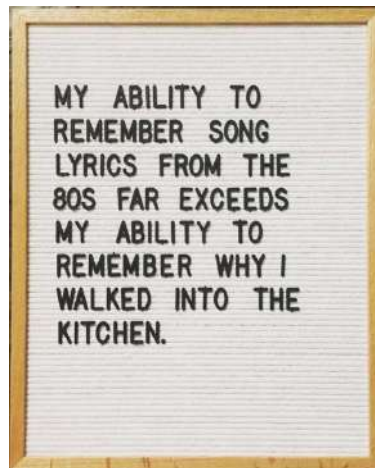


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I go to bed at 9pm and wake up at 5am, can't go back to sleep, so I lay on the couch with the reindeer skin and fall asleep, but at this point I think I have conditioned this behavior into myself. The couch and reindeer skin situation is actually more comfortable than the bed. I feel like a newborn kitten surrounded by my mom's warm fur. Animals just live like this with luxuriously thick and warm fur?! I need 6 reindeer skins and I'll stitch them together to make a giant blanket. Then I'll never leave my couch cocoon of reindeer skin. It will be summer 100 F and 100% humidity and I will be in my reindeer skin cocoon.



Running through the sprinklers.
Chasing down the ice cream truck.
Riding bikes with friends around the
neighborhood. Swinging so high that
the poles lifted up out of the ground.
Picking blueberries. Catching fireflies.

No internet. No cell phones.
No social media.

We headed home when
the streetlights came on.

Those were the summers of my
childhood...how lucky I was to have
grown up before technology took
over the world.

"Trees are sanctuaries. Whoever knows how to speak to them, whoever knows how to listen to them, can learn the truth. They do not preach learning and precepts, they preach, undeterred by particulars, the ancient law of life."

— Hermann Hesse, *Wandering*, 1919 (via [aurai](#))



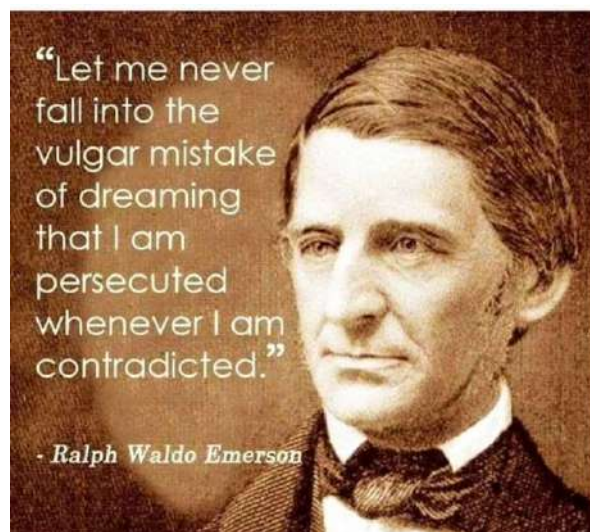
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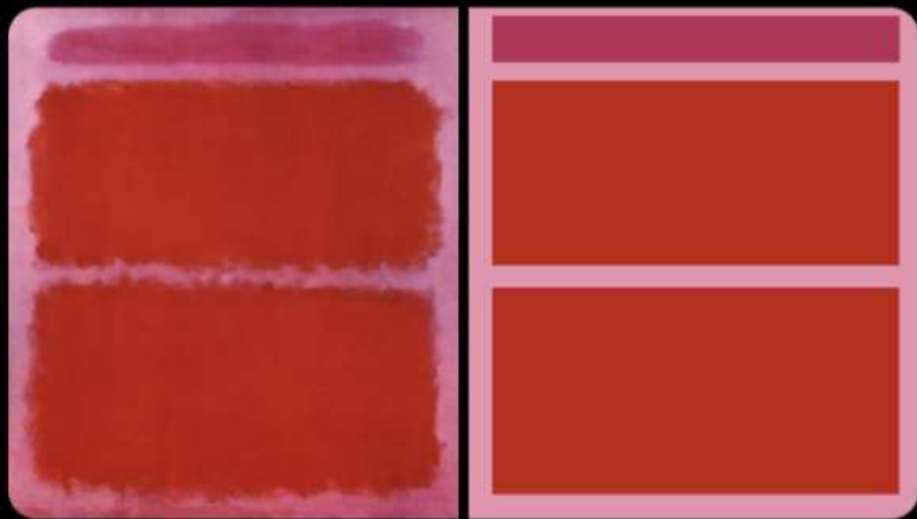
Here's the best advice my instructor told me: "You're going to have an accident. It's not a matter of **if** it's a matter of **when** and it may not even be your fault.

Drive so that when that accident happens it'll be as un-serious as possible"



mark rothko's paintings and studies in color
are beautiful and ahead of their time, but he
was always limited by the physical medium
of canvas, brush, and paint

now thanks to generative AI we can finally
predict what rothko could have created if he
had access to modern computers



thedreadvampy

Sep 4, 2023

you gotta be able to say "die"

you gotta be able to say "suicide"

you gotta be able to talk about "sex"

they're uncomfortable topics, YEAH for SURE

because LIFE is uncomfortable. Death and suicide and sex and pain are straight up going to happen.

not having words for the way it discomforts you doesn't make it more comfortable, it just makes

you less able to reach out about it.

even more vital, you gotta be able to say words like "rape", "abuse", "queer" or "racist". cause we

fought fucking hard to name those experiences. to identify "rape" as distinct from "sex" and

"racism" as distinct from "acceptable behaviour" and "queer" as distinct from "invert"

like the function of communication is not to minimise immediate discomfort. we gotta be able to

talk about stuff that's hard or sucks or causes difficult conversations.

I want to talk about happiness and well-being, about those rare, unexpected moments when the voice in your head goes silent and you feel at one with the world.

I want to talk about the early June weather, about harmony and blissful repose, about robins and yellow finches and bluebirds darting past the green leaves of trees.

I want to talk about the benefits of sleep, about the pleasures of food and alcohol, about what happens to your mind when you step into the light of the two o'clock sun and feel the warm embrace of air around your body.

Paul Auster, *The Brooklyn Follies*



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Oct 26, 2022

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Thinking about when I worked at a shitty restaurant + one night it was just me + 3 other women on closing shift, so some guy came in the back and waved a knife around, presumably for money but I'm not actually certain, bc he was met with the bartender holding a much bigger knife, a tiny teenager wielding a cast iron pan, an elderly woman holding up a crockpot of clearly boiling water, and me, turning on the meat slicer with eye contact for maximum effect. He left, but the moral of the story is not girl power or whatever, it's just. Why the fuck would you threaten a room full of underpaid and sleep-deprived blue-collar workers surrounded by lethal weapons.

NORMALISE THIS!



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I was writing alone at a bar and this guy comes up to me, stops at a respectful distance, and says, "just wanted to check on a scale of 1-10 how open you are to talking to a drunk stranger? I'm waiting for friends, but I can totally just leave you alone." A+, immaculate vibes

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siryl asked:

Whatever happened to Tumblr?

facts-i-just-made-up

It's still here. It will remain.

Long after the metaverse collapses, when the tweets run dry and the googleplex lays rotting among the kudzu, tumblr will remain.

There will be none who recognize it, only a few dim sparks in a long forgotten server, a few stray posts queued before the world became what it would become. On a broken cathode ray tube, unseen by human eyes (or any other) the posts will flicker.

A joke about the year 2525.

A cat looking at a bird.

A gifset from Lord of Illusions.

News of the dead human epoch from a Supernatural meme.

This is all that will remain of humankind's flirtation with electricity after it grew so inept, so futile, so idiotic and cruel that nobody we might call human could ever survive it.

Tumblr too will fade in the end, this unappreciated renant under a dying sun, posting one last question to no audience before the darkness reigns: "Do you love the color of the sky?" It asks.

But the sky diffused from Earth eons ago.



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#i got my borscht recipe from a teen wolf fanfic

Your native language, it turns out, doesn't have to be the first one you absorbed. Isn't that wonderful? Your native language is the one that goes deepest.

--John Lee Clark, DeafBlind poet and author of *How to Communicate*



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May 15, 2020



shakespeare frantically rewriting macbeth's marriage to be healthy and adjusted because no one will ever want to watch the original



lucy-wf

reblog if you're a bourgeois degenerate who wants to see shitty despicable and violent relationships for your disgusting sense of entertainment (and you should feel fucking ashamed of yourself)

Me: I just want to be happy
Brain:



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I wish everyone knew my dad so they could understand how well I'm doing considering the circumstances

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You are allowed to exist alone in public btw. You're allowed to go to the movies alone and go out to eat alone and hang out in a park alone and go for a walk alone and whatever else. It isn't weird or creepy, it doesn't make you lonely or a loser or whatever. You are allowed to just exist as yourself.

storybookprincess.

Dec 6, 2023

before anyone jumps in with an “op has clearly never worked in the service industry,” i work in a public facing library job
i have a patron who is mean as a snake. won’t respond when you greet her, barks orders at you, and is generally nasty
i couldn’t stand her & dreaded the moment she walked in the door, until i stopped one day & went “wow, to walk around feeling unhappy enough to treat people so horribly every day. what a difficult way to live.”
and so my tactics changed. i made a point to be extra kind & friendly to her. she changed her hair color one day & when i complimented her on it, she was very caught off guard & said “oh, thank you. my whole life i’ve thought i was ugly.”
now we’re at the point where she shows me pictures of watercolor paintings she made & says hi when she walks in the door. she’s not my favorite patron, but she’s perfectly okay. most unpleasant people aren’t inherently rotten, they’re just unhappy & coping with it poorly
assume people are always doing their best, even if their best happens to fall a bit short. assume good intentions

« infra horam vespertinam, inter canem et lupum »

His imaginary
childhood friends
were replaced
by imaginary
adult enemies.

The one that makes you giggle through the day?
It's not a "waste of time," it's what time was made for

BUT I GET UP AGAIN

1st-level abjuration (ritual)

Casting Time: 1 action

Range: Self

Components: V, S, M (a whiskey, a vodka, a lager and a cider, all of which the spell consumes)

Duration: 8 hours

Casting this spell reminds you of the good times, preventing anyone or anything from keeping you down. You are immune to the prone condition for the duration, even if you lose consciousness.

teacher

[teach-er] • noun

(n.) the profession
that creates all
other professions



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well have you considered that maybe the unstoppable force is in love
with the immovable object



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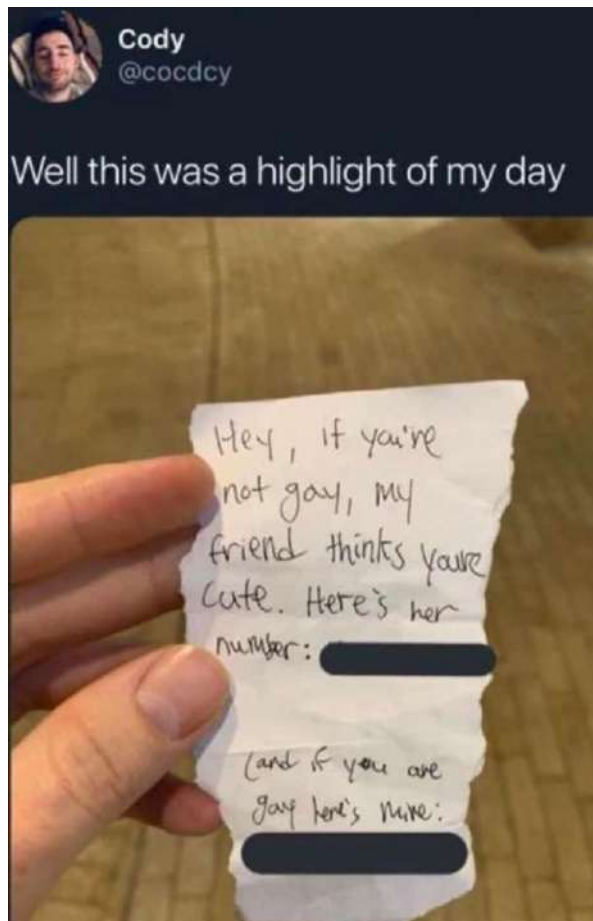
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maybe the reason one refuses to stop and the other refuses to move is
because they both long for the collision

**It's now safe to turn off
your gender.**

aziraphallic

Normalize being buried with your friends.



that did not reflect positively on the American and Canadian nations. I begin my classes each semester by telling students three things: (1) teachers may only share with them what they have been taught or been passionate enough about to learn on their own; (2) no one today is responsible for events that took place in the past, but we are responsible for learning about them so that we do not repeat negatives of the past; and (3) students have a right and a duty to challenge authority. It is in the challenging of authority that we critique colonial knowledge production and reclaim previously denied Indigenous histories and humanities. By thinking critically and by challenging Eurocentric dogmas, we reclaim our right to think, to speak, and to effect changes that reflect positively on the world. In critiquing Western knowledge production of Indigenous histories, it is essential for archaeologists to discuss and rewrite histories framed in Western ideologies of conquest that remain embedded in textbooks.

-- Paulette Steeves

unfortunately, while homosexuality is found in many species, homophobia is only found in one

I think houses live their own lives along a time-stream that's different from the ones upon which their owners float, one that's slower. In a house, especially an old one, the past is closer.

Stephen King, *Bag of Bones*, 1998

foone

Also my Christian hot take is that we should do it again. Build another Tower of Babel. Look, God got scared and engaged in divine intervention when a bunch of bronze-age guys with bricks and a single language started building a tower.

