

Change Happens

Have a great day,
find your way

The Alien Life



"I swear to Grodon,
if I lose one more battle rap I'm going to freak out."

Hi

Are you comfortable in the spotlight?

When I was five
I had to give a speech
before the entire school.

I stepped up to the stage
in my Sunday best,
unconcerned,
I did not yet know
that I was being judged.

The next time I spoke
before others,
my audience
had been reduced
to a single classroom,
and I could barely breathe.

Nowhere to park

How can Jupiter have no surface? A dive into a planet so big, it could swallow 1,000 Earths

"Go down another 20,000 miles (about 32,000 kilometers), and the hydrogen becomes more like flowing liquid metal, a material so exotic that only recently, and with great difficulty, have scientists reproduced it in the laboratory. The atoms in this liquid metallic hydrogen are squeezed so tightly that its electrons are free to roam."

- First up today is Jupiter. It's always fascinated me how incredibly large this planet is. A thousand Earths can fit inside of it, that's insane. And the fact that it is not a solid rock but a collection of weird liquids and gasses has always given me something to hallucinate about. A nice article that considers all the basic information about the gas giant.

Has to be haunted by now

This Istanbul house was built in four historical eras

"You may have seen this fantastically decrepit house before. It's a minor internet celebrity – not so much because of its old age (though roughly 1,800 years is nothing to sneeze at), but because its four floors correspond so neatly to four historical eras: from the Roman Empire at the bottom, through the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires in between, to the Turkish Republic on top."

- An interesting article on a house that was built over for different Empires. It's fascinating that a structure has been around that long, that it survived and grew through the various machinations of our tribal wars. Somebody from the Interweb has mocked up an image with colour to better envision the layers that time constructed. We think something that is 400 years old has been around a while, this place is some 1,800 years old. It's crazy that it's even standing. That alone is worth considering.

It would do just fine

Without humans, what would happen to Earth?

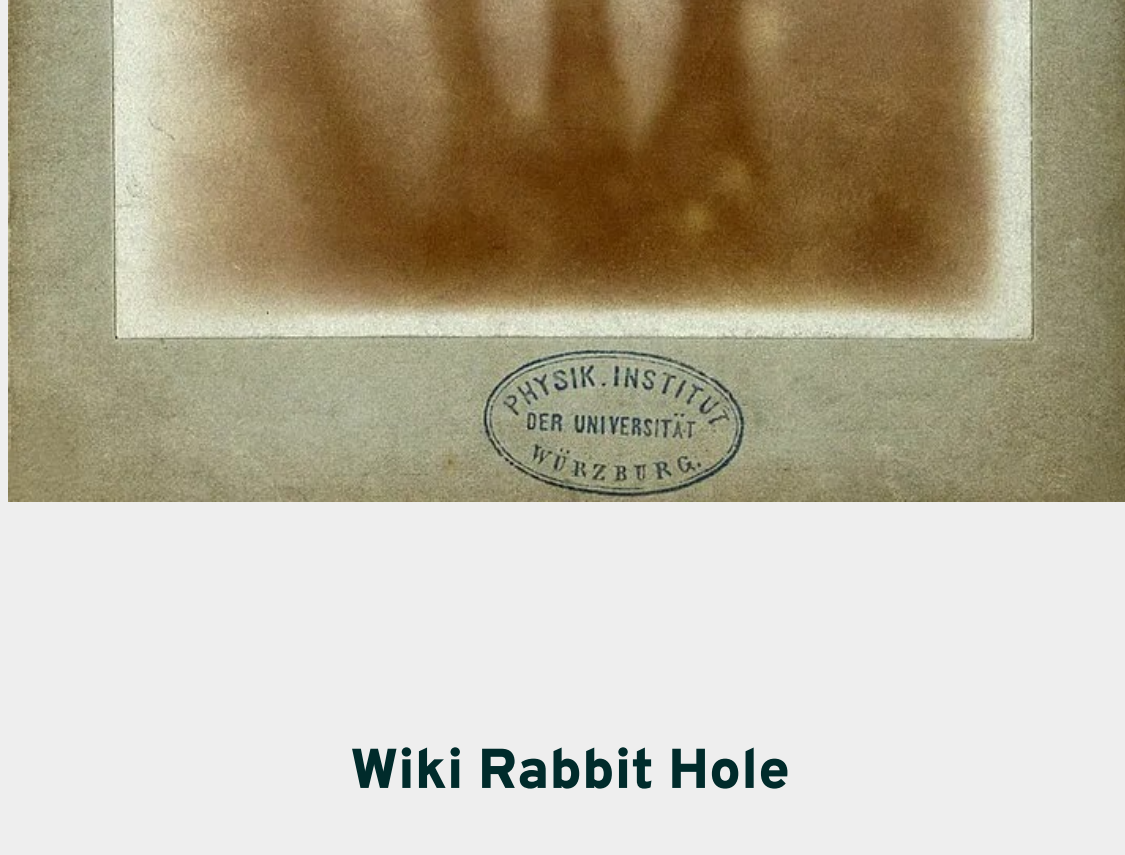
"And, perhaps by considering Earth after us, we can get a realistic understanding of all the ways we've shaped and changed the planet, says Alan Weisman, an environmental journalist and author of multiple books including the 2007's *The World Without Us*. For him, writing on the idea was a way to reach those who might otherwise be turned off by environmental literature, and get a broader swath of readers to consider the reality of our species-level legacy."

- I thought this article was interesting. It's not a pessimistic point of view of doom and gloom, no climate change gazing. It's more of a philosophical exercise. What would Earth be like without us? What would remain of us, what would we leave behind?

