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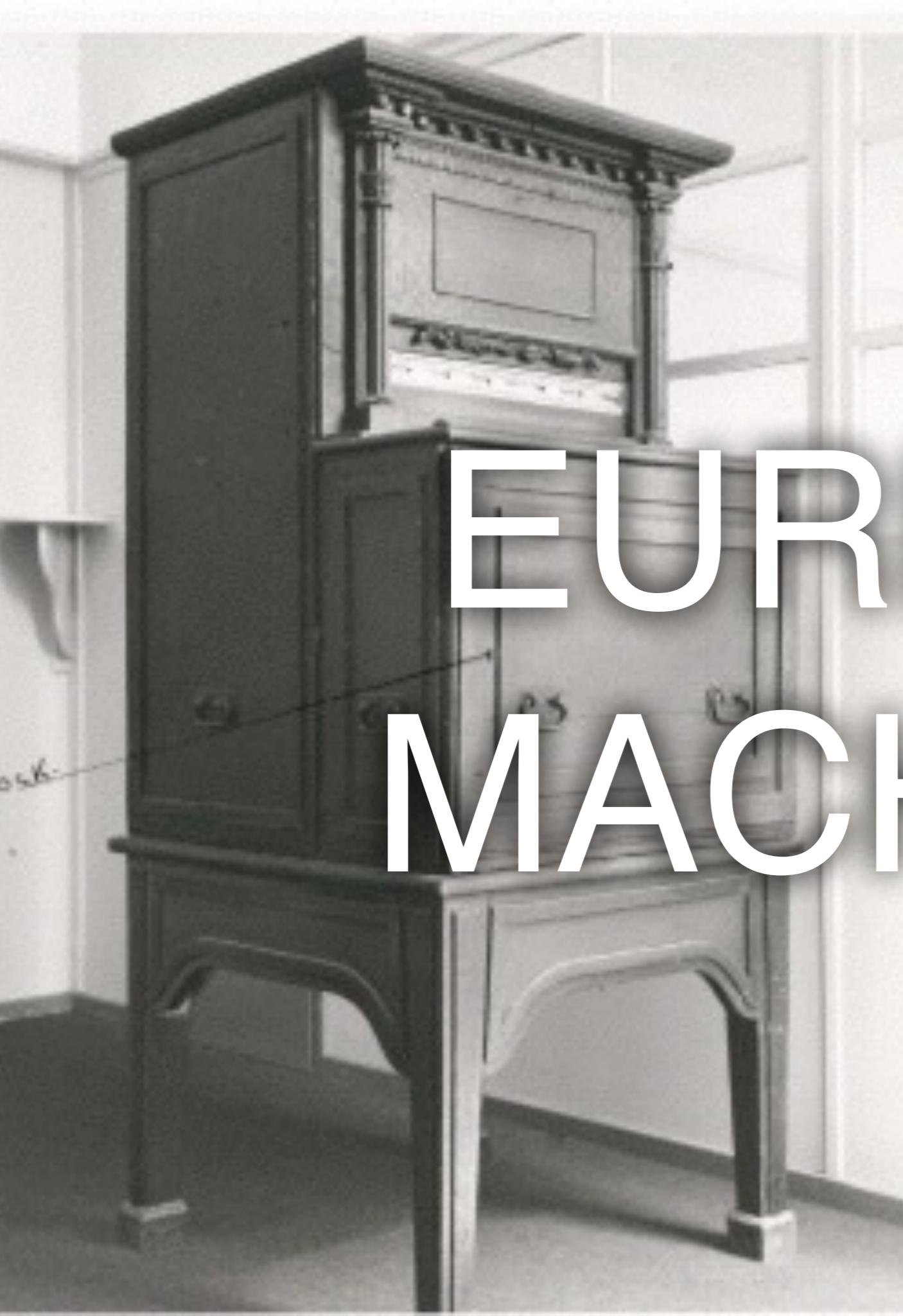
some historical threads

Allison Parrish

bots are

procedural
uncreative
data-driven
graffiti

procedural



EUREKA MACHINE



BARBARA FROENA DOMI PROMITTUNT
FOEDERA MALA

Barbarian bridles at home promise evil
covenants

John Morris, from *Computer Poems* (1973)

Frogling, listen, waters
Insatiable, listen,
The still, scarecrow dusk.

Listen: I dreamed, was slain.
Up, battles! Echo these dusk
Battles! Glittering . . .

Fleas spring far, scarecrow,
Oh scarecrow, scarecrow:
well, far, Scarecrow, oh scarecrow.

Jackson Mac Low, *Asymmetry 205* ("There are many ways to use Strayer's Vegetable Soybeans"), 1960-61

To hours, enough. Remove enough

And. Remove enough

Minutes. And not Iowa

Water and Iowa simmer.

To or

Until simmer. Enough

Simmer. To. Remove and Iowa enough. Remove simmer.

Vegetable. Enough good enough to and buttered loaf, enough

Simmer. Or Iowa buttered enough and not simmer.

Tomatoes, hot egg. Roll egg.

Added. Roll egg.

Minutes. Added, nutty in.

