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Preface

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I was very happy writing them. It's a funny and a crooked way to understand history and science.

I hope you too, you love them.

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Dedication

To all who ever felt inadequate.

Origin of Cooking Food

01

Once upon a time, at the end of the rainy season, on the tenth month, when the grass was turning dry, a big thunder struck the nearby forest and a big fire started. The whole forest almost burned down.

When the fire calmed down, the men went to check what happened, and there were plenty of burned dead animals, roasted by the fire and smelling deliciously.

The men cut some of the roasted meat and found it was more delicious than the raw one they used to eat.

They never ate something so good! They licked their fingers endlessly, and had very shiny mouths they wished they never had to clean. The taste of fire roasted meat sparked the cooking of the food revolution which proved to be one of the biggest discoveries for human evolution.

Cooking food makes it more nutritious, because it provides more calories than raw food. Thus, humans started cooking food, and since then roasted meat always unites humans!

Origin of clothing and ugliness

02

For a long time, humans enjoyed life naked and happy, like all other animals. Everyone loved being naked.

It happened along the way, that King Gbogbo's first wife gave birth to a baby boy with visible deformities and wrinkled skin. The baby was looking ugly.

At the time, the normal thing to do is to put children with deformities to death.

But this was the King's son and his wife refused to give up on her baby. The King required that the child be covered at all times.

The King's wife started making garments to cover the baby boy. She put so much time and attention into making garments for the boy ever more colorful, ever more stylish, and ever more varied.

The King's son's garments became a sensation in the Savanna. Visitors to the King's court would always praise the King's son, telling the King his son is the most handsome child in the world.

Other moms seeing how the King's son looked in garments started making garments for their own children.

Thus, garments became a thing for humans, always there to hide anything we do not want the world to know about.

Thus, humans lost their hairy skin as time passed.

Women invented language

03

Once upon a time, humans did not have spoken or written language. Like animals, humans used pheromones, mumbles, cries, shouting, and force to communicate.

Women used to stay at home to care for children while the men went into the wild to seek food.

In the wild, men did not communicate much. They would not make any noise, but instead, communicate with gestures to ambush animals or enemies.

Back home, women had to spend time caring for children and educating them. As the number of children grew larger, women faced a big problem when they wished to call their own children back home. To solve the problem, women started giving names to their children so that they could call them. Each child should have a unique name.

Thus, giving names to children was the beginning of language.

Soon after, women found it very amusing to invent new whistles as they needed, and slowly were communicating with more coded whistles and gestures, more numerous, more various, and more elaborate.

The men noticed that their women became very whistly, and could communicate with whistles that they did not understand.

At the beginning, this did not worry the men too much, but they soon found out that their children were also using these same whistles to speak with their mothers without them understanding anything.

Suddenly, the men felt like strangers at home. Women created a language



they spoke between themselves and with the children leaving them in the dark.

King Gbogbo was worried and asked a man to hide behind the bush during the day to record all the whistles the women and children were using.

The man started secretly decoding the women's whistles and transcribed them onto a stone, giving rise to writing.

Thus, women invented language, and men invented writing to catch up. Since then, women have had more verbal skills than men and men have had to be content with catching up with writing.

Fire, Gift and Power

04

Remember our last story, when humans tasted fire roasted meat from the thunder forest fire, and loved it?

Yes! They loved cooked meat so much that they did not want to eat raw meat anymore. Women, and children shunned raw food or ate it with grim faces. Unfortunately, humans did not yet have any idea how to make fire and they did not keep any from the last thunder forest fire.

No fire, no delicious meat!

Gbogbo got an idea. The next time the thunder would spark a forest fire, he will steal some of the fire and keep it at his place forever. That was what he did.

When the next thunder started yet another forest fire, Gbogbo took some of the burning wood home, and made a burning place at the back of this house, protected from wind and rain.

He designed a clever system to keep the fire alive at all times. Soon, everyone came to ask Gbogbo for fire.

When they came for fire, they would bring Gbogbo gifts in exchange. Gbogbo became like a fire seller. The demand was high, and Gbogbo was the only person who knew how to keep fire.

Thus, fire became the first traded item in the history of humanity and paying fire with a gift sparked the first real commerce. Gbogbo became very rich, respected, and also feared because of his mastery of the mysterious fire.