We? We've got steel, concrete, and Google translate. I say it's time we make a skyscraper.

pardon my trench
said the archaeologist

The purpose of poetry is to remind us how difficult it is to remain just one person, for our house is open, there are no keys in the doors, and invisible guests come in and out at will.

Czesław Miłosz, "Ars Poetica?"

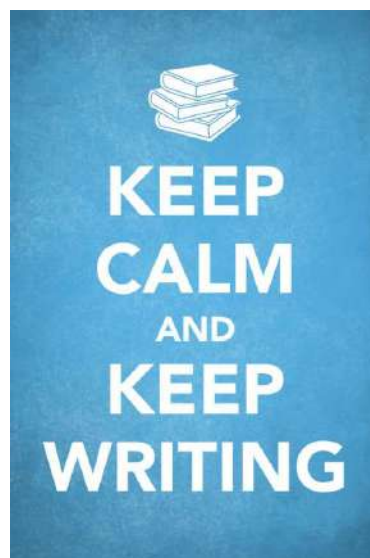


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although I find both institutions detestable I think they should force the vatican to compete in the Olympics. let's see what those priests can do



As C. S. Lewis put it:

"Since it is so likely that (children) will meet cruel enemies, let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage. Otherwise you are making their destiny not brighter but darker."

I think about this quote a lot, as the world gets bleaker, seemingly, each year. I wonder if this blog ever makes someone's destiny a little brighter. I certainly hope so.

dumbasswhatever

introducing my four year old niece to the concept of "moral dilemmas" by telling her that i'm a monster that eats children and that i know it's wrong but i'm so so so hungry and everything else tastes yucky. i've tried all the human food in the world and it all tastes so yucky i can't even eat it. i can only eat children and i'm so hungry
her resolution was that if i meet a kid that has the same name as their sibling, then i can eat one of them. their parents won't be sad, because they have another kid with the same name right there.
speaks to an uninformed but fascinating worldview

error-404-fuck-not-found

our history teacher tried a similar tack but the theoretical scenario was "the man who invented the medicine necessary to save your wife is charging more money than you can pay and won't accept credit. you're against stealing but you also don't want your wife to die. what do you do?"
our answer was not only to steal the medicine but to murder the inventor because if he's paywalling life-saving medicine, the solution that involves the lowest body count is killing him. we're ethically and morally obligated to eliminate this threat to human survival
id not go the way he thought it would
#Glorious#Flawless logic#Kids#Philosophy

aeschylus-stan-account

I hate it when I'm trying to look up a good golem recipe and the rabbi prefaces it with ten paragraphs about his life in 17th-century Prague. Like, I feel for you, Maharal, but there are anti-semites going unsuplexed while I'm searching for the ingredient list

emerging-jew

When I made my needle felt golem the Cantor told me how to make him come alive and then said "now don't do that"

the-knights-who-say-book

actually that would be a super cute middle grade or younger chapter book... kid makes a little felt golem (or more traditional clay golem) in an art class, ill advisedly brings it to life, now tiny golem is trying to protect the kid's jewish community even though it's only like four inches tall

I see it now; how
we tend to hold pain
so close, as if
it is all
we're made of.

Bianca Stone, from *What Is Otherwise Infinite: Poems*; "Cutting Odette's Fingernails"





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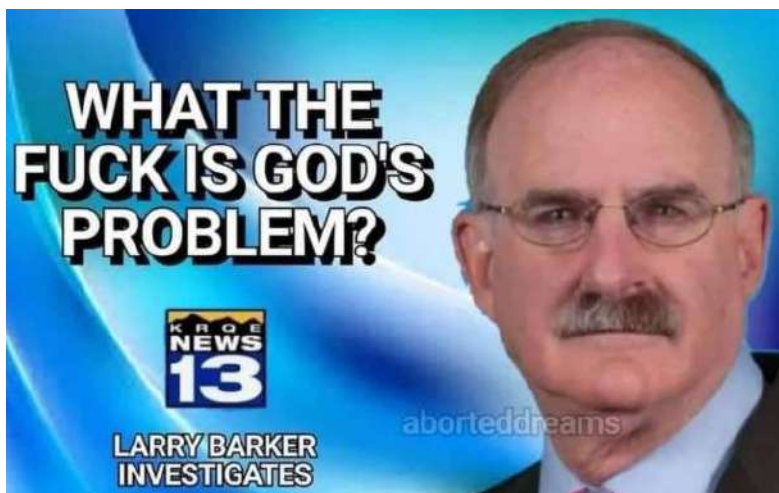


This is literally why stories and fantasy are so useful to humans. We cannot tackle every mundane challenge with enthusiasm, and facing against profoundly daunting tasks can be deeply demoralizing, and you don't get to feel cool or heroic for filing 400 pieces of paperwork.

We arm ourselves with stories and fantasy, so that the laundry can become a charming hurdle to overcome, and the daunting stack of bills is the leviathan we the brave knights must slay.

Humans have always been like this. So many cultures have stories or mythology or even rituals about literally embodying another being better suited to the challenge one currently faces.

Stories are armor. Stories are fuel.



Gemma Amor

@manylittlewords

The fact that some people can't distinguish between etymology and entomology bugs me in ways I can't put into words

"Now she settled into the dailiness of grief — not that first piercing stab but the steady, persistent ache of it, the absence that feels like a presence."

— Anne Tyler, *Clock Dance*



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Feb 10, 2017

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More accurately, no one really breaks up friendships (or families) over differences of "opinion", but they will do so over differences of *fundamental issues of morality*.



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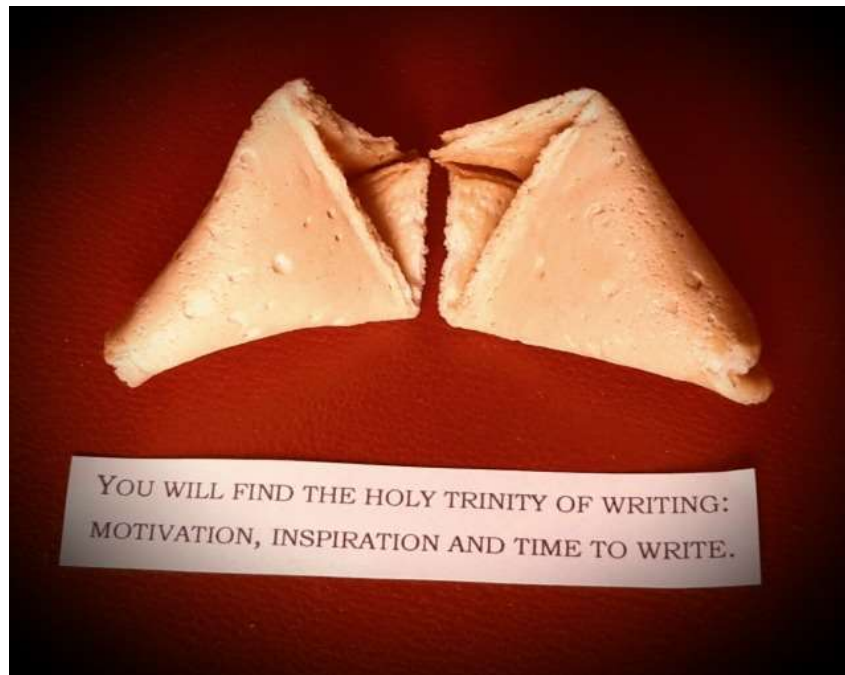
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I remember this one time I took my kid to the playground there was this other kid, a little boy probably about 6 yrs old, who asked me, "So... you're like, a girl right?" I replied, "Yep! I *am* a girl!" And then the 6yr old nods there head thoughtfully and goes, "Cool cool... .. Do you like it?" I couldn't contain my laughter as I gave an enthusiastic, "Yes, very much so!" To which they said, "That's cool 😊."

To *feel* anything
deranges you. To be seen
feeling anything strips you
ALT naked.

Anne Carson, from Red Doc>



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Jan 3



I no longer understand you

i hear you speak but i can't make out the words

Eurydice to Orpheus

*eurydice's silence is resounding. you can put anything
in that emptiness. —@finelythreadedsky*

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If someone is mad at you, it is THEIR responsibility to tell you,
not your responsibility to guess

a group of squids is a squad.

"Antarctica is not the answer"

WHEN I WAS A KID I PUT
GLUE ON MY HAND SO I COULD
PEEL IT OFF WHEN IT DRIED

You can be at ease only with those people to whom
you can say any damn fool thing that comes into your
head, knowing they will respond in kind, and knowing
that any misunderstandings will be thrashed out right
now, rather than buried deep and given a chance to
fester.



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Aug 29, 2023



we need more dials and knobs and levers again. this world is lacking in
dials and knobs and levers. it's one of our biggest issues.

Les Neufs Dragons : « Le Dragon a neuf fils et chacun est différent de l'autre »
 « Le Premier porte de lourds obstacles Le Deuxième éteint les incendies Le Troisième carillonne
 comme une cloche en cas de danger Le Quatrième est fort comme un Tigre Le Cinquième produit
 des nuages Le Sixième produit de la pluie Le Septième lutte vaillamment contre les esprits
 malfaisants Le Huitième est courageux et dévoué comme un Lion* (Singh en sanscrit, Shi en
 chinois) Le Neuvième a une vision perçante. » (Chouo Yuen)

Le Dragon Impérial possède Cinq Griffes à chaque patte Le Dragon Princier possède Quatre Griffes
 Les autres Dragons n'ont que Trois griffes.

Les Six Dragons du Premier Hexagramme du Yijing (Yi King ou I Tching – Le Livre des
 Changements ou Traité des Mutations) :

Premier Dragon caché c'est la semence Deuxième Dragon des Champs c'est le germe Troisième
 Dragon Visible c'est la pousse Quatrième Dragon Bondissant c'est la plante entière formée
 Cinquième Dragon Volant c'est le fruit (graine ou pollen) Sixième Dragon Planant dans la Lumière
 c'est le Roi Céleste.

Il est aussi question dans la pratique du Lingbaoming (Daoyinfa ou Tao Yin Qigong)
 du Dragon de Bronze (Jin Long), du Dragon de Jade (Yu Long), du Dragon de Bois (Mu Long – qui
 correspond ainsi au Dragon Vert de cette année horoscopique), du Dragon de Soie (Jing Long), du
 Dragon de Nuage (Yun Long) et du Dragon de Lumière (Ming Long).

Le Dragon Azuré (Qing Long) (Est) fait partie des Quatre Animaux Merveilleux (Seu Dongwu
 Lian) Les trois autres sont la Tortue-Serpent Noire (Nord), le Tigre Blanc (Ouest) , l'Oiseau Rouge
 (Sud). Ils représentent les « Quatre Palais Célestes » ou « Quatre Mensions » qui correspondent,
 évidemment, aux quatre principales saisons. Le Dragon Vert (ou Azuré) représentant le Printemps.

Suivant le très classique dictionnaire Chouo wen, qui fut terminé en l'an 100 de notre ère, le dragon
 Lung ou Long « porte deux cornes ressemblant à la pousse des bois d'un cerf, a la tête d'un
 chameau, les yeux de salamandre, un cou de serpent, le ventre comme celui d'un crapaud, les
 écailles comme une carpe, les griffes comme les serres d'un hibou, les pattes comme un tigre, les
 oreilles comme un taureau.

Il est capable de voler, de nager, de courir, de changer de taille et de couleur». Il est encore précisé
 «Ce dragon, quoique maintenant totalement exterminé, se trouve encore à l'état fossile dans
 plusieurs endroits de la Chine.»

Les «Mémoires des choses magiques » disent qu'il y a dans le canton de Tsing Ning un îlot appelé
 «Ilot des dragons enterrés» où l'on retrouve un grand nombre d'os et de dents de dragon». Pour les
 amateurs de fossiles l'adresse est Lat. 36° 06' 00»





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In mine and many other east Asian cultures, the dragon traditionally symbolises things like power, wealth and strength (imperial symbol and all)

I think we often forget that in the story of the Great Race, the dragon came in fifth because it'd stopped to give people rain. Then it'd stopped again to push a rabbit adrift on a log across the wide river so it reached the shore safely (that's why the Rabbit year comes before the Dragon).

Dragons aren't meant to just be powerful - they are meant to do good with such power, and to help those in need.

So in this lunar new year, I hope you gain more power, so that you might be able to help others. I pray you have abundant resources so you may give to yourself and those around you. I wish you courage, endurance, kindness and generosity, for yourself and your people.

I hope you, and I, will be rain givers, life preservers, joy bringers.

I hope we will be dragons.




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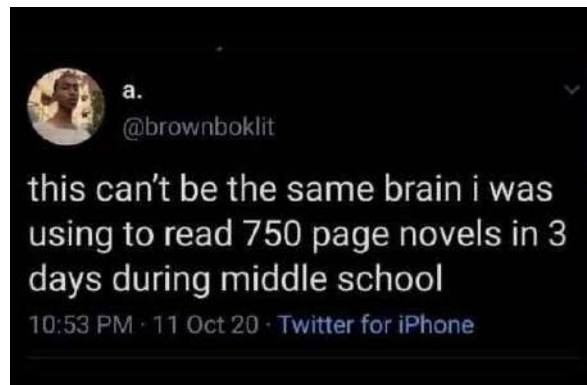


i love when a character has something terrible happen to them and as a result they see themselves as, essentially if not literally, a ghost. and so that means they only can (and have to) do what ghosts do, ie get revenge and then cease to exist. easy as that. but then halfway through this ghost vengeance they realize hey actually i might still be a human person. with human needs. that's incredibly inconvenient, considering how much i've invested in this whole ghost thing

DOES ANYBODY
KNOW WHAT TO DO

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gowns

man the crazy thing about babies is that like, some people would think that reading a baby a book about farm animals is teaching them about farm animals, but really it's teaching them about the concept of a book and how there's new information on each page of a single object, but *really*, beyond that, it's teaching them how language works, and beyond *that* it's *really* actually teaching them about human interaction, and *really really* it's them learning about existing in a three-dimensional space and how they can navigate that space, but *actually, above all* it is teaching them that mama loves them.

