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Procrastination*

by Welela Samson



I bet you know what I'm talking about,
Most of us haven't figured it out (yet).
It's hard to stop being lazy and focus
But in theory everybody knows this.

You have to:

Turn your papers in on time!
Dreaming won't earn you a dime!
You don't want to work? That's fine!
But your life is on the line!
Your friends call and waste your time:
Be polite and just decline!

But instead

You Procrastinate,
And then you think it's too late
To do anything anyway.

You Procrastinate,
You tell yourself that it's fate
You didn't do anything anyways.

There was this job that I desired,
I even managed to get hired.
School wants me to be inspired,
But all the working made me tired.

Now all I get is getting fired,
All I'm called is called a liar,
But there really was a fire!
There's no paper to admire.

(But I did write it! I really did!)

...

(OK, I didn't.)

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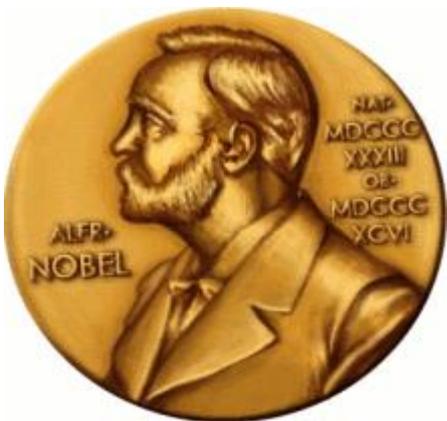
*pro•cras•ti•nate Verb \prō-'kras-tə-,nāt,
prō-\

: to be slow or late about doing something
that should be done : to delay doing
something until a later time because you do
not want to do it, because you are lazy, etc.

(Merriam Webster)

Honouring the Dead

by Kathrin D.



The man had been buried for a hundred and
fifty years.

His family did not talk about him anymore;
for most of them he had already sunk into
oblivion. Those who remembered him on
rare occasions were overcome by a mixture
of shame, anger and sadness. He had been
forced into psychiatry by doctors who had
diagnosed schizophrenia. At that time, this
disease was a reason for the social exclusion
of an entire family. People looked with
disdain at his parents and siblings; his
children were harassed in school: “So where
is your father, the great inventor, the new
Newton?” the schoolmates asked, amused.
To top it all, his wife committed suicide
because she could not deal with the
mockery any longer.

But exactly a hundred and fifty years after
his death in the mental hospital, his great-
grandson’s phone rang. It was the Ministry
of Research and Innovation who asked for a
family member of his great-grandfather to
come to the ministry as soon as possible.
The great-grandson was puzzled. Why
would the ministry be interested in a crazy
person buried so many years ago? Let the
dead rest in peace!

It took some weeks until the curiosity of the
great-grandson had overcome his hesitation
and he decided to go to the ministry’s office.
Arriving there, it was the

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director himself who received him with a long handshake and a smile that seemed exaggerated. The great-grandson's nervousness increased. He could not even imagine what all this could mean.

In his office, the director told him that the archives of the hospital where the great-grandfather had spent nearly eight years of his life had been digitalized some years ago. This year these archives were revised by a researcher who worked on mental illness in the 19th century. This researcher found some interesting notes in the great-grandfather's archive and took it to his university for further analysis. A group of researchers had found out that the notes dealt with an issue awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics ten years ago. The ministry was informed and it discovered that the prize laureates had gained access to these notes and were not the real inventors.

“Your great-grandfather was not mentally ill. He was one of the most important physicists after Newton!“, the director said, his voice full of respect. The false laureates would have to hand over the Nobel Prize to the family and pay reparation of one million US dollars.

The great-grandson went home, still not believing what he had just heard. He could not say anything to his family till the next morning when the phone rang again. This time, it was the cemetery's guard. The soil on the grave of the newly discovered inventor had been torn up. The security cameras did not show anybody entering the cemetery during the night; an earthquake was also not an option as there was no other grave affected. The great-grandson hung up the phone and turned to his wife: “It seems as if our great-grandfather got up to celebrate this night...”

Holiday on a cruise ship

by Yana Cherniakova



December. This is the time for Holiday!
What are you going to do on your holiday this time?

To go skiing with friends or to stay at home and celebrate Christmas with the

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family. Sounds nice. But probably you already did it last year and also two years before.

So if you are not afraid of experiments and would like to try something very new, we can offer you a trip with the cruise ship “Queen Elizabeth”.

There are about forty destinations all over the world. You can choose from Cuba, Canary Islands, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and many others.

