

The Missing Piece in My Life

It's truly a wonder as to how I survived so long without it. I must have taken my blessings for granted because I hardly noticed it missing once it was gone.

But for years, I longed for something that I couldn't quite define. I searched the globe far and wide without a clue in sight.

And then it hit me like a great wave of power, like the first breath of a drowning man, like a flash of lightning bringing visibility to a dark sky. The missing piece? A vanity desk.

That's right! You heard me! A vanity desk! That's the missing piece in my life.

How could I have known?

I know what you're thinking. A vanity desk for a man? Aren't those for women? What kind of a man needs a place to look at himself and a place for his belongings and a place to groom? What kind of man needs a place to sit while he slowly analyzes the age of his body, while he ponders the future of himself and the legacy he might leave?

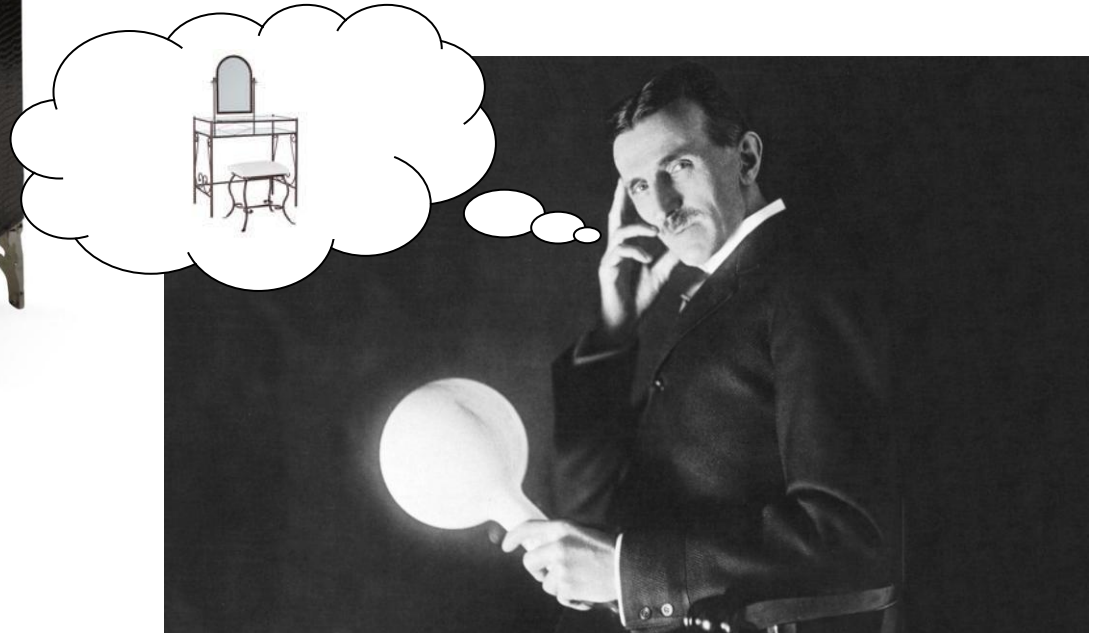
Well, I tell you dammit!

Albert Einstein.

Nikola Tesla.

George Washington.