November 8, 1895

X-rays

Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen



Wiki Rabbit Hole

"Based on the formation of regular shadows, Röntgen termed the phenomenon 'rays'. As 8 November was a Friday, he took advantage of the weekend to repeat his experiments and made his first notes. In the following weeks, he ate and slept in his laboratory as he investigated many properties of the new rays he temporarily termed 'X-rays', using the mathematical designation ('X') for something unknown. The new rays came to bear his name in many languages as 'Röntgen rays' (and the associated X-ray radiograms as 'Röntgenograms')."

Tell yourself the truth

A Psychologist Explains Why We Lie To Ourselves—And Offers 2 Fixes

"A study published in *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* found that self-deception is an evolutionary trait that helps people better deceive others by making it easier to hide signs of lying and reducing the risk of getting caught. People who lie to themselves are good at deceiving others. It also boosts confidence by making people believe they are better than they actually are."

- I read a lot of things this week about lying. It's a vast topic, given it's universally practised like it's a job. The lies we tell in public are often explained fairly easily, whether they're nefarious or benign. But, the ones we tell ourselves are the ones that are truly crippling.

In praise of weirdness

**How They Think:
The Dark Whimsy Of Tim Burton**

"Burton has never been one to turn from imperfection. His openness to the unexpected is evident in his approach to stop-motion animation, where even the slightest imperfections in the movements of characters add to their charm. This embrace of the imperfect also extends to the themes of his films, where characters often find beauty and acceptance in their flaws."

- This is a great article from a writer on Substack, Ernie Schenck . A very good story if you've ever had any interest in considering Tim Burton, and how he came to be Tim Burton.

Larson works on in spirit

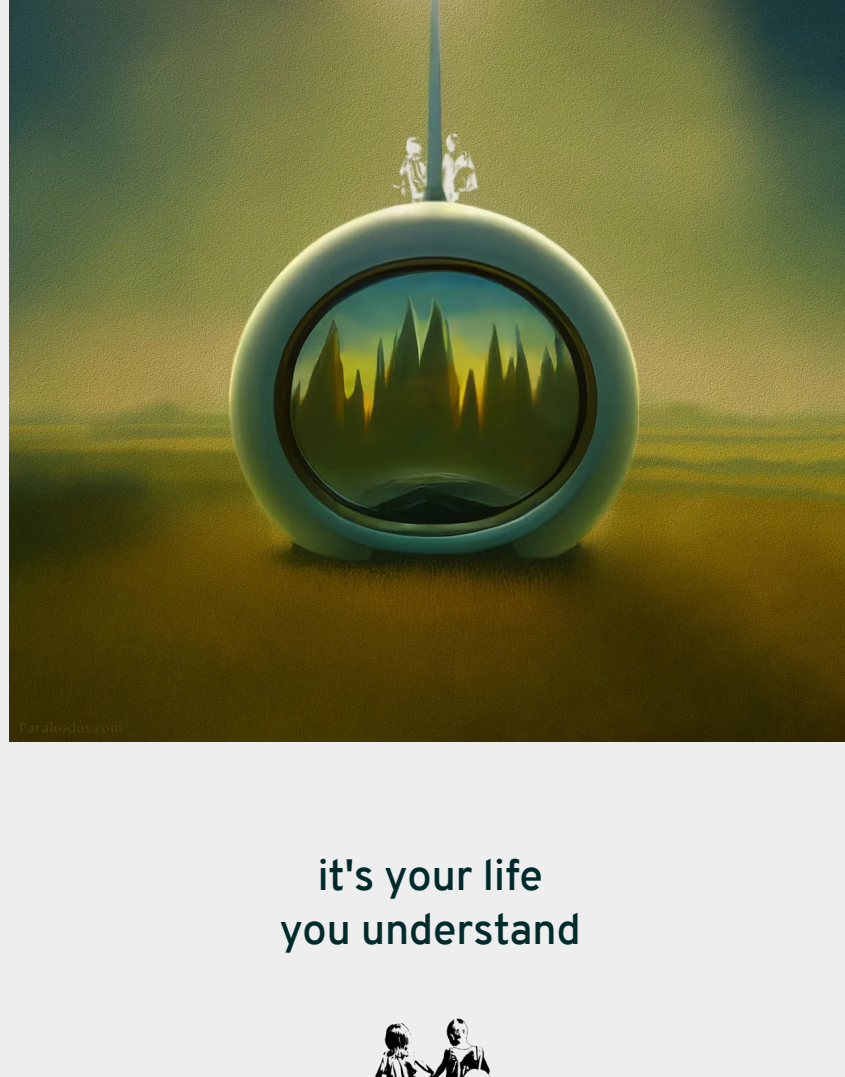
One-Panel Comics About Funny Everyday Situations

"The cartoonist shared with us the considerations he takes into account when creating characters for a new cartoon: 'It might sound either dumb or counterintuitive because single panel cartoons like mine (the joke-a-day variety) don't use continuing characters like comic strips do - but character design is actually crucial for that very reason.'"

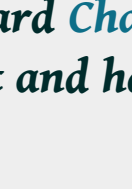
- I like this article, it's just a small collection of a guy's cartoons. The cartoonist is Dave Coverley, he draws one panel comics. The article gives a bit of an insight into his approach and into the mindset of an artist working in this kind of medium. It's interesting to hear his thought processes. I find him to be mostly very funny.

"Courage is what others can't see, what is never affirmed. It is made of what you have thrown away and then come back for."

Leonard Cohen



it's your life
you understand



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