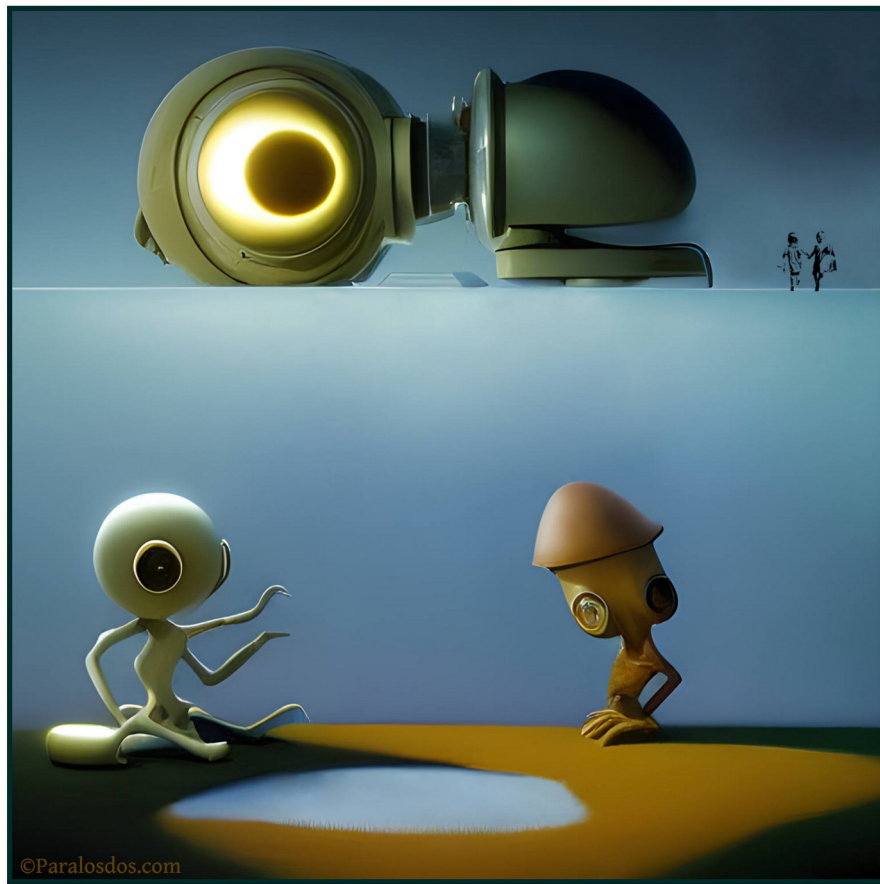


Change Happens

Have a great day,
find your way

The Alien Life



"I just feel like something is always listening to us."

Hi

Why do we accept the judgment of fools?

There was a time past, but not so long past, when you could speak freely, by which was meant that you could say a thing in the presence of another, and it would be a private affair.

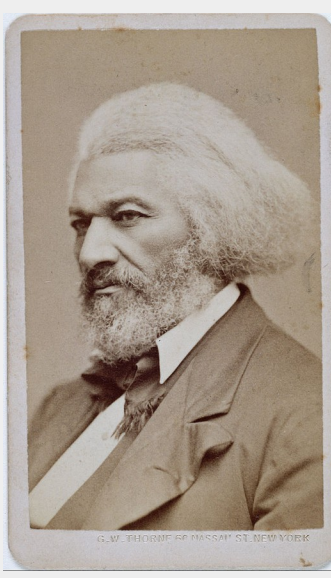
We are now upon a two-headed beast, what you say in private, or even a version thereof, - subject to the whims, fancies, memory and agenda of some chatty cretin - can now be shared.

The second head, less thoughtful, is the robot on record. Gone are the days of temporary stupidity, the luxurious times of being able to make a mistake, utter immediately regretted noises. The cloud hears all.

The cretin and the cloud,
a beast of our own devising,
needing our agreement to survive.

An exceptional life lived

Frederick Douglass (1817-95)



" Some of the greatest campaigners against slavery understood how evil it was better than others: they had been enslaved themselves. Frederick Douglass was born into slavery, escaped and became one of the most famous abolitionists and writers in the world. He campaigned against slavery and also for many other social causes, including women's rights. He worked with Presidents and served in a number of Government positions. Internationally famous, he was one of the most important American intellectuals of the 19th century - and walking proof that the argument that Black men could never be intelligent enough to be American citizens was racist nonsense. "

Because they can

Why Do Birds Sing



" Birds have a specialized bit of vocal anatomy called the syrinx, a special organ located right where the windpipe branches to connect to the two lungs. (It's roughly equivalent to the human larynx, but our larynx is located further up, in the throat.) About 4,000 of the world's roughly 10,000 bird species are classified in the suborder Passeri - the "songbirds," in which the syrinx is especially well-developed, allowing them to produce complex and beautiful sounds. These birds can even control each side of their syrinx independently, allowing them to produce two different notes at the same time. "

So big

Jupiter: A guide to the largest planet in the solar system



" Is Jupiter a gas planet?