For example, you can take the Transatlantic Cruise that lasts 7 days and you will visit Morocco and the Canary Islands.

Discreet, excellent service in a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere on the ship that lacks nothing. This is what make our cruises so special.

Our prices will meet every demand. They are from 399 Euro per person.

If you have never tried it before, do not hesitate! Enjoy your holiday with an exotic, comfortable and incredible experience.

85 per cent of our customers become our returning customers. We hope that you become one of them!

You can find further information about trips on our website www.e-hoi.de.

E-hoi team wishes you a great holiday and happy New Year!

Cinnamon Cake

by Kathrin D.

How to prepare a delicious cinnamon cake? First of all, you have to prepare the base of the cake. Take 150g of butter out of



the fridge, and before working with it, wait a while for the butter to become soft. Add 75g of white sugar and one little sachet of vanilla sugar to the butter and stir the mixture until it becomes a homogeneous,

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foamy mass. Pass 250g of wheat flour through a sieve and add it, little by little, to the butter-sugar-mixture, while constantly stirring. When the mixture becomes too hard to stir, knead it with your hands. After adding all the flour, continue kneading until the dough becomes uniform. Now take a pastry roller and make a finger-thick base out of the dough which fits into your spring form pan. Bake this base for 10 minutes at 170 degrees Celsius.

After finishing the base, prepare the covering. It is up to you how much of the covering you want for your cake. You can take the quantities given in this recipe, but if you like more covering, you can easily double these quantities.

For the covering, take three eggs, add 250ml of cream and 150g of white sugar and once again stir the ingredients to a homogeneous mass. Continue stirring and add 200g of powdered almonds, 40g of breadcrumbs and two teaspoons of cinnamon. Last of all, pour this covering mass slowly onto the base and make sure that it covers the base evenly. Put the finished cake into the oven and bake it for 45 to 50 minutes at 170 degrees Celsius.

If you wish, you can decorate the cake with icing sugar afterwards.

Enjoy the cake!!

Digisol

by Welela Samson

Digisol

Digisol is a substance containing small nanobots dispersed in the air. Digisol can be used for different purposes depending on which sort of nanobots are included. Digisol was discovered by Dr. Jens Peter Specht, a German biomechanic and engineer, in 2019. It has been available on the market since August 2022.

Incognito-Digisol

Incognito-Digisol is available in a spray can. It can be used to delete your internet history effectively. When applied on the screen of any internet-capable device the Incognito-Nanobots delete all traces of internet activity, not only on your own devices but on all other devices in the world connected to the internet.

After the controversial debate about “Self-government and Online Privacy” in 2023 that came up after Mary Jane Harrison accidentally deleted her own Facebook Page, higher levels of online security were enforced.

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Band-Aid-Digisol

Band-Aid-Digisol is also available in a spray can. It was built for detecting technical problems in electronic devices. It does not repair problems but it helps pass the time needed to contact an electronics technician (36 hours max.).

Be careful what you wish for,
you just might get it (1)

By Yana Cherniakova,
Welela Samson and A.

Sam had always wanted to travel into space. It had been his dream since he had been a poor little boy. He used to watch the stars with his father and dream of becoming an astronaut.



After receiving a scholarship for Harvard University and graduating at the top of his class, the MARS-Program took notice and decided to sponsor him. Their plan was to build a civilization for rich people on the planet Mars.

He worked day in day out, never leaving the center and neglected his personal life.

But everything changed after the car accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down.

He could still work as an engineer, but there was no way he could fly up to Mars in a wheelchair.

Now that he couldn't participate in the training program for astronauts any longer he made more time for family and friends.

He got married to Lily and they were planning on having a family. And after a year working on the space ship, without being able to travel in it, didn't hurt as much as it did before.

He was checking some last details on the ship, when suddenly everything started shaking and moving around.

Was the rocket going off one day earlier?
Was he going to Mars?

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Be careful what you wish for,
you just might get it (2)



by Yana Cherniakova,
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He started to get excited and imagined all
the things he could see.

But then reality set in.

Nobody knew he was on the rocket, neither
the crew nor his family.

His wife was pregnant with her first child!

By the time he would get to Mars, his little
baby girl would already be born.

And how could he move around on Mars in
a wheelchair? There were no paved streets,
only rocky hills and sands?

And how would....

He woke up.

When he looked to the right, his wife was
looking at him concernedly:

“Are you ok? You seemed like you had a
nightmare?”

“No, I’m alright now.” Sam replied. “I’m
right where I belong”

Then he smiled and went back to sleep.