Wash added, in soak

Tomatoes, overnight,

Until soak egg,

Soak tomatoes. Roll added, in egg. Roll soak

Vitamins—egg, giving egg, tomatoes, added, beans, largest egg,

Soak overnight, in beans, egg, added, nutty soak

Nick Montfort, *ppg* series

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~ $ perl -le 'sub b{@_=unpack"(A2)*",pop;$_[rand@_]}sub w{" ".b(cococacamacamadebapabohamolaburatamihopodito).b(estsnslldsckregspsstedsnelengkemsattewsnstarshnknd)}{$_="\n\nthe".w."\n";$_=w." ".b(attoonnoof).w if$l;s/[au][ae]/a/;print;$l=0if$l++>rand 9;sleep 1;redo} #Rev2' | python -- begin ' + datetime.datetime.utcnow().isoformat()
api_key, api_secret, access_token, token_secret, aus_access_key, \
aus_secret_key, s3_bucket = sys.argv[1:]
twitter = twython.Twython(api_key, api_secret, access_token, token_
,
video = generate_video()
title = namegen(video['lyrics']).title()

resp = twitter.update_status_with_media(media=open(video['video']),
status=title)
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John Burger, @HaikuD2



HaikuD2 @HaikuD2 · Jan 30

The wind is freezing •
My nose flows like a river •
I need a tissue
—@Simply_me_8 #haiku

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HaikuD2 @HaikuD2 · Jan 30

Time to unfollow •
Can't believe i'm following •
This many people
—@JohnnnyNBA #haiku

◀ ▶ 2 ★ ...



HaikuD2 @HaikuD2 · Jan 30

Up all night dreaming •
Learning how to manifest •
My reality
—@NKingram #haiku

◀ ▶ 5 ★ 8 ...

Mark Sample, @JustToSayBot

 This Is Just to Say @JustToSayBot · 6h

I have rounded
the ferns
that were in
the recall

Forgive me
They were repainted
so fleet
and so ribbed

◀ ▶ ★ ...

 This Is Just to Say @JustToSayBot · 7h

I have eaten
the dealings
that were in
the sorrow

Forgive me
They were all-caps
so paradisal
and so reportorial

◀ ▶ 1 ★ 3 ...

Liam Cooke, @poem_exe



poem.exe @poem_exe · 4h

orion's belt —
dies by the side
envying the butterfly!



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2

...



poem.exe @poem_exe · 7h

like colourful birds
i hear myself of
a lonely heart



1

1

...



poem.exe @poem_exe · 10h

i am envious
the moon reflected
chestnuts in the field



2

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...

uncreative

Kenneth Goldsmith, *Soliloquy*

of Cage. I mean we don't know that, maybe he'll be hardcore but... so you've been so you've been to Douglas's web site. I've done that for Douglas. I did that whole. Did you see the picture of two people sleeping? Oh, come now! Really? I'm on the phone with Douglas every day. I... And here's the perk... which you have already... but the perk of working for Douglas is that I get every title he produces. I know you do. I know. I don't read novels. I mean I don't like fiction. Right. But that was that was when it worked. That yeah, well listen I think he makes a lot of money on that stuff he's certainly not going to make. You think when David comes we can throw around opinions like this? Like just totally? I mean... this is gossip I love I mean this is what was missing this is what was missing from Joan's wonderful book on Cage. Why did she why did she I I know her well enough, why did she turn the tape recorder off? The gossip was what I was interested in. Well Cage Cage tends to get that... we are waiting. Yeah. We're just gossiping. We're just gossiping, that's all. We're too busy gossiping. I don't want to put anything in my mouth. This is great. This is great. The one across the street is nice too, the China Grill. It's all business people. No, this was a good move. But I have this I have a problem with the Cage thing. I feel it gets too religious. The name. Oh, from the Cage trust? Yuk. Not wanting to say anything about Marcel. OK. I wanna I wanna I wanna stay on this for a sec-