Yes, but don't be fooled into thinking that Jupiter is like a big cloud of gas that you could fly through, it's more like a fluid planet that gets denser and hotter the deeper you go.

Pressures at the colorful cloud tops are not dissimilar to those in Earth's atmosphere, but they build up as you go deeper, rather like a submarine experiencing crushing densities as it sinks deeper and deeper into our oceans. In fact, the hydrogen

that is Jupiter's dominant gas gets compressed to such extremes that it changes to an exotic metallic hydrogen form. So think of Jupiter as a bottomless ocean of strange, exotic materials. "

January 15, 2001

Wikipedia

A good place to start



Wiki Rabbit Hole

" Wikipedia is a free-content online encyclopedia, written and maintained by a community of volunteers, collectively known as Wikipedians, through open collaboration and the use of wiki-based editing system MediaWiki. Wikipedia is the largest and most-read reference work in history. "

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The greatest show on earth

What causes the Northern Lights?



" The detail of the phenomenon is not lost on Darren Baskill, a physics and astronomy lecturer at Sussex University. Neither is its impressiveness. 'It's only within the last 100 years that we've understood what the aurora actually are. Understanding exactly what is happening as I watch those infinitesimally small particles collide with the Earth's upper atmosphere, and then following the magnetic field lines, which you can't normally see, just blows my mind.' "

And weirdest

Most Terrifying Places on Earth



" Without any ground-level prey on the island, the snakes learned to hunt in the treetops and strike at birds from the air. And because they couldn't track down the birds and wait for the poison to kick in, their venom adapted to become five times stronger than that of their mainland counterparts –capable of killing their prey instantly, as well as melting human flesh. Because of their potency, the Brazilian government bans the public from ever setting foot on the island (as if you would want to). "

People are strange

Weird & Wonderful

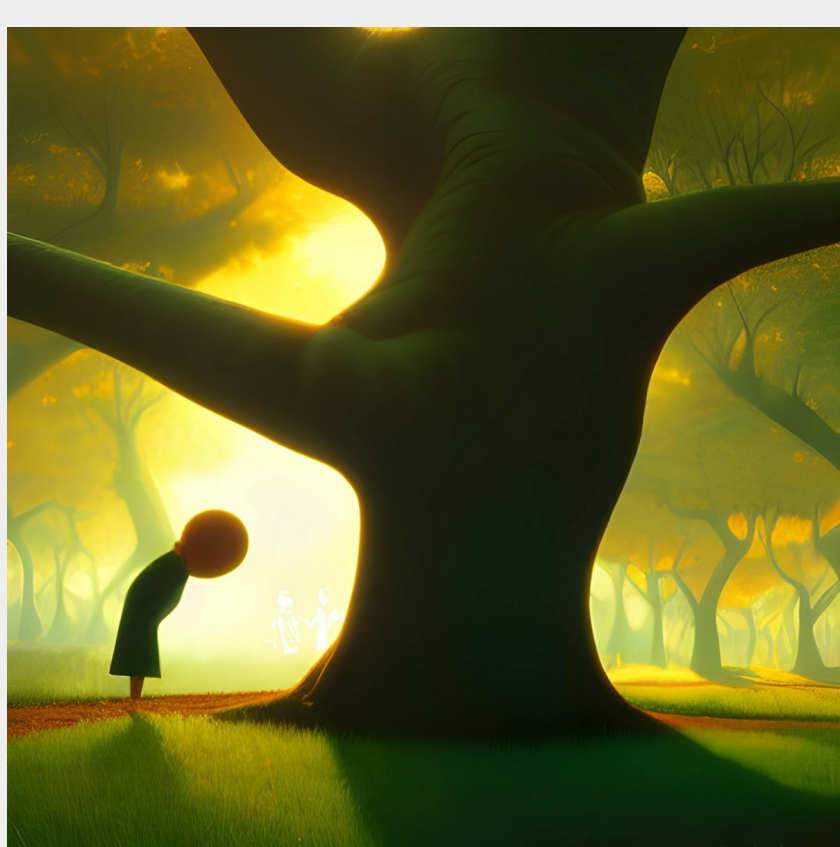
Unknown World Records



" Kim Goodman from the USA has the ability to pop her eyeballs out from her face. Goodman discovered she could pop her eyes from her skull after being hit in the head by a hockey mask. "Proptosis" is the term for the ability to pop your eyes from your head. On November 2, 2007, in Istanbul, Turkey, Goodman popped her eyes 0.47 in (12 mm) from her eye sockets and broke a new world record. The record was measured by an

optometrist, using an optometer a total of three times to get an average distance. "

***“Tell me I’m clever,
Tell me I’m kind,
Tell me I’m talented,
Tell me I’m cute,
Tell me I’m sensitive,
Graceful and wise,
Tell me I’m perfect–
But tell me the truth.”
Shel Silverstein***



it's your life
you understand



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