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Serve Humanity; Trustless Computing Land; Bill of Rights; Imagine you're a burner

Drop dead fucker

Friend 9 960

0.1 He's in the same boat as I am

Whatever you would do if you had a do-over, do those things now. 30 isn't that old. You're one decade into an adulthood that might last six decades. If it helps, pretend you're really 50 and have been miraculously sent back to age 30 and given a chance to [change] things.

Reasoner.

*Slatestarcodex open thread*¹, 2017

0.2 Free Writing

Thanks...! I hope we'll both find remote jobs this year and can meet up to celebrate!

You're a good friend :)

Friend 3 669



¹<https://slatestarcodex.com/2017/12/31/ot92-ocean-thread/#comment-583122>



Golden rule of relationships: if they make you feel good, make them feel 10% better; if they make you feel bad, make them feel 10% worse.



I and Friend 9 960 were intermittently chatting (via text chat and phone) today from about 1pm to 1am trying to understand each other. Words we had different ideas about:

- The meaning of “relationship” (I: FWB. She: so much more, including me defending the woman physically or verbally; making her feel secure and special)
- The meaning of “friends” and “just friends” (I: different. She: same)
- Who should apologise in a fight (I: who threw the first punch. She: both parties)
- The ingredients of an apology (I: should include an acknowledgement of

the aggrieved party's feelings. She: "I'm sorry" suffices)

- What counts as a low blow in a conversation (I: "Fuck you". She: "Fuck your Mom")
- Who in a relationship should perform Guess Culture (I: everyone. She: the Man)

3.1 Dream Themes

Imagine you are on the first floor of a large atrium when the fire alarms went off. As you're tying your shoes, you see through a side door that thick black smoke is pouring towards the main area where hundreds of people have started freaking out.

Before you know it, the paths to the exits are blocked with people struggling to get out. You force yourself to calmly tie your shoe laces: running in that crowd with laces flying might trip you up in some hard-to-guess manner.

Once you're done, you run down to the ground floor (which is now quite empty as everyone is still struggling towards the exits) and jump up and down, and prance a bit. You feel free: like only now, in a matter of life and death, do you have the opportunity to reveal your personality.

You sprint and vault and know that you'll make it out alive.



What could I do if most businesses ran my software?

3.2 The K siblings

Story about estranged siblings who haven't talked for 2 years even though one calls every day.

3.3 Serve Humanity

Chatting with Friend 2916 as he was washing dishes and cooking for the dogs. He was talking about how people make life decisions like marriage just because others are doing it, rather than because it fits their purpose in life or helps humanity.

I was like, I feel you, but it can be hard to do what helps humanity when, as is often the case, no one acknowledges what you did, even though they clearly benefit from it.

He replied that there could be second-order effects e.g. I give Asswipe a nice shirt. Asswipe doesn't say thank you. Asswipe is hanging out with a friend who sees him wearing the shirt and compliments him on the shirt. Asswipe says he got it from me.

That, Friend 2916 said, is a situation in which I didn't seem to get the benefit of serving humanity when, in actuality, I did.

4.1 Free Writing

Three days with the Shearwater work-sample test and I've found enlightenment.



MC should have a networked sandbox, always viewable on smartphones, where people can create shapes and have them obey a set of physical laws.

6.1 Free Writing

BUILD YOUR COMPUTER FROM SILICON IF NEED BE



Train habits that'd let you figure out who poisoned the coffee in the movie, *The Hateful Eight*.



I took a 45 minute walk outdoors after dark tonight. I haven't done that here since I was taken to the hospital as a kid.



What if MIRI is being obtuse about this whole AI thing on purpose?

What if this AI scare is a hoax by MIRI and FHI and CFAR and Leverage co-founders?



Inadequate Equilibria: Where and How Civilizations Get Stuck



Humans just can't coordinate.



Can we define humanity such that humans win reliably?



Man, I might have to define my "herd" so that I feel safe at home.



I feel hundreds of hot pricks of light blinking on my chest; each one, the thought ray of a friend.



I want to tell a story with 10,000 characters.



In 2011 humanity was able to run 10,000 cores in the cloud at \$1,000/hr.



What is Uber doing losing \$1bn/yr?



Picture me standing in a body-hugging T-shirt (muscles showing) in front of my personal, 10,000-core data centre.

7.1 Trustless Computing Land

Story about vampires who drive around with 2-container trailers to carry their computers and a place to sleep.

7.2 I think there's something there that wasn't there before...

This morning, I jumped up and down and joyfully squealed, "I'm alive; I'm alive."

7.3 Imagine you're a mother

I got some turkey pieces for the dogs just to do something nice, and because they hardly get chunks of meat.

After I'd handed it to them, it took them a while to eat the turkey, and in that time I watched them, I mean really looked at them. I think I felt what moms must feel when watching their children eat.

8.1 Most folks are quite messy

Finally found a satisfying story about why I like to keep my house clean, but only when others are around: I'm setting a high standard so that even when they slack, it won't be to a level that really gets my goat.

8.2 Bill of Rights

See the BPF's preservation rights² for hints on constructing the Galaktikan Bill of Rights.

8.3 MC: Computing Infrastructure

We need computing infrastructure with which to handle the minimum viable community on Earth for the duration of an interstellar journey. That is, comms in-

²<http://www.brainpreservation.org/preservation-rights/>

frastructure for at least 10,000 people for 100,000,000 days.



What are the data rates between nodes? Doesn't much matter as long as the available (internal) bandwidth is shared equitably.



How would I realise such infrastructure today?

8.4 Unavoidable Disappointment

Dat feeling of disappointment when you missed the goal and you know you did *everything* you could.

8.5 MC: event logging

All my applications have to speak Racket #langs. That way I can have a single stream of all my interactions with the computer.



Alternative framing: MC is software to help people maintain relationships with at least 9,999 others.

8.6 Imagine you're a burner

What would I do for others even if I wasn't getting paid for it?