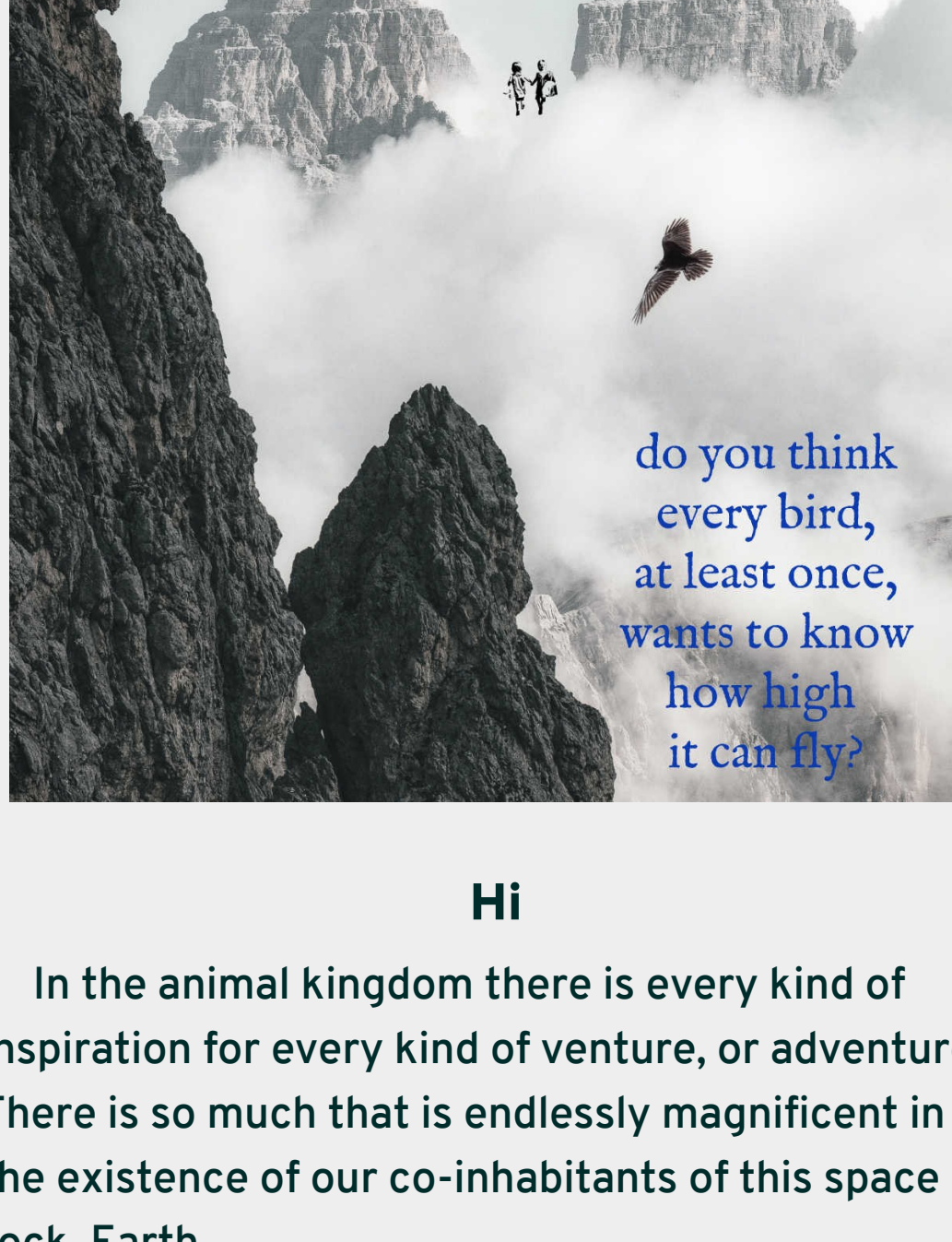


# Change Happens

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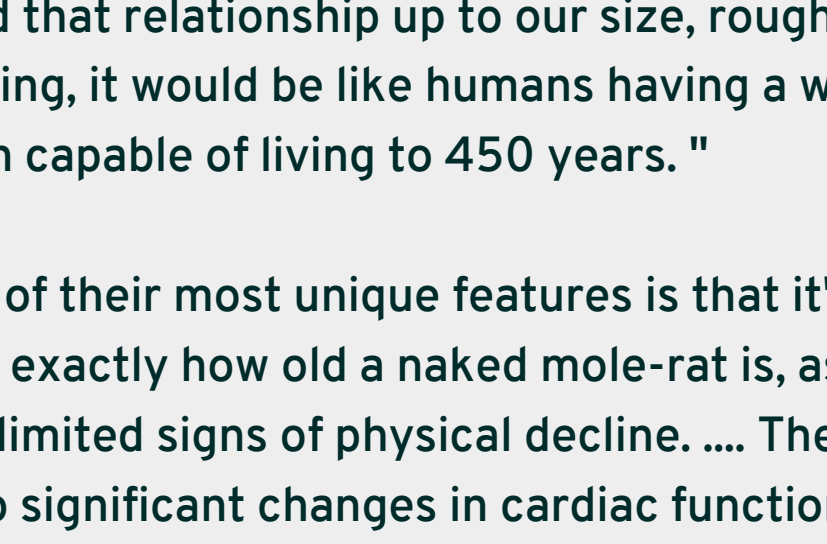
In the animal kingdom there is every kind of inspiration for every kind of venture, or adventure. There is so much that is endlessly magnificent in the existence of our co-inhabitants of this space rock, Earth.