Thus, and since then, those who master the power of fire rule the world, and receive immense tribute.

Origin of music

05

Once upon a time, the children were running around playing with the dogs. Two of the children were wearing necklaces made of snail shells around their necks.

The sound of the shells touching each other became rhythmic when the children ran or jumped, moved left or right, shook or swirled.

The game was becoming interesting with the sound of the shells, and the children got more excited and more creative.

Soon, the children did not need the dogs to play. They just wore their snail shell necklaces and did different moves to get various rhythms they were pleased with.

The children tried more moves that created more rhythms and sounds. They sought out more shells of different sizes and shapes and made more necklaces, footlaces, handlaces, waist laces.

This was becoming more and more interesting, day by day, making the village more alive with dance and sound. The adults were delighted with the sound when the children did their joyful dances.

Thus, dance created music. (Not the other way around).

How the missionary position came to be?

06

The animal-like position from the back was the most common one. Until a strong man with a small joystick became frustrated and decided to turn his partner on her back. He succeeded in having a good time for the first time.

It was an awful moment in history, very barbaric indeed. An animal, let alone a human on its back is either dead, defeated, or wounded. Therefore putting his partner on her back was a historical barbaric moment. Only a strong man could have done that.

Incidentally, the lady noticed that the new position was less painful for her legs and back, and for the first time she felt something deeper inside her and enjoyed it. Furthermore, she became pregnant faster than her friends, triggering envy from the other ladies.

Such a lucky conjunction led to a viral gossip among women in the jungle. Now other ladies started requesting that position.

Thus, the missionary position became a fashion, which never faded. Missionary position was a huge innovation for human survival. Thus, it always takes a strong man with a small joystick to make history.

Origin of prison

07

Earlier, all wrongdoers were killed or banished. Then one day, the son of King Gbogbo did a very bad thing. The King loved his son so much. He confided his sorrow to the elders' council.

Everyone at the court can see how sad and depressed the King became. He cried secretly at the idea of his son being executed.

But the law is the law. The King's son was brought outside for execution. At a point, just before the execution, the eldest of the elders stepped out and said to the crowd who gathered to witness the execution: "This night, I had a revelation from the ancestors. The ancestors spoke to me, that there should be a purgatory on Earth for all wrongdoers. We should build such a place and put the King's son in there instead."

Thus, the law was changed not to banish or execute wrongdoers but to put them in a jail for some time for their heart and soul to heal. Thus, a place for bad people was constructed. They called it "Prison" which was the name of the King's son.

Origin of civilization: Grand mom 08

Once upon a time, humans lived from foraging. Foraging meant they went around picking up wild fruits, beans, cereals, and scavenging animals killed by other animals for food. They did not grow their own plants, fruits, or raise animals.

One day, while on the way to the river, Gbogbo's wife was attacked by a beast and killed. The baby boy she was carrying was miraculously saved and recovered by others and brought back home to Gbogbo.

Gbogbo was devastated. He lost his father earlier to a beast, and now his wife was killed by another beast. He is now left alone with his mother and son. Who will care for the baby? His mother was already aging. In those times, old men and women who could not follow the pack because of old age were left behind to die either from starvation or eaten by other animals.

Gbogbo's mother started caring for the baby boy, but soon she could not keep moving at the pace of the clan. Gbogbo had no choice but to stop following the clan and settle with his mom at a location on top of a hill.

Thus, the first settlement of humans was created because a grandmother caring for her grandchild could not keep moving. Thus Gbogbo settlement sparked civilization, and its myriad of innovations we know today.

How humans became bipeds

09

Earlier, humans were walking on four legs like most animals. Also like other animals, each human was responsible for feeding himself, foraging. Children were briefly assisted but had to quickly become independent to feed themselves.

After our greatest ancestor Gbogbo lost his father and his wife, both eaten by beasts. He decided to move out of the forest and settle with his mother and his son in the savanna where they started the first human permanent settlement.

In those days Gbogbo alone had to go out to fetch food for his mother and his son. However, once he got a second wife and more children, bringing food home became more difficult for him because the only way four-legged animals could carry food is with their mouth. Gbogbo had to make tens of rounds to bring food back home.

