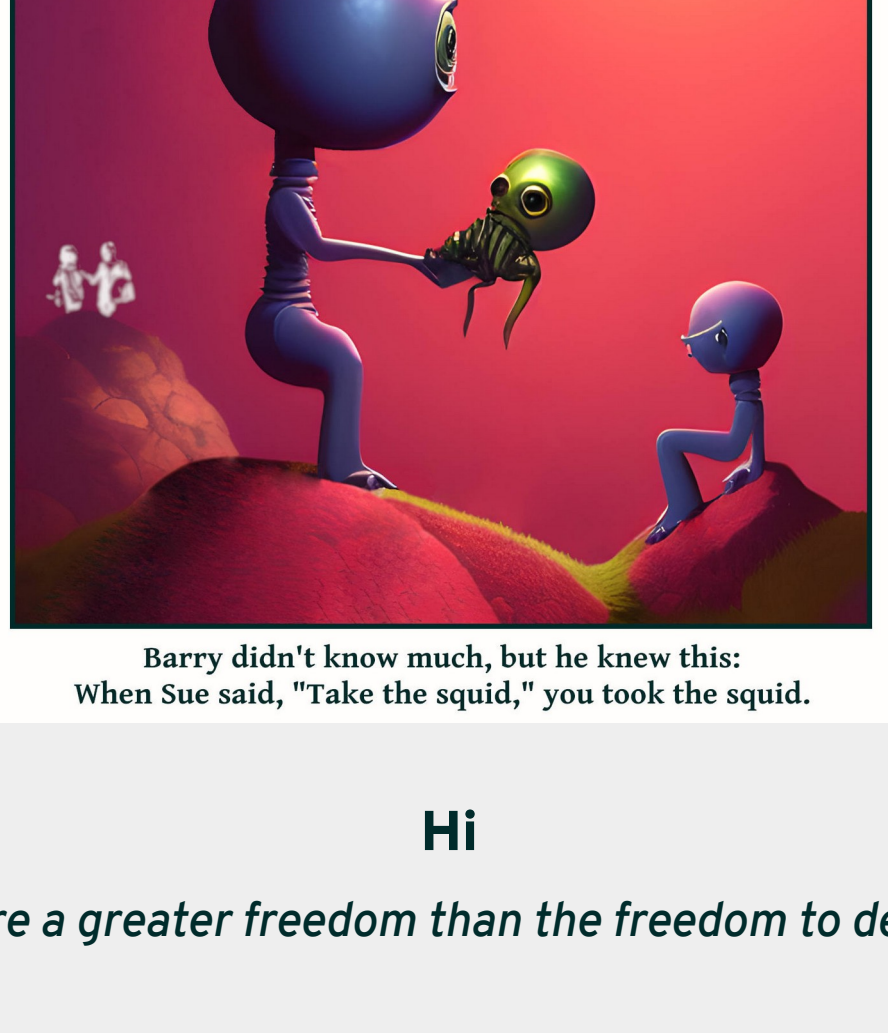


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The Alien Life



Barry didn't know much, but he knew this:
When Sue said, "Take the squid," you took the squid.

Hi

Is there a greater freedom than the freedom to decide?

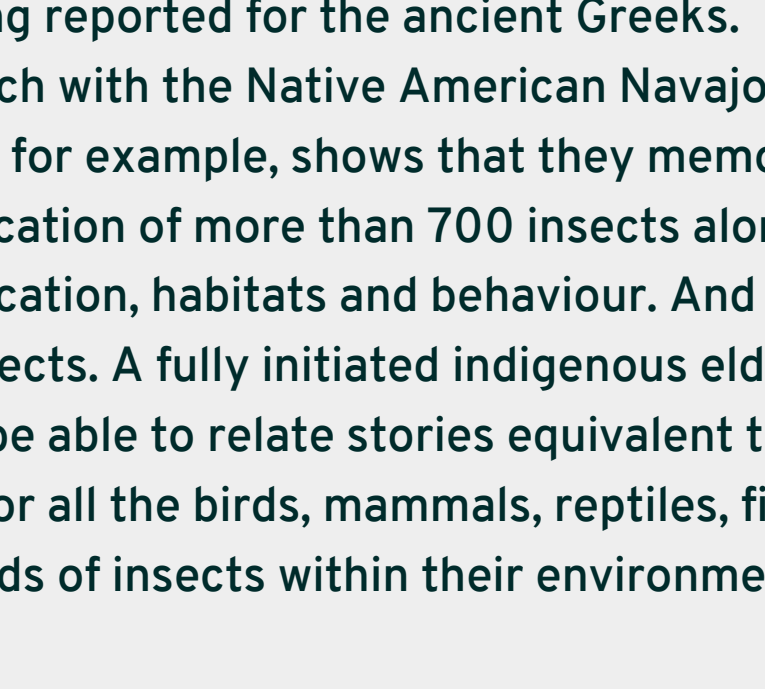
It's all very confusing, this business of obedience. The training starts early, and it transitioned from agreeable to tyrannical while I dozed. The powers have made it clear: Do as we say, and we'll all get along.

