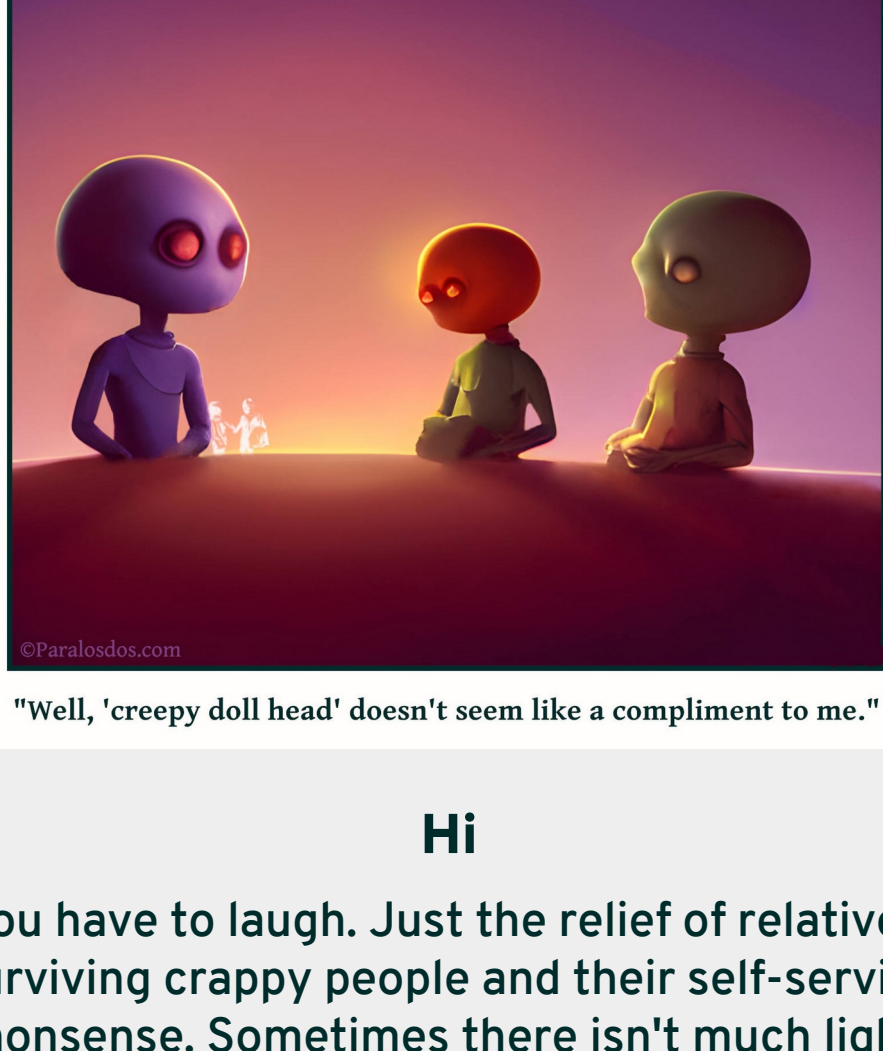


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## The Alien Life



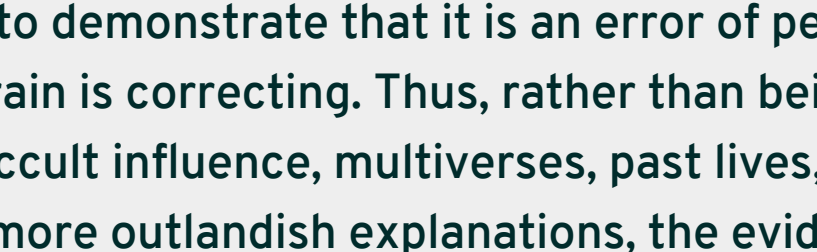
"Well, 'creepy doll head' doesn't seem like a compliment to me."

### Hi

You have to laugh. Just the relief of relatively surviving crappy people and their self-serving nonsense. Sometimes there isn't much light between laughter and tears.

