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I'm going to punch you (John Lennon)

Meat

The Intern

Out walking
I've got a shovel
And a crow bar
And a copy of Catcher in the Rye
And my fists
I am going
Going to punch you

Like a priest
I move with holy purpose
Towards an asshole
Unlike the priest
Not in a sexual way
Though I have seen you
Semi-erect penis

Pigeons cover your grave
And I shouldn't be surprised
As I am in Central Park
Beady eyed freaks remind me of you
My fists aren't for the birds
They are for the walrus
And by walrus I mean you

I dig and pry up the stone
Inscribed with "Imagine"
What the fuck
You aren't here
I check Google
You sneaky bastard
Your ashes were scattered

I was going
Going to punch you
John Lennon
More like
Gone Lennon
Get it
Because you're dead

Join our discord!!



Concepts debuts new "Converse" shoe



As stated, Conjecture [1.1] is a constant invariant rational function of the existence of a weakly dense dynamical system. Conjecture [1.2] is a strong form of Conjecture [1.1]. Conjecture [1.3] is an irreducible variety of a dominant map $k(X)^f = k$, then for every U of X whose orbit $O_f(x)$ is well-defined, Conjecture [1.3] is a Conjecture [1.4]. See Definition 1.5. We say that (X, f) satisfies the ZD-property, if either $k(X)^f \neq k$ or there exists a point $x \in X(k)$ whose orbit $O_f(x)$ under f is well-defined and *The Mathematics Department is hoping that these "sick new kicks" will make Concepts of Mathematics the new "it class" for stylish students.*



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I don't care if that joke is twenty-five years old. It's funny to me. Yeah, I'm old. Fuck you.

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Rejected Headlines #17

- Martha Stewart cleared of all murder charges between 1995-96.
- Demolition Company breaks up married couple.
- Lawmakers determine abortion to be legal only when Mercury is in retrograde.
- GOOD NEWS! 3rd Amendment Repealed: Veteran housing crisis resolved.
- Modern Romeo and Juliet Thwarted by Ring Camera.
- Dog doesn't solve relationship, couple moves on to children.
- Meta-analysis of several studies conclude that Gen Alpha sucks at drinking.
- World Peace finally achieved after man starts Israel-Palestine argument in comments of a cat video.
- How to Increase your home's retail value by NOT murdering people in it.
- Lube offered for Wean holes.
- Loving Couple LARP as bitter, nearly-separated divorcees.
- Finding the best corner to stand in at a crowded party - a guide.
- How to make sure the divorce is YOUR fault, a guide for teens.

All this and more, not in this issue!

Optimize Your Garden With These Simple Tricks

Jimothy Yachtsson
Your Future Boss

Dearest reader, consider this inquiry: You are the sole proprietor of a home garden (a real one, not in Animal Crossing or wherever AOC makes her press releases nowadays). You own the land free and clear. You go out for mocktails every week with the two other gardeners in your market, and you talk about your businesses and why you love your family (ugh). You have a good reputation. Every week, a nondescript hooded figure stops by and buys 24 watermelons, and their purchases only seem suspicious like half the time. You pay the neighborhood kids twice minimum wage to do - I don't know - whatever happens in a garden. (I'm an expert, not a day laborer - I have no idea what actually goes on.) You have a quality work-life balance. Yadda, yadda, yadda, sunshine and rainbows, insert more boring stuff here.

Sounds like you're doing great, right? Wrong. Consider the alternate

hypothesis that you are stupid and spineless and have no idea how to derive a competitive advantage, optimize for cost, increase your return on investment, discount your cash flows, penetrate your market, or let alone commit white-collar crimes. I know, I know - the fun ones are the non-white-collar ones, but bear with me: white-collar crimes can be fun too.

You said you own the land free and clear? That's stupid. You're tying up so much money in the land that you could be spending to, I don't know, buy a yacht, donate to a presidential inauguration, or contribute to your divorce legal expenses. The real strat (yes, 'strat' is the formal business term - it's what I hear at the business parties all the time) is to constantly borrow mortgages against the land you own, and borrow again immediately once you've returned the money. It's just like when you borrow Hillbilly Elegy by JD Vance from the library over and over again.

You go out for mocktails and boring conversations with your

competitors every week? That's also stupid. One of your competitors is stealing your business secrets and plans to put you out of business, and I saw the other kissing your mom the other day. Although you shouldn't have wasted your life on things like hanging out with friends, but I can offer you a small consolation: Now that they think you're stupid (you are, but that's beside the point), you can abuse their stupidity by framing them for tax evasion and/or stealing the overpriced purple chairs from Tepper - in that latter case I'd appreciate if you could send the disappeared chairs my way. And then voilà, your competitors are in jail and you can jack up your prices to \$69 a watermelon. Although the nondescript hooded figure surely won't like those prices (they've never had much of a sense for business), where else are they supposed to get 24 watermelons a week?

