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## this will never finish

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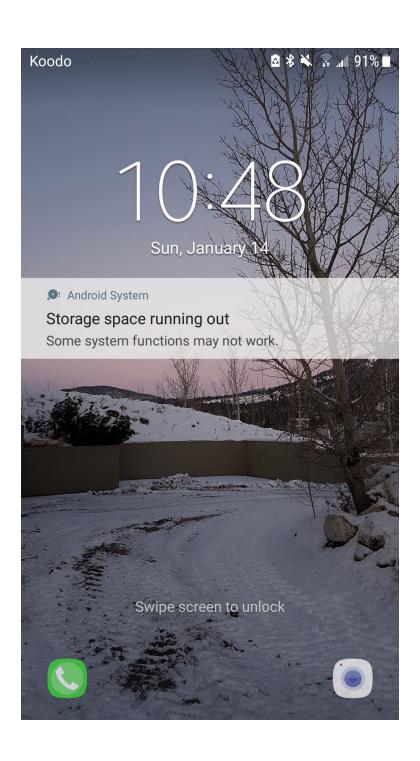
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Hey --

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A History of the World in 100 Objects Neil MacGregor Penguin Books 2012

(pages xv-xxv)

... (the objects) speak of whole societies and complex processes rather than individual events, and tell of the world for which they were made, as well as of the later periods which reshaped or relocated them, sometimes having meanings far beyond the intention of their original makers.

The Necessary Poetry of Things

With objects, we do of course have structures of expertise- archeological, scientific, anthropological - which allow us to ask critical questions. But we have to add to that a considerable leap of imagination, returning the artefact to its former life, engaging with it as generously, as poetically as we can in the hope of winning the insights it may deliver.

The Survival of Things

A history through objects, however, can never itself be fully balanced because it depends entirely on what happens to survive. It was a profound moment, the time in that Lynchian house,

The color drained from the interiors, almost black and white

My body tense with fear, my stomach in a knot

Fists clenched

As if in a trance you drew me to the basement

Rotting wooden steps, creaking underneath my feet with each step down into the darkness

moisture in the air, the smell of mold and decay

the landing a cement floor, covered in patches of cheap filthy carpet

only a small bulb of light hanging, swinging slightly in the air

as if you had just past by

walking deeper, through rooms and hallways

the heat rising yet my skin cold, frost at the tips of my fingers and lips

the light had dwindled into a black abyss

I stopped when I intuitively felt the edge of a cliff in front of me

From above, a shaft of cool air, washing over my dry face, falling below

And you standing behind me

Frozen, both in fear and anticipation I waited

your breath against my neck

electric currents cutting my veins

would you embrace me or just as likely thrust a steel blade into my back

kissing my shoulder as you drag it down slowly, as if cutting tender meat

pulling the blade out at the top of my spine

to have me collapse completely into your waiting arms to continue to do with me what you pleased.

But this time, it was simple

Your sudden push sent me flying into the abyss to fall to my demise

But when my limp body hit the ground, I didn't die.

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