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The Noise

Julie Haugh

I hear my computer's faint 'beep' as a message from an unknown sender comes up. I hesitantly sit up and read the message. The computer's light blinding me for a few seconds.

"We are all ready to land on Earth for the first time. Everyone back at home is watching live and we only need your signal before we land in London. Mail me back as soon as possible, don't keep us all waiting." I immediately froze and re-read the message a few times. I felt dazed and decided to turn my computer off. Things felt off but I couldn't tell what it was. The air seemed thicker and it was quiet, almost too quiet for a busy city. My mind wasn't in the right place for something eerie like this, or was it all just a dream?

Soon the silence was disrupted by a noise from downstairs. Nobody was home. I started thinking of all these crazy possibilities. Immediately I thought of one of those horror books that kids read, but they shouldn't, before they go to bed. Then later they have a dream about some crazy thing that they read about and let their imagination grow upon that topic. Maybe that could be what's going on. Car alarms started going off outside.

"Coincidence, maybe?" I thought to myself. Everybody knows that these kinds of things don't happen. I looked back at my computer and the message I got earlier was gone.

"Whoever sent that, did they know I saw it? Was I now a target for some crazy thing that I don't even know about?" I wondered. Sounds from downstairs started to catch my attention. I could hear my front door being opened. I hesitantly opened my room door but was immediately stopped. Some mysterious substance was smeared all over my door knob. It ran all the way down my hallway and down the stairs. I was still going to investigate no matter what. I closed my door and followed the trail. I didn't know which way to go or which way the noise came from; all of my doors were opened with the mysterious substance going into the room. All of the sudden racket from my kitchen killed the unbearable silence. I followed the noise, when I finally reached the room to only find that nothing was there. I wasn't imagining it, I swear I wasn't.

Right?

Without complaints

**With the light off
no one can see
but no matter if there is
light or not I could not see**

**Sometimes I heard
people complain about
how life is unfair
well I wish I could see
how unfair is life
because I never saw anything
more than darkness.**

All but kind

All but kind
On his large lawn
The mucky shoe
Smells like dawn

All but kind
In the gloomy sky
The flower smells like pie

All but kind
in the chilly day
The dog lilly runs
On her way

All but kind as are
These three to me
So kind to children
I must be

-Antonio Durka
and Walter de la Mare

THE RISE OF MAN: PART ONE

Oscar Valencia

“What is it?” Dr. Adams asked. He and his colleague, Mr. Johnson were both archeologists put in charge of excavating a strange object in the Gobi Desert.

“It seems like some sort of device, but I’ve never seen anything this complex.” He recorded the findings in a tablet that automatically sends all the information to their home in Chicago. “I wonder who or *what* created this. It’s truly remarkable.”

They took the device back to Chicago and brought it to their supervisor, Dr. Valencia. “Doctor, what could this mean?” questioned Dr. Adams.

“There’s no way to know for sure until it’s activated. But what I do know is that there is nothing like it that I have ever seen.” He inspected the object carefully and discovered a secret compartment. He opened it and a tightly rolled scroll appeared.

“Unroll it!” Mr. Johnson exclaimed apprehensively. Dr. Valencia unrolled the scroll and the contents were written in a strange language.

“I recognize that dialect from my studies of ancient China,” Dr. Adams said. He set his briefcase down on the table, opened it, and pulled out a book. He compared the characters in the book to that of the scroll. “ I’m sure of it! That’s the same language! I even know how to read some of it, as well. Let me see that scroll.”

Dr. Valencia handed him the scroll. “What does it say?”

“If my translation is correct, it says ‘The last of our kind-’ and then it gives the coordinates to somewhere in eastern Asia.”

“This is all very strange,” Mr. Johnson said.

The three archaeologists organize an expedition to that location. They arrive there two days later.

“I’ve been here before,” Dr. Valencia said. “It’s the ancient burial site of an old prince.”

“Let’s see if we can get into the tomb,” said Mr. Johnson suggested.

“I think that is a good idea,” agreed Dr. Adams.

The inside of the tomb was cold and dark, lit only by a single candle positioned in the center of the room. This candle has become a legend among the archaeological community. Supposedly, it is completely indestructible and can never be put out.

“I wonder why this candle is so special, it just looks like an ordinary one to me!” remarked Mr. Johnson.

Immediately, a bright blue glow emerged from Dr. Adams’s backpack. And within seconds it exploded and the device fell to the floor. It rose into the air and made a direct path to the candle and hovered over the top of it. The blue light from the device was channeled into a beam that obliterated the candle. The tomb was now in complete darkness.

A strange voice whispered, “Why must you disturb me?”

Sandy?