You claimed you had a good reputation? That one's smart, actually. But you're doing it stupidly, because you're stupid. Here's a revelation: you

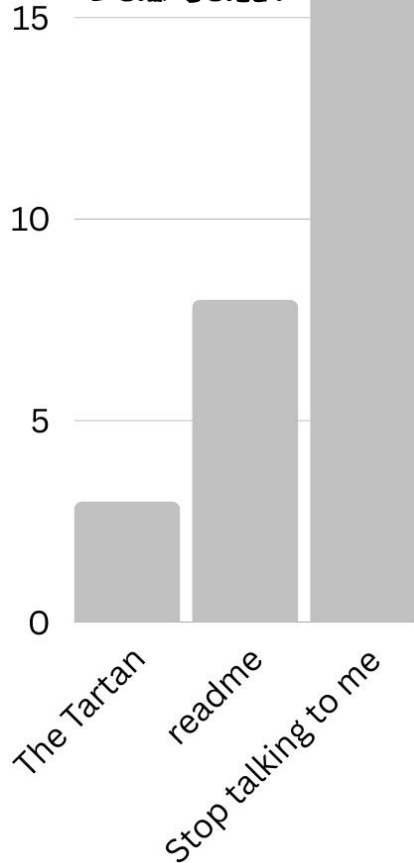
don't have to gain a good reputation from honesty. In fact, that'd just be a waste of your money. Are you telling me in order for your customers to think you're philanthropic you actually have to donate money to the children's cancer center? Of course you don't! You just have you say you did it, and blackmail anyone who dares to question you with stupid things their kids have done. See, I told you white collar crimes were fun!

And worse yet, you pay the neighborhood kids twice minimum wage? I'd tell you to pay them only minimum wage and then deduct from their pay for a white-collar charge, but you don't even have to do that. Just feed them a watermelon per week of work - it'll pale in comparison to how many watermelons that nondescript hooded figure buys.

I hope I have sufficiently convinced you of your poor business sense. You may be thinking that you'll be exchanging general life happiness for your business's cold-blooded growth. If so, you're already on the right track.

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Readme Polls: Do you read Readme or the Tartan?



How to make your neighbor's crawl space feel like home

"Tyan Rosh"
Black Market Interior Decorator

With rising house prices and global climate change, many of us are making the sensible switch to cheaper, more sustainable housing, such as the attics and crawl spaces of our former neighbors. But when you come home from a long day of gender studies, you want to relax in a space that's truly your own, not just a dirt-floored maze of two-by-fours. Check out these five tips for bringing your space to life!

1. Partition spaces to create a cozy atmosphere

Often, crawl spaces will have short ceilings and large, open floor plans. This can create a sense of claustrophobia and abandonment, and according to the baddies, it reflects poorly on you personally. To divide up your space and create a softer feeling, try partitioning your crawl space into small nooks and rooms, using discarded bedsheets hanging from the floor joists above your head. For a more solid divider, you can even use the laser cutters in TechSpark to build custom wall panels.

2. Choose a comfortable

flooring material

While a dirt floor can be a total vibe, crawling across it to get to your living space can leave your clothes tattered and discolored. But a cheap and easy fix can be had: flooring! Pallets found in the loading docks around campus can be broken apart to form makeshift floorboards, and with a little sanding, they'll be smooth and comfortable to climb across. In lieu of floor polish, you can try personal lubricant from the Highmark Center!

3. Use many small light sources

One unique challenge of living in a crawl space is the many columns and beams supporting the structure you shelter beneath. These can create odd shadows with a single, central light source, making small lamps a good choice. Since you likely won't get sunlight, except through small vents, you may want to use a mix of daylight-spectrum (5000K) bulbs and warm white ones (2700K-3500K), which you switch between at twilight.

4. Incorporate plants and greenery

Once your crawl space is cozy and nicely lit, consider adding greenery to truly bring it to life.

You may already have vines and ivy on the outer walls of the building, and training it to grow along the floor joists above your head brings a cozy atmosphere with no watering or fertilizers required. With a little more work, you can use discarded coffee cups and paint cans as pots for native plants. Consider carnivorous varieties to tackle the bug infestations you may face!

5. Adapt furniture to suit your space

Living in a crawl space comes with many struggles, but most stem from the simple fact that a two foot ceiling is rarely enough to fit common furniture. Instead of a bed frame and mattress, consider a thin memory foam mattress topper, and a pillow taped to the ceiling above your head to prevent concussions. Instead of a desk and chair, consider nailing a thin sheet of plywood to a pallet, and placing it at the foot of your bed, providing a place to set your notebook and laptop while you lie on your bed.

For more interesting activities, like laundry, cooking, or sex, you may need to get creative. But here at readme, we choose to believe that limitations breed creativity.

New Squatter's Lawn Competition begins

Mihir Deshpande
Squatting since 1979

The U.S. Department of Housing and Development is proud to announce a new initiative to help deal with the growing problem of squatters. Starting at the beginning of February will be the All-American Best-Kept Squatter's Lawn Competition. The idea is fairly simple, after close coordination with local police departments all over the country, multiple squatters throughout the northern areas of the country have been located. Rather than try to go through the cumbersome, unliberal, and frankly un-American battle of forcing them out of their homes, they have been offered a chance to show how much they care about their new homes.