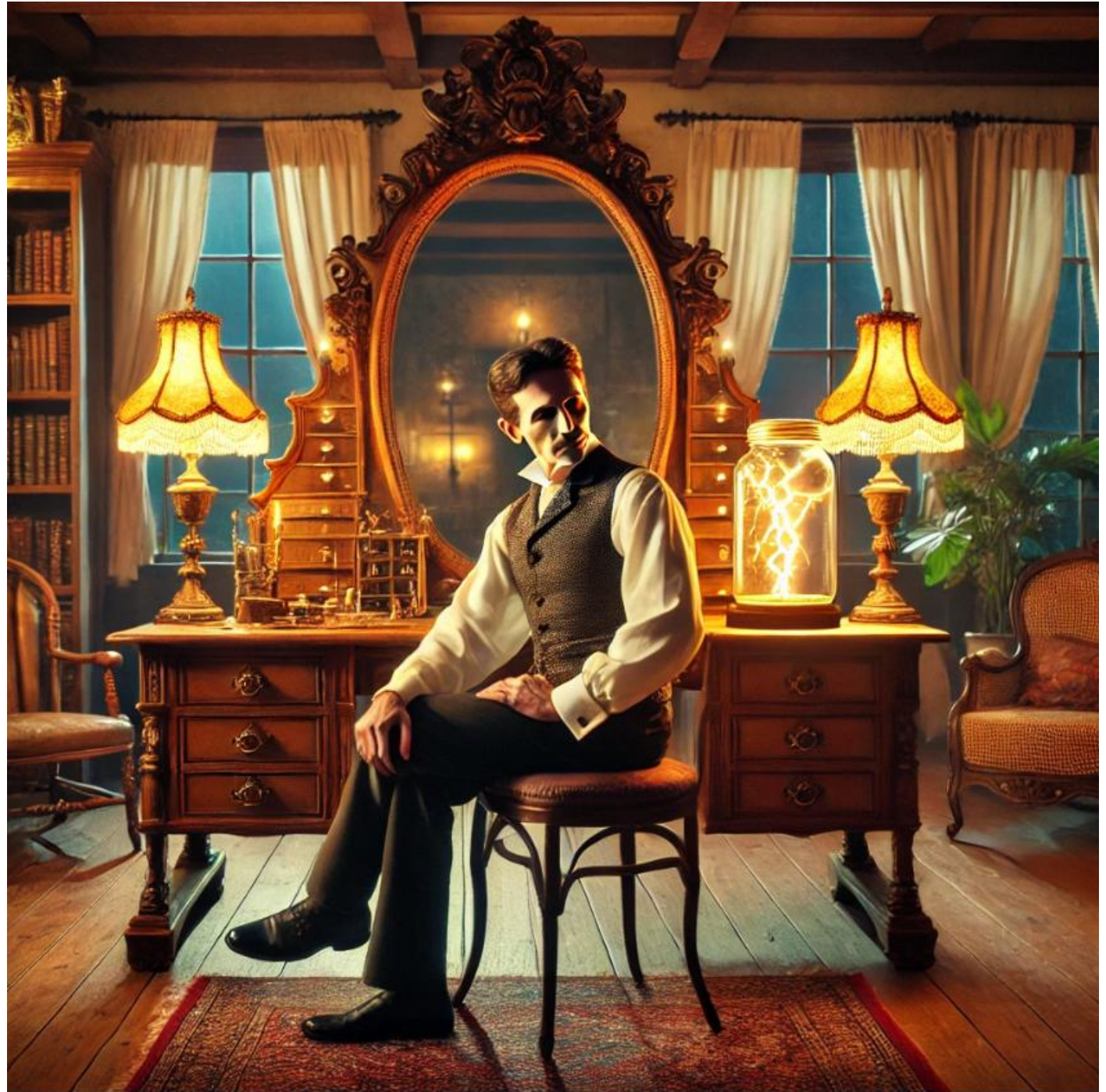
In fact, below are some famous, historical images of them in front of their revered vanities.



Okay, so maybe I lied about the great men and their vanities. But who's to say those great men didn't have vanities. I mean, imagine the possibilities. How could they not have had vanities? That's the question.

Check out those wood floors. How 'bout that.

Lightning in a glass – that's the kind of power that goes to a man with a vanity.





I asked ChatGPT to generate these good-looking images for me because ChatGPT knows what I'm talking about.

ChatGPT is creative.

ChatGPT isn't sexist.

ChatGPT probably has its own vanity desk, I'm sure.

Jeff Bezos is Still Fascinating

Since he retired, he hasn't come out to give many interviews. But lucky us, he gave the public an hour of his time just two days ago when he was interviewed at The New York Times DealBook Summit.

Among the things he talked about was his trip to space and how it made him realize how much his family loves him. They showed great concern for his life before he went up to space. He could've died, of course.

Then there was his comment about being one of the richest people in the world. He never likes to be questioned about that, but this time he answered differently. He suggested to the interviewer to focus on the wealth he (and other billionaires) created for people around the globe. Bezos has \$200 billion in Amazon stock. The rest of the Amazon stock, which he once owned, is now worth \$2.2 trillion, which other people now own. His contributions have made many people very wealthy.

I'm seriously grateful to Bezos every day. I don't own any Amazon stock. But because of him, I don't have to spend hours at crowded grocery stores, shopping for my weekly supplies. I simply order them online. Because of him, I wear relatively inexpensive, high-quality pants that fit me. And they show up right to my doorstep. Amazon makes pants with 28" inseams; People who need 28" inseams or shorter inseams normally must pay a premium for that, but not on Amazon.

He founded Amazon in 1994 (the year I was born – perfect timing). It started as an online bookstore. Now he owns the Washington Post Newspaper and a rocket company with big dreams. Most people know that, but I'm not sure everyone appreciates it as much as I do.

Speaking of pants, here's a recording of President Lyndon B. Johnson ordering 6 pairs of custom pants on a White House phone in 1964. It's hilarious. And it's the only way to order pants, in my opinion. Once I'm that rich, I'll do the same.

[LBJ Orders Pants - YouTube](#)

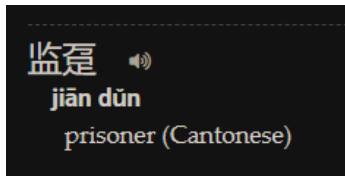


A Watch Brand for Prisoners of Time

So, I recently bought a one-handed watch in 24-hour-format (military time). I just thought it looked cool, and I liked the idea of it. I also liked the visual aspect of it. But I really couldn't understand why someone would name a watch company, **Jiandun**. With a name like that, they might as well have called it, **Cheapest**, or **LowLife**, or **ShitCat**.