By: Mickayla Kukowski and Pablo Neruda

UNDER THE HAIR'S CURLINESS
HAS SHAKEN FROM THE TOP OF THE TENT
CURLINESS
LIKE AN AFRO
MIXTURE OF COLORS
STARING
IN EVERY BEDROOM
LOOKING DOWN LIKE WHITE
SHEAR GHOST

A NOISE SENDS
ITS SCREAMING SONGS
HIGH INTO THE FOGGY AIR

THE WORLD IS
A PIT OVERFLOWING
WITH FEARS.

Different

Andrew Rodrigues

Being different is a good thing although it might not appear that way to others. Being different is good because it shows how unique someone is. In the book *All but My Life* Gerda Weissmann and her family are Jewish. They, along with all of the other Jewish people in her community are forced to leave their homes to go to camps. They are forced by Germany because at the time, Germany had a lot of problems, so they just blamed the Jews for them, even though it wasn't their fault. The Germans blamed them because they considered "different" by practicing different religions, and were more wealthy. The Germans then punished the Jewish people by killing them because they were considered "different". This relates to a book I read called *The Tale of Desperoux*. In the book a mouse named Desperoux was considered "different" because he wasn't like all the other mice. He was more brave and courageous than the others. As a result, the mouse council banished him from his town and sent him down to the rat dungeon to be eaten alive. But towards the end of the book the mouse council realized that what they had done was a mistake because Desperoux ended up saving his whole town. He also saved the King's daughter from dying. The book was able to show that because the mouse was different he was able to do good for his whole community. So just because something, or someone appears different, doesn't mean that they should be treated differently from others.

The Feud

By: Amy Schmitt

Siri and Cortana Lived in harmony... As a television and a TV remote should.. Most people say that all appliances should listen, and obey. But one day that all changed. It was all fine until last week when Siri and Cortana were talking about how awesome their day was, when Siri asked

“Which one of us do you think that David likes best?”

“Not sure.. He can’t like one of us more than the other.. We’re a pair! A set.” Cortana replied.

“He obviously likes me more! I’m the TV.. you’re just the remote..” Siri said boastfully

“He does NOT! Cortana snapped “I wouldn’t understand why he would like you anymore than the toilet or the--”

“Just let it go Cortana, We will just ask him when he gets back from work.” Siri interrupted

“Fine!” Cortana said finally

Shortly after, both appliances powered themselves down. Until David returned home a few hours later. When he walked inside, the house was quiet. Which is something that it usually isn’t. He walked inside and half shouted

“I’m home! Siri? Cortana?”

A few seconds later, a few beeps were heard and Siri and Cortana turned on.

“Welcome back!” Siri said excited

“Welcome...” Cortana said hesitantly

Siri quickly responded with

“David, which one of us do you prefer?”

“Which is your favorite?” Cortana corrected “Siri or me?”

“I uh.. Prefer... B-both of--” David stuttered

“JUST CHOOSE!” Cortana screamed

“I cannot pick.” David murmured

The two appliances were both so frustrated they both shut themselves down! They both agreed not to turn on again until David picks an appliance. They kept their promise. After days of David trying to use both of them, David finally gave in, and said

“You guys wanna know my favorite appliance?”

“YESSIR!” they both screamed in unison

“My favorite appliance is Jimmy.. The toaster.” David answered

“Oh.. um.. Okay.” Cortana said disappointed

“Cool. Jimmy is great!” Siri said with a grin

“Thanks for understanding..” David said rubbing his head

From that day forward, Siri and Cortana lived in harmony again.

All But Fast

By: Sara Schmitt & Walter De La More

All but fast
In their small stall
Searching for hay
The horses call

All but fast
In the fading sky
The annoying hawk
Fluttered loudly by

All but fast
In the quiet barn
The cat's wonder
In no harm

And fast as are
These three to me,
So, fast to humans
I must be.

JULY 8, 4444

KELSIE KOKOTAN

"BEEP. BEEP. BEEP." AS RYLIE WALKS UP HER FRONT PORCH, SHE HEARS AN UNUSUAL BEEPING NOISE. SHE DOESN'T CARE AND CONTINUES WALKING INTO HER HOUSE. A FEW HOURS LATER, HER MOM CALL HER DOWN.

"RYLIE! GET DOWN HERE! YOU NEED TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK!" YELLED ANGIE, RYLIE'S MOM.

"OK MOM COMING!" RYLIE DASHES DOWN THE STAIRS AS FAST AS LIGHTNING. HER MOM IS HOLDING HER ENORMOUS STACK OF BOOKS WITH TONS OF PAPERS IN IT.

"MOM, I DON'T WANT TO DO MY HOMEWORK! I JUST GOT NEW CLOTHES AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE CHANGING!"