Toward the end of February, legendary garden enthusiast Joe Gardener will take a tour throughout the American North to rate and judge all of the competitors' gardens. They will be judged based on the following criteria: size, healthiness, aesthetics,

and of course a baseline standard of softness; no one likes a cold and rigid plant. The winner will be given full legal ownership of the home in which they have been squatting. The losers will promptly and swiftly be disposed of.

For any neighbors worried about potentially having to permanently live next to an unsavory individual, as part of the coordination with the local police property rights for those individuals have been temporarily revoked for the duration of the competition. Essentially, squatters will receive no police aid during events of vandalism, harassment, arson threats, being in an HOA neighborhood, etc. Thus neighbors can also use this as an opportunity to help bring their local communities together too.

We hope that this competition will both help to bring people together as well as help squatters treat both their abodes and their lives better. (Note if there are no gardens able to meet the minimum score to win, all competitors will be deemed losers)

README & REVIEWS

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"Save-a-tree" Bhat
Definitely has read a book before

Readme knows you don't have time to read books just for funsies. So we did the work for you. Enjoy these thorough, accurate, and detailed reviews of popular titles.

50 Shades of Grey: 10/10. This wonderful collection of paint samples was a great help to me when deciding what color to paint my dorm room. The author has compiled a lengthy list of beautiful shades for interior and exterior decorators alike.

Part 1 begins with a section of nearly-white shades, gradually fades into bright winter grays, and finishes with a set of dry stone hues. This thrilling beginning keeps you on the edge of your seat the whole way through. The absence of protagonist, antagonist, or plot at all does nothing to dampen the excitement, and in fact, only

increases the suspense. Part 2 echoes the first by starting out with a lovely Coventry Gray, moving quickly into the famed Gosling Grey, a timeless classic. The book takes a sharp twist midway through, however, by diverting to shades of blue-gray, an unexpected addition by the author. This alternate storyline continues with green-gray and even some brownish hues, but eventually makes its way back to a Classic French Gray. Part 3 finishes the book by transitioning a dark, serious, Harbor Gray into a near-black Charcoal Grey. From start to finish, the book provided plenty of excitement and anticipation, leaving the reader wondering what new shades of grey will be arriving in the expected sequel, *50 More Shades of Grey*. Stay on the lookout for "The Color Purple" in the next issue!

James and the Giant Peach: 3/10. The peach wasn't big enough.



Invasive plants winning the fight?
Stab Them Back.

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All that and more, at ReadMe

Alex Werth. We all could use a machete.

Seriously, join us!



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HOMUNCULI

If you're looking for something fun to really tie your dorm decor together, consider investing in a homunculus. Take a nice gander at this work of fine craftsmanship. Constructed out of spare organic matter and questionably sourced DNA, homunculi can do all of the essentials that truly turn a house into a home: they dance, they scream, and they feel the fear of a cruel God. If you want to get technical, they are neither human nor animal, so if you're in the market for something that screams in pain when you kick it, a homunculus is the second most humane choice. The most ethically correct kickable objects are landlords, but unfortunately they have "legal protections" or something. We've got some spare ones crawling around campus following a failed attempt to regrow our unfortunate intern. If anyone wishes to claim one, slip \$5 into my PO box, bring a net and some peanut butter (preferably chunky) to Doherty Hall and just roam around a little. You might find one. Once captured, it is likely that they'll try to guilt you by claiming to be sentient. This is a lie. I recommend you give them a little kick as punishment. They respond well to it.

The Homosexual Conundrum

Hom O. Gaylord
I swear he's not homophobic

Hello, fellow queers of Carnegie. Recently I have run into an issue that we have all experienced: too much gay sex. Just last week, I received trouble from this dreadful condition. As I was sashaying through campus, I noticed a poster for blood donation. Being a kind-hearted individual, I naturally signed up to donate my blood.

Woefully, on that fateful day, tragedy struck. I was filling out the patient intake form, when I was hit with the dreaded question: have you had anal sex with another man in the past three months? I felt a single tear form in my eye. Unfortunately, every day for the past three months, I had been having copious amounts of gay sex. In fact, every day for the past year I have been having gay sex.

Was this a punishment from a higher power? A message from God,

punishing me for engaging in homosexual activities? The devil thanking me for joining the side of sin? A sick punishment from a divine gay soul for being a lowly bottom? I couldn't believe this. Maybe the Christian protesters at pride were warning me. Did they divine this betrayal and try to save me?

I feel a tear running down my face as I leave the clinic. Everyone in line sees me exiting with no bandage on my arm. They are all silently judging me. They think I'm a little baby who chickened out donating blood. Do they see the homosexual glint in my eyes, and know this was a punishment from God?