Sam had always wanted to travel into space.
It had been his dream since he had been a
poor little boy. When he was a child he used
to watch the stars with his father and dream
of becoming an astronaut.

One day he got an emergency call from the
hospital and was informed that his father
had been shot and was in a critical
condition. When he arrived at the hospital
he found out that his father wanted to
surprise him and had bought him a
telescope. Unfortunately the shop had been
robbed at the same time and because his
father had tried to stop them, he had been

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shot. His father didn't let go of the telescope until Sam arrived at the hospital. Now that his son was there he finally gave him his present and told him that he should never stop pursuing his dreams. And when he died Sam gave his best in order to fulfill his and his father's dream:

After receiving a scholarship to Harvard University and graduating at the top of his class, the MARS-Program took notice of him and wanted the talented engineer Sam on their team. Their plan was to build a new civilization for rich people on the planet Mars. Seeing how he couldn't afford their program, they fortunately decided to sponsor his participation on the program and a ticket to Mars.

He worked out every day to meet all the physical requirements; he passed every test there was to take. A voyage to Mars was no walk in the park; there were a lot of preparations to be made for a six to ten-month journey. He worked day in day out, never leaving the center and neglected his personal life. Due to his efforts the MARS mission was set to start one year earlier than planned.

But everything changed after the accident.

On the anniversary of his father's death he had to go home for a few days. When he saw a four year-old crossing the main street without taking notice of an oncoming car, he rushed forward without giving it a second thought. The child was saved, but Sam woke up in a hospital. He couldn't move his legs anymore; the accident had left him paralyzed from the waist down.

He could still work as an engineer, but there was no way he could fly up to Mars in a wheelchair.

The free time he had sacrificed and the money he had spent, could it all have been for nothing?

But as always Sam made the best of his situation.

Now that he couldn't participate in the training program for astronauts any longer, he made more time for family and friends.

Sam got used to his new lifestyle. He met Lily, a beautiful and loving girl and got married to her. They were planning on having a family. His new life was calm and more relaxed.

And after a year working on the space ship, without being able to travel in it, didn't hurt as much as it did before.

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The day the mission was going to start, he was inside the ship doing the last maintenance. His wife had called him and told him that she was pregnant! He was so happy that he forgot the time while doing the maintenance and listening to „The Killers” on his headphones. Suddenly, everything started shaking and moving around. The ship was flying towards Mars and he still was on it. At first he was thrilled that his childhood dream was going to be fulfilled. He started to get excited and imagined all the things he could see. But then reality set in. There was no way for him to return to earth, there wasn't enough fuel on board to return. His little baby girl would already be born by the time he got there. And then he realized that he was never going to see his wife again. Sam felt dizzy, was it too late for him to turn back around? During the flight Sam tried to convince the board of the Organization of Space Activities to send a spaceship for him. But

it was not that easy to arrange. At least not that fast.

The ten-month journey to Mars was exceptionally hard on him: the rich people looked down their noses on him and he missed his family. There were no food rations for him and the others were not willing to share too much. He barely made it to Mars. But the real problems were just about to begin.

There was more to Mars than orange-red sand.

When they arrived, the basic housing was already finished. He was surprised as he thought that they were going to build houses themselves. The other people did not seem to be surprised at all, on the contrary he heard them say: “luckily they got finished in time”. So he found out they were not the first people on Mars. There had been another space ship with convicts who were not only responsible for building the infrastructure, serving the rich people, but as he found out later, they also exploited the planet's resources and sent it back to earth. Soldiers had the duty to insure law and order by keeping the convicts under control. As there was no housing for Sam and he didn't have any money on him, he got the same status as a convict. But this wasn't necessarily a bad

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thing. This way Sam had the opportunity to find out more about how this colony functioned.

There was also an upside to his involuntary stay on Mars: due to the absence of gravity on the space ship and the lower gravitation on Mars, his legs got a rest. He found he could move better and better and he kept practicing walking without his wheelchair.

Sam had had months to think. And he made a plan how to get back.

He managed to get on one of the space ships that was going to bring the resources back to earth. He did not leave unprepared, as he recorded everything that happened on Mars with his mobile phone. During the flight back home his legs recovered fully, he couldn't believe his luck. When he arrived on Earth his company held him captive so that there would be no information leaking about the dark side of the MARS project, but they were too late. He had already sent his video to his wife who directly informed the authorities. After the public found out about everything, he was set free and the convicts were sent back to earth.