Being the nerd that I am, I looked up the definition/meaning of, **Jiandun**, assuming it was a Japanese word.

Well, it turns out, it's the Chinese word for **prisoner**.



What's that about!

What's more ironic is that the back of the watch plate has a palm tree on it with a quote that reads, "Jiandun, life is a journey." I swear, I can't make this up.

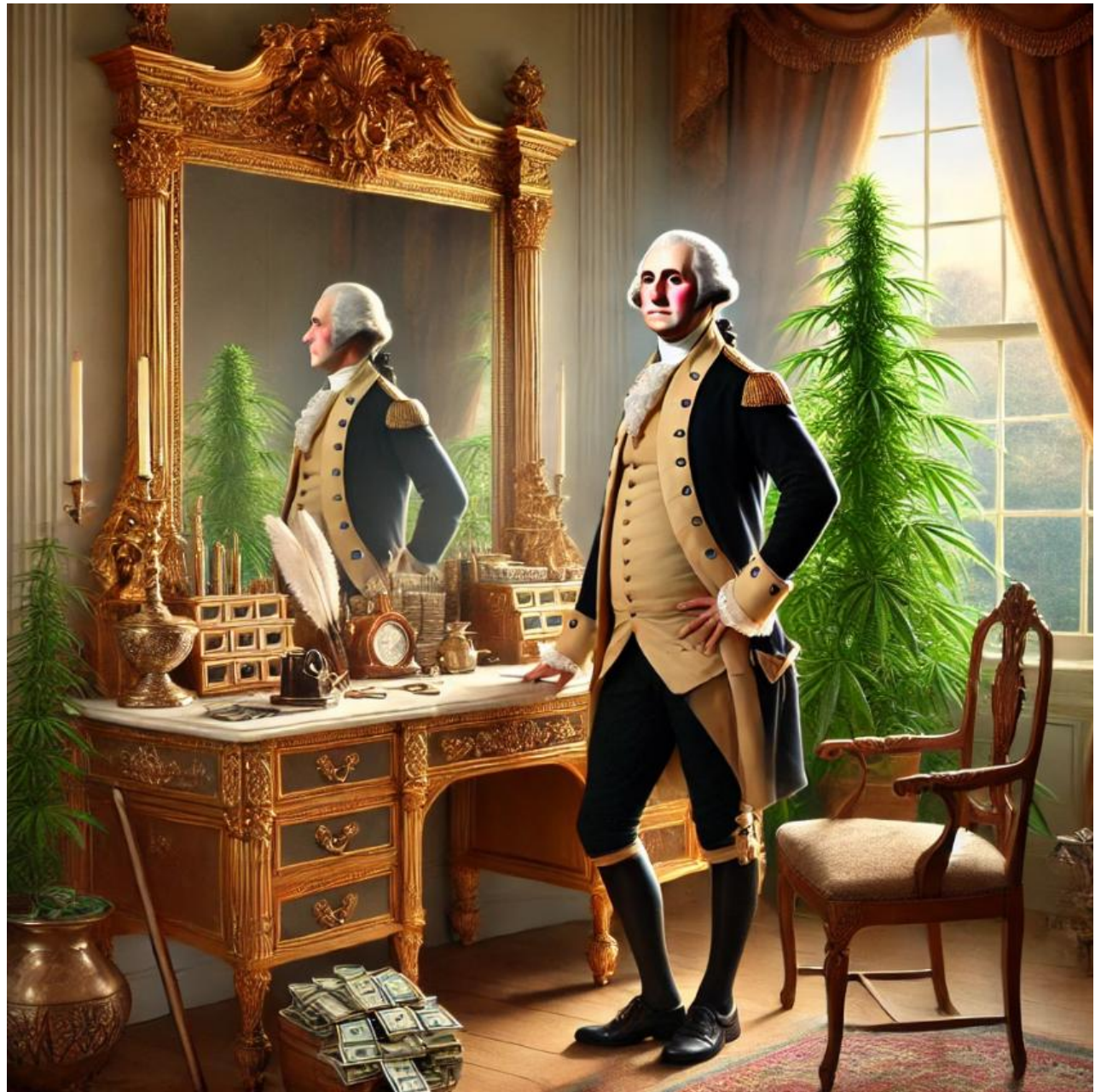


Oh, there's George Washington and his vanity

Those are hemp (marijuana) plants in the background because he was, in fact, the owner of a hemp plantation. The heights he rose to will forever be remembered.

But, also, he was a slave owner. Not cool, Washington. Not cool.

And yes, I am currently building a custom vanity desk. It's just temporary until I can afford something better.



With Love,

Vincent

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