One day, Gbogbo got some very nice fruits to bring home. They were big and round like melons and Gbogbo couldn't bring them home with his mouth. Almost instinctively, Gbogbo crossed his two front legs over his chest and grabbed two melons and started moving on his rear legs bent toward home. That was the moment!

Slowly and painfully, Gbogbo reached the settlement without using his mouth to carry any of the fruits. Although he felt much pain in his back, he also felt that it was a much better way of carrying. The next day he repeated the experience of crossing his front legs over the chest to carry more and more food home.

Soon, he discovered that he had to make fewer rounds to bring food back home for his family.

As Gbogbo's children kept seeing him walking on his two rear legs, they found it funny and started imitating their father, laughing while doing it more and more like a playground game.

Once Gbogbo's first two children became old enough they would follow their father to the forest. All three would walk on their rear legs coming back with hands full of provisions.

The ladies were also curious about that new walking fashion and soon found it convenient. They too started crossing their front legs over the chest to carry their babies to breastfeed.

Unintentionally, the bipedal walking exposed the sex of the males to be at all time visible to everyone. Gbogbo's family grew more quickly because the women became hornier than before.

In those days, when Gbogbo's family entered the forest they appeared bigger, louder and more agile. They could see further, escape danger better, and were more successful in hunting. Slowly, other humans and animals started imitating the way of Gbobo's family.

Thus, humans transitioned to bipeds permanently.

Why humans started wearing loincloth to hide their private part

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Once humans became bipeds, they faced a new problem. Their private parts, especially male private parts, became at all times visible to others. In the beginning it was fun because it led to more mating.

However, as the population grew, things became a bit complicated. Male humans with bigger joysticks were attracting a lot of females. Even females engaged to others were seen around the big joystick males. This created a lot of trouble. Females with well-rounded puffy parts were also attracting a lot of males. Even males engaged to others, could not help winking at the well-rounded females. Again, this created more trouble.

Humans became very obsessed with their private parts. Males wanted bigger joysticks and females pumped up their private parts to impress the opposite sex. Promiscuity became a big problem and fights broke out frequently among males and females.

The emerging human civilization was in danger. So one day, Gbogbo, our greatest ancestor, decided that everyone should hide their private parts. Thus, humans started using loincloths to hide their private parts.

That was one of the biggest decisions in human history which helped a lot to minimize conflicts

The origin of agriculture

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The first humans were foragers. They went around picking up wild fruits, beans, cereals, and scavenging animals killed by other animals. Humans also did not stay at the same place all the time. They moved from place to place, from temporary settlement to another temporary settlement. They were wanderers.

When they ate fruits and vegetables they threw the seeds around their settlements. When they crushed cereals, some fell around the settlement. Soon, these seeds would sprout around the settlement, but humans would either weed them out like any other weeds around their settlement, or leave the place for another.

It happened in a year that food became very scarce, and Gbogbo's family was wandering around and accidentally came back to one of their previous settlements and found half a dozen papaya trees with ripe fruits. There were also a lot of chili plants and a bush of mature cereals. They enjoyed stuffing their bellies with fruits. While napping,

Gbogbo suddenly had an aha moment.

"The papayas are from our eating".

He collected the seeds of the papayas they ate and sprayed them around the settlement. He then took some chili and cereal seeds and sprayed them around too. Gbogbo forbade anyone to weed them out.

Thus, papaya and chili became the very first plants ever farmed. This started the farming revolution.

Dog Domestication

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In the distant past, Gbogbo, the hunter, ambushed a small animal at a river bank and shot it. While going to fetch the killed animal, Gbogbo saw five puppies in the bush. They were the infants of the killed animal.

Looking at the puppies Gbogbo's eyes turned wet. He remembered how his wife was killed while on the way to the river and since then his son has been motherless.

He took the five puppies in his hunter's bag and brought them home. To his amazement, the puppies and his son became instantly very close, playing all day long. This made his son very happy and less dependent on care from his father or his grandmother. Gbogbo was very content with the puppies. Seeing his son and the puppies play always makes him very emotional.

When people visited Gbogbo, they would see how the puppies barked loudly warning Gbogbo of any incoming visitors, and how the puppies were very sweet while playing with the boy.