When the police rescued him and took him home, his wife Lily and his two year-old daughter Melissa were waiting for him.

And as they watch the stars together every night, Sam knows he's right where he belongs.

Online Dating

by Kathrin D.



Today, online services promising to help you find your soul mate are becoming more and more popular. This popularity may convey the impression that it is beneficial to people. The platforms' advertisements support their promises with favorable statistics about successful relationships which began in the internet. But is internet dating a real alternative to meeting people face to face?

The most common argument of its defenders is that the search for the ideal partner has become easier. You can decide to meet only those people who – according to their online profile - meet your

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expectations and have similar interests. Therefore, Internet dating platforms enable a prior selectivity which facilitates the partner search.

Furthermore, these platforms are a good opportunity for shy people. They get the chance to start a conversation with someone online while they do not have the courage to do so face to face. However, the benefit for shy people is disputed by Internet dating opponents. They argue that shy people must learn to overcome their shyness instead of using this tool. If they are able to hide their weakness online, they become increasingly isolated in the real world. There is no reason to fight for personal improvement any longer.

Another and stronger argument against internet dating is the greater possibility to pretend to be someone you are not, overstating or adding qualities, and hiding defects. In doing so, you create an illusion which people will discover sooner or later. Internet dating therefore creates a space for dishonesty, and for many users ends up in painful disillusionment.

These disadvantages make me believe internet dating to be more harmful than beneficial. In spite of the increase in opportunities to meet potential dating partners through the use of new

technologies nowadays, more single people than ever before are living in Germany. People do not seem to be more likely to build up a lasting relationship with the help of online dating platforms. People are more solitary than ever before.

Debigulator

by Yana Cherniakova

A Debigulator is an emergency response device for moronic (lat. debilis) persons. The function is a bit similar to the use of a defibrillator. Legend says that it was invented in 1968 by the British engineer Tot Alcazary during a five-week intense course at university.

The device consists of 2 main parts: the controller and the handset.

How it works: you take the handset and put it on the top of the head of the patient. Then you have to activate the sequence at the controller panel. The procedure takes about 5 to 10 minutes and according to marketing information the effect from the producer lasts for more than three days.

Unfortunately, there is to this date no academic paper available that supports the argument that this device is of any practical use. On the contrary, there is a

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huge body of evidence of possible side effects, e.g., visions, very loud laughter in the beginning and later on sleepiness.

However, it is still one of the most popular products from the Mania Corp. in Buggyberg, Laundria.

Personal Experience of a Great Kindness

by Kathrin D.



When I went to Angola for my internship I stayed with an Angolan woman in a tiny flat in the busy center of Luanda. The short time I stayed in this country did not allow me to get to know many places and people. But there was a shy and inconspicuous woman at the office where I worked. Her name was Massomba. She

seemed very simpatico to me and I liked her dressing style a lot. There was always a traditional African touch in her clothing, different to the other staff who dressed in the European style. Unfortunately, Massomba and I did not converse much because I myself find it difficult to talk to strangers.

One day, Massomba visited the place where I was staying and I found out that she was a good friend of my host. We had a nice evening together, cooking traditional food and listening to famous Angolan musicians. The next morning, Massomba and I went together to the office which was about two kilometers from my host's house. It was a very hot morning in Luanda, the air was dry and dusty and I longed to get to the air-conditioned working place soon. While I was struggling to climb the never-ending hill at Massomba's side, she suddenly turned to me and said, with a smile on her face: "Before you leave, I will let my tailor sew something for you". I smiled back in surprise and did not know what to answer. I felt embarrassed at being offered something from a person I hardly knew. The heat did not help me to think about an adequate reaction. I was not even sure if Massomba was really intended to offer me something or if simply expressing the will to offer something was a cultural code I could not

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yet decipher. Some experiences with people of other cultures had taught me

to be cautious and not to take things too serious as Germans normally do.

That is why I did not even remember Massomba's offer when I left Angola. One year later, an Angolan family was visiting Germany and came to stay some days with me in Frankfurt. In the evening they handed me a present. It was a beautiful jacket made out of traditional African cloth, with its vigorous and bright colors, and it fitted me perfectly. I adored the present and looked at my guests in gratitude. They told me: "It is from Massomba!"....

Thank your for reading! We are looking forward to having you as our reader in the next edition of Goethe News!

"Words do not express thoughts very well. They always become a little different immediately they are expressed, a little distorted, a little foolish. And yet it also pleases me and seems right that what is of value and wisdom to one man seems nonsense to another."

Hermann Hesse

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