

DC (proper) day one

My lord DC hasn't stopped. Katy and Lara welcomed me in with sake. I managed to make it out to Angie's but fell asleep into my burger. The first thing I do is go to DC tech startup week breakfast (a terrible cup of coffee) about 10 mins walk away in the very swanky International Square. Fun chats. A lot of hitting the LinkedIn connect button but not so much irl connection. Still, it's great to hear people's ideas, share stories and score freebies. I felt totally burnt out by lunch but had a fun lunch with Katy, Lara and George.



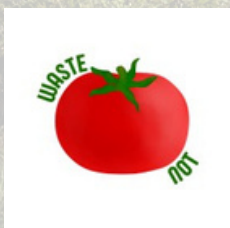
me on the train lugging this god for saken plastic bag I decided to pack all my stuff in that literally was disintegrated by the time I got to the house



The event was located on a floor in the classic start-up exposed open plan brickwork.

The International Square is a great venue. I got a few leads, my resume checked, a beer and a 5 minute massage.

Slept for a bit and then went back to the event which was easier when I got my free beer token. So so many people that used to work for the fed are now out on their ass. It's terrible but admirable that they are making the most out of things. 6pm went to Civic DC where I genuinely felt like I was meeting some people that I could work with. The choice is now if I try to salvage ElectricifyDC or work on something else.



Having met them at the event, I met with the very nice founders of Waste Not at Baked & Wired in Georgetown. We came up with a great prototype idea — an app that tracks food waste after Thanksgiving. Who knows how these things will pan out, but it would be a fantastic project if they get their act together.

DC TECH WEEK DAY 2

Off to Arlington today for day 2. I find it pretty charmless compared to DC but they take their halloween decoration seriously and the Amazon offices are Deus ex. Giving out a “we are hip, cool and definitely not your corporate overlords” vibe. The breakfast is better and so are the startups but we all got shuffled into a giant conference hall where Amazon's policy maker was so unbearably cringe my ass touched the velvet before I escaped to explore more of Arlington. I am unbearably tired. After the wedding this weekend I'm putting myself in a self-induced coma.

Met some good leads including a guy from Civic DC, a guy responsible for flow batteries and some women making an app for cancer. Not hearing back from any of them has been a bit crap but it's only been two days...

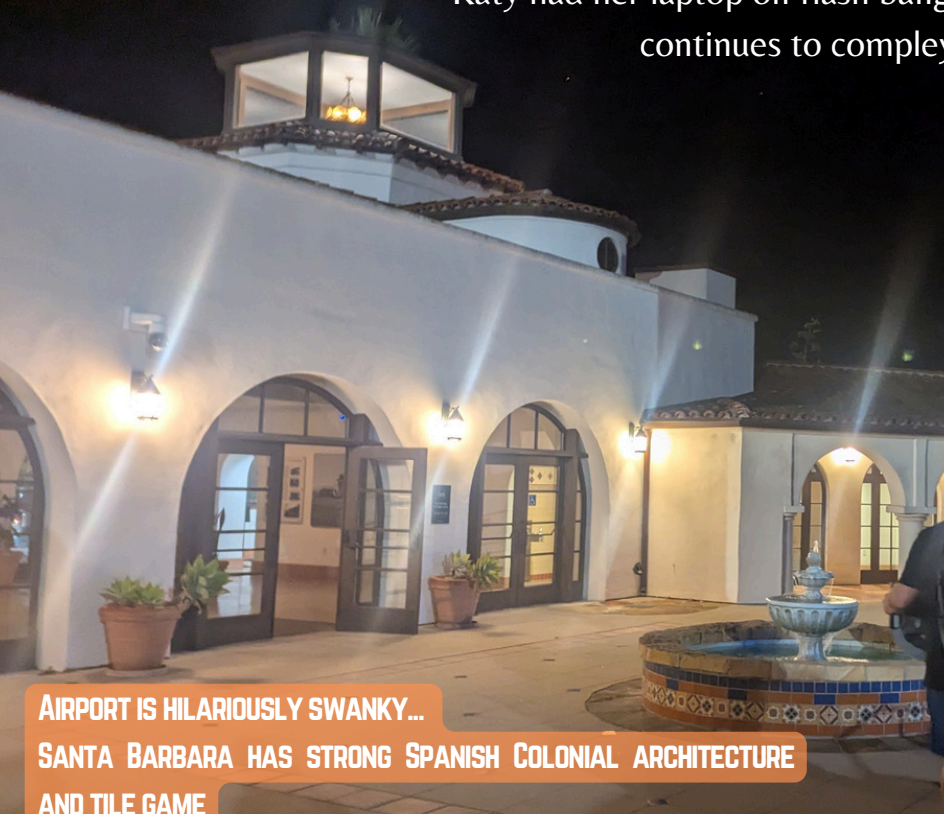


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successfully looking
like an evil corp



FLYING TO SANTA BARBARA

I pride myself on being a stoic traveller but the flight to Santa Barbara sucked. Katy had her laptop on flash bang mode and I ate a Cuban sandwich which continues to complex fuck my guts and send me into a fever..



AIRPORT IS HILARIOUSLY SWANKY...

SANTA BARBARA HAS STRONG SPANISH COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE
AND TILE GAME



worst plane journey

in a fever state i drew (on the plane) a dream niall had about buying
and then releasing (for good luck) onigiri wrapped pigeons