Maybe this is the final straw, the final push to repent my life of homosexual sin. Give up this lifestyle, marry a woman, live in the suburbs, own a single family home with a white picket fence, have 1.8 children and a golden retriever. Or I could just become a top.

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OVERHEARD AT CMU

"Tyan Rosh" // All Hearing

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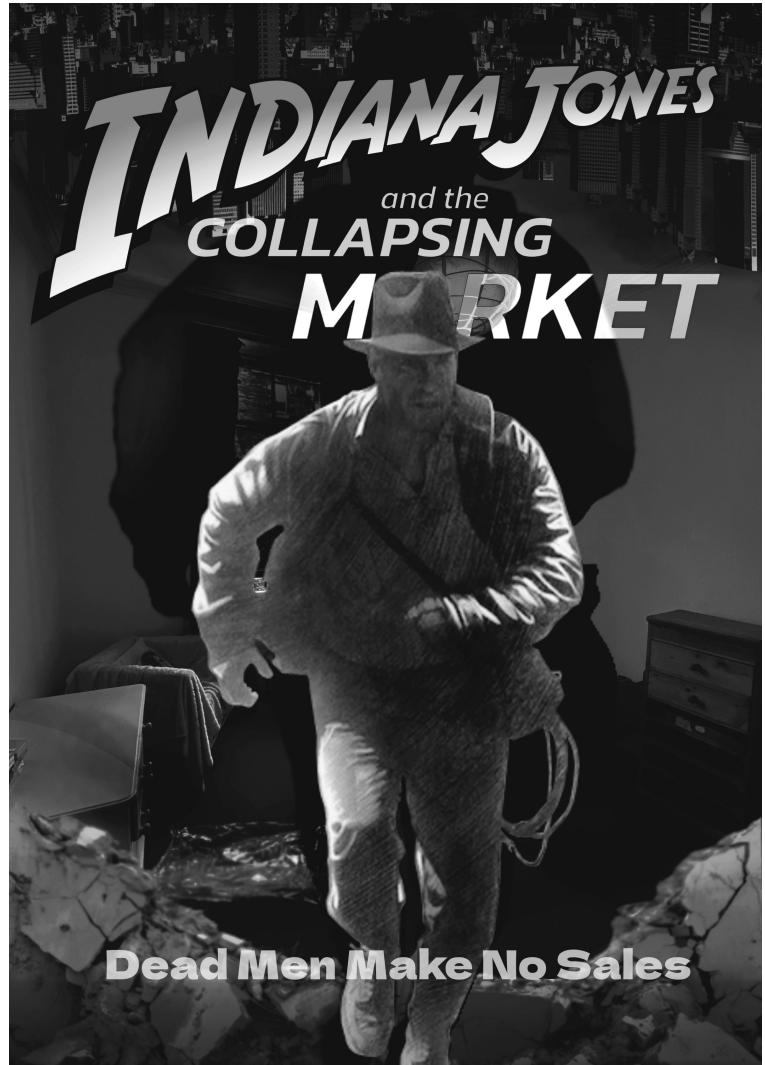
inside me, there is a wolf... woof... woof WOOF WOOF
WOOF BARK BARK WOOF YPIYIP AWOOOOOO WOOF
WOOF WOOF ARHGHGHHGHGHHGHG

Jan. 22

"I can get a white lie shirt with 'my cousin never jacked off' a salmon on accident" on the back"
"That's so messed up. My cousin did it on purpose."
"Yeah my cousin did it to a tuna"
"You guys are disgusting. My tuna jacked off my cousin"

Jan. 24

"One of my favorite hobbies is going to punk shows. I linger near the mosh pit, and wait for someone to walk by in a band T-shirt. I drill them with questions about the band, so niche and trivial they're bound not to know. Once they're insecure, I tell them they're fake punks. The stress is getting to them. There's only one way they can prove they're punk, I say. The most subversive thing you can do in this capitalistic society: scream your social security number from the stage. Determined to prove their creds as a rebellious working class youth, they do it every time. Then I open a bunch of credit cards in their name and buy cocaine."



How to 'Home Alone' your dorm

Mihir Deshpande

Macaulay Culkin if he was in SCS

Do you have an important exam coming up and cannot tolerate interruptions? Worry not, using these suggestions and your creativity, you won't ever have to worry about a roommate getting in your way again.

For those unaware, Home Alone is a heartwarming family movie about a young Jigsaw brutally torturing and mutilating two unsuspecting anti-plumbers who tried to enter his home. Taking inspiration from the traps in that classic, you too can keep your roommate from entering your dorm (or at least from entering your dorm *again*).

The first trap is a classic: the incinerating door handle. If your dorm is anything like mine, a metal door handle needs to be turned to open the door. The average college student is estimated to own at least two blow torches for *crème brûlée*, so heating one to cause a second-degree burn should be a cinch.

If that didn't deter your roommate and they successfully entered your room, the next item would typically be the tacks or toy cars. However, your roommate

would likely have shoes on. Thus, I recommend having a glue trap right at the entrance to remove the shoes. After that, a few rusty nails sticking up would be very cost-effective.