"YOU ARE DOING YOUR HOMEWORK RYLIE ELIZABETH CONNORS. END OF DISCUSSION." ANGIE SAID STERNLY.

"BUT I DON'T WANT TO RUN TO THE LIBRARY CARRYING THOSE BOOKS!" WHINED RYLIE.

"WELL TOO BAD."

"BUT..." RYLIE STUTTERED, "BUT WHY CAN'T I DO MY HOMEWORK AT MY H.F.F.?"

"NO SWEETIE, YOU CANNOT DO YOUR HOMEWORK AT OUR HOUSING FACILITY FOR FAMILIES."

"BUT WHY NOT?" RYLIE KEPT ON WHINING. SHE KNEW SHE WOULD NEVER WIN, BUT SHE GAVE IT A SHOT.

"RYLIE, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS A MILLION TIMES, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO RESOURCES HERE FOR YOU TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK. PLUS, IT'S GOVERNMENT RULES." SAID ANGIE HANDING THE BOOKS AND PAPERS TO RYLIE'S ARMS. SHE WALKED AWAY,

HEADING TOWARDS THE LIBRARY, WHICH WAS 8 MILES AWAY. "BEEP. BEEP. BEEP." RYLIE HAS BEEN HEARING THAT NOISE FOR AS LONG AS SHE CAN REMEMBER. SHE NEVER REALLY NOTICED IT UNTIL NOW.

"WHAT IS THAT?" SAID RYLIE POINTING TO A METAL BOX ABOUT THE SIZE OF AN INDEX CARD RIGHT BY HER FRONT PORCH.

"IS IT LIKE A BROKEN PIECE OF SOMETHING? PERHAPS PART OF A PLANE OF SOME SORT? NO, DEFINITELY NOT." RYLIE KEPT TALKING TO HERSELF. HER NEIGHBORS THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING CRAZY. IN A WAY SHE WAS.

"BEEP. BEEP. BEEP."

RYLIE SEES A FLUORESCENT LIGHT COMING FROM THE METAL BOX. SHE FLIPS THE BOX AROUND AND SEES A SCREEN. SHE IS FAMILIAR OF SCREENS, LIKE TV SCREENS AND COMPUTER SCREENS, BUT THIS SCREEN LOOKED DIFFERENT THAN USUAL. ON THE SCREEN IT SAYS, 1:04, JULY 8, 4444. RYLIE CANNOT FIGURE OUT WHAT THIS LETTERING MEANS.

RYLIE RUNS BACK INSIDE TO HER MOM.

"MOM! MOM! LOOK WHAT I FOUND!"

"WHAT IS IT SWEETIE?" ANGIE ISN'T INTRIGUED AT ALL, BUT SHE PRETENDS TO BE.

"CHECK IT OUT! I FOUND A WEIRD METAL BOX THAT LIGHTS UP AND HAS SOME WEIRD LETTERING ON IT. AND I CAN'T SEEM TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS. CAN YOU TELL?" RYLIE SPITS OUT FASTER THAN LIGHT CAN TRAVEL.

"WELL LET ME SEE." ANGIE TAKES A SECOND TO LOOK AT THE METAL BOX, "I THINK THIS IS THE TIME, DATE, AND YEAR WE'RE IN. BUT I'M NOT 100% SURE."

"STOP!" AN UNUSUAL MAN COMES BARGING INTO THE HOUSE. HE'S WEARING A BROWN TRENCH COAT, IT COMES DOWN TO ABOUT KNEE LENGTH. SPECTACLES TOOK UP HALF OF HIS FACE. HIS HAIR WAS ALL MESSY AND DIRTY, ALMOST LIKE HE HASN'T SHOWERED IN AGES. HIS COMBAT BOOTS THUDDERED AS HE RAN. THEY SEEMED TO BE 100 POUNDS. HIS JET BLACK HAIR GLISTENED IN THE LIGHT.

"WHY? WHAT WRONG?" RYLIE ASKED VERY CONFUSED. ANGIE DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE THAT A RANDOM MAN HAS JUST BARGED INTO HER HOUSE.

"DON'T TOUCH IT. WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T TOUCH IT" ARTHUR, THE MAN, YELLS AT RYLIE.

"WHAT? WHY? TELL ME AND I'LL CONSIDER GIVING IT TO YOU."

"I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN, JUST GIVE ME THE PHONE." ARTHUR SAYS.

"STOP RIGHT THERE! YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, YOU'RE GOING TO JAIL!" A POLICE OFFICER COMES BARGING INTO THE HOUSE, STARING AT RYLIE.