When people asked Gbogbo what animal those puppies were, he would say "Dog" which means "Destiny".

Later, when Gbogbo became very powerful, he forbade the killing and eating of dogs, and gave a puppy to each member of his court. From then on, everyone wanted a dog like at Gbogbo's court.

Thus, Dog became a domestic animal with its destiny tied to humans.

Origin of war

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As we have learned earlier, Gbogbo was the very first human who has domesticated fire. This meant other humans had to go to Gbogbo to get fire. He received gifts from giving out fire, and became very rich.

Soon, he found himself with numerous wives because people kept giving him their daughters to marry, because there was always plenty of food at Gbogbo settlement, and being affiliated to Gbogbo meant access to fire. Gbogbo's growing status and power was seen with envy and jealousy by other men.

One night, on a date unknown, Gbogbo settlement was attacked by a group of jealous men who stole Gbogbo fire, pillaged his warehouse, and poured water on his fireplace to extinguish it. Gbogbo woke up to the event but late. The jealous men had already run away. Gbogbo and his sons gave them a pursuit and with the help of allied families discovered their hideout. Gbogbo troops stormed the hideout and killed them off.

Gbogbo was in such rage that he and his troops carried the dead men on their back like they would carry hunted animals. They were all covered with blood. Gbogbo then severed the heads and put them on sticks they carried around all settlements to show what happened to those who dared to challenge his power.

Later Gbogbo displayed the skulls of the men on sticks around his house. He rebuilt his fireplace, but this time, he kept guards around. Fear spread far and beyond. People bowed to Gbogbo's name.

However, the families of the killed men never stopped thinking about their lost children. They were revengeful, and tirelessly plotted against Gbogbo. Gbogbo, on second thought, felt bad for being so cruel with his enemies, and



started making up stories that would make him look good.

Thus the six things that separate humans were born: luck, wealth, greed, jealousy, theft, revenge, guilt, and lies.

From these six things all ugly things happen between humans.

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After the killing of the men who attacked Gbogbo, their families vowed to avenge them. They united in their efforts and successfully stormed Gbogbo's settlement, killing two of his wives and three of his sons, took his fire and ran away.

Upon return, Gbogbo was so much in pain and rage that he said "gbosso gbassa kotokata ku...Haagbo... Haagbo!" meaning there will be no place on this earth that he would not search to find his enemies and kill them off.

The avengers knew Gbogbo would search every corner of the earth looking for them. So, they headed north, regardless of the unfriendly weather. A group of the fugitives built boats and kept going until they reached the end of the world. Another group went to hide on lands covered with snow. Another group dug holes and buried themselves in caves after crossing the sea.

Thus, nowadays, we have humans all around the world, and most are still afraid when they hear the name of Gbogbo in the thunder.

The origin of ignorance

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The world was created long before humans. When humans came to the world they had so much to learn. Fortunately they were endowed with a marvelous brain. They could see the world as it was and directly accessed any knowledge they wanted.

Unfortunately humans were so enamored with learning and understanding that they had no time for anything else.

The more they learn the more there is to learn. They were obsessed with knowledge. They wanted to learn and discover everything. And that was endless and tiring. Humans just found out that it was impossible for one person to know about everything.

The limitless access to knowledge for everyone made society chaotic, as everyone knows as much as everyone, and no one needed anyone to access knowledge.

Gbogbo the eldest of humans was frustrated by the disunity, the chaos, and the endless quarrels among humans, but hopeful to find a solution. He wanted to shut the doors of perception of the world, and made humans ignorant unless they are taught.

Gbogbo created a magic potion that would be given to all newborns. It was the potion of ignorance. The potion blinded the mind from seeing directly the world, and all newborns would only know what is useful for them to become a functional part of society.

Thus, from then on, humans are born ignorant, and are only shown part of the world's knowledge.

Origin of marriage

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Earlier humans were living like animals without any formal marriage. Women and men were free to enter into relationships with whom they wish. The only law governing relationship was the rule of consent.

Children never belonged to a man in particular but to all the community, and everyone cared about everyone. Unfortunately, one year all the men who slept with a particular woman started complaining about their health, their urine turned bloody and their private parts itched and hurt. The disease started spreading and soon, people stopped all together having relationships with each other, fearing disease. For years, no child was born, and life became dull and unworthy for most.