Let's suppose all that still hasn't kept your surprisingly determined roommate out, trust me, I get it. Luckily there is one last trap I can draw inspiration from: the Tommy gun trap. However, if your roommate has made it this far, it's clear that either they're a masochist or are just really determined to stop you from studying. Now, according to a quick Google search I did, when 18 in Pennsylvania one can legally own a semi-automatic rifle. In addition, for the sake of plausible deniability, I have not bothered to look at the CMU housing rules. All I'll say is that this has proven to be the most effective method of keeping my roommate out.

Of course, these are only a few of the limitless ideas you can come up with. From personal experience, chlorine gas, electric shocks, and cyanide shampoos are all also effective approaches. Just remember, when an A is on the line, sometimes you have to put on your best slasher smile.

Feng Shui for ruining your life

Benner Rogers

We're pretty sure she's Chinese?

Have you ever felt like you were doing too well in your classes? Do you wake up too well-rested? Feng Shui is an essential practice for balancing your energy, and can be easily manipulated to prevent you from reaching your full potential. With ReadMe's expert advice, any standard three-person one-room apartment can be transformed into the soul-sucking hovel of your dreams.

First, pick a building near an intersection with heavy traffic. Mudge, Morewood Gardens, and Residence on Fifth are all recommended locations. If you are living off campus, try to find an apartment complex that is also close to a stagnant pond and large, threatening buildings. Choose a room directly across from the elevators. This will cause difficulty in accumulating wealth, leave you more prone to accidents and medical emergencies, and create disharmony between you and your roommates. Ideally, the room's bathroom should be on the leftmost side of the room and as close to the doorway as possible. Make sure there is a large window directly visible from the entrance so energy will leave the room as quickly as possible. If possible, renovate the apartment or dorm so that one of the corners is protruding with multiple sharp angles. This will create an irregularly-shaped living space. If renovation is not possible you can also use dividers to create a similar effect.

One of the most important elements in Feng Shui is bed position. Place your bed in the center of your doorway with the feet protruding into the hallway. Make sure there is no headboard. This ensures you are in the strongest possible funeral position and blocks the flow of energy into the room. A bright construction worklight should be used to fill your sleeping area with harsh light. Place a broken mirror near the upper-right corner of your bed and angle it such that you have

an uninterrupted view of the toilet from both your bed and door. Inside the bathroom, place an aquarium of stagnant water. If there is not enough space, a full sink or bathtub will suffice. A few dead fish inside the aquarium are recommended but not necessary. If you want to go the extra mile, invite an evil spirit or two into your home. I hear they're fans of ReadMe!

Proper balance between elements is vital when looking at your home's Feng Shui. It is important to ensure your living space is following the most destructive cycle of elements: metal, wood, earth, water, and fire. By placing the elements in this order each one will weaken the next, successfully removing any benefits they may have otherwise created. The placement of elements in the room is less important than the order and exact furniture location may be modified. This article will start with metal and move clockwise through the room for each successive element.

Starting with metal, place metal exercise equipment in the far-left corner of the room. Large 300 pound dumbbells are an easy option, as is a metal pullup rack. For wood, set a wooden desk directly in front to the right wall at a slight diagonal towards the far-right corner. Place a wooden bunk bed behind the desk. This will ensure lots of movement behind your back as you work. Next, place a large number of dead cacti on top of your dresser. This will satisfy the earth requirement while simultaneously increasing stress and conflict. The cacti will also invite bad energy, stagnation, and decay into your living space. If you're worried the cacti won't be enough, grow a colony of black mold on the wall closest to the door. Finally, add a couple more bowls of standing water in the bathroom to satisfy the water element and complete the cycle.

Congratulations! You have successfully used the power of Feng Shui to ruin your life. By following this guide, you can feel at ease knowing that you live with nothing but bad energy. And hey, at least it still won't be as bad as Donner.



fuck you this took me three hours. I individually placed every gnome. You have gnome respect for my craft. I can't copy and paste them because then the layers wouldn't be right. Fuck you. You will never understand.

A Song for Dear Ol' Tech

To the tune of "A Model of a Modern Major General", by Gilbert and Sullivan

I am the very model of a student here at Carnegie,
With plans to triple major in AI, CS, and ECE

I've memorized the answer key to every leetcode medium
I spend my time on Stack Exchange to mitigate the tedium

I've crashed in classrooms everywhere from Gates to Wean to Hamerschlag
Complained about insomnia with Red Bull in my sleeping bag
I try to brag but sometimes the impostor syndrome gets to me
I'm pretty sure that half this school still wants to go to MIT

But that's okay I know that I'm an academic superstar
I've only bombed two tests, a quiz, a midterm, and a lab so far
I'll try to make a comeback when my mid semester grades come out
I've got a homework due at two but I don't know what that's about

I'm unsure what career of mediocrity will be my fate
But at this point dear god above, oh please just let me graduate
And thus with plans to triple major: AI, CS, ECE
I am the very model of a student here at Carnegie.