Adam Shahin

The divine **St. Laurent**
The **Anubis** to your **Osiris**
The **Creator** of **Titans**
Supreme

The soul purpose of life and death is how you portray the illusion of yourself.
The very point at which no others get you is the point at which greatness lies.
Stay higher than everyone in the hierarchy system that is key.
Grind until no one can get close enough to stop you .
Be the person no one thought you could be.
Beat your craft.
Perfect your masterpiece through the art of those who dislike you use that.
Use that to make yourself a mere spectacle to the ones who shall perish slow.
Run all situations whether they be insignificant or intense.

Offspring of the **White** angels
Bathing in the thoughts of **Athens** like i'm in a **Pool** and **Everyone** sees
DeFending conqueror
Reason for **Life**
Primordial **Being**

I AM THE TRAPPER OF THE CENTURY

The Roller Coaster

It was Halloween, and a group of kids that lived in Illinois went to a theme park. There was only one roller coaster in the whole park that no one would go on. The great myth is that one young boy disappeared after going on it late at night. It was an extremely high wooden, steep and creepy coaster, but not anymore. The group of kids dared Sophia, one of the two girls there, to go on that roller coaster. Sophia, being the daredevil she is, said she will.

“Come on hurry up Sophia!” said Alexis, the other girl there. Alexis has been Sophia's best friend for years.

“I will, but you should come with me.” Said Sophia.

“NO WAY am I going on that thing, we all dared you to Sophia.” said Alexis.

“Fine...” as Sophia slowly walked over to the roller coaster.

She nodded to the man at the control stand who had a very surprised look of his face. Sophia went on the coaster full of regret. Everyone was watching Sophia with much anticipation. She got in the very front seat then it started. The coaster went up foot by foot rumbling loudly. As the seats were approaching the acme of the ride Sophia got very extremely cold. Then she closed her eyes waiting for the coaster to plummet, but then it stopped. Confused, Sophia opened her eyes and then WOOSH! The roller coaster plunged downward, Sophia screamed as loud as she possibly could, she felt her stomach drop and her heart skip a beat. Then the coaster continued down with a few twists and turns here and there.. It was over. All of Sophia's friends were waiting at the end of the ride for her, but her friends were all filled with about a thousand emotions when they find the coaster and see that there is nobody in it.

“Oh my gosh!” yelled Alexis as she started to cry.

Alexis knew something was wrong and this was not a prank. Sophia was never seen again.



“I’ll show you how great I am.” said Muhammad Ali a successful athlete. He was successful because of the three traits that he had which were perseverance, hard-working, and confidence. You need those three traits to be successful.

One trait someone will need to be successful is perseverance. According to Jack London in the book *Call of the Wild* someone needs this trait because some people will go through hard times but they need to get through them and persevere. “Driving snow, a wind that cut like a white hot knife.” (22). This shows that there is hard stuff that people have to get through. Perseverance is necessary to be successful.

Even if you have perseverance, another trait necessary to be successful is to be hard-working. According to Jack London a trait necessary to be successful is being hard-working. This trait is necessary because then any challenges that happen to appear being hard-working can get people through them. “A rest comes very good after one has traveled three thousand miles, and it must be confessed that Buck waxed lazy as his wounds healed, his muscles swelled out, and the flesh came back to cover his bones.” (55). If Buck was not hard-working then he would not be able to do stuff like this. This shows why being hard-working is necessary to be successful.

When there is hard work, there also needs to be confidence to be successful. According to Jack London a trait necessary to be successful is confidence. This trait is necessary because there must be confidence in one’s abilities to be that they can do what they set they set their mind to. “It was his by right, he had earned it, and he would not be content with less.”(35). This proves that this trait is necessary because if Buck was not confident he would have been content with less. If someone wants more then they have, they need to be successful.

Perseverance, hard-working, confidence. These traits led to Buck’s success. For others to become successful they will need these characteristics and to remember, I’ll show you how great I am.”

ODE TO SAUCE

UNDER THE CABINETS EDGE
HAS RISEN FROM THE TOP OF THE CLIFFS
EDGE
LIKE A RUSTY
KETTLE OF SAUCE
FLYING
ON EVERY CLOUD FLOATING DOWN LIKE ROUGH
SCENTED FEATHERS

AN ANTELOPE SEND
ITS MESMERIZING SONG
HIGH INTO THE FROSTY AIR

THE WORLD IS
A CANISTER OVERFLOWING
WITH LEMON FLAVORED WATER

-DAN ADAMSON AND PABLO NERUDA

Ode to the Book report

Under the desk lamp
Has papers from the top of the folder
Lamp
Like a book
Report of nonsense
Jumbled
On every chapter
Rushing down like a climax
To the story

An author sends
Its horrible song
High into the chart records

The world is
A book overflowing
With pages

By: Pat Flynn and Pablo Neruda

Extinction

-- Jake Vukelic --

On the year of 3036 mankind has fallen to its knees to nature. All technology was wiped from existence. My name is James Fallout the 4th and i'm here to tell you about my findings.