People hate to see their vices depicted, but vice is terrible and it should be depicted.

Aubrey Beardsley



Viktor Winetrout

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My grandmother lived to be 102.

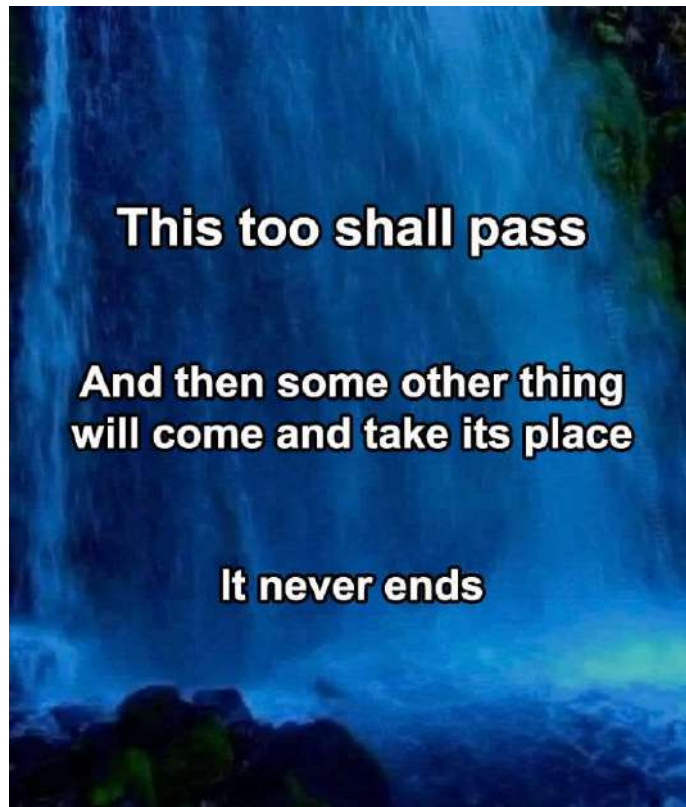
When I asked her what her secret was, she said, "God's punishing me."

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A client this morning
called their PTSD "spicy
déjà vu" and I lost it



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Not killing myself is a personal achievement but
you can't really brag about that at dinner parties.

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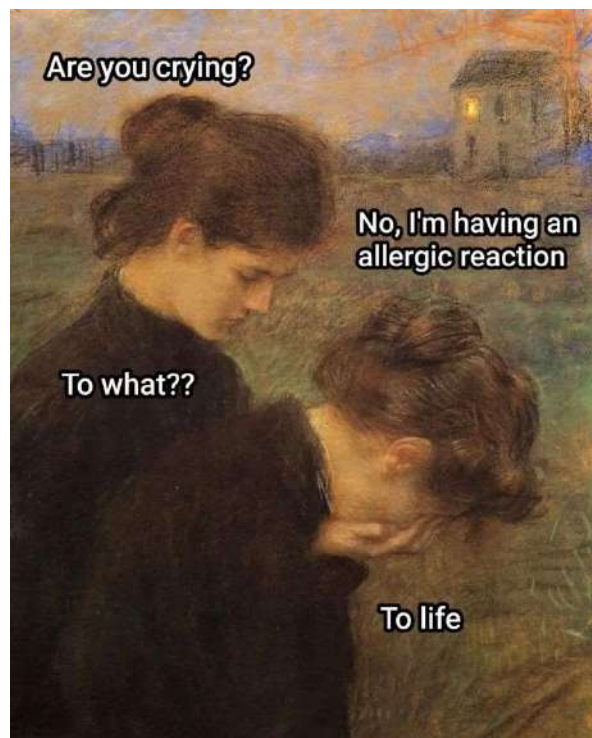
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Trying to make it through life like:



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it's so great that in greek tragedy there are only three paradigms for a woman leaving her house (her wedding, her funeral, and maenadic rites) and they're all kind of the same thing. every woman in greek tragedy is simultaneously a bride, a corpse, and a maenad

My time of day is the dark time
A couple of deals before dawn
When the street belongs to the cop
And the janitor with the mop
And the grocery clerks are all gone
When the smell of the rain-washed pavement
Comes up clean, and fresh, and cold
And the streetlamp light fills the gutters with gold
-- *Frank Loesser*

A Drink of Water

BY [JEFFREY HARRISON](#)

When my nineteen-year-old son turns on the kitchen tap
and leans down over the sink and tilts his head sideways
to drink directly from the stream of cool water,
I think of my older brother, now almost ten years gone,
who used to do the same thing at that age;

And when he lifts his head back up and, satisfied,
wipes the water dripping from his cheek
with his shirtsleeve, it's the same casual gesture
my brother used to make; and I don't tell him
to use a glass, the way our father told my brother,

because I like remembering my brother
when he was young, decades before anything
went wrong, and I like the way my son
becomes a little more my brother for a moment
through this small habit born of a simple need,

which, natural and unprompted, ties them together
across the bounds of death, and across time . . .
as if the clear stream flowed between two worlds
and entered this one through the kitchen faucet,
my son and brother drinking the same water.



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it's interesting to feel the fear drop away. the baseline levels of fear. growing up in a wizard cage did some funny things to my central nervous system as well as the sympathetic and parasympathetic ones. even the enteric one. but I destroyed three of my curses and now sometimes I experience the feeling of safety for days in a row. considering how safe I am it is novel but feels appropriate to have an emotion state about that. but when I notice I'm doing it, feeling safe, sometimes I panic that I'm forgetting some danger and the fear rises back up around me like walls or a flower closing. it drops away again. I get to exercise the muscle of making it drop away again. this is probably more useful to me than the demonic eyeball I had to seal for fashion reasons



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the thing is, a lot of ~bad behaviour~ in animals is self-advocacy. if your animals are ~acting out~ you're supposed to pay attention



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alternatively: a lot of ~bad behaviour~ in animals is perfectly normal expression of natural traits, it just doesn't match your expectation

“During depression the world disappears. Language itself. One has nothing to say. Nothing. No small talk, no anecdotes. Nothing can be risked on the board of talk. Because the inner voice is so urgent in its own discourse: How shall I live? How shall I manage in the future? Why should I go on? There is nothing ahead, my powers are failing, I am aging. I do not want to continue in the future as i see it. These and other more urgent things, the details of life...and so, on the little surface of life, these deeper questions being so preemptory, there is nothing to advance by way of conversation. One’s real state of mind is a source of shame. So one is necessarily silent about it, leaving nothing else for subject matter. Therefore, one listens, bullied by others’ talk, that very talk an invasion. Yet, one needs to have something said, something to fly across a restaurant table, even if it’s the interminable description of a conference one didn’t attend and cares nothing about. Since one’s field of interest is now very small. Oneself. In danger. The loss of language is so crucial, such a bereavement. Language does not really go away, it goes inward. Downward. Shriveling in the process, becoming repetitious, as when one facing great peril repeats the same protective formulas.

Yet one mourns language, sociability, camaraderie, needing it now more than ever. And how necessary it becomes just as one observes its superficiality, the wavering of friends, the coldness of strangers, the essential uncaring of life itself, its monstrosity. And in the face of this evil—not even to have words to protect one from the vacuum. To grow mute as well as helpless.”

— Kate Millett, *The Loony-Bin Trip*

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consider. odysseus giving baby telemachus a little ceramic rattle shaped like an owl before he heads off to troy. telemachus keeping it even into his adult years as one of the few connections he has to his father, confused as to why old mentor has suddenly taken an interest in it when he brings it along on his journey to search for odysseus. odysseus first seeing telemachus turning the old toy over in his hands when they first reunite and getting overwhelmed by love for his son and gratitude to athena for helping keep him safe. take my hand. think about this with me

Hindus have been waiting for Kalki for 3,700 years.

Buddhists have been waiting for Maitreya for 2,600 years.

The Jews have been waiting for the Messiah for 2500 years.

Christians have been waiting for Jesus for 2000 years.

Sunnah waits for Prophet Issa for 1400 years.

Muslims have been waiting for a messiah from the line of Muhammad for 1300 years.

Shiites have been waiting for Imam Mahdi for 1080 years.

Druze have been waiting for Hamza ibn Ali for 1000 years.

Most religions adopt the idea of a "savior" and state that the world will remain filled with evil until this savior comes and fills it with goodness and righteousness.

Maybe our problem on this planet is that people expect someone else to come solve their problems instead of doing it themselves.



First generation home renter

@InternetHippo

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In my wildest "I'm rich" fantasies I'm still doing all the same stuff as now, I'm just more relaxed. I don't even have a new car

fuckyeahsnackables

That's half the dream. The other half is being fairie fucking godmother to everyone on the planet. See, I had 100k for a hot minute. Doesn't matter why. But for nearly a calendar year, I picked up the tab every chance I got, i lavished people with gifts, I took a friend to Greece, I paid for healthcare for myself and a few other people, for lawyers to help someone get out of an abusive marriage, Christmas presents for a single mom of 3.

It felt incredible. Just to take away the worry and say, "I've got you." Instacart groceries to a grieving friend of a friend across town. Pay the unexpected car repairs. Gift a young artist a yearlong subscription to Procreate.

That's why I'll never understand billionaires. If you could fix it, if money could actually make even one life better, why would you not do it? Even just for the kick? Hell, i don't care if it feeds your ego. Be Tony Stark, be Superman, idgaf. When you'll never be able to spend all that you have, even if you some up every damn day like it was your job, if you could end world hunger six times over for the price of a social media company, why wouldn't you just DO IT?



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I just want you all to know, that if and when this site does experience a real exodus and/or get sunsetted for good, even if we don't keep in touch I'll remember you so fondly. You're the online equivalent of the other kid on the beach where we built sandcastles together; the girl at the campsite where we explored the trees. You're the drunk person who shared kind words in the bathroom at the club, you're the talented artists at the life drawing class or the poetry night in a city where I don't live anymore. It makes me sad that maybe in the future our paths won't cross so easily, but even when we leave this little shared piece of cyberspace, carried away on our briefly intersecting trajectories, just know I still love you

You already know the story. You will die. Everyone you love will also die. You will lose them forever. You will be sad and angry. You will weep. You will bargain. You will make demands. You will beg. You will pray. It will make no difference. Nothing you can do will bring them back. You know this. Your knowing changes nothing. This poem will make you understand this unfathomable truth again and again, as if for the very first time.

from the introduction to emily wilsons translation of the iliad



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« The snow, History's original parchment, on which so many footsteps, so many merciless pursuits have been written; the snow that was therefore the first literary genre [...]. There remains not one fragment of this mile-wide, unfinished book [...], its fate opposite to that of the Library of Alexandria: all of its pages have melted.

But something must have remained with us, a distant memory that reappears with each new snowfall, a fear of the blank page which sparks the tremendous urge to tread its virgin expanses, and the instinct of exegesis the moment one discovers another person's trace. When you get right down to it, snow invented mystery. And in doing so, it invented poetry [...]. »

— Amélie Nothomb, *Loving Sabotage*



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Oct 10, 2023

just found out i've been abandoned by god which means he's not watching anything i do anymore. you should come over.

#Lancelot



Straight from Elaine, straight from her robbery, Lancelot came like an arrow to the heart of love. He had slept with Guenever already in deceit, already been cheated of his tenfold might. He was a lie now, in God's eyes as he saw them, so he felt that he might as well be a lie in earnest. No more to be the best knight in the world, no more to work miracles against magic, no more to have compensation for ugliness and emptiness in his soul, the young man sped to his sweetheart for consolation.

-- *The Once and Future King*

(Geova, Geova, Geova!)



skaldish

Feb 25

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We didn't invent clothes to hide our bodies. We invented them to function as a utility and as decoration.

If clothes fail to be useful tools (providing storage, warmth, protection, etc.) and fail to add beauty or intrigue to our bodies, then what's the goddamn point.



sometimes u just gotta be there for
urself



Doth
@DothTheDoth

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



frytha

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Unfortunately, I've found that shame works like fear:
you have to face it or it grows.



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Why is "the chosen one" always a teenager? We're really gonna put the fate of the universe on someone with an undeveloped prefrontal cortex? Give me a story with a chosen one who is a 42 year old mom that has already seen some s---t and is totally out of f---s to give

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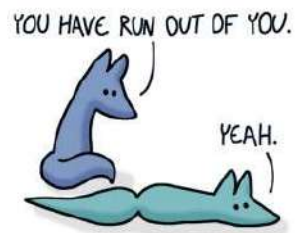
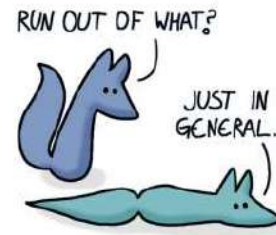
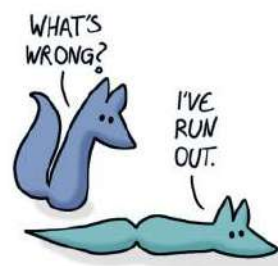
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just-shower-thoughts

When people talk about traveling to the past, they worry about radically changing the present by doing something small, but barely anyone in the present really thinks that they can radically change the future by doing something small.