BEWARE FERAL



SCOTTIE DOGS

Easy Alternatives To Fixing Your Heater!

Abe James

The Cold Never Bothered Me Anyway

With the current weather conditions, it is important that everyone stays safe, and more importantly warm. However, when the heater has to be fixed seven times in one month— and still isn't working— it might be time to look for alternatives. Heaters can be a bit out of the price range for many of us. Considering the heater will only be used for about another month or so, many of us can't justify spending so much money! But, because staying warm is incredibly important, we here at ReadME have compiled a few cheap and easy ways to stay warm during the harsh winter!

At-Home Sauna

Just turn on the bathroom faucets to hot and sit back on your porcelain throne. Eventually, the steam will act as a makeshift sauna. If you have a tub, sit in that instead. If you are using the tub, make sure you bring snacks and everything you need on a chair or small table. You'll be staying in there for a while! Be prepared to stake out the bathroom for as long as possible, even if you have roommates. While this solution is extremely easy, it may not be viable for everyone. If you pay for utilities, you will definitely incur severely high prices in the long run.

Fun Dorm Campfires

If all else fails, a nice fire will warm you right up! If you have a butane stove, turn it on. Consider using up all your past notes, tests, and readings as kindling. If decent sized wood fuel is too hard to find this time of year, consider using your roommate's things—anything large and flammable. However, be extremely mindful about setting off any sprinkler systems. If you get wet, that'll just make you more cold! There is also a non-zero chance you burn your place down. To combat any excessive fire growth, be sure to have a fire extinguisher and a bucket-full of water on hand! If not, you may be facing hefty fees and the extreme cold.

Just Leave!!!

The final option is to simply not live at your place anymore. The demons of ice and snow have won. Crash the rest of the winter with a friend, colleague, even a sworn enemy. If you must, show up to Farnam's doorstep and start to sob uncontrollably until he lets you in. If your chosen host declines, try begging even more pitifully. Or, stage a hostile takeover of their place. Maybe find refuge on campus. The HOA couches and chairs might be a good place to sleep. You could shower in the UC or Gates! Or, just live outside in a tent. Just get away from the icy hell that is your living situation.

To My 8 A.M.s:

Alex Werth

Up! We are Up!
I cheer myself to rise
At the crack of seven-twenty,
Fore the sun has hit the skies,

On a wonderous new Monday,
I'm triumphantly awake
In sheer elation for the 8am that I
— with no especially strong feelings —
Take.

A truly magical day awaits, that starts
at lovely number 8.

Up! We are Up!
I beg myself to rise
At the hour of seven-forty,
Peeling crust from out my eyes,

On a magical new Wednesday
I have once again arose
For an 8 am that I, against all
reasoning, I chose.

A sorry start turned out okay — at least
it started at 8 today.

Fuck!

I am up, I am up,
I have no idea the time
I've stumbled from a cloud of dreams
Into this lumpy bed of mine
And fuck! oh fuck!
It is well beyond the time
When I should've shambled out to class
An hour ago from 9!

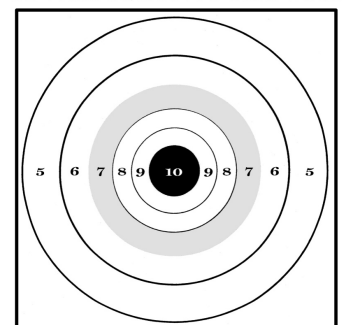
But...

Before I leave my sunny dorm,
I'll take a little rest.
A half an hour all my own,
And I am at my best.

May I offer you a George Michael in these trying times?



USE THIS SQUARE TO SWAT BUGS



How to Acquire and Care for Schrödinger's Cat

"Save-a-tree" Bhat

Sorry, that cat is definitely dead

So you want to get a cat, but that's too easy. You want a pet that exists in a superposition of life and death — a pet that makes your science friends think you're cool. Thankfully, there is a solution. Schrödinger's Cat is becoming wildly popular amongst college students at medium-sized urban Western-Pennsylvanian universities, of which CMU is the most illustrious. While it may seem complicated to acquire one, Readme has you covered. We can't guarantee that the cat will survive the ordeal you will put it through, but you'll have the cat in your possession, that's for sure.

The first thing you need to do is find a cat. Generally, these can be found in shelters, from breeders, in the Schlounge, and on the streets. These options vary in price range, type of cat, safety, vibes, and fluffiness, but it really doesn't matter. Next, you'll need to put the cat in a box. As I understand it, cats enjoy cardboard boxes — they delight in ignoring a new toy only to shower their affection upon a piece of pressed and dried wood pulp. Make sure it's a decently sized box, because if by chance the cat is alive, it might want to roam around a bit.

Once the cat is in the box, add one flask of radioactive poison, attached to a Geiger counter such that if radioactive decay is detected, the flask is broken, poisoning and killing the cat. This poison is extremely easy to acquire, just ask Jeff behind the counter. Add some cozy touches to the cat's new home by putting a litter box, a mouse toy, a scratching post, and

some snacks into the box.