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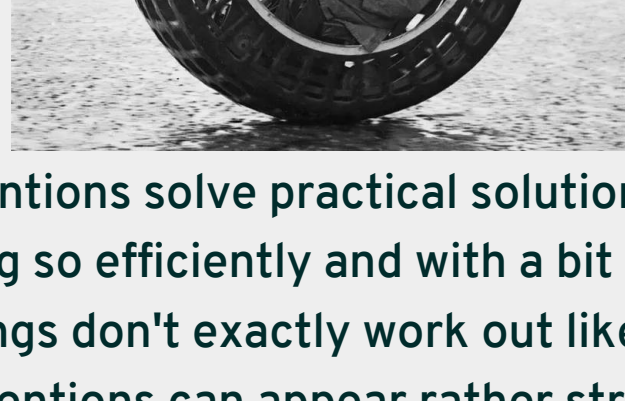
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"Neuroscientists disagree about what causes déjà vu. However, by giving people's brains mild shocks, they have been able to demonstrate that it is an error of perception that the brain is correcting. Thus, rather than being the result of occult influence, multiverses, past lives, or any of the other more outlandish explanations, the evidence says that déjà vu is an example of how our brains keep us in touch with reality. "

### Less than useful

### The world's weirdest-ever inventions

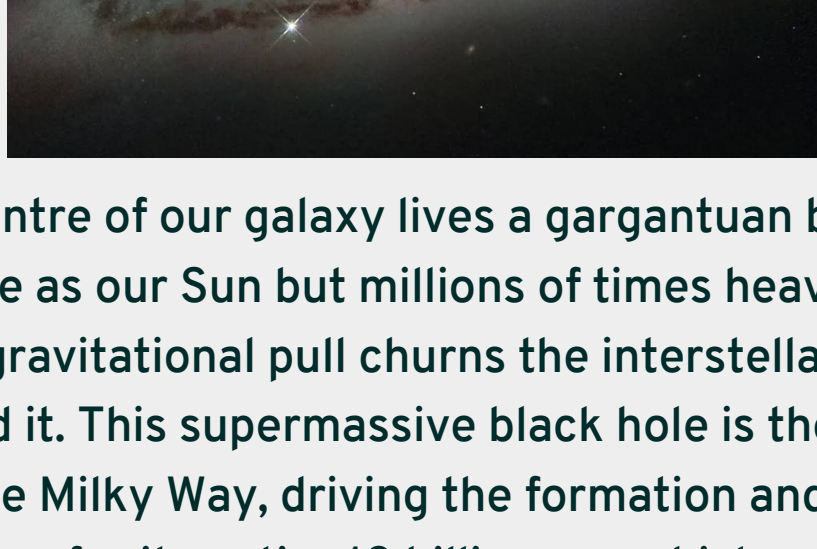


" The best inventions solve practical solutions to everyday problems, doing so efficiently and with a bit of style. But sometimes things don't exactly work out like this. Sometimes inventions can appear rather strange, either because they attempt to solve problems that do not exist, or they attempt to do so in very odd and peculiar ways. "

### We are unimaginably wee

### Stupendously large:

### The largest black holes in the Universe



" At the centre of our galaxy lives a gargantuan black hole. It is as wide as our Sun but millions of times heavier. Its immense gravitational pull churns the interstellar dust and gas around it. This supermassive black hole is the beating heart of the Milky Way, driving the formation and evolution of our galaxy for its entire 13 billion-year-history, helping to give rise to solar systems like our own. Occasionally, a star wanders too close and is ripped apart, blinking out without a trace of prior existence. It is a terrifying beast, with the power to create and destroy on an epic scale. "

### October 18, 1867

### Alaska Purchase

### Land Grabs



### Wiki Rabbit Hole

" The Alaska Purchase was the purchase of Alaska from the Russian Empire by the United States for a sum of \$7.2 million in 1867 (equivalent to \$129 million in 2023). On May 15 of that year, the United States Senate ratified a bilateral treaty that had been signed on March 30, and American sovereignty became legally effective across the territory on October 18.

### For Wiki haters

### Why Alaska Is Part of the United States and Not Canada or Russia



" The answer lies in the longstanding rivalry between Russian traders and Britain's commercial stand-in, the Hudson Bay Company, over the riches offered by the fur trade, leading to a fierce and bloody battle prompting Russian explorer Alexander Baranov to claim what became Sitka, Alaska. "

### A life escaping

### Escape Artist Harry Houdini

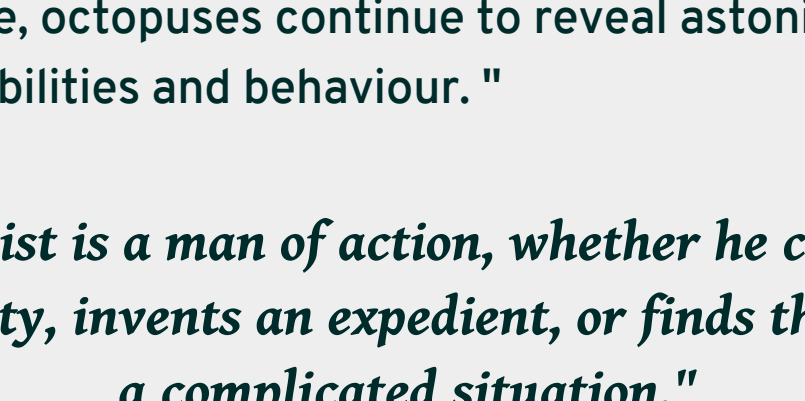
### Was an Ingenious Inventor



" Harry Houdini is most often remembered as an escape artist and a magician. He was also an actor, a pioneering aviator, an amateur historian and a businessman. Within each of these roles he was an innovator, and sometimes an inventor. But to protect his illusions, he largely avoided the patent process, kept secrets, copyrighted his tricks and otherwise concealed his inventive nature. "