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Stop expecting better emotional regulation from your child than you've ever shown them.

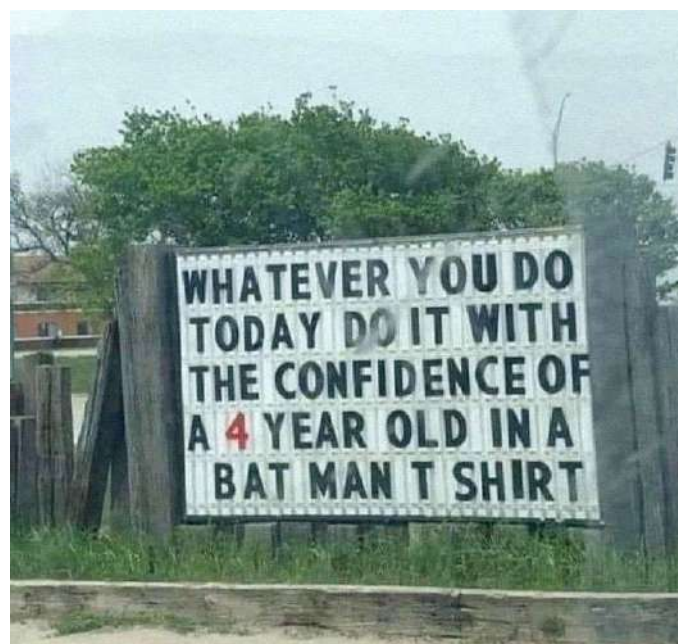
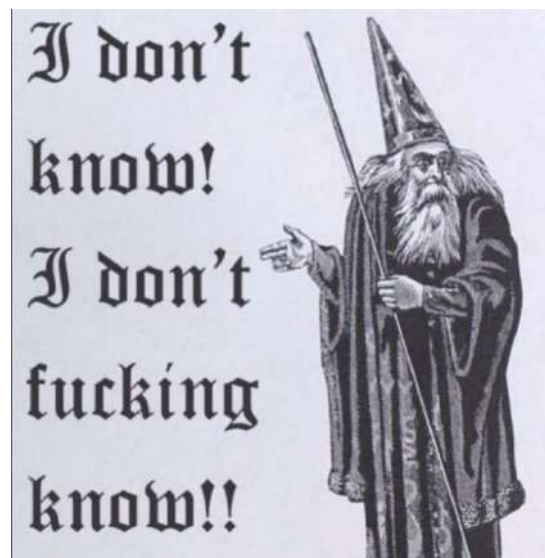


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y'know how in some areas like south asia, the caribbean, and so on, feral dogs are a serious pest issue, and some people kill them, eat them, etc? and yknow how that fact absolutely horrifies people in countries like the US? i wonder how many of those dog defenders fucking hate pigeons.





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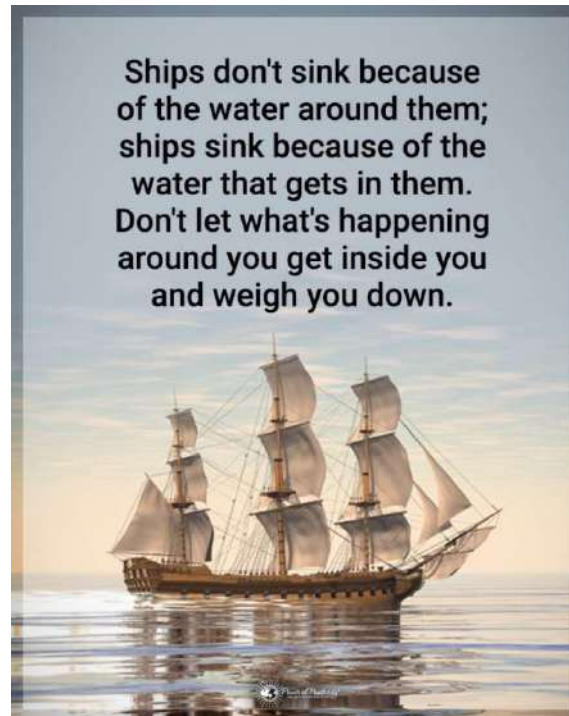
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Huge shout to my friend from an undergraduate philosophy program who started working out every single day, not for health benefits or to become conventionally attractive or whatever, but because -- and this is a direct quote -- he was concerned that otherwise he might "become lost in the world of signs and forget the things they signify". I have thought about this every single time that I've worked out since.

(take that, Plato!)

*I am so tired of waiting,
Aren't you,
For the world to become good
And beautiful and kind?*

"Tired" by Langston Hughes.



this-is-psychosis

Therapists aren't people who you "pay to pretend to care about you", therapists are people you pay to teach you how to care for yourself

David Hockney in Yorkshire:

"To do landscapes, you've got to know the place rather well. You've got to love it, actually. You've got to know where the sun will be. In the summer I should be out at six in the morning, because if it's sunny the light from six to nine is magic. Of course, to paint in the winter, you've got to prepare yourself. you need thick clothing and things. I mean we often looked like Michelin men. The first winter I spent here I began to see how beautiful the winters were. There was far more colour than I expected. Occasionally a farmer would come and talk to me. They didn't think I exaggerated the colour. They thought my paintings were very accurate, and talking to them I noticed that they knew just how beautiful it is here."

<https://www.thedavidhockneyfoundation.org/chronology/2005>



"... if you go and stare at a live turkey for an hour or two, you will find by the end of it that the enigma of the turkey has increased rather than diminished."

--Gilbert K. Chesterton

Distance is my new response to disrespect. I don't react, I don't argue, I don't dive into the drama. I simply remove myself.

someone once told me "only the people who care about you, can hear you when you're quiet" and that hit me hard

Some stranger somewhere still remembers you because you were kind to them when no one else was.

Stop being the one who always makes efforts. Relax and let the ship sink.

Unfortunately, I don't want to rebuild bonds I didn't break. You crossed the line & I didn't, so i'm good.

**The Shepherd always
eats his sheep in the
end**





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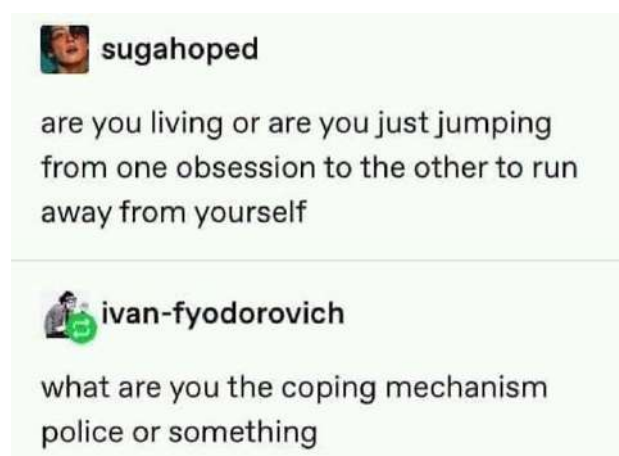


Also self care SUCKS most of the time. Like it's not fun at all. It's doing the stuff you don't want to, like cleaning your room, submitting that form, going to the gym that first time, having that conversation you avoided or making that call. It's doing stuff that lets you unwind and stop worrying, and most of the time, that involves confronting and overcoming something you really would rather avoid.

#Abelard and Heloise named their baby Astrolabe



when u realize u don't want 2 be responsible for anything anymore & u just want 2 nap and be small



When your friends ask you why
you act cool under crippling
depression



Dentures. Should be Substitooths.

Why is it called bisexual when ambisextrous is right there?

I keep seeing people say that contractions should be birthquakes.

"Randomized Double Blind Trial" should be "Trick or Treatment".

Emotional baggage should be called grief-case.

Dealing With Executive Dysfunction - A Masterpost

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Women have another option. They can aspire to be wise, not merely nice; to be competent, not merely helpful; to be strong, not merely graceful; to be ambitious for themselves, not merely for themselves in relation to men and children. They can let themselves age naturally and without embarrassment, actively protesting and disobeying the conventions that stem from this society’s double standard about aging. Instead of being girls, girls as long as possible, who then age humiliatingly into middle-aged women, they can become women much earlier — and remain active adults, enjoying the long, erotic career of which women are capable, far longer. Women should allow their faces to show the lives they have lived. Women should tell the truth.

-- Susan Sontag

so when a big winter storm is coming my fav thing to do is get out to the woods ahead of it and set up camp. waking up half buried by the snow in the morning is otherworldly peaceful. but i work today so instead I made a tent out of a tarp on the deck and slept out there. at some point in the night I woke up to the sound of the tree beside & above the deck creaking and thought “huh. there’s a lot of snow weight on there huh....” some time later I woke up to a crash but it was dark and there was 3 ft of snow out there so I was like what am I gonna do about it rn?

-- vampireapologist



earlgreytea68  
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Today Niece #4, age 4, had a fever and her mother was like, "Well, how do you feel?" because she's trying to ascertain, you know, is it an ear infection? is it a sore throat thing? what is it?

And Niece #4 thought for a second, then answered, "I feel like I'm dancing."












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zany to me how these um actually nihilists like to pretend that "um actually love/friendship/cooperation/kindness isn't real bc we evolved that way to benefit ourselves as a species..." um YES? that's also where tool use comes from? that's where *cooking* comes from? am i supposed to think social bonds & tool use & cooking aren't "real" because they evolved over time instead of appearing fully formed from the ether?

sorry u can't enjoy things. im a superior being twirling a fork in my bowl of delicious noodles whilst staring in adoration at the world



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"love isn't real it's a chemical reaction" hon i got news for u about chemical reactions and the nature of existence. it's ALL chemicals. *existence is literally all just chemicals*. "we evolved social bonds to benefit ourselves" so you agree? you agree that social bonds are helpful and important enough that they literally shaped the history of human evolution? i do not think u are saying, what u think u are saying.

"The exception that proves the rule" means that if someone has gone out of their way to make an official exception to a rule, it indicates that the rule exists in the first place, even if we don't have direct evidence of the rule. This can be particularly useful in, for example, the study of history. If you unearth some ancient tablets that say, "Let it be here decreed that on festival days, men shall be permitted to approach the Temple of the Goddess without covering their heads," that's evidence that a man going to that particular temple without covering his head wouldn't normally be allowed. Maybe we haven't found the tablet yet that says that. Maybe this civilisation never even bothered to write down that you can't go to the Temple of the Goddess bare-headed, because it was so obvious to them. But the fact that the exception exists means the rule must have existed.

just because i made a piece of art does not mean i know it better than you do,
or that my opinion on it is more valid.
-- drchucktingle

Are You a 'Floor Person'? Why Lying on the Ground Feels So Good

For some, just a few minutes can quiet
the mind.



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Reading *The Song of Roland* and y'know it's nice to read an Ancient, Respected Classic that's just. Trash. A jingoistic action movie. The 11th century equivalent of *300*, a historical war depicted in a wildly inaccurate and propagandistic way as an excuse for buff macho warriors to face off against poorly-researched stereotypes of foreign enemies and then kill them in spectacularly violent and improbable ways. You want depth? Nuance? Timeless themes that still speak to the common human experience nearly a thousand years later? Fuck you. You'll take Charlemagne's nephew cutting a Saracen in half with his sword and you'll like it.



Jamie Kenney
@LaComtesseJamie



I'm amazed by people who lose weight w exercise. When I exercise nothing happens bc my DNA still thinks I'm a European peasant. So it's like "Oh! Are we running from the English again, lass? Dinnae ye worry: we'll keep ye plump as a partridge to outlast the murderous bastards!"

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I've really gotten to the point in my life where I understand buying my favorite expensive jam at the grocery store is actually worth it every time because it makes me feel joyful to use it and I use every drop

And I don't need 20 different pairs of cheap-ish earrings when I could own one solid gold pair of hoops and never take them off for a lifetime

I used to have partners that rolled their eyes when I treated myself to a nice cappuccino every single day or when I bought pricey Japanese denim when I could have picked up Levi's at target but honestly treating yourself well is like a muscle and you can easily look touch with it if you stop doing it. Life is too short to skip your favorite breakfast bagel sandwich even if they charge a little extra for the salmon lox! There's a difference between spending money and time you DONT have vs knowing the value of your joy and knowing it's not worth skipping out on!!!





I just found our 5yo sitting on a chair
in our garage

The door was open, and he was
sitting, staring at the pounding rain
outside

So now I am too.

Life can wait

I'm watching the rain with my boy.



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I buy things that beautify my life. Even if I'm
having a bad day, I can boil water in a beautiful
kettle, make coffee in a gorgeous cup, stir it with a
cute teaspoon, sit on a lovely couch, in a living
room that smells divine. "What a tragic day, but
look at this teaspoon."

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Hannah

My psychology professor's words
today: "You fall in love with the people
who make you love the person you are
when you're around them"

I'm face blind, and I just found out how bad it is. Apparently my UPS driver who I see every day at work is the guy who grew up down the street from me, and I thought they were two different people because the UPS guy wears a hat.

heThalmerEmbassy, Christopher Burns

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Blue Bunny of Happiness 10 hours ago

Prosopagnosia is a nightmare. I only realised a very recently that the reason I watch lots of animated kids films (apart from the lack of violence), is because it's easy to tell the characters apart. Give me a film with 5 men in their 30s and I have no clue who is who. I didn't recognise my colleague of 4 months in reception last year. Thankfully, she was understanding when I explained.

plain-flavoured-english

Nov 24, 2018

Your purpose in life is not to love yourself but to love being yourself.

