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note: we are supposed to be studying for a midterm right now.

Also note: this newsletter has taken months to finish, so we wrote the first note long ago.

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Weather

Gravity is up almost 40% today. Avoid bungee jumpers and high rises with suicidal college students.

The likelihood that your head will fill with relatively warm air and float up into the atmosphere will be close to 0.50 around midafternoon. The Authorities recommend staying indoors in low-ceilinged rooms, or lying on the floor with your head in a box.

The Olden Rule:

“Be next to those who are next to you.”

Second Page (in alphabetical order)

Interviews

FN: We're here with Stan the Man (no relation to Dan the Man), a professional car thief. Stan the Man, why do you steal cars?

Stan: Well, Sir, when I was your age, I asked myself what I would like to do with my life. And I saw many possibilities. Most people I knew went to college, and they seemed to be ok with that. But I wanted so much more. I didn't want to follow the lines. I wanted to do something different. I wanted to be an outsider.

FN: Sure, we can sit outside if you like.

Stan: Thanks. But yes, as I was just saying... I wanted to do something challenging. Something that would make people think, “where is my life going?” and “where is my car going?”

FN: Now Stan, some people would consider you a bad person for stealing cars. What do you say to this?

Stan: There is a common misconception that thieves of all sorts are bad people. This is not true at all. We don't hurt people, we only take things from them. And those thieves who do carry weapons are not thieves, they are cowards. I am a full-blooded thief, and I do not need to hurt people in order to get their stuff. In fact, I think I am doing people a favor by taking their stuff. They need me to take their stuff. Otherwise, they would never get new stuff.

Interview with Bono

FN: Bono, how did you and U2 get so famous?

Bono: It's all in the name, sir.

FN: What do you mean?

Bono: well, you see, lad, when we started this band, we knew that if we were to be famous individuals, we needed to have a few catchy, single word names. If we could get people to call us by just one name which wasn't just a usual first name, then we would be instantly famous. It takes a second to say goodbye, but it takes years to forget a name as cool as mine.

FN: So how exactly did you decide which names to use, then? Where did the idea of “edge” come from?

Bono: We spent an afternoon with twelve or thirteen monkeys banging away at typewriters just waiting for them to come up with a few pronounceable words, and we decided we'd use those. The first four ones they came up with were “bono” and “edge”. We were quite pleased with those two, so two of us took those.

Adam and Larry didn't have such a nice time. As they showed up a bit late, they didn't have a choice of my name or Edge's. The lads walked in and we told them our chosen names, and then told them to check the monkeys' progress in a few more minutes. Well, we all waited for about 7 and a half more hours, and all the monkeys came up with were “ruff” and “polkadots”. Needless to say, Adam and Larry weren't thrilled about those names, and were so angry with the monkeys that they started taunting them with bananas. We were in my apartment four floors off the ground, and the boys just started throwing the bananas out the window. The monkeys followed the bananas, the ground followed the window, and we ended up with a big mess outside.

FN: quite a story there, Bono. I can see why Adam and Larry would keep their regular names.

Bono: Yeah, so we wrote a song called “I threw a brick through a window” in reference to the whole monkey incident. That is an attempt to tell a story in a song. The brick is an image of monkeys in Ireland, but it's also an image of Ireland itself, and that is an image I thought would be nice to subvert.

[note: the above is funnier if you have listened to the U2 song “Wild Irish Rose” which has some bits of interview dubbed over it.]

World News:

In a recent study, scientists found that one of the leading causes of hunger is lack of food. When asked to comment, Dr. Comestible, the study's perpetrator, said that he highly recommends “a diet full of food, drink, and plenty of digestion.”

On the common bad

Unhappiness inevitable. The lucky socks (or drawers, handkerchief, etc.) wear out the fastest in the attempt to make as many days as possible lucky. Or, if they are worn less frequently to make them last longer, then most days will be either bad luck or no luck at all. Either way, life ends up being unlucky, and thus unhappy. Q.E.D.

Watson: "Dr. Holmes, which school did you go to before middle school?"

Mr. So and So was walking down the street, when suddenly there came a blind man who crashed into Mr. So and So.

"Hey!" Shouts S&S, "Watch where you're going!"

The Blind Man replied, "I'm deaf!"

Do you remember that episode of "Salute Your Shorts" where they do a jigsaw puzzle upside down, then turn it over and it's a picture of ice cream, then they go eat ice cream? I did that once, only the picture wasn't of ice cream. It was a dead clown. That was a rough night.

My fortune cookie says "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also". I'd better watch out for pirate heart thieves.