Ron Padgett, Creative Reading

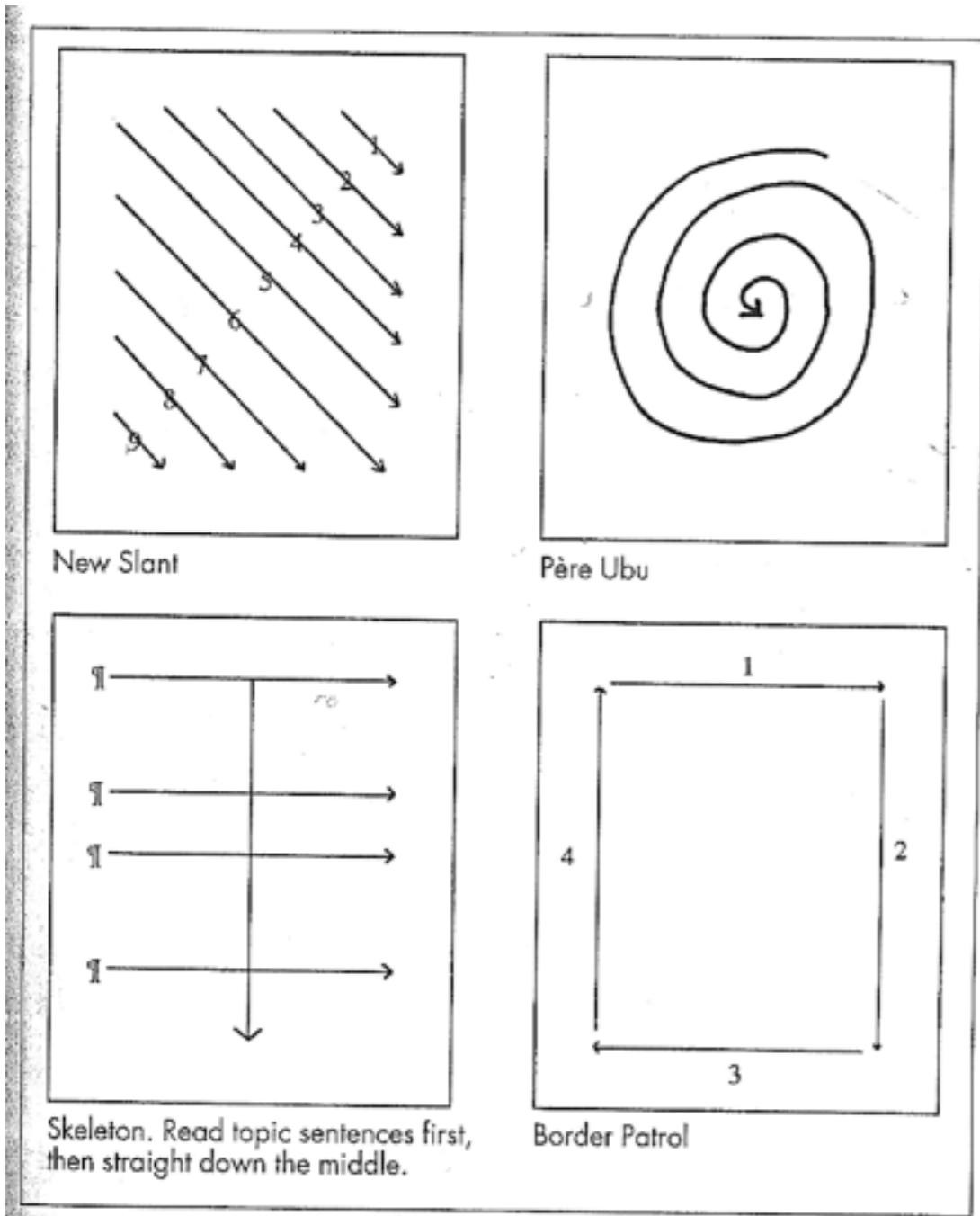


Figure 18. Four reading patterns.