If your goal is to love yourself, then your focus is directed inward toward yourself, and you end up constantly watching yourself from the outside, disconnected, trying to summon the "correct" feelings towards yourself or fashion yourself into something you can approve of.

If your goal is to love being yourself, then your focus is directed outward towards life, on living and making decisions based on what brings you pleasure and fulfillment.

Be the subject, not the object. It doesn't matter what you think of yourself. You are experiencing life. Life is not experiencing you.

(well, Life is also experiencing me, but keep in mind the reverse)

you
stayed
your life



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i hate hate hate hate hate hate hate when a monster is loved and that love turns them human I HATE IT I HATE IT SO MUCH. tell that thing that goes bump in the night that you love the way its fangs glimmer in the moonlight and the way its horrible gnarled claws are so gentle with you or GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!!!!!!!!!!!!

It's amazing how much more visible things become when you accept that they exist.

-- jenroses

the poem begins not where the knife enters
but where the blade twists.

The Prestige, Hanif Abdurraqib

A man walked straight into a bar
And then came out



mami

@JordynMartinez_

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a girl on tik tok just said "I would rather adjust my life to your absence, than adjust my boundaries to accommodate your disrespect" and I think that a lot of people need to take that and really engrave it into their soul.

timidsketch

You know that feeling when you eat a lot of candy on Halloween and suddenly you crave carrots because your body is telling you that it needs nutrients not in the candy? That is no different than when you eat a lot of carrots and crave a Snickers bar.

Your body knows what it needs. Your body uses cravings to tell you to eat the nutrients you're in low supply of. You crave sugar all the time? It's because you are restricting sugar and not actually listening to your body. Cravings are not evil. They're literally how your body is designed to maintain a balanced food intake.

Please for the love of god (nontheistic), learn about intuitive eating and finally end the grip that diet culture has on you and your wallet. And in case this is one of my posts that somehow leaves fat activism circles, fatness is not evil either. You will never escape diet culture until you end your fear and hatred of fatness. Period.



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really strange how you can be almost at peace with something that happened to you but it will continue to be a defining moment of your life for the rest of your life. you wont think about it much anymore but in a conversation about a film someone will mention the year it was released and you'll think to yourself, "that was before it happened" and you'll see an old photo and think how strange it is to have existed before it happened and somehow it's like living a life in two acts

PEOPLE DON'T NEED
TO BE SOBER AND
DRUG-FREE TO DESERVE
FOOD, SHELTER
AND KINDNESS



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a-star-that-fell

Sometimes, hope is spite,
rebranded. And that's fine.





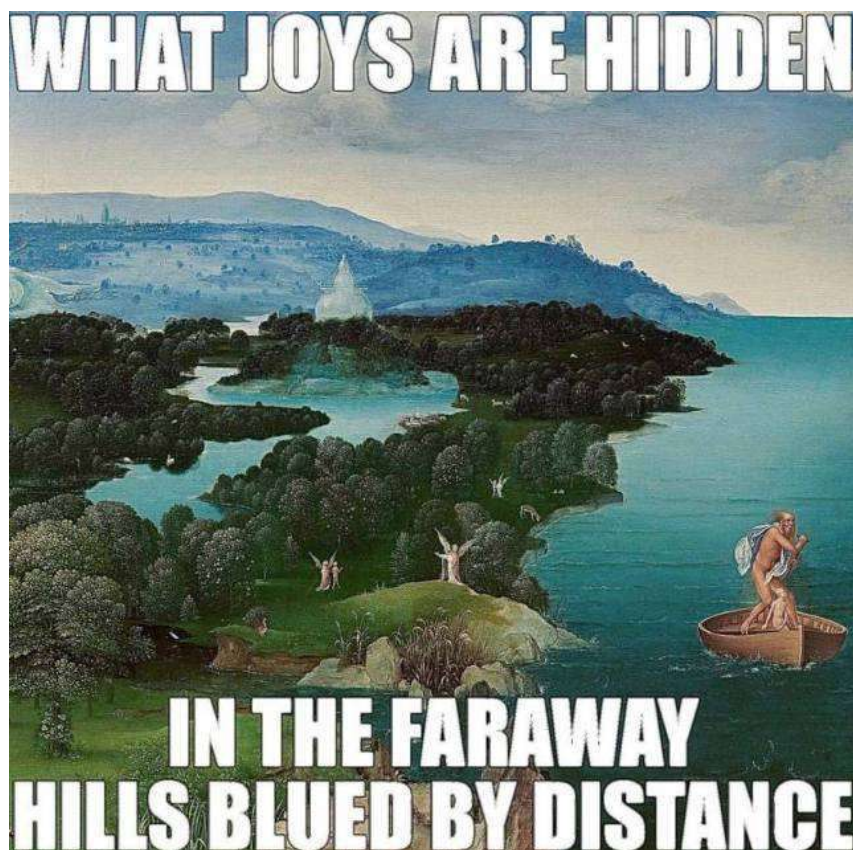
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T shirt where the front just says $\mu\epsilon\nu$ and the back just says $\delta\epsilon$



this user
supports
crows,
ravens,
and their
agenda



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Oh I'm an asshole.

So today pulling into Stop and Shop, this lady cut me off and nearly drove into me, and then, when

I tried to pass her, she swung to the right and nearly hit me again, and then flipped me off.

So somebody is having a bad day and taking it out on me. That's fine. It's harmless, and I don't know what's going on in this woman's life. I'll give her the benefit of the doubt she's not just a piece of shit and is just having a bad day.

But then I park and she follows me, and gets out of the car and starts swearing at me and getting in my face.

Now I go from "indifferent" to "I'm gonna fuck with this woman's head." Now I would say I'm a gentleman of size, and in all black and bemohawked I probably look spookier than I actually am, so props to this lady for getting in my face. Now of course I'm not going to hit her, or even threaten violence. That's shitty. Nobody should get threatened with violence.

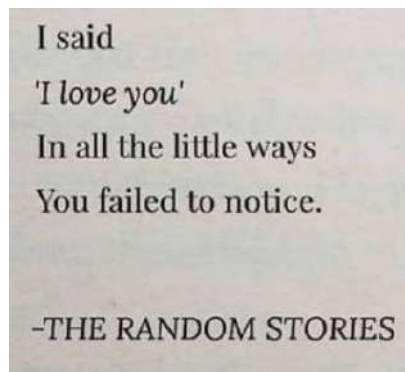
Instead, I take a step back, narrowing my eyes like I'm studying her face really closely, and then I touch one of the several piece of "occulty" jewelry I'm wearing (none of which, by the way, are magicked in any way at all). Then I mumble some nonsense under my breath, and then make the fig gesture and the horns at her.

She stops, wide-eyed.

"WHAT THE HELL DID YOU JUST DO TO ME?"

I chuckled, and shake my head. "Nothing at all." I say in a not-terrible convincing voice. "But every time something bad happens to you today, you're gonna be thinking of me."

Then I winked at her, and walked away.





saint-ambrosef

you know how kids tend to subconsciously adopt the mannerisms of their parents? i wonder how far back that stretches.

do i laugh like my great grandfather, because that's the way my grandma laughed, and my mom copied her?

does the way my dad make comedic sounds when he's driving actually originate with a distant uncle two hundred year ago, who made funny noises in the horse-drawn cart because it made his niece laugh?

i wonder which of my little mannerisms came from ancestors long passed, and i wonder which of mine will echo in family descendants long after i'm gone.



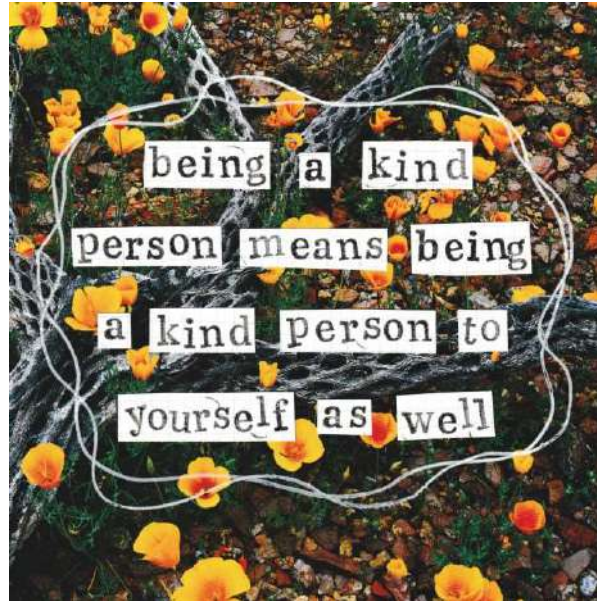
Kim K. 🇳🇴
@kimk@tech.lgbt

in Norway, "up and not crying" is a not uncommon response to "how's it going" type questions, and I feel like that's a very reasonable standard to hold oneself to especially nowadays



Kyle 🌱
@KylePlantEmoji

Tired of explaining that "I don't have the time" doesn't mean "literally every second of my schedule is accounted for", but rather "I'm giving as much of myself as I'm currently able to give"



aidashakur

Once you become a certain age, it is your responsibility to unlearn behaviors that hinder your growth as a person.

maggiemayy

Man I cannot stress this enough. The “this is how I am, take it or leave it” attitude is an act of immaturity. We all have toxic traits that we need to work on and as an adult it’s our responsibility to recognize the damage that they can do to the ones we love. We all need to put in more effort in becoming better individuals.

yowlthinks

That being said, I think it is important to point out that it is you yourself judging what to keep and what to work on.

- "I struggle asking for help, you have to guess when I need it" - not a good mindset, I don't like it for me, so I will work to change it.
- "I do not like clubbing, I am nerdy and I love reading ff" - I am happy with these, so this is me, you can take it or leave it.



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Here are some examples of boundaries that aren't actual boundaries.

Not A Boundary: "You can't email me on the weekends."

A Proper Boundary: "If you email me on the weekend, I will not respond until Monday."



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Not A Boundary: "You need to be more considerate and thoughtful."

A Proper Boundary: "I would like you to do these specific things for me and if you don't, that's okay, but I will not invest more time I to this relationship."

Not A Boundary: "You need to show up on time."

A Proper Boundary: "If you are late, we will not wait for you."



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Boundaries are not mandates for other people to follow.

Boundaries are not demands.

Boundaries are not expectations.

Boundaries are not ultimatums.

Boundaries are not idle threats.

Here's what a boundary is...



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Not A Boundary: "You can't talk to me like that."

A Proper Boundary: "If you talk to me like that, I will hang up the phone."

Not A Boundary: "You need to respect my time."

A Proper Boundary: "I will end the meeting at the scheduled time."



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Not A Boundary: "You need to give me less work."

A Proper Boundary: "I will not work more than 50 hours a week."

Not A Boundary: "You need to do a better job."

A Proper Boundary: "If you don't make these three specific improvements by the end of the quarter, I will give you a negative review."



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It's a particular course of action YOU take to take care of yourself when a particular set of circumstances arises.

That's it.

It's about what YOU do.

Not about what THEY do.

Ever.

When kids from dysfunctional families are old enough to start seeing the inside of other people's families, it's usually something they don't forget. This may be the first time they've ever seen a more "normal" family in action, and it may be the first realization that what goes on in their family is not the way it is for everyone. This age is often the beginning of a decades-long search for answers to the question, "Why did things happen the way they did in my family?" Ask anyone who grew up in a very dysfunctional family how they felt about things when they were four or five, and you'll just get a blank look, even if family life was violent, crazy, or bizarre. "It's just the way it was. I didn't feel anything in particular" is the usual answer. No, they don't feel any particular way "about" it because that usually comes later, when they're old enough to reflect on their experience and when they've seen other possibilities.

Susan Nathiel, *Daughters of Madness*

"The gods of the Disc have never bothered much about judging the souls of the dead, and so people only go to hell if that's where they believe, in their deepest heart, that they deserve to go. Which they won't do if they don't know about it. This explains why it is so important to shoot missionaries on sight."

— Terry Pratchett, Eric



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dionysus you have to stop. your robe too purple. your curls too divine, your manic swag too different. they will kidnap you.



Archaeopteryx had three fingers on each wing and held its palms facing each other, implying it was capable of air quotes and, therefore, sarcasm.

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online communities are so strange because people slip away so easily. you can be on here for years, folding people you've never met into the fabric of your daily life, and then they disappear, leaving only ghost posts scattered across tumblr behind. or their blog stays dormant, for weeks, months, years, until you're only still following them because you remember that they love sunflowers or they were kind to you when they didn't have to be or the last thing they posted was sad and raw and you still worry about them sometimes.

and sometimes they come back when you least expect it, years later, even, and there's this sudden rush of relief like *there* you are, *there* you are, even though you barely knew each other. there's a strange kind of love to it. i don't know you and i want to hold your hand across miles and time zones and oceans. i can still see the imprint of you in this community you left. you don't anyone will notice or care when you're gone, but we notice and we care and we wish you well. i hope you're all okay out there. i hope the sun is shining on your face and you are breathing deeply. i miss you.