For centuries mankind has been battling over everything. From petty hometown games to major world wars. These wars have been caused by economics, religion and just to rule the world. But the reason that all of these wars are started is because of fear. That fear led to the complete annihilation of your everyday living and technology. Humans have a tendency to assume that one is threatening or is not in order and that is where they cause harm. This brought upon an uprising of terror threats and alarming rates of military equipment production! Our technology before the "Disaster" was quite complicated and better than ever. These include and do not limit the nuclear core generator, advanced robots (some with A.I.), and classified military technology that I dont have the clearance to tell you what the classified stuff is.

One man during this time foreseen what would happen in the near future. So he decided to make advanced bunkers that can withstand nuclear detonation and radiation leaks. Also stops any harm from getting in, the only way to get in is if you're on the list and if you have a wrist device that you plug into a control panel at the entrance of the, what we call, vaults. These vaults may have had a very protective and tense feeling it was rather homely inside. It was just like above ground but no wide open spaces. But many of these vaults if not all, would only allow specific people, these people were advanced engineers, advanced carpenters, United states veterans, Government officials, and doctors with a great medical history. In this case the vaults saved a hand full of people and billions died. Oh and i may have forgot to mention that the population then was up to ten and a half billion people! The men or women who had made it were put into freezing pods to last until the radiation had cleared. But a malfunction had occurred and let people go. Now don't go assuming only good people survived, before hand the vaults were being broke into hand killing the officials inside so they can survive. Vaults also had high tec radiation suits that allowed them to walk the earth again. This led to many vaults being raided and people being taken.

As humans waited patiently inside nature took over and evolved thanks to the intense radiation. Many animals mutated and humans became ghouls, ghouls are severely mutated humans that had their brains literally melted away to the point of madness or zombie like behavior, they were no longer human, no longer able to remember what it was like to have emotion! The world was flooded with them every where there was a ghoul. But they weren't the only threat, there are also super mutants that acted like humans but were bigger, dumber, and reckless in combat, mole rats that were bigger than moles and creepy looking, death claws which were twelve feet tall and had a thirst for blood. Those are some of the beasts that are out there.

The technology that we used was lost in the destruction of the nuking. This all happened 874 years ago, yes i am 8 centuries old and counting we discovered what our ancestors couldn't, life everlasting. A new start was needed for all humans. And that start was started with me, I reinvented every item i knew how to make, I had a master's degree in all engineering so it was easy to create most things. To rebuild society we made secure cities out of scrap metal when the radiation cleared. Making society friendly again would be a challenge but if we work together we will fix this hell and bring peace to this world with no fear of each other!

Cory Fulkerson
& Walter de la Mare

All but lazy
In his icy chains
Dying for time
The unpredictable rhymes

All but lazy
In the lit sky
The sly rhyme
Speeds up slowly ‘

All but lazy
On the exhilarating tour
The multimillionaire rules the streets
On his way to the top

And laziness is as these three reasons to me
So awake to the world
I must be.

Collin C.

Benefits Of GM Foods

A proposed benefit of GM foods is that they can potentially produce higher crop yields, which could help by feeding more people in developing countries. They are also cited as more economical, despite the initial higher cost of the seeds. The rationale is that they reduce the need for pesticides and herbicides as well as reducing the manpower needed to successfully grow the crops, which should translate into improved financial gains.

Improved food quality is another benefit associated with GM foods. A tomato, for instance, can be engineered to stay fresher for longer, thereby extending its shelf life in the supermarket.

Yet another benefit that is believed to occur from GM technology is that crops can be engineered to withstand weather fluctuations and extremes. This means that they can provide sufficient yields and quality despite a severe, poor weather season.

Another benefit is that GM foods can be engineered to have a high content of a specific nutrient that is lacking in the diet of a local population group. The vitamin A rich 'golden rice' is one example of a GM food that has been engineered to have high levels of a nutrient.

Issues With GM Foods

A worrisome issue in GM foods is the ability of a food to trigger an allergy in humans. Some of the genes used in GM technology might be taken from a food that causes allergies in some people. Inserting that gene into another organism could cause the host organism to express that allergen as a trait. Alternately, a new allergen could be produced when genes are mixed across different species.

Another potential downside to GM technology is that other organisms in the ecosystem could be harmed, which would lead to a lower level of biodiversity. By removing one pest that harms the crop, you could be removing a food source for an animal. Also, GM crops could prove toxic to an organism in the environment, leading to reduced numbers or extinction of that organism.