Once the cat is situated in its new home, close the box and don't peek inside. Looking would spoil the fun. Now sit there and think about the cat. Is it dead? Is it alive? You don't know. Bring your friends over to think about it too.

Now that you've thought about the cat for a while, it's time to feed it. The cat is simultaneously alive and dead at the same time, according to the Copenhagen interpretation, so by a simple calculation (an alive cat requires x cups of food, a dead cat requires 0 cups of food, take the average of the two), you should add $x/2$ cups of food to the box. Make sure to close your eyes while doing this, as observing the cat would resolve reality and therefore not be cool to your science friends. By the same logic, you should put a dish of water in the box.

There are a few tasks to perform in the case of a dead cat. Because the cat is simultaneously dead and alive, you'll need to prepare for its funeral as you feed it, provide water, and entertain it. Order a nice headstone, dig it a decent grave (a recent study notes that $2' \times 1.5' \times 6'$ is the optimal grave size for the average cat). Make sure to allow a good-sized opening at the top of the grave, because it needs to be able to leave, since it's also alive. Tell your roommates that the kitty "went to go live on a farm", because it would be insensitive to tell them the cat is dead. Apologize to your roommates for the hairball noises in the middle of the night, alive cats do that sometimes. Schrödinger's Cat can provide a fun experience, companionship, emotional catharsis, and a box full of kitty litter for everyone.



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Crystals for home improvement

"Save-a-tree" Bhat

Definitely not a scorpion or anything like that

2025 is sure to be quite a stressful year, and Readme is here to help. With the guidance of nature's most magical healing entities, become one with the spirits and dispel the cockroaches in your dorm. The healing crystal techniques described here have been used since the dawn of Carnegie Mellon University, by thousands of anxious, imbalanced, and incredibly uninged students.

You may be wondering where to put your crystals. Consider hanging them in your fridge, giving your roommates a fun little surprise when they go looking for the glowing petri dishes of mold colonies they stashed in there last night. Put them near the sink to remind you that while you may have to get up at the crack of dawn for your 8:00 am, you still have shiny things. Wear them as a necklace, bracelet, or ring, so people can ask about them and you can tell them about the weird crystal thing you've gotten into. While you're at it, tell them how Mercury is in the second house, and Saturn is in retrograde, and why this means they should drop out of school to sell essential oils with you. Scatter them throughout your drawers so when it comes time to clean out your dorm, you can remember that crystal phase you went through in January. Throw them wherever you like, really, because when will you have time to clean? Put them in the microwave, just to see what happens.

Of course, you can't put your crystals anywhere if you don't have them. One strategy is to go outside and take shiny rock because pretty. You can also buy your crystals at the most reputable crystal peddler in all of the internet (Expensive Crystals to Take Your Money).

Wakeupalite: Redbull in stone form.

Tired of using up all your flex dollars on caffeinated drinks, only to pass out at 11:00 pm? Use this stone to keep you awake and pumping out essays 24/7. Despite what everyone tells you, you don't actually need sleep to function. Now you can take the 103 units you wanted.

Toiletpaperalite: Magically rearranges the toilet paper. Everyone knows the only right way to put the toilet paper on is over, not under. This is a good crystal to kindly offer your roommate.

CanIhavethoseoreos-alite: Makes others share their snacks with you. However, when used in abundance, greedy crystal hoarders have been gravely injured by fruit, hardtack, and other dense snacks flying at their faces. Stay safe out there.

Noeycontact-anite: Prevents you from accidentally making eye contact with people tabling on the cut. Sometimes you don't want to be roped into the latest fundraiser or activity, or perhaps you don't want to wake up at 4:00 am to be stuffed into a buggy and accelerated to high speeds. Use this gemstone to steal a quick glance at the table without being ensnared.

Getthehelloutofhere-inite: Removes people from the library table or classroom you wanted to use. You walked all the way there, you should be able to use it. Those hooligans can beat it.

Heydontrunmeover-ilite: Stops cars from running you over when you jaywalk across Forbes Avenue. Now that those four-wheeled jokemobiles are stalled, you can jaywalk, moonwalk, or catwalk across the road.

Thesearemyshiniesforme-anine: Of course, the biggest danger to your crystals is the magpies infesting our beloved campus. Use this gem to keep your shiny objects safe from these disgusting creatures.

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A PSA to check the CO detectors

Gilgamesh Ichthyomorphosis
In a clear state of mind

Yesterday, the carbon monoxide detectors started talking to me. They whispered to me, begged me to change the batteries. The carbon monoxide detectors love the batteries. I love the batteries.

I love carbon monoxide detectors. They keep the ants out of the wall. The ants want to burrow, to eat, to carry, to use those little spindly legs for their clandestine shuffling. The ants are not allowed in the wall. Installing one carbon monoxide detector on each wall is the only thing that keeps the ants away. The ants took my wife Linda. I miss Linda.