[#To my old fandom peeps who just kinda fucked off to godknowswhere#Fandom#Friendship#Relationships#Internet](#)

ciderbird

academic bias is so funny because you'll be reading about the same historical event and one person is like "Despite the troubles that befell his homeland and near constant criticism of the court King Blorbo remained strong in the face of adversity" and the other one is like "after letting his people carry the brunt of his cringefail decisions Blorbo the Shitface refused to listen to any reason and continued to be a warmongering piece of shit. Also he was ugly."

abeautifulblog

I've been down a rabbithole on 9th century Anglo-Scandinavian history for the past six months, and all of this is *so unbelievably accurate*. 😂

And then for bonus points, ask yourself:

Why is this author so invested in making King Blorbo look good?

(The answer is usually that they're a nationalist, engaged in the project of constructing a glorious national history.)

Or, why does this author have inexplicable beef with King Blorbo?

(Could be that they're from a culture King Blorbo colonized and terrorized, and they're rightfully fed up of hearing about how cool he was; could be that King Blorbo is the one about to get colonized, and this author is priming you to feel that he had it coming.)

But, you might be saying, King Blorbo died 1100 years ago! Why does it matter whether he was good or bad? Who cares if some historian is doing some shady scholarship to retroactively polish (or tank) his reputation?

Welll, because if they get their version of history entrenched in the cultural consciousness, that is *going to shape* how we understand the world around us, and how we deal with the current issues that are a direct legacy of that history. That's how you get Victorian scholars cherry-picking Anglo

Saxon history to build a myth of British exceptionalism, to justify British imperialism, and American right-wing personalities canonizing Lincoln and the Founding Fathers for the same damn reasons.

History isn't dead, and whenever an author clearly wants you to feel a certain way about King Blorbo, good or bad, you should be asking why it matters to them, and what the implications are if you do.

pigeony

what if you're giving birth to twins and it's the end of daylight savings day and the older twin was born first but the second twin travels back in time and is born an hour before the first twin, would that be fucked up or what.



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Important safety information about the eclipse on Monday

1. You *can* remove the eclipse glasses during totality; not before or after.
2. If you find yourself falling apart instead of falling in love, turn around, bright eyes.
3. It is no longer considered best practice to cut the beating heart out of a human chest at the top of a pyramid to bring the sun back; nowadays, they just short out a LUCAS device.
4. If you are imprisoned by an evil bishop, break out, and look for a hawk and a wolf who are in love.
5. *Most critically* - No matter what, do not buy any strange and exotic plants which mysteriously appear during the eclipse.

iwhumpyou

Mar 6, 2021

One of the best tips for writing descriptions of pain is actually a snippet I remember from a story where a character is given a host of colored pencils and asked to draw an egg.

The character says that there's no white pencil. But you don't need a white pencil to draw a white egg. We already know the egg is white. What we need to draw is the luminance of the yellow lamp and the reflection of the blue cloth and the shadows and the shading.

We know a broken bone hurts. We know a knife wound hurts. We know grief hurts. Show us what else it does.

You don't need to describe the character in pain. You need to describe how the pain affects the character - how they're unable to move, how they're sweating, how they're cold, how their muscles ache and their fingers tremble and their eyes prickle.

Draw around the egg. Write around the pain. And we will all be able to see the finished product.

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

--@roach-words

(uhm... seems to fit-- i hope so)



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Oct 7, 2023

discernment is vital in witchcraft.

"Your trauma made you stronger"
It absolutely did not.
It did make me funnier though.

"When you feel perpetually unmotivated, you start questioning your existence in an unhealthy way; everything becomes a pseudo intellectual question you have no interest in responding whatsoever. This whole process becomes your very skin and it does not merely affect you; it actually defines you. So, you see yourself as a shadowy figure unworthy of developing interest, unworthy of wondering about the world - profoundly unworthy in every sense and deeply absent in your very presence."

— Ingmar Bergman



The simplicity of owning what you love, wanting what you have, and being who you are is its own form of wealth 🌿





the grief is neverending but
so are the strange ways love
will find you again and again



*"Out of jasmine the night's blood streams white. Your perfume,
my weakness and your secret, follows me like a snakebite. And your
hair
is a tent of wind autumn in color. I walk along with speech
to the last of the words a bedouin told a pair of doves"*

- Mahmoud Darwish, from *The Butterfly's Burden*



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"someone who allows you to rest" is the relationship dynamic of all time



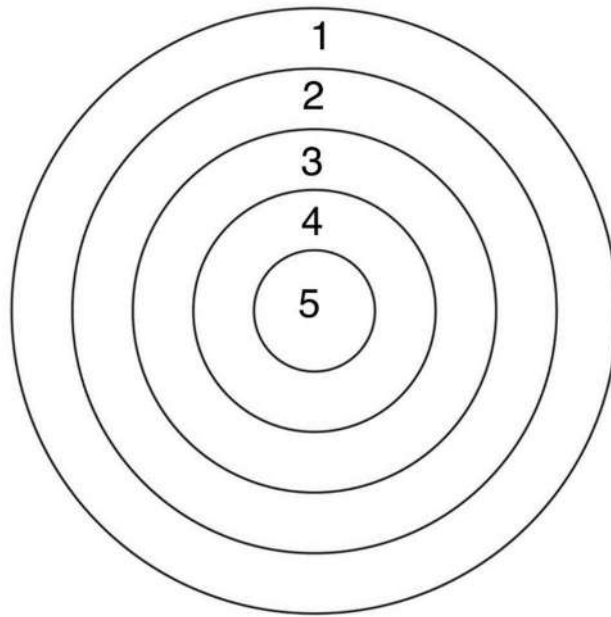
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A parent that welcomes you back home after things have fallen apart. A best friend whose voice alone who can make you relax. A spouse who convinces you to stay in bed an extra hour and leave the dishes for later. A stranger who sees you tired and gives up their seat on the train. Augh. The humanity of it

A Ward against Hubris



1. All Knowledge
2. All Knowledge *that has been written down*
3. All Knowledge that has been written down *and is accessible via internet*
4. All Knowledge that has been written down *in a language that you can read* and is accessible via internet
5. All Knowledge that *you* have gained via the internet

You're struggling to make the change because the old behavior is still meeting a need.

Instead of shaming yourself, identify the deeper need and allow it to exist.

Then get curious about a new way to meet it.

Instead of having a "hot girl summer," I am opting for a "bog witch summer" vibe, where living in the woods, tending to the garden, and befriending a toad are the highlights of my days.

"How have you been holding up?"
Me:

@allenwithnojob



Jessica Ellis

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Mary Oliver poems are so amazing because you'll be like "I feel bereft and hopeless and so alone" and she'll be like "ok, but have you ever really thought about moss?" And it turns out you haven't.

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Public speaking is actually really easy if you don't respect a single soul in that room. I've had an incredibly easy time delivering speeches when I hated everybody I saw and they all thought I did amazing because my disdain was read as confidence. I don't have any tips for you I'm just telling you a fact



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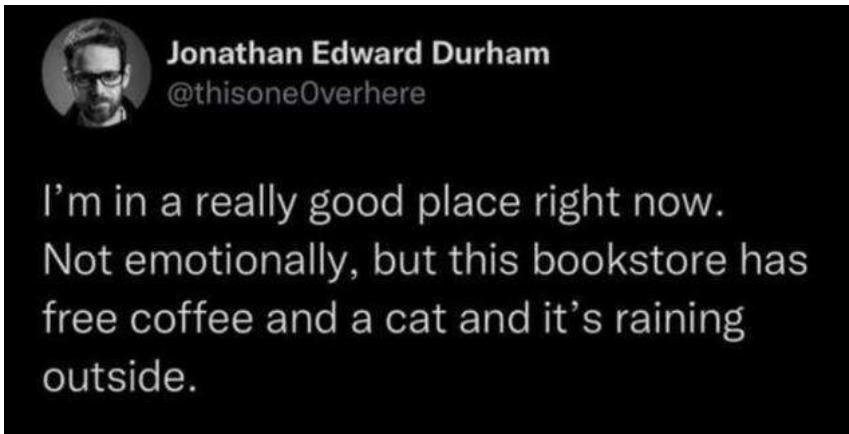
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You can't hurt my feelings by telling me I'm not cool.

I've *never* been cool, and I'm quite comfortable with that. It's way less work than giving a shit about how I'm perceived. 😏

“The best way to get the right answer on the internet is not to ask a question; it's to post the wrong answer.”

If Torah is the OG work, Bible and Quran are the two major fanfics based on it, and neither christians nor muslims can live it down. This is



truelovevip

being as i am an idiot, and having been one my whole life, i just wanna say that i find it very easy to do nothing, and go nowhere. i eat chocolate late at night in the dark. i stand in the garden also. and i'm often waiting for something to happen. and i'm stupid.

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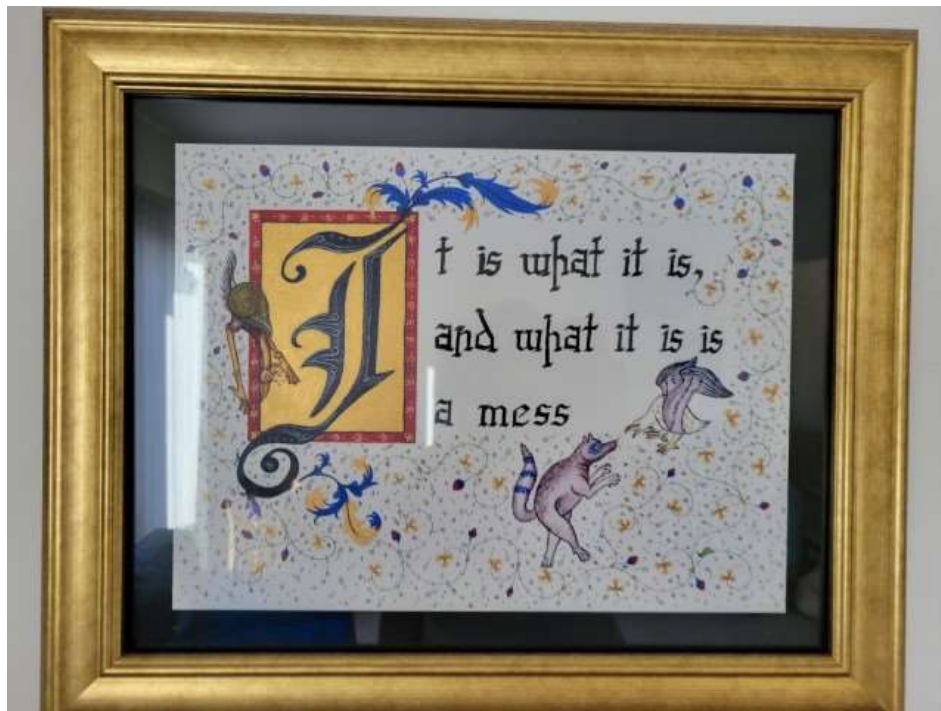
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Scars on your body show that you have lived; scars on your heart show that you have loved.

Nina Dul





secondbeatsongs

somehow instead of saying "as a treat", I've started using the phrase "for morale", as if my body is a ship and its crew, and I (the captain) have to keep us in high spirits, lest we suffer a mutiny in the coming days.

and so I will eat this small block of fancy cheese, for morale. I will take a break and drink some tea, for morale. I will pick up that weird bug, for morale.

I'm not sure if it helps, but it does entertain me

baddywronglegs

What shall we do with a sulkin' sailor?

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Earlay in the morning?

Give them some coffee and a cracker with cheese on

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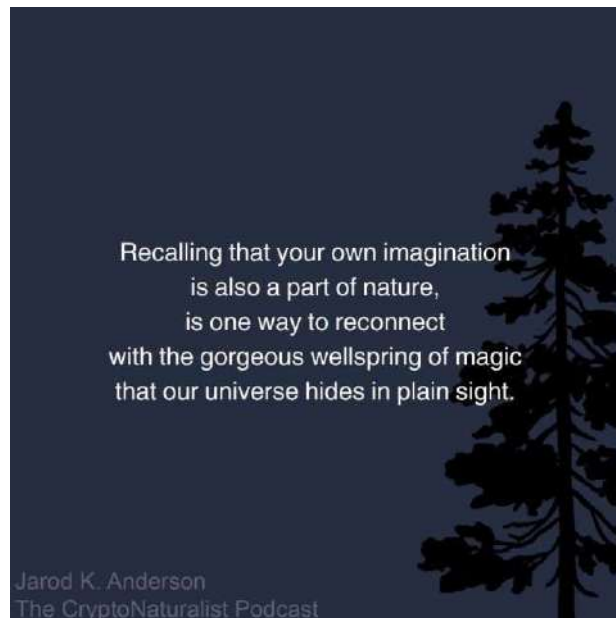
Earlay in the morning!

And a chocolate bar in bed wouldn't do us any harm

And a chocolate bar in bed wouldn't do us any harm

And a chocolate bar in bed wouldn't do us any harm

And we might not lose our minds



"i was written by a man" "i was written by a woman" i was written by
sophocles and then translated by anne carson

Are You a Ghost Surfing the Web?

Date: 2011-10-18, 7:10PM EDT

Documentary style program is looking to contact a ghost on the internet.

Ive been trying new meds but honestly, with the way this world is going, maybe im *not* crazy. Maybe this is self preservation (minus the forgetting to shower part honestly im distracted af and I need to work on it). Theres so much bad in the world, so much bad happening every day. Im honestly fine with not having friends, less people to disappoint me in the long run. Less people expecting things of me. And im not out here ranting at people in stores or anything, im not causing anyone any trouble. I really just hate this world right now and I dont want to participate until it gets its s**t together.