I have the heart of a small child. I keep it in a pickle jar.

I'm not lazy, I just have a high activation energy.

Student to Chem TA: "I'm having trouble with my titration!"

TA: "What's the problem?"

Student: "I can't concentrate!"

"Being a chemist is what looking at tables is all about."
I'm lookin at this table... I think this one leg is shorter.

Horoscopes:

(look up the dates yourself, I don't have time)

Aries: If you don't believe in yourself, just pinch your arm. If it hurts, then you are real.

Pisces: Very hard to drown. Strong gills.

Taurus: Your grasp of reality is just short of a worm's brain. Wait, do worms even have brains?

Gemini: Bite the bullet, the dust, and other cheesy comestibles.

Cancer: Your teeth are the only things stopping you from meeting that special someone. Trim those fangs.

Leo: Nardo Da Vinci wants his name back.

Virgo: Your day will be ruined by reading horoscopes.

Libra: holding your breath indefinitely could cause sideways stomachaches.

Scorpio: No future, try tomorrow.

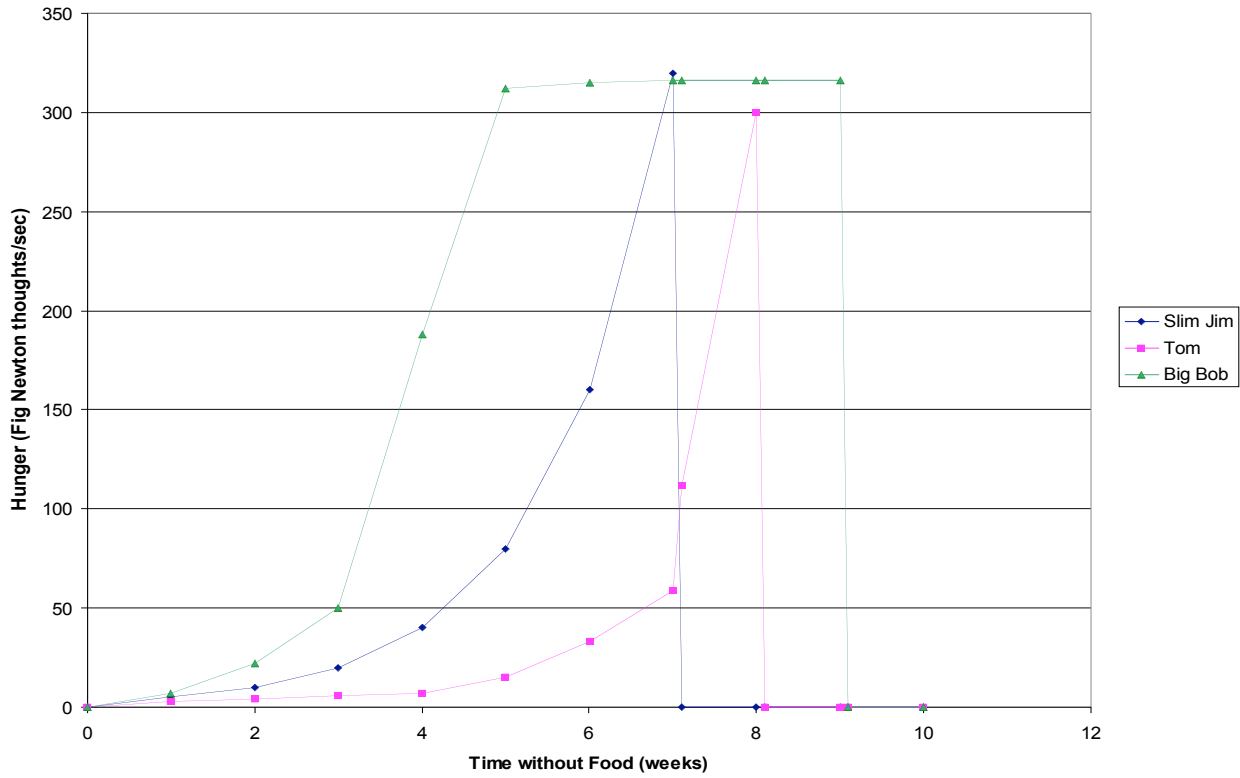
Sagittarius: Pay attention to the loudest voice in your head today.

Capricorn: I *will* find you. I know where you live. You can run, but you can't jog.

Aquarius: Your funkitude is inversely proportional to the reciprocal of Tuesday's hot dog.

Appendix A

Hunger vs. Time without Food



Appendix B

Infected with appendicitis.

(Imagine a colour drawing of your intestinal tract, with a really nasty looking appendix.)