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- Elias defines what he calls “the civilizing process” as “a change of human conduct and sentiment in a quite specific direction.”
- His point, however, is that civilization was not a clearly defined goal that humanity carefully and deliberately set out to achieve...It just kind of happens.
- If civilization is not rationally planned, nor is it a structure without its own logistics, how do we explain the unintentional rise of a surprisingly intentional societal structure?

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