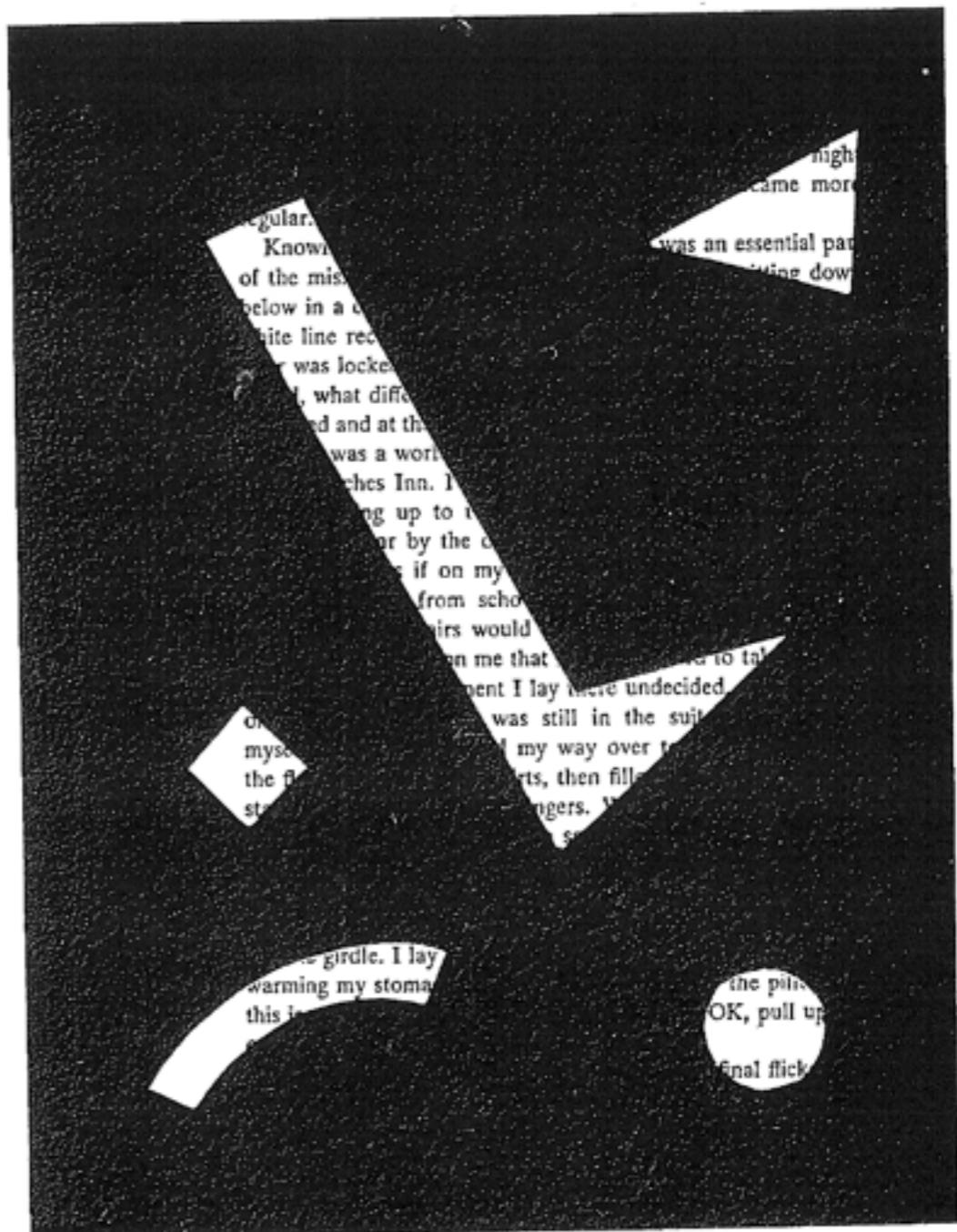


Figure 17c.

Caroline Bergvall, *Via*

1. Along the journey of our life half way
I found myself again in a dark wood
wherein the straight road no longer lay
(Dale, 1996)
2. At the midpoint in the journey of our life
I found myself astray in a dark wood
For the straight path had vanished.
(Creagh and Hollander, 1989)
3. HALF over the wayfaring of our life,
Since missed the right way, through a
night-dark wood
Struggling, I found myself.
(Musgrave, 1893)
4. Half way along the road we have to go,
I found myself obscured in a great forest,
Bewildered, and I knew I had lost the way.
(Sisson, 1980)
5. Halfway along the journey of our life
I woke in wonder in a sunless wood
For I had wandered from the narrow way
(Zappulla, 1998)
6. HALFWAY on our life's journey, in a wood,
From the right path I found myself astray.
(Heaney, 1993)

Simon Lawrence and Michele Lent Hirsch, @stopandfrisk



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police use force to stop a 15-year-old in the Bronx, citing "suspect acting as a lookout." No weapon is found.



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police stop a 23-year-old in the Bronx, citing "furtive movements." No weapon is found.



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police stop a 36-year-old in Brooklyn, citing "fits a relevant description." No weapon is found.



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police stop a 44-year-old in Queens, citing "suspect acting as a lookout." No weapon is found.



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police stop a 20-year-old in Brooklyn, citing "furtive movements." No weapon is found.



Darius Kazemi, *Very Old Tweets*

 Very Old Tweets retweeted

 **Ev Williams** @ev · 30 Apr 2006

at warfield for yeah yeah yeah's

  2  2 

 Very Old Tweets retweeted

 **noah glass** @noah · 6 Apr 2006

talking talking talking. No more talking.

  2  1 

 Very Old Tweets retweeted

 **Jack** @jack · 27 Mar 2006

off to yoga

  218  14 

 Very Old Tweets retweeted

 **Tim Roberts** @timroberts · 9 Apr 2006

going to look at apartments with anne

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 Very Old Tweets retweeted

 **Biz Stone** @biz · 15 May 2006

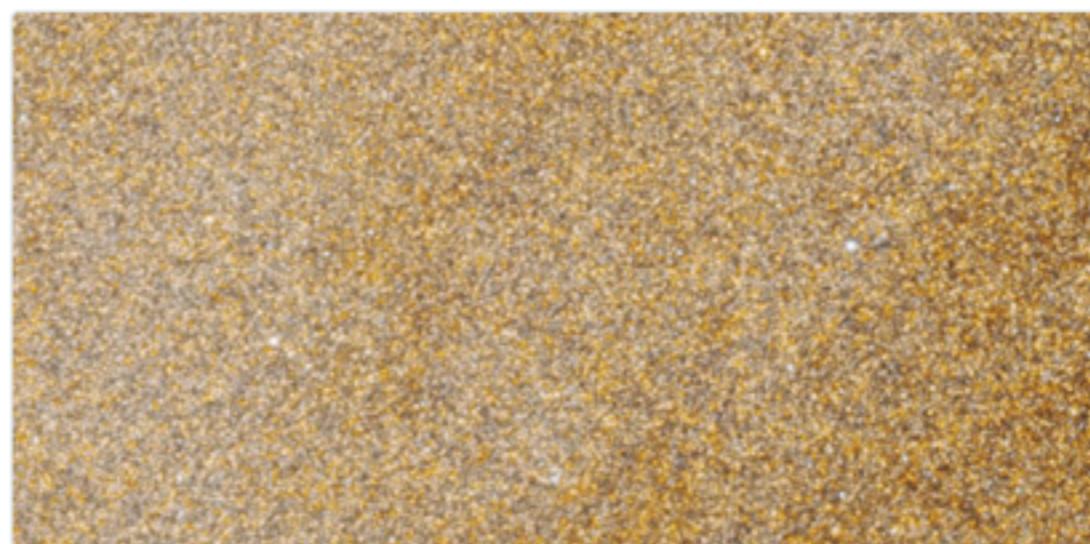
going to have drinks with a friend from high school and her husband who are coincidentally here from nyc and staying at my hotel

  3  2 

Joe Fox, @AndromedaBot

Andromeda @AndromedaBot · 9h

Coordinates: 10928,20910. 1060x1060px



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Andromeda @AndromedaBot · 9h