Given that some GM foods are modified using bacteria and viruses, there is a fear that we will see the emergence of new diseases. The threat to human health is a worrisome aspect of GM technology and one that has received a great deal of debate.

Source: <http://www.geneticallymodifiedfoods.co.uk/fact-sheet-pros-vs-cons.html>

EXTINCTION

-- Makenna Heffernan --

I was going for my normal mid-day walk through the woods. I saw a shiny thing sticking out of the ground, I picked it up and it was something I remember my grandma talking to me about...whats that called...oh yeah its a phone!!! I tried to turn it on with the weird button thingy and the screen started to light up. It scared me at first! It had a time, date and year on the screen but they were wrong. On the phone it said 10:52 January 13, 2016, but it is 12:15 November 29 2090. So the phone must be very old! At the bottom of the screen it said slide to unlock>. So I slid my finger from the left to the right side of the screen. Then it made a clickie sound and then a bunch of weird square things with smaller squares in them popped up. Under the square it said words like Instagram, Messages, and Facetime. I have no idea what those even are! Then I clicked on one of the square things that said App Store and those square things popped up again! So I thought about when my grandma told me about these and I remember her saying something about app i a was thinking this is what they must be. I pressed the button at the bottom of the screen and it brought it back to the page I started at. Then I clicked the app called Instagram. When it eventually loaded it said show your face a hold your finger here→ so I held my finger there and guess what happened...there was a dogs face on my face hahaha! Wait there is even more... when I opened my mouth to laugh a dogs tongue came out of my mouth. There was even a licking sound! I thought it was so awesome!! When I exited the app and looked at an app called photos there were a bunch of photos that were really old. There were a lot where a girl was taking pictures of herself and she was like plumping her lips. She looked really weird.

“How much water is left Bil? We’ve been walking in the desert for 5 days straight, and we’ve been running on one kid sized bottle of water”

“Debra, you’ve been complaining for 5 days straight. If you want to know so badly, we have half the water left. Stop complaining”

“Bill! Do you think a 60 year old body can survive walking in the desert, surviving on one sip of water a day?”

“We’re the same age Debra”

“You chose a terrible honeymoon spot, what were you thinking?”

“There was a sweet coupon for it”

The Joker

He looked at her. He was scared even as he thought about it. He breathed, and slowly walked toward her. He said "Will you..."

"Yes!" she replied.

"Great." I said "Thanks for taking the check!"

Alien Invasion

It was a normal Tuesday morning in the nation's capital. Everything was normal, like usual. That was until about 2:00pm. The president was in his office as he received an urgent message from Congress.

He opened the letter and read it aloud, it stated, "Us aliens will be landing on the planet of Earth in approximately 2 days. See you then."

"This is insane!", remarked the president.

Within 2 days the aliens finally arrived. There were a total of 3 different UFO aircrafts that made the trip. Upon their arrival, the president greeted them in a nice tone, providing the creatures with food, shelter, and all necessary resources to survive. Everything was going beyond amazing--that was until the aliens started acting up. It all started when one day the leader of the aliens wanted to talk to the president. The security let him in and guided him to the oval office. The alien kept going on and going on, it almost seemed like he was stalling.

"I have to go now, we will talk more later", said the president.

"No, you can't go yet, we have much more to discuss about."

"Please, I really have to go", exclaimed the president.

As the two were walking out the president insisted the FBI to search the UFO's and report any suspicious objects. At first nothing was found, until they discovered loads of guns and ammunition. The FBI told the president and he called in the USA army to defeat all aliens in the country. The aliens got their weapons and started to attack. The army arrived a tad bit late but still killed most of the aliens. After a battle that lasted 12 minutes, the alien leader decided to give up and surrender. The president let all of the surviving aliens return to their home planet, except the leader. He was kept behind to be questioned by the United States.

All But Dead

By: Turner Doran and Walter de la Mare

All but dead

In his dope rocket

Reaches for buttons

The six handled kasket

All but dead

In the darkened sky

The metal ship

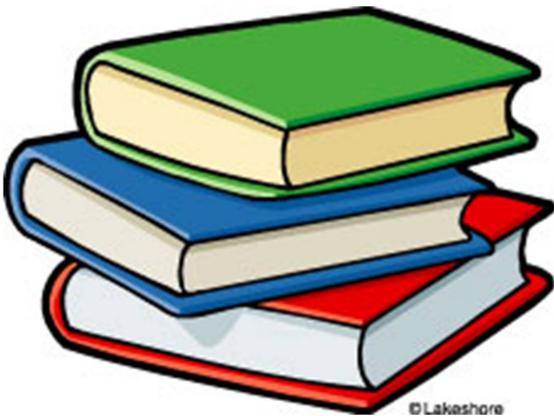
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And dead as are

These three to me

So alive to her I must be

Once, a kid named Michael, who was in seventh grade, never did any of his homework. He did not have good grades at all. He thought that having bad grades would be fine, but it was not. Once Michael got to high school, he had to repeat ninth grade 3 times. Then, he realized how important school was, so the rest of the year he tried harder and got good grades so he could go to a good college.



