

# Grasping Reality with Both Hands

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**Reporters without Borders:** *The Uncensored Library* <https://www.uncensoredlibrary.com/en...>

**Wikipedia:** *Adalbert von Bredow* [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adalbert\\_von\\_Bredow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adalbert_von_Bredow): ‘Von Bredow married Dr. Elise Cäcilie Friederike Kühne in 1849. It took a lot of convincing to get her to go out with him... [a] known and respected academic and long head of university departments...

**Aliette de Bodard:** *The Inaccessibility of Heaven* <https://uncannymagazine.com/article/the-inaccessibility-of-heaven/>: ‘Night. A night like any other in Starhollow: the headlights of cars, small and lost between the skyscrapers; the smell of hydromel and wine wafting from those few bars still open; and above me, the distant light of the stars, a constant reminder of the inaccessibility of Heaven...

**Julie E. Czerneda:** *The Big Idea* <https://whatever.scalzi.com/2020/08/12/the-big-idea-julie-e-czerneda-2/>: ‘Alien Squabbles? Worlds in Conflict? Come to the Web Shifter’s Library! The library in question is the All Species’ Library of Linguistics and Culture. It began, quite simply, as a way for trouble to find my characters: Esen-alit-Quar, the semi-immortal shapeshifting Web-being, and her Human friend, Paul Ragem...

**Rob Beschizza:** *Ilhan Omar Thrashes Well-Funded Primary Challenger* <https://boingboing.net/2020/08/12/illhan-omar-thrashes-well-fund.html>: ‘Minnesota Democrat Ilhan Omar fended off a well-funded challenger in yesterday's primary election and is and is now all but certain to retain her seat in November's general. Antone Melton-Meaux raised millions in the 5th district race but conceded...

**Elizabeth Choe & al.:** *Becoming the Next Bill Nye: Writing and Hosting the Educational Show* <https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/biological-engineering/20-219-becoming-the-next-bill-nye-writing-and-hosting-the-educational-show-january-iap-2015/instructor-insights/...>

**Williams-Sonoma Taste:** *Chicken with Mustard Cream Sauce* <https://blog.williams-sonoma.com/chicken-with-mustard-cream-sauce/...>

*Naked Wines* <http://nakedwines.com...>

**Mark Frauenfelder:** *"Phoenix Checklist": The Plan* <https://boingboing.net/2019/02/28/heres-the-cias-phoenix-c.html>: 'The "Phoenix Checklist" is a set of questions developed by the CIA to define and think about a problem, and how to develop a solution...

## Plus:

**Kirby Ferguson:** *QAnon, Conspiracy Theories, and the Rise of Magical Thinking* <https://kottke.org/20/08/qanon-conspiracy-theories-and-the-rise-of-magical-thinking>: ‘1. Obsession with symbols and codes (e.g. pizza as a “deep state” code for child trafficking). 2. Dot connecting (e.g. linking 5G with Covid-19). 3. Behind every event is a plan concocted by a person (e.g. Soros and the “deep state” conspiracy). 4. Purity (e.g. the Satanic panic and heavy metal music). 5. Apocalypse is nigh (e.g. the “deep state” again). 6. Preoccupation with good and evil (e.g. liberals are not only wrong but evil)...

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