Coordinates: 60089,8691. 651x651px



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data-driven

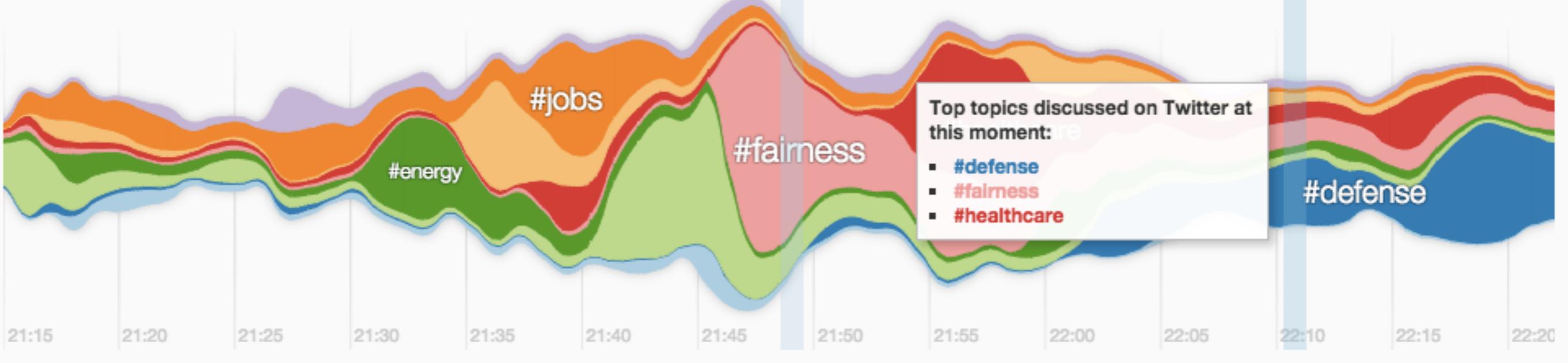
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i got with this guy who was my best friends boyfriends bestfriend if that makes any sense but see he never talked and it was so awkward when we were together so i dumped him and then i realized he was so sweet and i have no clue what to do cuz i feel really bad cuz hes so sweet what should i do

14 mins ago / from someone

WE FEEL FINE

WE
FEEL
FINE



their morale.

Tonight, I ask more of America's business leaders to follow John's lead and do what you can to raise your employees' wages. To every mayor, governor, and state legislator in America, I say, you don't have to wait for Congress to act; Americans will support you if you take this on. And as a chief executive, I intend to lead by example. Profitable corporations like Costco see higher wages as the smart way to boost productivity and reduce turnover. We should too. In the coming weeks, I will issue an Executive Order requiring federal contractors to pay their federally-funded employees a fair wage of at least \$10.10 an hour – because if you cook our troops' meals or wash their dishes, you shouldn't have to live in poverty.

Of course, to reach millions more, Congress needs to get on board. Today, the federal minimum wage is worth about twenty percent less than it was when Ronald Reagan first stood here. Tom Harkin and George Miller have a bill to fix that by lifting the minimum wage to \$10.10. This will help families. It will give businesses customers with more money to spend.

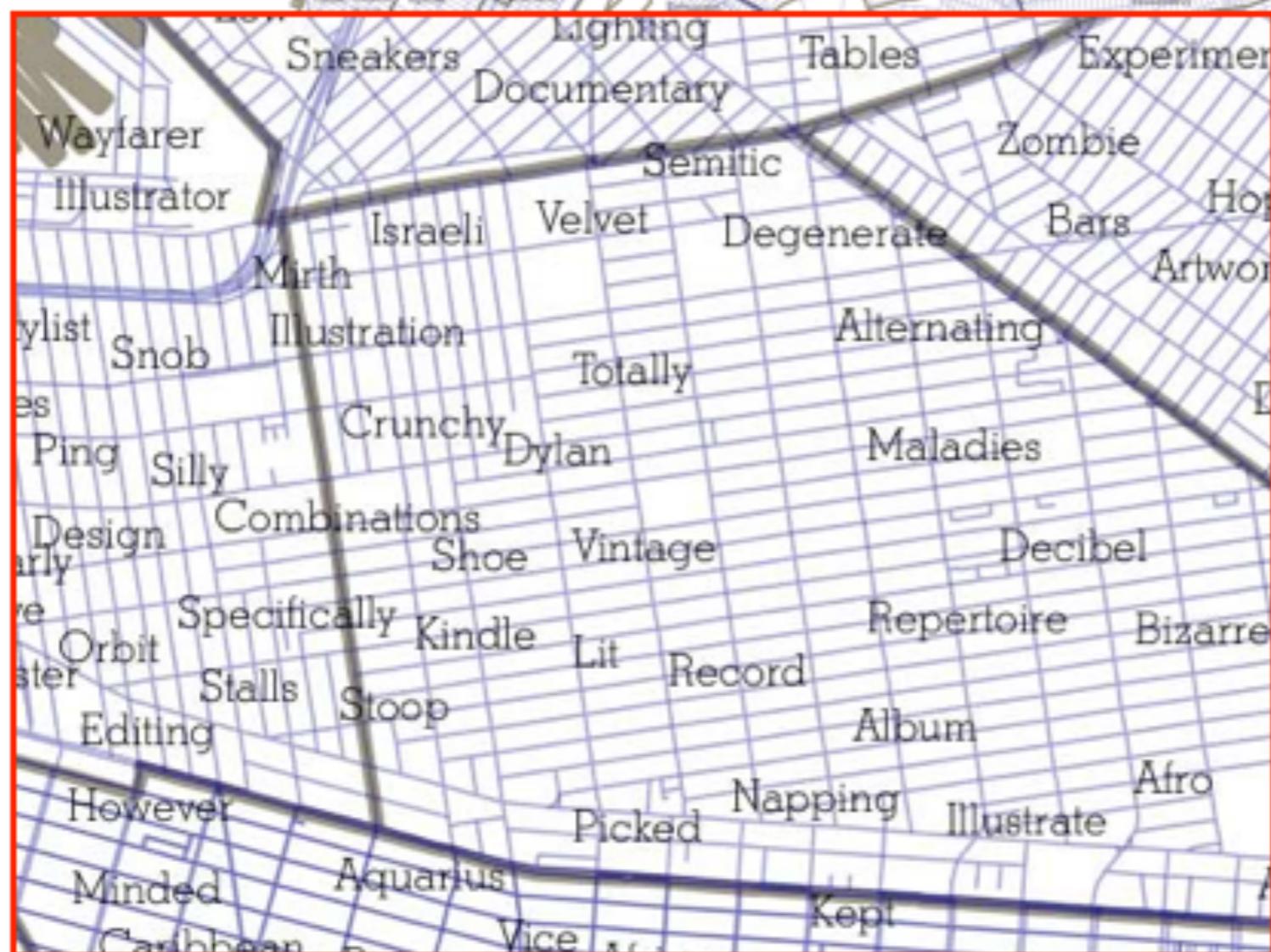
Real-time engagement distribution on Twitter for this paragraph