Aside from what we have to learn from our brethren, there is just a wonderful weirdness in the variety of ways that life has manifested itself.

It doesn't matter how often you power up your distractions, or how tightly you bolt on your headset, life will always be that thing outside the box.

### *These are extraordinary creatures*

#### **Naked mole-rats seem to defy aging and appear immune to cancer**



" Immune to ageing and pain, these strange-looking creatures have long fascinated scientists. "

" A similarly sized mouse might live two years, next to the mole-rat's 30 years or more – if you scaled that relationship up to our size, roughly speaking, it would be like humans having a wrinkly cousin capable of living to 450 years. "

" One of their most unique features is that it's hard to tell exactly how old a naked mole-rat is, as they show limited signs of physical decline. .... There are no significant changes in cardiac function, body composition, bone quality or metabolism. "

" Indeed, with their complex communication, long lives, social cohesion and careful management of food resources, naked mole-rats exhibit strong signs of having high intelligence. "

### *So much to see in the dark*

#### **Light pollution: Huge fall in stars that can be seen with naked eye**



" That means, the scientists say, that a child born in an area where 250 stars were visible, would probably see fewer than 100 stars in the same location 18 years later. "

" Light pollution doesn't just reduce our view of the stars. It has been shown to affect human health and disrupt sleep patterns. It also affects the behaviour of some nocturnal animals, with one recent study linking it with local insect decline. "

### *Everyone should have a duck*

#### **Ham on the lam: This duck named after dinner won't stop wandering off**



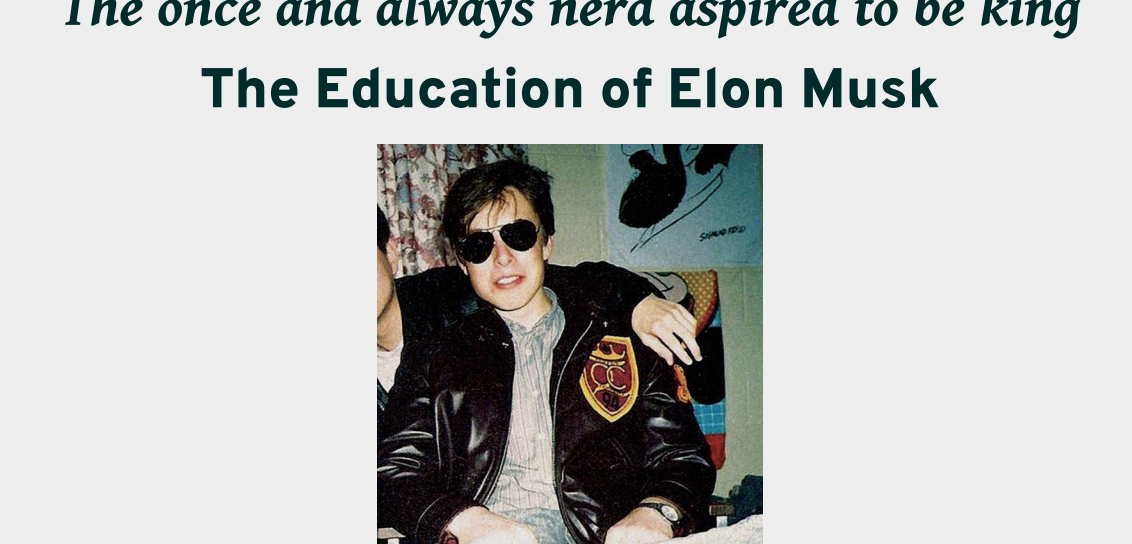
" He'll waddle straight into people's houses if they open the door for him, and charms onlookers with his collection of jaunty scarves, hand-knit for him by Taylor-Dugdall's mother. "

"I think ... he just quite enjoys being social," she said. "Obviously he spends a lot of time with us, but sometimes you like to see your friends as well as your family, don't you? So I think that's what he's doing."

## January 18, 1882

### **A. A. Milne**

#### **Creator of the Hundred Acre Wood is Born**



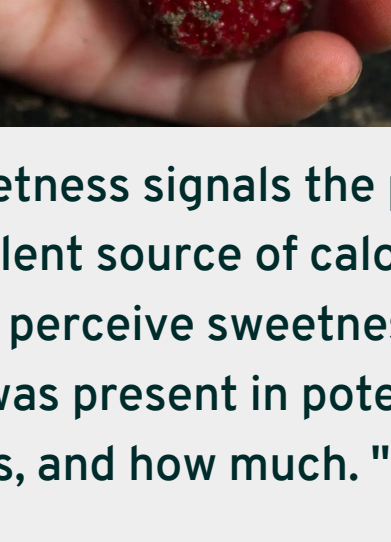
### **Wiki Rabbit Hole**

Alan Alexander Milne was born on this day in Kilburn, London. Pictured here with his son, Christopher Robin.