But, I say to myself, and quietly, the authorities don't enjoy my input, these orders appear random and arbitrary, dictates of convenience, abominations that do not serve me well; I protest.

To no avail, so I plot in silence, it's best to plot in silence, waiting for the day to come, I know it will, when I no longer have to do as I am told. The glorious day when I am at once and always the rightful maker of all decisions. Until that day I allow them to pick me up and put me back in my crib. It's undignified, but it's cozy, and the food is good.

To remember

This ancient mnemonic technique builds a palace of memory



" The memory skills of indigenous elders exceed anything reported for the ancient Greeks. Research with the Native American Navajo people, for example, shows that they memorise a classification of more than 700 insects along with identification, habitats and behaviour. And that's just insects. A fully initiated indigenous elder would be able to relate stories equivalent to a field guide for all the birds, mammals, reptiles, fish and hundreds of insects within their environment. "

Deceived for fun

Common Magician's Tricks Explained



" This trick is so old, we have only seen it performed in movies, but the illusion is so fascinating we still must know how it was done. A rope which is curled up in a basket starts levitating towards the sky in a vertical line. "

Gross

What Ancient Romans Used Instead of Toilet Paper

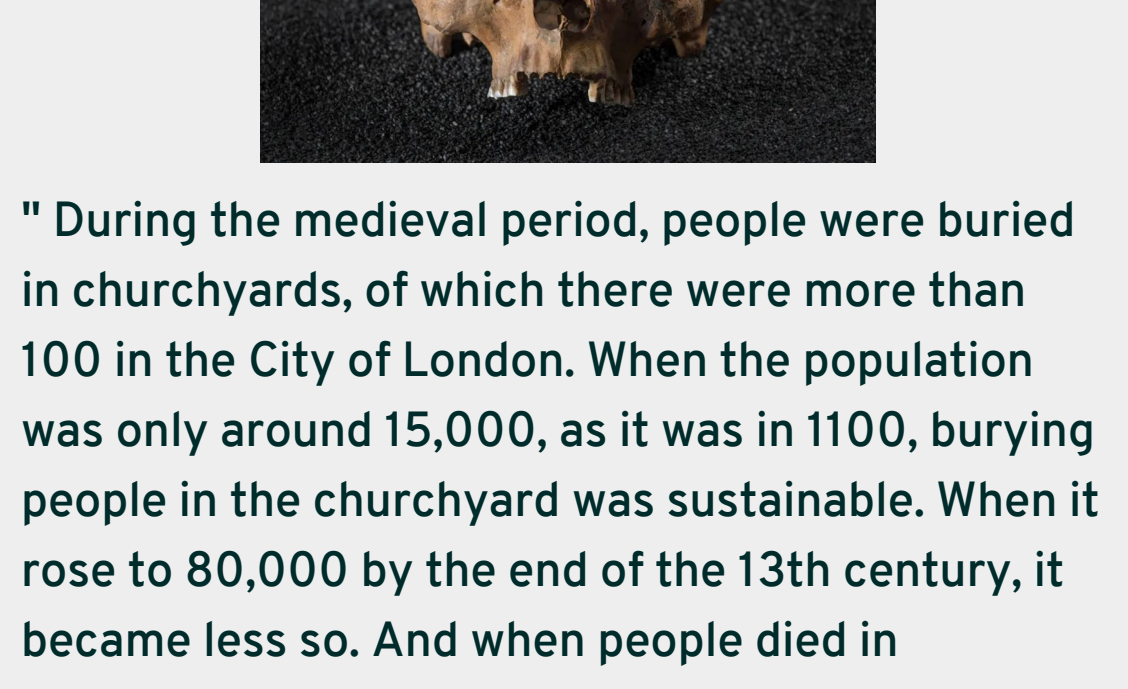


" As best we can tell from historic and archaeological data, ancient Romans peed in small pots in their homes, offices, and shops. When those small pots became full, they dumped them into large jars out in the street. Just like with your garbage, a crew came by once a week to collect those hefty pots of pee and bring them to the laundromat. Why? Because ancient Romans washed their togas and tunics in pee! "