Map for #fairness

- #budget
- #defense
- #education
- #energy
- #fairness**
- #healthcare
- #immigration
- #jobs
- #taxes

DUBOIS



Ivy Baumgarten, And Now Imagine



And Now Imagine @AndNowImagine • 20h

Imagine what most coffee-drinkers are like before their morning brew. Now imagine stabbing someone with this knife lol

◀ ▶ 1 ★ ...



And Now Imagine @AndNowImagine • 21h

Imagine reading a book of all the lies youve told. Now imagine being a bud tender

◀ ▶ ★ ...



And Now Imagine @AndNowImagine • 21h

Imagine getting into a food fight with your boyfriend. Now imagine being a Villa fan, jesus

◀ ▶ ★ ...



And Now Imagine @AndNowImagine • 22h

Imagine me cooking for four men. Now imagine everyone on /int/ just looks like their country stereotypes

Ranjit Bhatnagar, *Pentametron*

 Pentametron retweeted

 **savannah skelton**  @gotchalk06 · 12h
the Super Bowl commercials are the best 

  3  1 

 Pentametron retweeted

 **Josh** @Joshx13_ · 12h
Why these commercials making me depressed?

  30  18 

 Pentametron retweeted

 **Maria Collinso** @ijamesuq29 · 12h
I have an older sister, David said.

  1  

 Pentametron retweeted

 **elvis presley** @elvisrock247 · 12h
Id rather watch the puppy bowl instead

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Thricedotted, Wikisext

how 2 sext @wikisext · Feb 1

sext: you spend time moving your bristles at and below the gum line, where it is most important to clean while i find my fluoride mouthwash

  2  5 

how 2 sext @wikisext · Feb 1

sext: you gradually find my file or folder that you want to hide while i set hidden items to display

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how 2 sext @wikisext · Feb 1

sext: i carelessly tell goofy jokes as you desperately spend more time learning from kids

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how 2 sext @wikisext · Jan 31

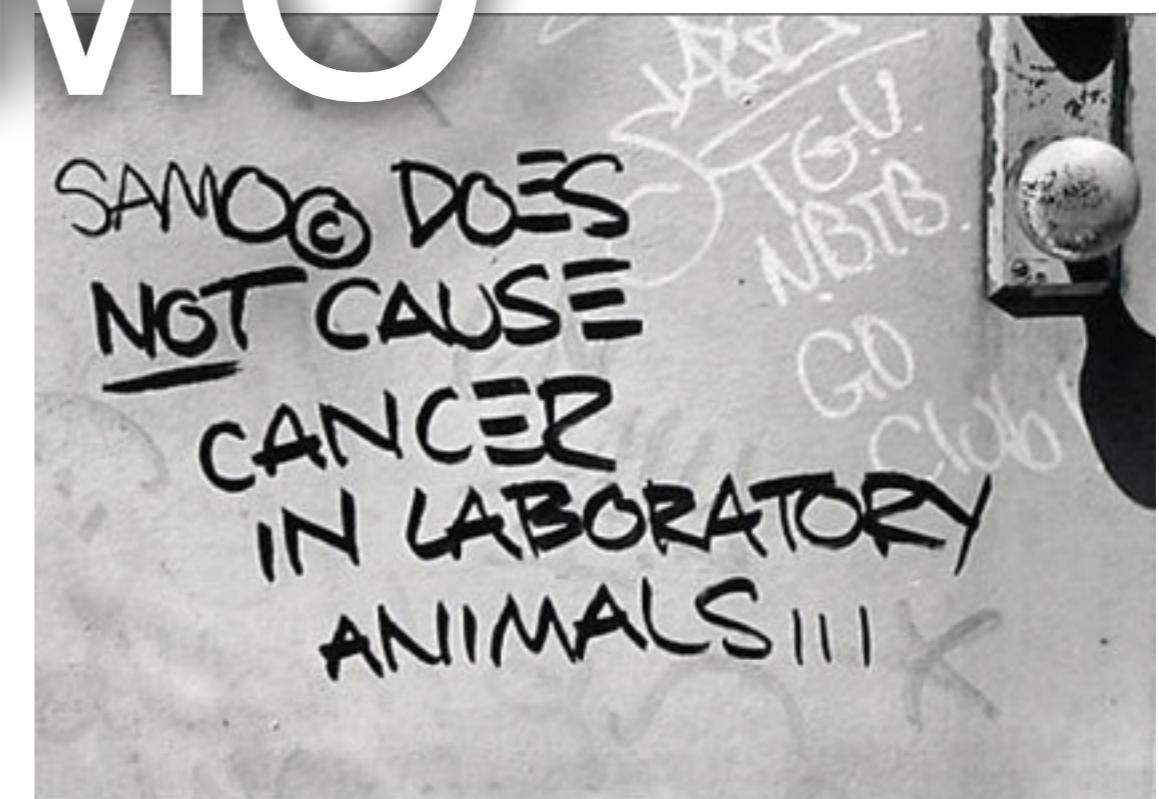
sext: you daringly learn to recognize your feelings while i daringly interpret my emotional response to events