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Jan 29

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The older I get the more I admire people who are earnestly, genuinely into whatever their thing is. I know it sounds like an annoying cliché but unless you're being cruel or hurtful there is really no need to be normal about things. The dude with the bad fake accent at the renaissance faire is having the time of his life. The people having photoshoots with their fashion dolls are loving it. The old lady with a yard unreasonably full of tacky ass lawn ornaments is having a blast, HOA be damned.

Don't waste your time being too cool to have fun, y'know?




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Jul 28, 2021

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



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Feb 25



"um actually Penelope didn't recognize Odysseus until after he killed all the suitors" to YOU to me she knew the moment she asked him who he was and he started lying out his ass



Talk Nerdy To Me

@sciencefunn



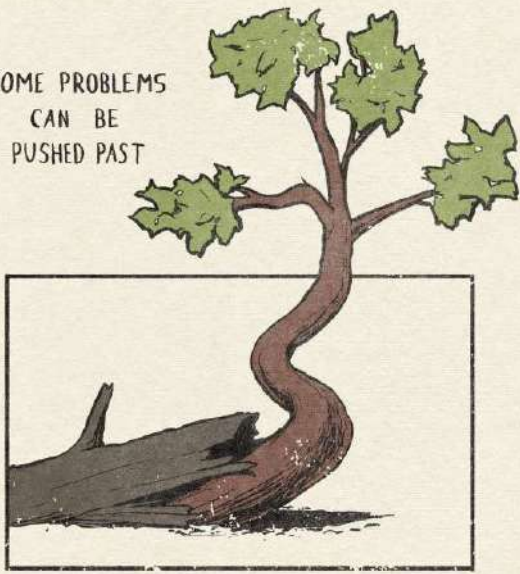
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People always tell introverts to be more talkative and leave their comfort zones, yet no one tells extroverts to shut up to make the zone comfortable.

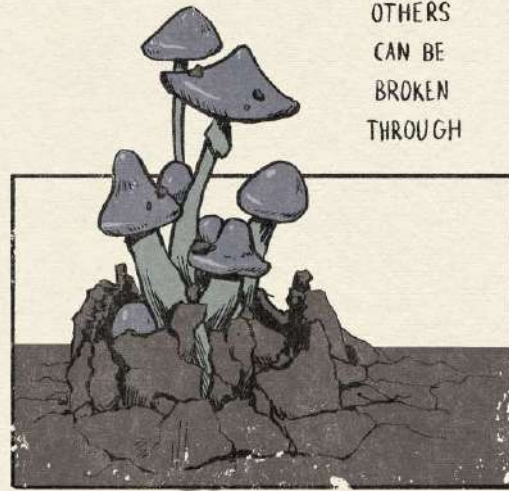
POV: Me in the woods having tea with the bear I chose over a man



SOME PROBLEMS
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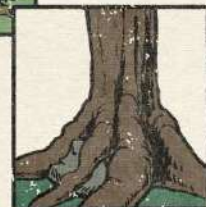
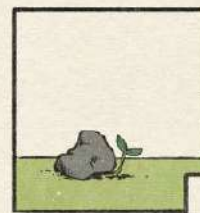


OTHERS
CAN BE
BROKEN
THROUGH



OTHERS MUST ONLY BE NAVIGATED

MANY PROBLEMS
NEVER GO AWAY.



YOU JUST GROW
AROUND THEM.

Nature loves diversity, society hates it
-- Milton Diamond



Philosophy Of Life 
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You become unstoppable when you realize that you can do it alone.

#can but sick of it

There are a few reasons why a translation may make little sense to the general reader. Here is Exhibit A, an unfortunate translation of *Seven Hundred Gahas* 48 by a well-regarded Indian scholar of the previous century:

O deity! be pleased to ordain for our beloved (one) an addiction to other women, for, male persons, who enjoy the love of one (female) person, cannot discriminate between merits and demerits (of women).

This idea can carry well into English, and the translator clearly understood it, but preferred to communicate in hieroglyphs. We diagnose this as a case of excessive attention to irrelevant detail. A photographer should know that the shehnai and fireworks are not as important as the bride and groom. Alternatively, translating Sanskrit into English for the general reader can be thought of as an exercise in minimalism: how do you ignore all the flourishes and filigrees, while essentially painting the same picture? Here is our translation (v. 111):

Dear God,
make him hang out
with other women more.
He does not seem to realize
what a catch I am.

annabelle--cane

look, guys, this may seem ironic coming from a person with Verbose Disease, but I'm about to tell you the secret to winning social media: shutting the fuck up. you have a controversial discourse opinion? shut the fuck up and no one will know. can't participate in a boycott for various reasons? shut the fuck up and no one will know. you think or do something Problematic that has no bearing on anyone but yourself? shut the fuck up and no one will know. you haven't been keeping up on a pressing social issue? shut the fuck up and no one will know. your mind is a wonderful place where you can have all the bad takes in the world and they're all perfectly insulated from everyone and everything unless you try to excise them on a grand scale. you can take the mental L all by yourself without using a public platform as a confession booth and face zero repercussions and it'll be just fine. open up a damn diary and explain yourself there.





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i am being hunted by a persistence predator called the consequences of my actions



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Reading: staring at tiny symbols printed on thin slices of tree in order to hallucinate.

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me, age 22 (hopeful): anything can happen!

me now (horrified): anything can happen

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The nazis weren't mentally ill. As previously mentioned they hated disabled people, and this unquestionably included anyone neurodivergent. When the surviving nazi war criminals were given psychological tests after the war, they were shown to be some of the most neurotypical people out there.



Audrey Porne
@AudreyPorne

if you knew me before my 20s, you never actually knew me. you knew season 1 me. we were severely underfunded and the writing team was going through a lot.



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Alex said my tummy is stately and magnificent like the prow of a Roman warship



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Mar 19

i feel like i'm cursed forever but other than that i'm doing alright



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"Doing your best" (with chronic illness)

My doctor (bless him) straight up went "don't" when I said "I'll do my best"

Because what I think "my best" is, is completely draining myself for this One Thing and going above and beyond

I guess this goes for people w/o chronic illness as well, but "your best" shouldn't mean you end up hurting yourself in the long run. "Your best" is as much as you are willing to devote to something proportional to how much you care about it **within the confines of what is healthy for you** AND considering all the other stuff you have to do

Please just- holy heck we're already struggling so much please don't devote your precious energy to something that doesn't deserve it

don't do your best, do whats best for you



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"You forgot? Must not be important."

Listen bro, I can and have forgotten to eat, pee, sleep, cash cheques. I've lost my car by taking the bus home after driving there.

Importance is not a distinguishing factor here. The fact a commodore 64 has more RAM than I do is the issue



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Master



@master_nobody

Introverts are not shy, they're picky. Yes, they talk. And they talk a lotttt. But not with colleagues, neighbours, and cashiers at Walmart. Small talk ewws them. Drains them. Empties their soul. They pick 2 people to share their life with. That's it. They're done.



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living with classics majors is so great because once I innocuously said "i love soup" expecting nothing in return and without missing a beat my roommate nodded sagely and said "like Dionysus in the Frogs"



Stabbatha Christy
@LoveNLunchmeat

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I don't dress for women. I don't dress for men. I dress for the weather, mainly.

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You're worthy and human because you're
worthy and human today,
not because of the deeds and misdeeds of
people in the past.
-- Voyaging-too

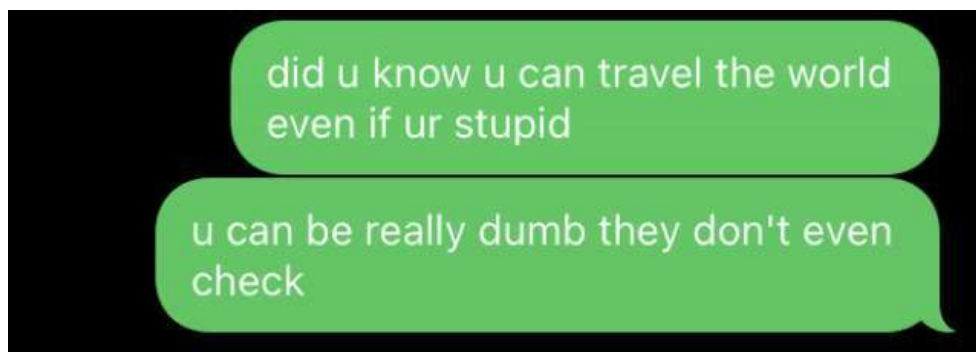


blueboyluca

Jun 28, 2023

“When I first heard it, from a dog trainer who knew her behavioral science, it was a stunning moment. I remember where I was standing, what block of Brooklyn’s streets. It was like holding a piece of polished obsidian in the hand, feeling its weight and irreducibility. And its fathomless blackness. Punishment is reinforcing to the punisher. Of course. It fit the science, and it also fit the hidden memories stored in a deeply buried, rusty lockbox inside me. The people who walked down the street arbitrarily compressing their dogs’ tracheas, to which the poor beasts could only submit in uncomprehending misery; the parents who slapped their crying toddlers for the crime of being tired or hungry: These were not aberrantly malevolent villains. They were not doing what they did because they thought it was right, or even because it worked very well. They were simply caught in the same feedback loop in which all behavior is made. Their spasms of delivering small torments relieved their frustration and gave the impression of momentum toward a solution. Most potently, it immediately stopped the behavior. No matter that the effect probably won’t last: the reinforcer—the silence or the cessation of the annoyance—was exquisitely timed. Now. Boy does that feel good.”

— Melissa Holbrook Pierson, *The Secret History of Kindness* (2015)



Jessica  @jessicnnt · May 17

did y'all know that the full quote is actually more so a compliment? "A jack of all trades is a master of none, but oftentimes better than a master of one."



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Jan 23, 2022

i hope i am not only a bisexual "woman" to you but also a bisexual "man"

Einstein's quotes

If my theory of relativity is proven correct, Germany will claim me as a German and France will declare that I am a citizen of the world. Should my theory prove untrue, France will say that I am a German and Germany will declare that I am a Jew.
address at the Sorbonne, Paris, possibly early December 1929, in New York Times 16 February 1930

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.
letter to his son Eduard, 5 February 1930

I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.
in an interview, given on the Belgenland, December 1930

I am not only a pacifist but a militant pacifist. I am willing to fight for peace. Nothing will end war unless the people themselves refuse to go to war.
interview with G. S. Viereck, January 1931

As a human being, one has been endowed with just enough intelligence to be able to see clearly how utterly inadequate that intelligence is when confronted with what exists.
letter to Queen Elisabeth of Belgium, 19 September 1932

The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking and we thus drift toward unparalleled catastrophe.
telegram to prominent Americans, 24 May 1946, in New York Times 25 May 1946

when asked what weapons would be used in a third world war:
I don't know. But I can tell you what they'll use in the fourth. They'll use rocks!
in The Rotarian June 1948; similar remarks suggesting the use of spears were attributed to unidentified army officers from 1946 on

It is in fact nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not yet entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry.
Paul Schilpp Albert Einstein: Philosopher-Scientist (1949) 'Autobiographical Notes'

If A is a success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.
in Observer 15 January 1950

Nationalism is an infantile sickness. It is the measles of the human race.
Helen Dukas and Banesh Hoffman Albert Einstein, the Human Side (1979)



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this is your gentle reminder to stop fighting against your adhd and instead structure your life around it

buy a pack of chapsticks and put one in the pocket of all of your coats and jackets because you always forget to bring one and chapped lips is sensory hell

leave important things where you can see them. if they go in a box or a drawer you will forget they exist

put any appointments or deadlines in your phone calendar As Soon As you get them. set a reminder for a week before, a day before, an hour before, as many as you need as often as you need them. when that little voice in your head says "i dont need to write that down, ill remember it" that is the devil talking!!! write it down anyway!!

plan for down time. have a few hours at the end of every day to just do fun stuff like engage in your hyperfixations. even if you didnt get all of your work done that day, have the rest anyway. you probably spent the whole day beating yourself up for not doing what you Should be doing, so you still need the break.

if you never eat vegetables because its too much effort to chop and cook them, get the frozen or canned shit. it doesnt go off for ages and you just have to microwave it. theres no point buying fresh vegetables if they just keep going off and being left to rot in the bottom of your fridge if you struggle to decide what to have for dinner every day, take the decision out of it. choose a set of meals and eat those on rotation until you get sick of them, then choose some new ones and do it again.

its not stupid if it works! our brains literally have a chemical deficiency. you are allowed to accommodate yourself. go forth and stop making your life more difficult than it has to be because "this shouldn't be this hard". it is hard, so make it easier.



"As soon as we die, we enter into fiction. Just ask two different family members to tell you about someone recently gone, and you will see what I mean. Once we can no longer speak for ourselves, we are interpreted."

