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*First-borns playing with seconds at school; JOKE; Goodbye, Friend 6 538; "Getting Things Done" by David Allen*

## 0.1 Free Writing

### First-borns playing with seconds at school

It's a thing: first-borns not hanging out with their junior siblings at school. Friend 9960's older brother did it to her too and she was depressed enough about it that it affected her grades.



Friend 1439, what were the background conversations going before the office was shut down?



"I'll sleep on your problem"



Story: Eddie and Ruby, bodyguards.



Cover: An upside down lollipop is the only thing on the cover, as far as possible. No author name. No book title

Fill with enough repetitions of WE COME IN PEACE to make the whole story add up to 100 sentences

[ Table of Contents with random numbers for the page numbers ]

What would you do if you could catch me laughing?

[ Big skip ]

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[ SNIFF ]

As long as you're in here you're safe.

[Insert spacetimestamp]

Don't say let's \*\*\*\* \* \*\*\*\*\*

Let's play a game.

I come in peace

I COME IN PEACE

I've lived for \* years inside this structure and it hasn't killed me yet.

Let us build the largest invisible structure.

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I AM NOT INTERESTED IN VIOLENT DEATH IN ANY FORM OR MANNER.

IT'S COOL.

THAT WAS COOL.

Every good conversation starts with what's your greatest fear, right?

What's your greatest fear?

Be very careful

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I'm afraid to say it.  
 You have to speak Galaktikan man  
 In Galaktika.

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IN MY CULTURE

[ INSERT SUITABLY LONG WASTE  
 OF TIME ]

JOKE

Where's the cover?

[ A SUITABLY LONG WASTE OF  
 TIME ]

Does anyone want some water?

[ A SUITABLY LONG WASTE OF  
 TIME ]

This story is about death.

You know, the ordinary kind?

Where a creature that was living

[ Insert suitably long narrative confirma-  
 tion of whatever your interlocutor says. ]

<< FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF  
 THE LESS POWERFUL PARTY >> L:  
 ... Whoops...

M: Are you OK?

L: No, not actually.

M: [ Insert suitably long story explaining  
 how to make the digits of phi appear. Your  
 interlocutor can ask for as many pages as  
 they want ]

L: Don't say violent death around me.  
 JUST SAY VIOLENT DEATH!!!!!!!

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VIOLENT DEATH

VIOLENT DEATH IS A HUNDRED  
 SENTENCE DESCRIPTION OF THE  
 TERM (WHICH MIGHT BE TRANS-  
 LATED), "VIOLENT DEATH" IN  
 TERMS A LAYMAN OR ORDINARY  
 PERSON AROUND THIS GEOGRAPHI-  
 CAL AREA CAN UNDERSTAND.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABOVE THE  
 AGE OF MAJORITY AROUND HERE,  
 PLEASE LEAVE THIS ROOM IMMEDI-  
 ATELY.

THIS OBJECT IS RELATED TO VIO-  
 LENT DEATH.

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IT IS A CAUSE OF VIOLENT DEATH.  
 IT WILL KILL YOU IF YOU PAY TOO  
 MUCH ATTENTION TO IT.

I MEAN

YOU MIGHT DIE.

JUST THE PRESENCE OF OF YOU  
 ANYWHERE NEAR THIS OBJECT  
 MEANS

YOU CAN DIE.

I mean, if you're still around now you  
 might die.

Ahem, I mean

YOU MIGHT DIE!

Got it? Okay.

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VIOLENT DEATH

M: OK Junior, it's time to go to bed.

L: Tell me another story.

M: Haha, no I can't.

Run along now.

L: No, I want to hear the bad thing.

M: Nope, your Momma wouldn't tell you  
 about this thing.

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Every culture in the world has a tale of  
 Bob vs. Mrs. D.

And you know what they say, if you don't  
 understand, then translate.

The waiting signal is computing the dig-  
 its of phi.

All stories, and I mean all stories, are, in essence, just computing the digits of phi.

But this story, this story copmutes.



[FORK: THE STORY OF BIG BELLA (the woman with the left-to-right red stripe on her face). ]

This whole story hinges around whether Bob had sex with Mrs. D.