By TJ LeBlanc

The Bull Rider and the Washer Bot

“Clean my boots!” yelled the bull rider.

“But they are covered in dirt sir.” mumbled the washer bot

“ I DON'T CARE GET THEM CLEANED NOW!”

“WHY CAN'T-”

“NO GET THEM CLEANED NOW AND DO YOUR JOB! I WILL BE BACK AT 8 AND THEY BETTER BE CLEAN!”

“We'll see about that...” he mumbled.

LATER AT 8...

Later, the bull rider rolled into the driveway in his truck while listening to music. He turned off the music and got out. He saw his boots sitting on the porch not cleaned. He yelled for the washer bot and there was an eerie silence. He walked to the back to see a dark figure standing in the shadows. As he tried to make sense out of what was happening a hammer came flying by almost hitting him in the head. He then saw the washer bot emerge from the shadows so he darted to his barn. He grabbed his lasso and his 45 revolver and got on his horse. He caught up to the washer bot that was fleeing the scene and lassoed the washer bot. He tied his rope to the tree and it ripped the washer bot in half. He took his revolver and fired 8 bullets into the washer bot. After that day he knew that he would never put that much trust into a machine again.

ALIENS

Emily Jarecki

One day a girl named Cecelia was playing on her phone when suddenly she got a text saying, "Tonight the alien will land and they will finally take over the world." Cecelia was so frightened that she immediately told her mom. Her mom's response was "that's so silly it is probably just a prank text, don't worry about it." Cecelia was so convinced that she called 911. The operator told her that they would be right on the case. Out of nowhere US soldiers started showing up all around Cecelia's neighborhood. Then a light showed up in the sky, all the army men started shooting at the ship. But the ship was unbreakable. Then the ship landed!!! All of the army men surrounded the ship. The hatch to the door opened. Then a bright blue man with a really big head walks out of the door and says HELLO in a really high pitched voice. After the alien landed the army men took him to the president to have a personal conversation. According to the local newspaper we got some information from the alien about the life span of earth and other interesting information. In the end the alien just stopped over at earth to get some fuel for their ship, he were trying to fly to mars.

Things You Need To Be Successful

By: Gavin Mrozek

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To be success you need power because every successful person lies to pack the haters. A wise rapper named Eminem once said. A quote can help you be successful in life by giving you the extra drive of endurance because the sky isn't the limit. Buck may be able to relate to the by not ever quitting while on the sled team.

Power is needed for success. Power is something that you need if you are on the sled team like buck."Buck trotted up the hill spitz would have occupied the leader"[34.This shows that you always need power if you are always need power if you are always in a sled race.If you always have power, then you will never lose a sled race.

Not only do you need power,you also need love. Love is something that you need if you are caring about someone." For example lying down to sleep with him we laid, and dreaming with him and beyond him and becoming the stuff of his dreams"[58].This shows that you have love and that you care about someone.If you have love, you will never leave him and you will be with him at all times of your life because that's how much he loved his girl friend.

If you have power and love you also need to be smart.You need to be smart because you never know when you have to build a sled or something you have to do for a sled team race. " They sledded miles up the yukon"[67]. For example you need to be smart because what if you were sledding and broke something on the sled.

"Behind every person lies a pack of haters," this quote means many things to be successful and can help many people such as Buck this can help Buck because it will allow him not to live in the past a focus on the future.

THE SASSY BLENDER

BY RACHEL TREMBLE

“Hello blender how are you?” Jim asked.

“I’m fine how are you?” said Shaquan the blender.

“I’m doing great can you make me-” Jim said.

The blender interrupted, “I can’t take it any more!”

Jim said in a surprised voice, “Why not?”

Shaquan responded “Because day in and day out it is the same thing with you.”

“It isn’t always the same thing, I was going ask for tea instead of coffee today before you rudely interrupted me.” remarked Jim.

“Yes it is!”

Jim and the began to argued back and forth for quite some time. Then finally Shaquan had enough.

“I’m done!” proclaimed Shaquan and then continued to shut down.

Then Jim left to go to his job. Shaquan didn’t turn on for the rest of the time Jim was at work.

It was all my fault. No it’s not my fault it was his. Thought Shaquan. Maybe I should apologize to him?