Thus King Gbogbo ruled that no relationship was permitted before marriage, and marriage was only between a male and a female to build a family.

Thus humans started settling in couples and getting married. Still, the nostalgia of the good old days makes some men and some women behave like in the old times creating troubles.

How some humans became decolored

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At the beginning, all humans were colored, with beautiful sunny skins. However, after the jealous men stole Gbogbo fire and fled to other places on earth, some ended up in very snowy locations. It was very cold and they did not have good clothes.

They looked for holes on the sides of mountains or dug caves to hide. In the caves, it was always dark, and it was difficult for people to see each other. People kept bumping into each other. And, as the population grew, collisions became the biggest cause of social trouble.

The elder of the fugitives asked everyone to use ash to mark their head front, their arms and their legs. That helped only a bit.

However, over time the people's skin started to become lighter and lighter so that they could see each other. Their eyes too lost much of their color. Thus some humans lost their color, became whiter to be able to see each in the dark caves. Thus today we have white people, who are indeed decolored people. In a few centuries, they will be colored again like everyone else.

Invention of religion

18

Remember? Earlier humans got direct access to all knowledge. But this made them so distracted and ever questioning. To solve that problem king Gbogbo made a mescaline potion and humans became ignorant at birth. Ignorance at birth solved the problem of human distraction but ignorant humans started asking questions to the elders

Why are we here?

What is the meaning of life?

Why are leaves green while the sky is blue?

Why do we have flatulence and why does the nose have two holes?

The never ending question got Gbogbo and the elders frustrated. To have peace of mind and be left alone, they invented religion.

Thus religion helps people stay ignorant and stop asking questions.

The First alcohol

19

King Gbogbo favorite drink is a beverage made with banana, honey, and coconut water. He used to enjoy it freshly done and would sip it while relaxing on his hamac.

One day, he was going through his afternoon ritual of relaxing with his favorite drink, when he was interrupted by shouts from the bush. His younger son fell from a tree and was bleeding. He ran to attend to him. In the meantime Gbogbo's wife covered his drink and put it aside in his bedroom.

A few days later, Gbogbo got a bit of fever, and at night wanted to have a drink. He woke up and his first reflex was to take the nearest calabash and drink from it. The drink tasted sour, but after drinking it Gbogbo felt immediately sweaty, then euphoric, like visited by a divine spirit that promptly healed him. The fever was over. Early in the morning, Gbogbo checked the calabash he drank from at night, and it was his favorite drink of a few days ago. He drank the remainder, and again he felt like visited by a divine force, feeling pleasantly euphoric. He liked the feeling. Gbogbo asked his wife to make more of this favorite drink to keep in his bedroom. When someone would fall sick, Gbogbo would pour the sour drink to him. But he, himself, started to drink it just for the euphoric feeling.

He shared the drink with his best friend who liked the feeling too. When he had visitors, he would make them taste the beverage, and all people seem to enjoy that euphoric feeling.

Thus alcohol was born, and since then humans crave the euphoric feeling of drinking ethanol.

Origin of humans

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At the beginning humans were just a simple microbe in water. One day, a big storm happened and the waters were in turmoil and the human microbe was thrown to dry land. To survive the human microbe stuck itself to other microbes around and formed a union with them.

Now they became a small organism looking like a worm. Then a heavy rain washed the human worm back to the sea, where it had to learn how to swim to survive. The human worm started eating fungus to get some energy. One day the human worm was eating when a fish came close to eating it. That would have been the end of the human worm. Fortunately the human worm was behind a poisonous algae. After the fish swallowed the human worm it instantly got a huge diarrhea and the human worm got out safely.

The poisonous algae however gave superpowers to the human worm and the passage through the fish stomach got the human worm a mutation to grow four flapping legs. The human worm can now move around in the sea and the algae power made it very clever.

The human worm started making friends. Once it found a pair of eyes and asked them to join her, thus she got eyes.

Another time she asked a pair of ears to come live on its body thus she got ears.

The proto-human has learned that its survival depends on capturing useful addons to herself. Thus, 500 million years later, 90% of cells in the human body are bacterial, fungal.

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