— Hilary Mantel, from *Reith Lectures, Resurrection: The Art and Craft*



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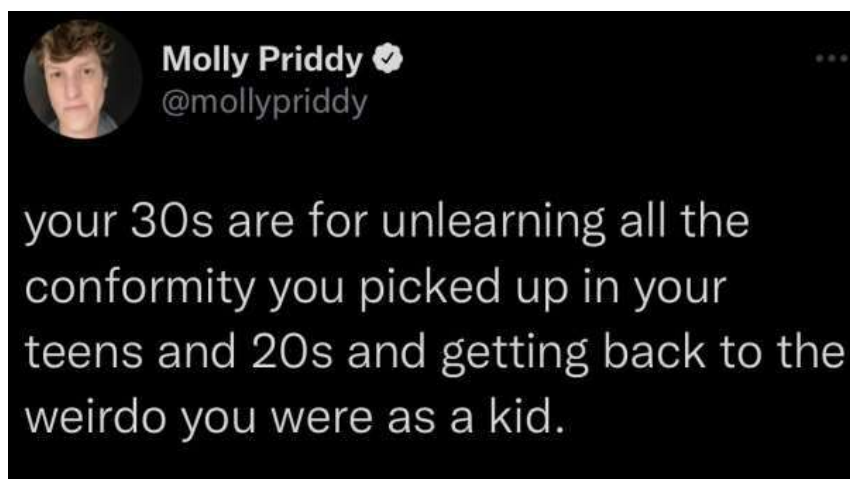
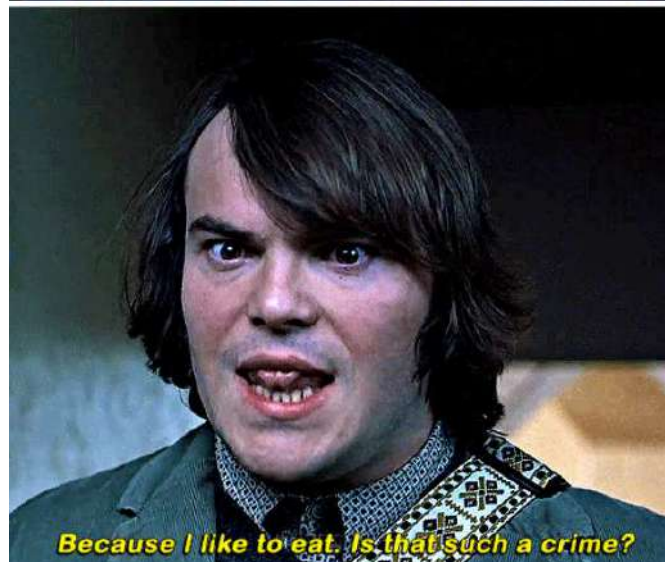
YOU must fix your heart (noone else can do it for you, it has to be you)

you MUST fix your heart (there is no other option, you cant carry on like this)

you must FIX your heart (the joy and light is already inside you, it's just wounded)

you must fix YOUR heart (enough, look after yourself like you do others)

you must fix your HEART (get right to the core of yourself, thats what needs care)



you will complete this stage at 40 when you will turn into a feral version of the weirdo you were as a child except now you have money and can drive.



psychotic-gerard



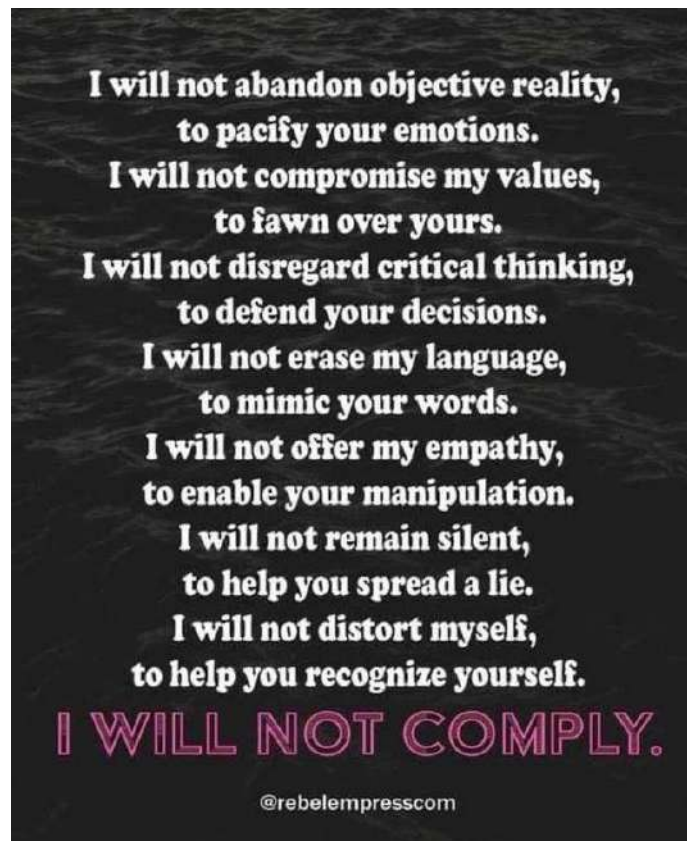
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the eurocentric mind simply cannot fathom the idea that deserts are large carbon sinks, that they are complex ecosystems that host a large amount of life and a life that cannot exist anywhere else. and that is why they think turning deserts green is somehow a good, or feasible idea. a desert is not a wasteland. the dying plants that you plant on top of it because they cannot deal with the heat though? that's a wasteland!





tubaterry

May 13, 2019

Saw an op-ed that was on the surface a complaint about kids not wanting to take on family heirlooms but read like an elegy to dying traditions. The hardest part was the anxiety without recognizing that they didn't pave the way for the decisions they assumed their kids would make.

(This is written entirely within the dominant white/western culture - about traditions that have neglectful stewardship rather than those actively suppressed)

The anxiety makes sense. You're seeing, too late to do anything about it, that there's no foundation - no space - for the traditions you expected to pass on. Your kids can't take your mom's fine china. So now instead of enjoying what you have you worry about its future.

I see a pattern in these op-eds though - a pattern in what's left unsaid. There were responsibilities tied to these traditions. You collectively assumed they would be passed along. So collectively, what did you do to ensure those traditions could be passed along?

Op-eds never speak for everyone, but it's worth acknowledging the pattern in what speech is deemed worth sharing widely. And in this particular pattern, there's an answer: that answer looks like "nothing."

You want the china passed down but your kids have no room in their rentals. You want grandkids but your kids don't have the financial stability. You want that cross-country RV neverending road trip but you've had decades of wanting lower taxes more than you wanted infrastructure.

The bleak outlook for traditions is a direct result of the unmaintained foundations for them. The second best time is always now - if it's important enough to op-ed about, what are you willing to change to get it back? What will you give up or re-prioritize?

I kinda think that world-defining assumptions are always gonna break without maintenance. So rather than getting mad at whoever's next for not carrying on the norms we didn't do upkeep on, when it's my turn, I hope I'm introspective enough to help instead of externalize & blame.

If only there was a page dedicated to explaining how everything works...



...non riesco a vedere dove ho sbagliato...
(a parte restare senza cavalli)



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Apr 3, 2017

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i'm ready for june. the purest month. the friday afternoon of summer, when the world hums with possibility. when spring kisses summer on the cheek, leaves behind a trail of ferns and dew. june is packing your suitcase for a trip. june is a sprinkler in the lawn. june is goodbye and hello all at once. every day feels like the first moment after you wake up, when the dreams still stick to your skin. we wander dazed and hazy in the infant months of heat and sun. we are lovely and unafraid



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Jun 12, 2018

i refuse to die until things are better and that is a threat

"Green was the silence, wet was the light, the month of June trembled like a butterfly."

— *Pablo Neruda - 100 Love Sonnets*

Hiking - "I don't like either the word or the thing. People ought to saunter in the mountains - not hike! Do you know the origin of that word 'saunter?' It's a beautiful word. Away back in the Middle Ages people used to go on pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and when people in the villages through which they passed asked where they were going, they would reply, 'A la sainte terre,' 'To the Holy Land.' And so they became known as sainte-terre-ers or saunterers. Now these mountains are our Holy Land, and we ought to saunter through them reverently, not 'hike' through them."

-- John Muir



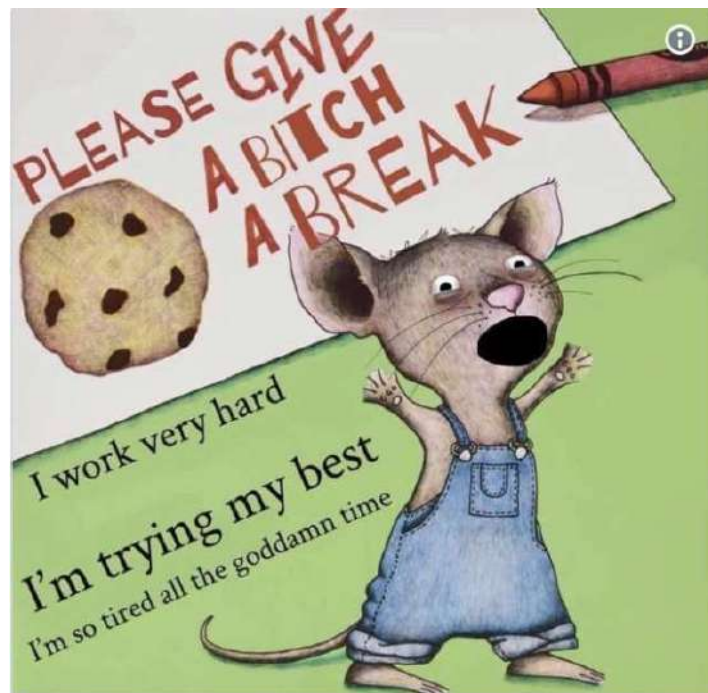


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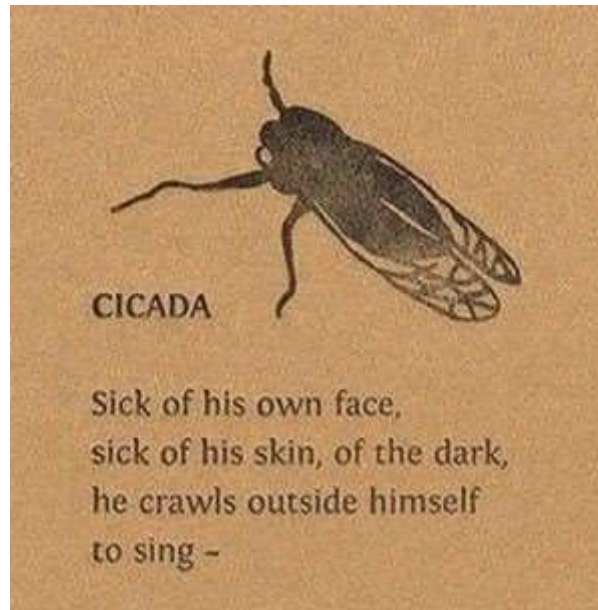
confusing Odysseus and Orpheus is like confusing a liar and a lyre.
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They said "Go big or go home"...



Probably the easiest
choice I've ever had to make.



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Nov 30, 2018



An autistic friend of mine just said this to me "The harder I work at communication the more people expect from me and the less they are willing to compromise." and it is the most fucking heartbreaking thing I've heard.

(la Vanilla era così anche lei)



quasi-normalcy

Mar 26



"I'm just a smol bean uwu" No sir, what you are is someone who is so habituated to thinking of yourself as innocent that you will continue to do so even when you're guilty.



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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I wonder
what it would have felt like to
have a choice, to choose love,
to hold anything with both hands.
It's taken me this long
to say *I want I want I want*,

Caitlin Bailey, from *Solve for Desire: Poems*; "To G, after the party"



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Dec 31, 2023



sorry my family didn't teach me that i have a place among others so
now i'm weird . sorry



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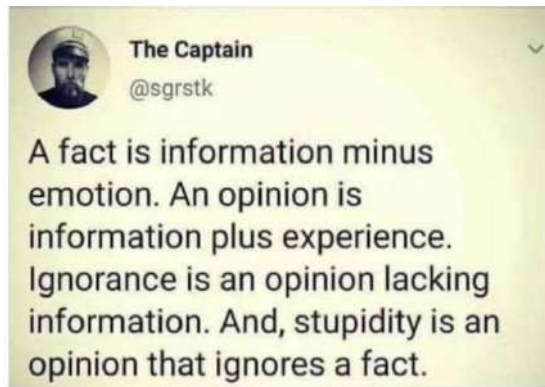
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The fact that we as a species haven't dropped absolutely everything
for science baffles me.

You want to go to war? When there are dinosaur bones under your
feet? When there are diseases that could be cured? When trees can
communicate?

I will never understand.



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Apr 10



When I was younger and researching the autism diagnosis criteria and symptoms, I thought “oh I couldn’t POSSIBLY be autistic.” Because when I read “takes everything literally” I thought it literally meant EVERYTHING and I was like “I don’t take EVERYTHING literally, just most things!” And I just realized the other day that it didn’t actually mean EVERYTHING and that was an overstatement.

literally the example I always use is I spent way longer without glasses then I should have because the eyesight chart diagnostic is “identify the letter”, so I went ‘ok the point of this is to do good identifying letters’. Then i realized

they want to know if I can see. Not if I can identify that a blurry shape is an A because of its unique outline.

So i started qualifying my answers with “blurry”. Blurry A, Blurry Y, Blurry Z. Now I have glasses.

BB: You were born in France, but you have lived a long time in the United States. What is the difference between the aesthetics of the two countries?

LB: I'll tell you a story about my mother. When I was a little girl, growing up in France, my mother worked sewing tapestries. Some of the tapestries were exported to America. The only problem was that many of the images on the tapestries were of naked people. My mother's job was to cut out the, what do you call it?

BB: The genitals?

LB: Yes, the genitals of the men and women, and replace these parts with pictures of flowers so they could be sold to Americans. My mother saved all the pictures of the genitals over the years, and one day she sewed them together as a quilt and then she gave the quilt to me. That's the difference between French and American aesthetics.



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