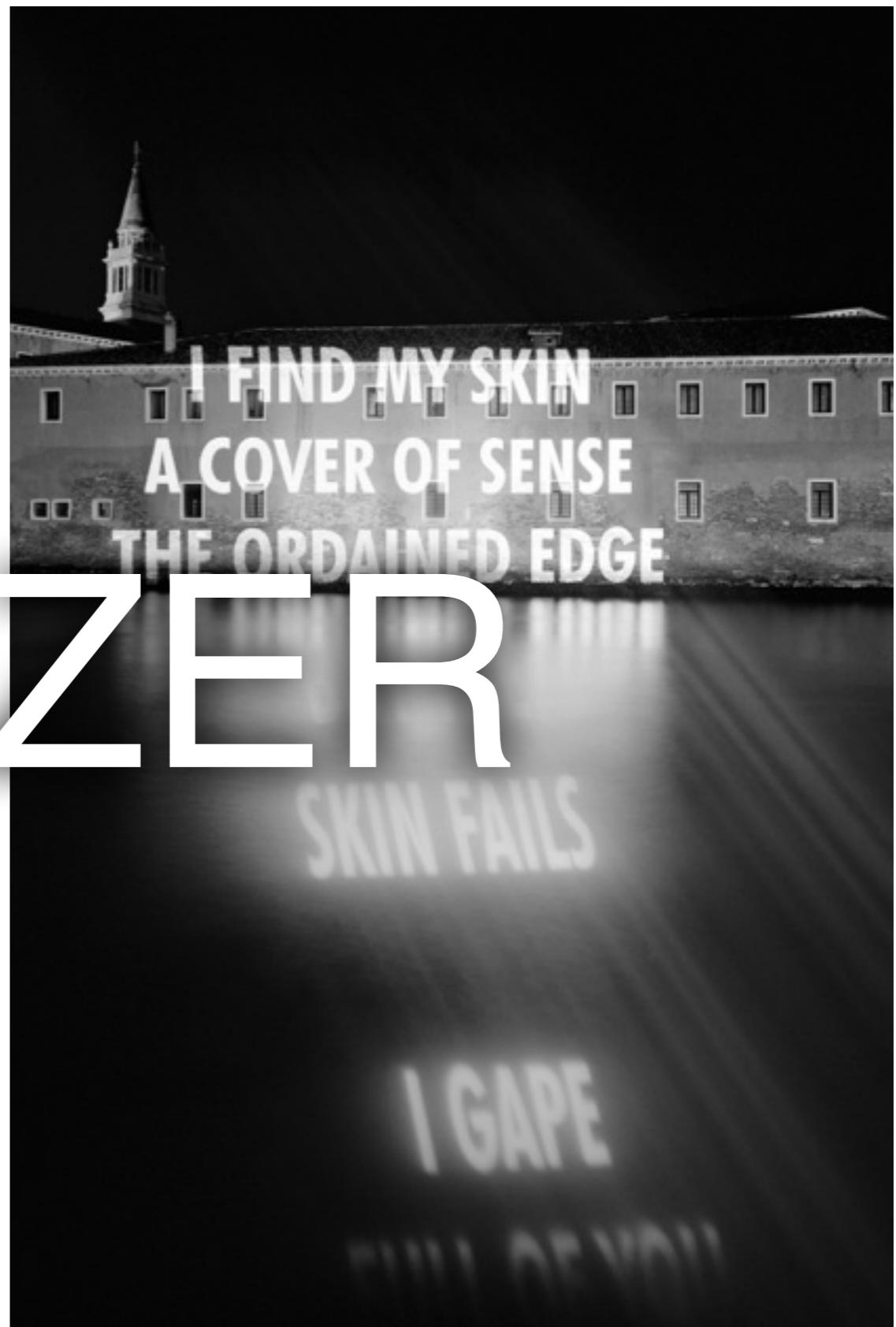
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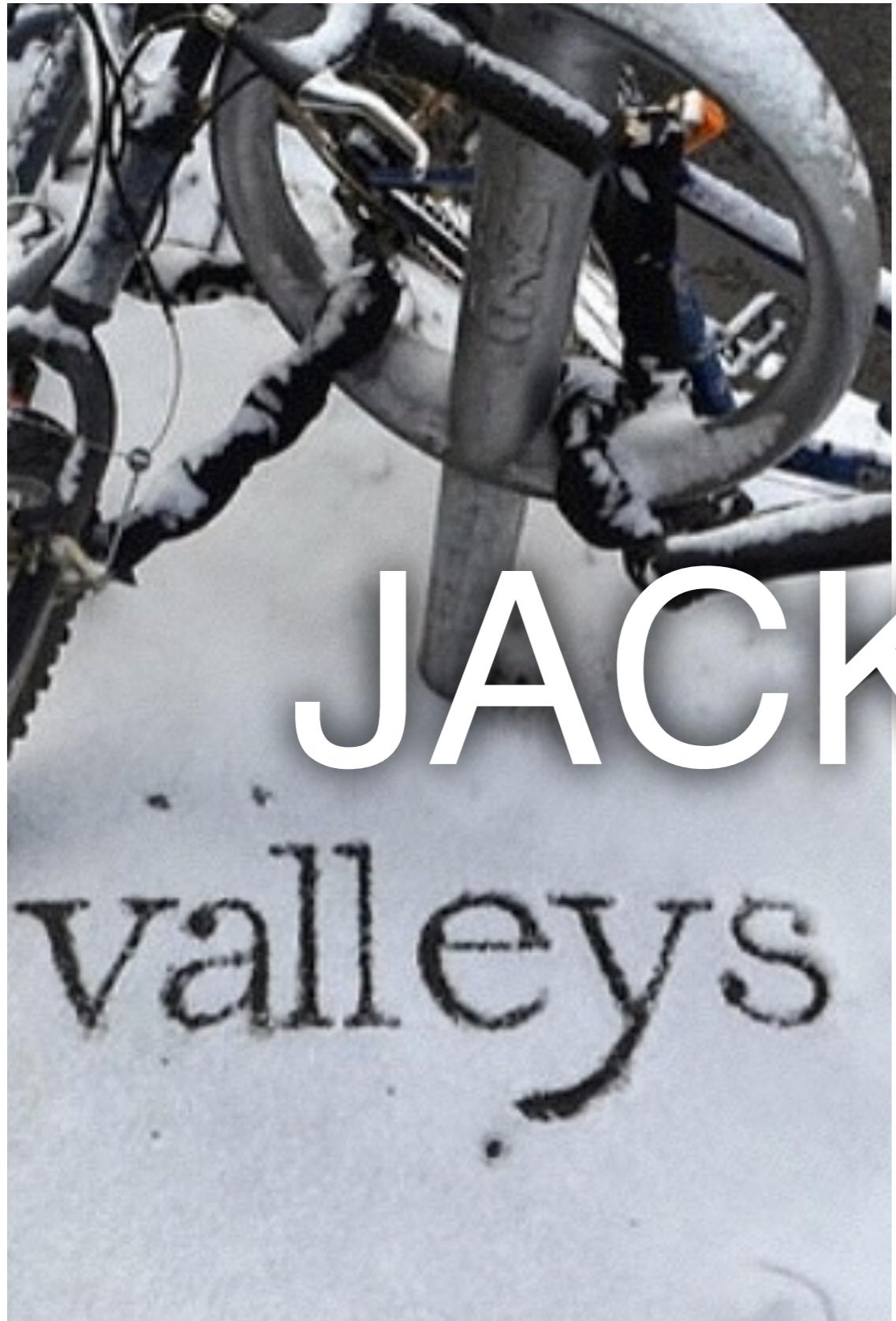
graffiti