He took inspiration from all of his son's play things, turning them into the legendary Tao Master Winnie-the-Pooh and his incomparable companions.

### *The once and always nerd aspired to be king*

#### **The Education of Elon Musk**



" Before he was the egomaniacal, influential and just plain weird owner of SpaceX, Tesla and Twitter, he was an awkward kid who built computers and chased girls at Queen's University.

It's easy to get lost in the noise that swirls around this man – much of it intentionally self generated – but dismissing him is foolish. This article sheds a lot of light on some very formative years. "

### *I like sugar*

#### **Is a "Sweet Tooth" Genetic?**

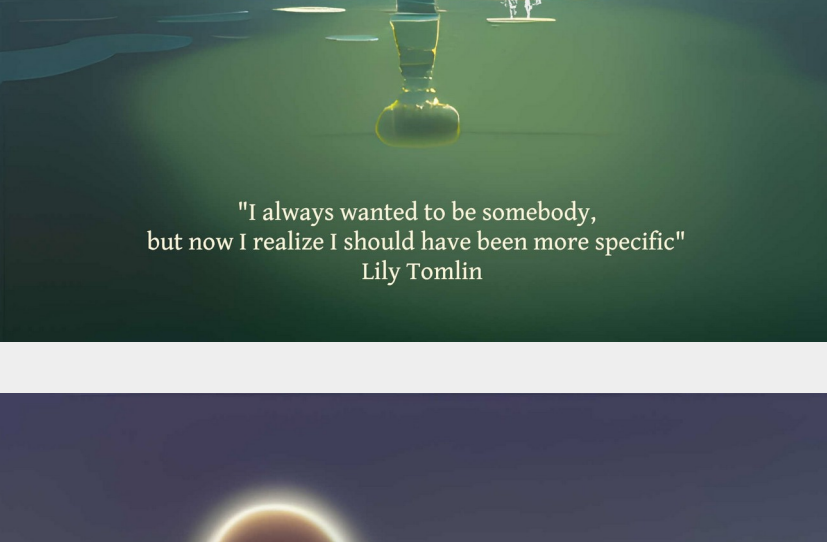


" In nature, sweetness signals the presence of sugars, an excellent source of calories. So foragers able to perceive sweetness could detect whether sugar was present in potential foods, especially plants, and how much. "

" This ability allowed them to assess calorie content with a quick taste before investing a lot of effort in gathering, processing, and eating the items. Detecting sweetness helped early humans gather plenty of calories with less effort. Rather than browsing randomly, they could target their efforts, improving their evolutionary success. "

### *This dude never skipped leg day*

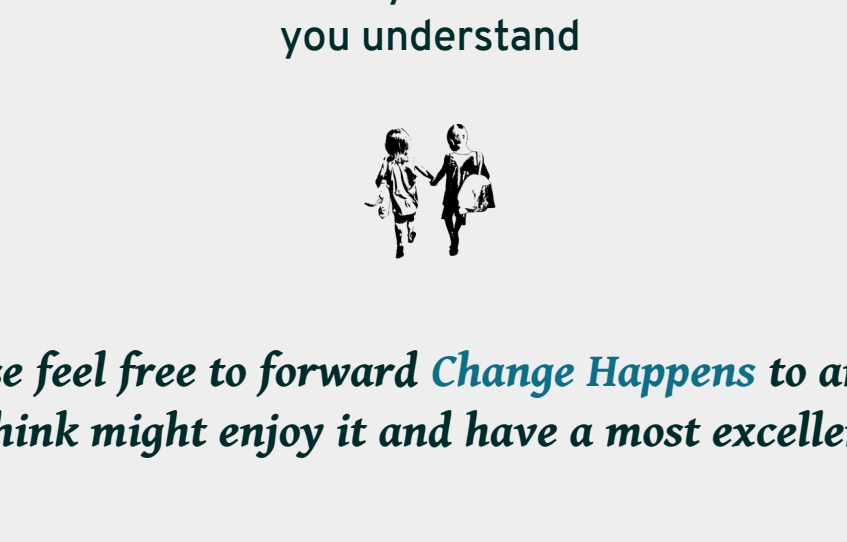
#### **6-pound 'Toadzilla' found in Australia breaks the record for largest toad**



" Cane toads are native to South and Central America and have no natural predators in Australia. There may be more than 200 million cane toads on the continent – an astonishing increase from the 100 that were introduced less than a century ago. Because their bodies are toxic to other species, they've caused local extinctions of some would-be predators. "

*"I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific."*

### **Lily Tomlin**



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you understand



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