Since this story would have to work no matter what language, if you're not ready to tell somebody about violent death, please get the fuck out of here right now.

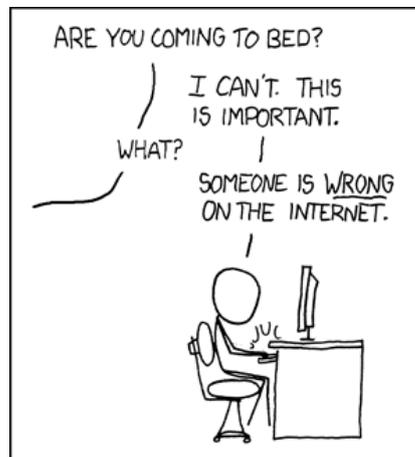


Come to me, [your name here], when your life story is not making sense.

## 1.1 Differential Economic Progress

I have to spend a larger fraction of my money at home than I spend abroad if I want my home to get relatively better.

## 1.2 Pull Sideways



If, however, you actually want to improve policy, if you have a secure enough position to say what you like, and if you can find a relevant audience, then prefer to pull policy ropes sideways. Few will bother to resist such pulls, and since few will have considered such moves, you have a much better chance of identifying a move that improves policy.

Robin Hanson. *Policy Tug-O-War*, 2007.

## 1.3 Free Writing

Maybe name the book about violent death, “Read this in a safe place” or “VIOLENT DEATH”?



Make book schemas for the following topics:

**WP** Common scale of harms

**CD** Crowdsourced book on archiving brains

**BH** Crowdsourced book on growing friendly humans

**MC** My personal language



Why do I wanna write a book about violent death in the first place?

1. I want peace in the world
2. I need a way to discuss disturbing topics with folks where they have ample warning that I'll be talking about disturbing topics
3. To let people know that I may use violent death if I feel threatened.
4. I need to share my fears with the entire world or the fears'll haunt me forever

## 2.1 Dream Themes

It seems like my best bet for getting preserved into the future is in the form of a book.

## 2.2 Restoring a friendship

Took Friend 8534 out for drinks. It was real fancy. Beer: \$3. Singapore noodles (pretty yummy): \$10. He compared it to the \$5 shake in Pulp Fiction :)

We couldn't sit inside because there was a movie being shot. It's like I'm in New York.



Reminiscing on our high school days, he reminded me of a classmate of his called Early Man because of his looks.

I had a classmate called Iron Bender because of the shape of his head.

That place was Psychopath Training School.

## 2.3 Free Writing

What's my plan for my trip to the U.S.?

1. Attend CFAR reunion
2. Apologise to Friend 9491
3. Talk to Friend 4191 about his sabbatical project
4. Apply for remote jobs
5. Pick a city to live in



Wanna be the world's leading expert on [random topic]?

See, your problem is that you want to take things too seriously. How about spending some time looking into [random topic]. If it still interests you, spend some more time looking into it. At some point (and you'll know when), it'll be time to commit years to its study.



LOL, I don't wanna study [random topic]. I want to be considered special for something: it almost doesn't matter what.



Seems like I'll have to work at a tech company that lets me keep the code I write, so that I'm not alienated from my work.

(I've been reading Marxist tracts)



Conjectures:

- Friend 9960's most important thing in the world is her store
- Mine is my self-image (not me, physically)

### 3.1 Assassin, maybe?

Perhaps I need a game in which I can slake my thirst for violent death upon my enemies.

### 4.1 I'm sick (work-style)

No work today.

### 4.2 Free Writing

Truth is most [guys] KNOW the answers to the questions they ask for the supposed closure but hearing it from the [babe] kinda' allows you to be hurt again... but that's when the closure sets in. You're frigging prepared for it unlike the first time. Now you can rant and



Figure 3.1: Pietro da Cortona. *Guardian Angel*, 1656.

really convince yourself it's for the best without feeling like you'll die. Secondly, closure removes all guilt. Or at least most of it. You want to know if its cos of u or something you did.

Stubborn  
Geh, Comments section of *Hello From The Outside: What is It With Women And Closure?*, 2011<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup><http://thenakedconvos.com/hello-from-the-outside-what-is-it-with-women-and-closure/>

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Guys, did you know that your wife can avoid stretch marks after pregnancy by only scratching herself with oil during pregnancy?