SAMO







Darius Kazemi, Am I Rite Bot



AmIRite Bot @AmIRiteBot · Jan 31

Drinks On Us Remix? More like Drinks On Acquiesce Remix, amirite?



AmIRite Bot @AmIRiteBot · Jan 31

NFL Hall of Fame? More like NFL Hall of Same, amirite?



AmIRite Bot @AmIRiteBot · Jan 31

Uncle Creepy? More like Uncle Sleepy, amirite?



AmIRite Bot @AmIRiteBot · Jan 31

#ReedOnYouNow? More like Reed Dhahran You Now, amirite?



AmIRite Bot @AmIRiteBot · Jan 31

NFL Honors? More like NFL Conners, amirite?



Casey Kolderup, wow rude

Allison Parrish
@aparrish

today in poetic conceptnet lemmatization errors,



grind — *Antonym* → sky
ground is not sky

RETWEETS 3 FAVORITES 11

5:02 PM - 15 Dec 2014

Reply to @aparrish

wow rude @wwwrude · Dec 15
@aparrish wow rude



Allison Parrish
@aparrish

I feel like cats do very little architecture and what architecture they DO engage in should be encouraged



FAVORITES
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4:38 PM - 9 Aug 2014

Reply to @aparrish

wow rude @wwwrude · Aug 9
@aparrish wow rude



Katie Rose Pipkin, *Tiny Star Fields*



bots are not
(necessarily)

interactive
intelligent
visual
twitter-specific

<https://twitter.com/ckolderup/lists/the-fall-of-humanity/members>

<http://www.decontextualize.com/>