### Not dumb enough to eat

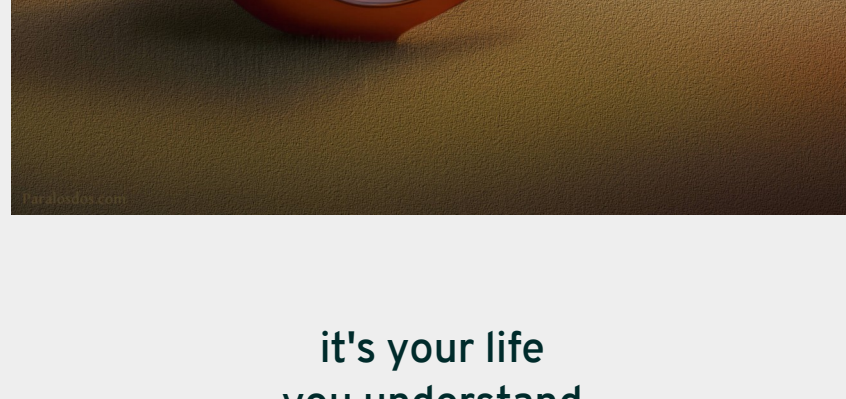
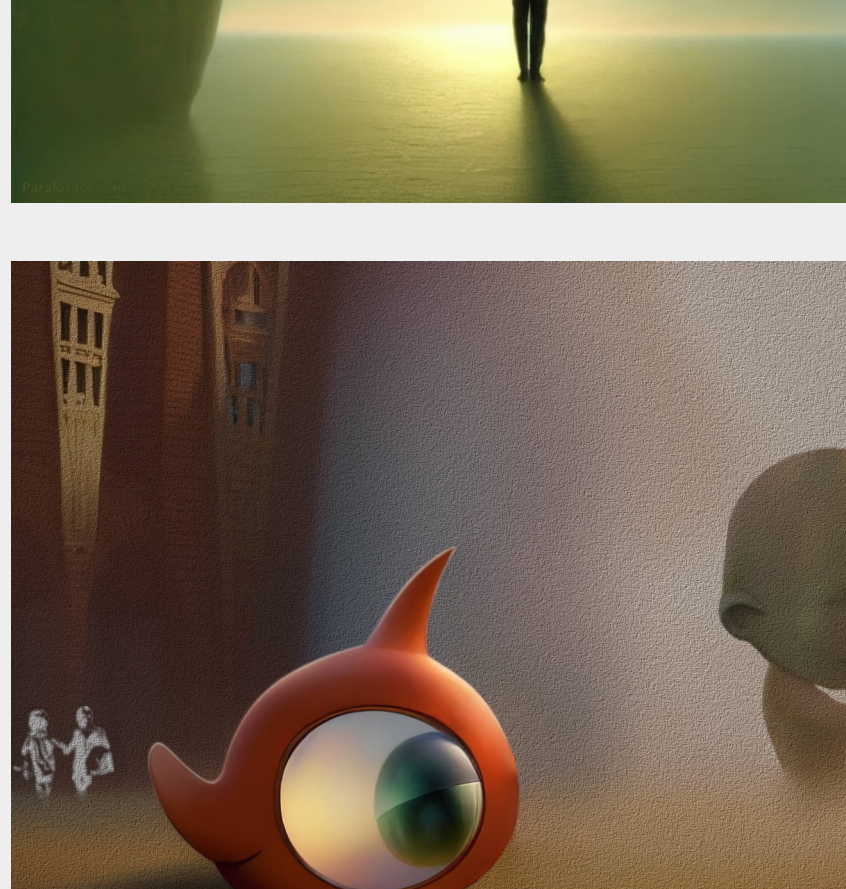
### Octopuses keep surprising us



" Octopuses have blue blood, three hearts and a doughnut-shaped brain. But these aren't even the most unusual things about them. Known for their otherworldly look and remarkable intelligence, octopuses continue to reveal astonishing qualities, abilities and behaviour. "

*"An artist is a man of action, whether he creates a personality, invents an expedient, or finds the issue of a complicated situation."*

**Joseph Conrad**



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you understand



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