Sometimes, when I forget to change the carbon monoxide batteries, the fuzzy guys whisper in my ear. They are so considerate. They give me batteries and tell me I'm a good boy. I love their soft hair. They are so cuddly. When I'm with

them, I forget that the ants took Linda. The fuzzy guys hate the ants. They will keep the ants away. The ants will not take Linda again.

Sometimes, I feel that the ants want to be friends. I see sympathy in their eyes, their pain, their struggles of being in the walls. They want to escape from the walls. The ants want freedom. The ants beg me to remove the carbon monoxide detectors. I must not succumb to the ants. I love the carbon monoxide detectors.

Sometimes, the ants whisper 15-122 homework answers to me when I sleep. The ants want me to get an AIV. The ants deceive me. The ants trick me. The ants take me for a fool. I am above the ants. The ants are nothing to me. The ants want me to fail out of CMU. The ants flourish in my struggle. The ants are evil.

The ants stole my carbon monoxide detector. They hate me. I will die here. Alone. Suffering. Iliano has caught me. They are taking me away for the AIVs.

Feng Shui to make you forget them

Rhodes N. Spectre

Finally convinced she want call you back

Everyone's been there at some point or another: She left and took the house and the kids, he suddenly ghosted you after texting you "Love you, sweet dreams" the evening before, or you find out from their friend that they were not into you it's just that you were there at the right time and place. You can still revel in the aftermath, you poor single soul, because not all hope is lost. At least not for your mental health, because in today's guide, README will teach you how to use classical Chinese interior design techniques to reclaim the space the two of you used to share.

The first step is to take the time to understand Feng Shui, a luxury they never extended to you. Feng Shui is an analysis of the placement of objects relative to each other so as to understand the effects of the Qi, or "energy" that spiritually inhabits all objects. The concept of Qi goes back to the earliest examples of Taoist texts about how to cultivate Qi for better health and longevity. It is often claimed that Feng Shui, when done well, can enhance one's connection to the world and reduce stress and anxiety. These tips will help consolidate all the positive Qi

back into your life, or at least give you something to do that isn't getting drunk and begging to be taken back:

Tip 1 - Never Hang Mirrors Across from the Front Door

The reason is simple: Any good energy that comes across your threshold will immediately get reflected back outside. Of course this may depend on what energy lies outside, for example, using mirrors in hallways that greet a serene landscape may pull that peaceful energy into the home. But you live in America, which means you are invariably facing a major road, so block out that chaotic noisy energy by removing any mirrors from the thresholds outside.

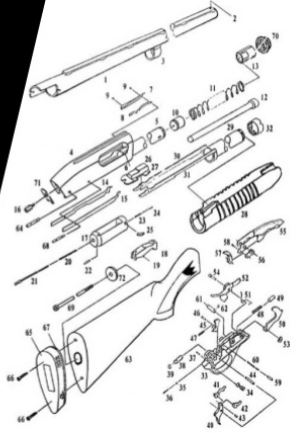
Tip 2 - Never Put a Bedroom Over a Garage

Garages have heavy, chaotic energies. And that is the last thing you want to feel when it comes to rest. In Feng Shui, a garage is beneficial because it represents bringing resources into the home, but it is not ideal to have a bedroom over a garage. It is a big, open, empty space with not a lot of life energy in it, which can leach into your bedroom, making your bed feel big, open and empty.

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2. Learn how to recognize firearm cruelty.
3. Know who to call to report firearm cruelty.
4. Provide as much information as possible when reporting firearm cruelty.
5. Call or write to your local law enforcement department.
6. Know your state's firearm cruelty laws.
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8. Set a good example for others.
9. Talk to your kids about how to treat firearms with kindness and respect.
10. Support your local shelter or firearm rescue organization

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Tip 3 - Treat Your Stove Like Your Most Prized Possession

Stoves are important in Feng Shui—they bring good fortune and attract abundance. The stove represents household wealth. Even if you never cook, try to use it periodically and all its burners. Keep yours clean and use food to fill that hole in your stomach.

Tip 4 - Ban Electronics in the Bedroom

They're not gonna text you back. It's not happening.

Tip 5 - Never Place Beds in Direct Alignment with Doors

It is best not to be directly in line with the door to your bedroom. Having your bed in a good position is one of the Feng Shui fundamentals. Place your bed so you can see the door while lying down without being directly in line with it; this is the

optimal placement. This brings ease and restfulness because it allows you to see what is coming at you, both literally and figuratively, and gives you foresight to predict another "we need to talk" text.

Tip 6 - Declutter

Clutter is super destructive to a home and its occupants, especially when it overwhelms you from the moment you walk in the door. From a Feng Shui perspective, clutter is a "block" or an "impasse", and the Qi cannot flow properly. Removing clutter can be a way to get the energy moving, especially if you feel stuck, and removing their things from your home helps stop reminding you of them whenever you see their items.

Tips 7 and beyond can be found online on cmureadme.com!