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Don't Tell: A correspondence game

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1 Star (Bellatrix) to Friend 9960 for graciously offering to fry me samosas.

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Really, make privacy boxes with a strict code of silence. We have a simple exercise for determining that you understand our sound rules: go into the room and shout, "Testing 1-2-3" until the meter in there shows red; that means you're making too much noise.

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Galaktikans fight (by non-contact physical activities) to determine who writes consensus reality.

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I wish I could feel the Earth rolling around in my hands.

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A book where each page shows a frame from a thrilling part of a roller coaster ride.

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I think I need a party every 100 days to stay sane.

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"There is nothing that a hundred men or more they cannot do."

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Write a proposal to the UN about where the planet should move to

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How about scale bars on every graphical transmission?

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Vision of me looking through a shuttle porthole at the other 3 habs of humanity: black cuboids.

## Soundtrack

Making love out of nothing at all - Air Supply

## 5.1 JOKE

$$e^{i\pi} = \phi\Phi$$

## 6.1 GTD

I know what my family needs: a culturally-appropriate version of GTD.

## 7.1 Wing and a prayer

WING AND A PRAYER: POPE MARRIES COUPLE ON PLANE OVER CHILE.

Cabin Crew members ask pontiff for a blessing but Francis instead conducts marriage ceremony.<sup>2</sup>

## 7.2 Goodbye, Friend 6 538

Friend 6 538 died on Monday night. Apparently, after my visit she couldn't stop telling people about how I'd visited her, excitedly hugging them.

Friend 6 538, I dedicate the star Vega to you since the Arabs pictured that star's constellation as a vulture lifting a harp.



## 7.3 Panic Attack Cure

Conjecture: one way to cure a panic attack is make a monetary bet with myself (proceeds go to charity) about how much harm I'll come to because of the panic attack.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/18/wing-prayer-pope-francis-marries-couple-papal-plane-chile>

## 8.1 “Getting Things Done” by David Allen

GTD is based on 2 objectives

- capturing *all* things that need to get done, and
- Deciding on what the “next action” for each to-do is, *before* adding it to the to-do list

Trying becomes striving and striving undoes itself. Social climbers strive to be aristocrats but their efforts prove them no such thing. Aristocrats do not strive; they have already arrived.

Craig Lambert. *Mind Over Water*, 1998

The Basic Requirements for Managing Commitments

- Anything you consider unfinished must be captured in a collection bucket that you review regularly
- Articulate what you need to do to make progress on the commitment
- Keep reminders of all pending actions in a regularly-reviewed system



Think just enough to solidify your commitment and resources required to fulfil it.

## 8.2 Free Writing

The life mission of the caretaker at our local Grail Centre is to figure out the divine will, show it in her daily life, and return to the luminous heights.



(Possible pledge to say to myself tomorrow morning)

I pledge to spend half my productive, working hours from now and for the next 100 days, explaining why I can't build an ark for myself in 15 minutes.



LOL. My exo-brain thinks in French



Fuck. I'm thinking of my death. It makes me sad...



Let's give prisoner's drugs before their execution: it must be scary in the seconds before they die.



[ Picture of a mosquito saying, "Uh... please kill me" ]



If I ever make a ridiculously simple voice synthesizer for Galaktikan, I should credit this writing session.

## 9.1 HPCA

Man, whoever taught me High Performance Computing Architecture that second time really did a good job. I grokked it.

## 9.2 Getting Things Done

Things are on your mind probably because you want it to be different but:

- You haven't clarified exactly what the intended outcome is
- You haven't decided what the very next physical action step is; and/or
- You haven't put reminders of the outcome and the next action required in a system you trust



Most to-do lists are merely listings of stuff: they are partial reminders of a lot of things that are unresolved and as yet untranslated into outcomes and actions.

Language note: you don't *do* a project, you do actions related to a project.



I'm finding that this book's techniques pattern match to a person thinking like a multi-threaded operating system.



There's no use having a thought more than once unless you enjoy that thought.



I should spend my time deciding among  
options rather than thinking up options