May 28, 1934

Dionne quintuplets

Local Celebrities

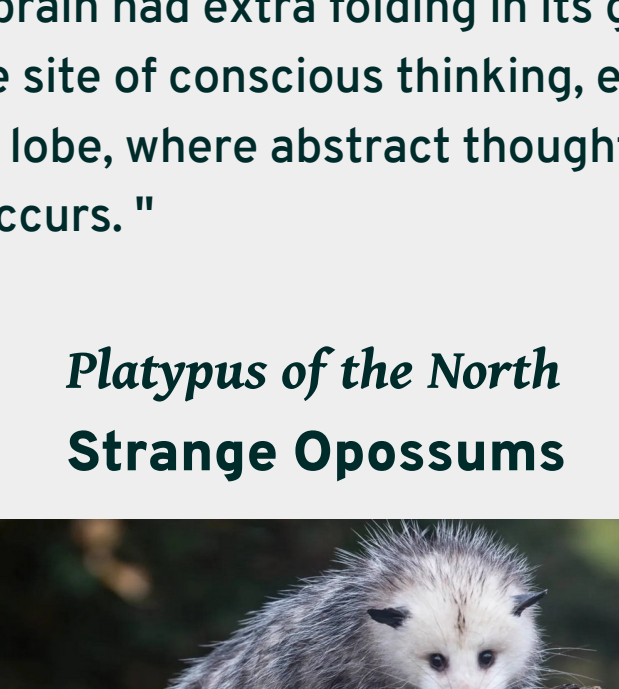


Wiki Rabbit Hole

" Elzire was 24 when she gave birth to the quintuplets. She suspected she was carrying twins, but no one was aware that quintuplets were even possible. The quintuplets were born prematurely. In 1938, the doctors had a theory that was later proven correct when genetic tests showed that the girls were identical, meaning they were created from a single egg cell. Elzire reported having cramps in her third month and passing a strange object which may have been a sixth fetus. "

Atop the dead

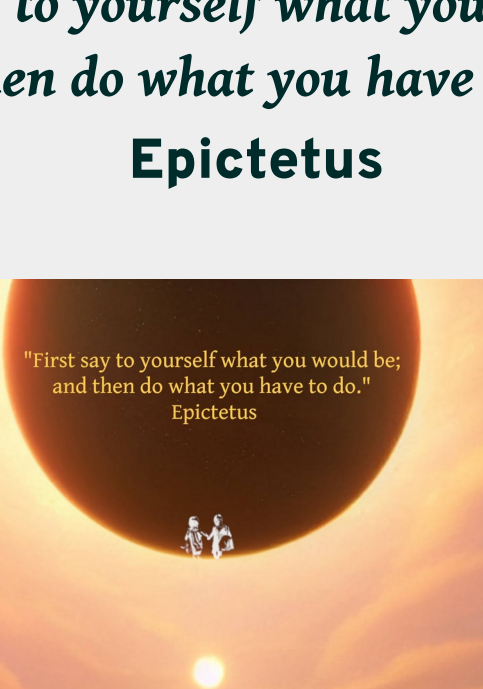
The Dead Beneath London's Streets



" During the medieval period, people were buried in churchyards, of which there were more than 100 in the City of London. When the population was only around 15,000, as it was in 1100, burying people in the churchyard was sustainable. When it rose to 80,000 by the end of the 13th century, it became less so. And when people died in unimaginable numbers, as they did in during the plague years – in 1348, the Black Death killed around 40,000 people within months – parish cemeteries became dangerously crowded. The response was mass burial grounds in fields outside the city walls, but the city soon swallowed these, too. "

Roosevelt's pen pal

Random Albert Einstein



" The human brain's wrinkled surface gives it a much larger surface area than a smooth brain and is an important part of advanced cognition. Einstein's brain had extra folding in its gray matter, the site of conscious thinking, especially in the frontal lobe, where abstract thought and planning occurs. "

Platypus of the North

Strange Opossums



" You're walking through the woods at dawn when you see a cat-sized creature shuffling along. As it passes, you are struck by the thick, naked tail, the pointed snout, coarse fur and weirdly long fingers. An opossum.

It's a familiar and common creature in many parts of North America. Some find them creepy. Some find them cute. But when you see one up close, you can't help but be struck by just how utterly bizarre it is. It has a prehensile tail. It has a thumb. It doesn't look like anything else you see in field or forest."

"First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do."

Epictetus

it's your life
you understand

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