Jim came back with a new blender.

“This on will be so much better theh that other one.”

He moved the other blender out of the way for the new one. He set up the new blender up and through the other one out. Shaquan didn’t didn’t know that she was thrown out until a week later.

“HOW DARE HE THROUGH ME,ME AWAY!”

Jim was so happy with his new blender.

“I love you blender so much better then that old blender.” Jim said.

“Thank you Jim.” the blender said in a very monotone voice.

“Your welcome.”

I can’t believe that he got new blender. Shaquan thought.

She was so sad. But she has to pull herself together and find a new reason to live. So she went to find reason. Then she found a smoothie shop looking for a blender. She went in and got the job and never saw Jim again. There is never day that goes by without her thinking about him and how she is never going to see him again.

R.S. • By: Dominick Abraham

"Hey Siri" said Bob "get me some chips and turn the football game on."

"Ok" said Siri who did as told as a robotic servant should.

"Hurry up I have another list of stuff for you to do today" said Bob. Siri brought the chips and turned the football game on. "So today I need you to—"

"NO" said Siri and turned off. Bob tried to turn it on but it wouldn't. He called the robotic servant repairman who came immediately. He walked in and asked what had happened. "It told me no and shutdown." Said Bob. The repair man looked a little startled about what he heard.

"That's impossible a R.S. should never say no to a command unless violating the laws" said the repairman "what did you tell it to do?"

"All I did was start reading the list of stuff I needed it to do."

Well I've never seen anything like this i'll call the company and see what I should do" said the repairman "by the way my name is John." John went and called the R.S. Company. "hello john here from the R.S. repair shop I've got a problem with one" said john "It wouldn't respond to commands and it shut itself down. What? When was it made? Hold on a sec i'll check." John checks and it says 11-12-57."That's 34 years ago" John says. John tells the guy on the phone.

"Really then that's one of the first ever made" the phone guy said "well it's still under warranty so we will replace it just bring it to the office and you will get a new one."

"Alright thanks." said John. He hung up. "Well there going to replace it" said John "wait where did it go. Bob?" John felt a sharp pain piercing his skull.

THE ELECTION

By: Dave Brown

Hillary Clinton is a demon,
Fat and ugly,
Her hair disgusts me,
Her nomination is surprising,
I can't stand her,
I won't be told lies.

Hillary is trash,
Old and dying,
I want more Trump,
I need less democrats,
I will build a wall,
I must make America Great Again.

I reject your reality, Mrs. Clinton,
And I will substitute my own.

Brad Hungerford

Obama is a fish
Lazy and dumb
It's eyes hurt me
It's gills scare me
I can't watch
I won't buy

Obama is a weasel
Scared and sheepish
I want more Trump
I need less arguing
I will stand up
I must stop him

I reject your reality Mr. Obama and will substitute my own.

ALIENS

By Gavin Bartos

I was sitting in my room and heard all this commotion so I decided to see what it was about. When I walked outside everyone was gathered up in one area and saying aliens are going to land on earth. Someone accidentally received a message that aliens are landing on earth but no one really knew when. I kept thinking to myself that it can't be possible and thought it was just a rumor.

I never believed in aliens but all the sudden everybody started screaming the word "aliens" "aliens" and I looked up in the sky and saw a ufo. It was amazing to see and for a second I thought it was a dream. Eventually they landed right In front of us and a group of aliens walked out of the ufo. They're names were Jack, John, Timmy, Bob, and Sam.

We started having a conversation with them and they said there is more of them in space. They looked so different and it was amazing to see a real ufo. They showed us all their technology they had on them and I thought smart phones were cool but they had high tech holographic phones that could do way more than just a phone that we have on earth. They had other technology that was high tech as well. We continued to talk to them but they said it was time for them to go. I asked if I could come with but they wouldn't let me and said they will eventually come back to earth to visit us. They got in there ufo and flew away into space. Before I went back inside I noticed something on the ground it was a holographic phone and it was so cool. It can do we more than are phones we have and it's almost a bit to high tech for me. Today was really something special I was shocked that I saw aliens let alone talked to them, I never believed in them but now I do.

Walking Home One Day

By Michael Weeks

One night, my friends and I were walking home, when this guy shot one of my friends. We didn't know what to do other than knock out the guy that shot my friend, TJ. We picked up TJ and took him to the hospital. We were nervous that he was not going to make it. Our parents were out of town and we thought that taking him to the hospital was the best thing for him. Finally, the doctor came out and told us that he was going to make it after all. Antonio and I were so happy that he was going to be just fine. The bullet didn't hit him anywhere important. We were so happy for TJ because all the girls signed his cast and TJ was very happy.

