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A Boy Named Fridge

One summer I fractured several bones in my hand while playing basketball in a pickup game at a neighborhood playground. Four against four, shirts versus skins.

Not
Red
The

game didn't count for anything. We just playing for fun.

My friends I had been walking around aimlessly around for something to do and saw four other boys on the . The boys were

running and jumping and shooting baskets, and they looked and fast.

My friend Joe squinted the hot sunlight looking at them and suddenly said,

“Hey, let's ask if they want a game.” I nervous. I didn't like the idea

playing against kids I didn't know about. I also wasn't sure how

was at basketball. I hadn't much practice for the last few . I thought my

Keep going



game wasn't as **aged** **fond** as it ought to be if **all** **most** were going to go around and **announce** **challenge** **produce**

other boys to play us.

I **got** **owed** stuck guarding a boy with the **elevator** **nickname** Fridge. He kept backing me **saw** **platform**

underneath **and** **of** hoop. He wasn't much taller than **it** **me** **she**, but he was older, almost twice

can **it** **my** weight, and solid. When he leaped **by** **for** **in** the ball, my left hand got **jammed** **sealed** **waved**

between us. His bulk slammed into **ball** **me** **you**, and I heard a sound like **a** **so** **two** pencil snapping.

My entire arm radiated **them** **toe** **with** pain, which shot right to my **head** **idea** **soup**, blinding me for a

second, but **cat** **I** **she** kept playing. Fridge pivoted, squared his **concepts** **cookies** **shoulders**, and released a

shot. But I **danced** **jumped** **solved** and swatted the ball away with **her** **my** **our** right hand. My timing was

good, **and** **real** **shoes** I got four fingers on the **ball** **dirt** **news**, which went flying out of bounds, **catch** **often** **right**

Keep going



into the wooden bleachers, where it curled lifted smacked some poor lady in the face. His I Mom felt

terrible. I didn't know if dad our she was somebody's sister or girlfriend, or customer's nature's somebody's

mother or what. I never got a it our good look at her before the ball mitt shoe smacked her face,

and afterwards she hit slept was bent over, wailing, covering her head even left with her hands. Then

she disappeared entirely as my of people huddled around, trying to help.

I No Who knew it wasn't my fault, and it she why wasn't my ball, so I took cry dirt off running

like I was being chased by for the a mob, though I don't think anyone dogs stadium even noticed I was

gone.

After my one we mother brought me to the emergency home room store I came home with a

temporary ball cast desk . A week later I had to pause treat visit a bone doctor, an orthopedic man, by she who

Keep going



examined my X-rays then put my ear
hand in a different cast. He told his
shoes me I was extremely
lucky it was his
the left not the right. I guess anyway
win because I'm right-handed. But I didn't feel
though
very lucky.



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Lost and Found

George had just disembarked from the train at his home station. He rode the same

train every round single triple weekday. Usually, he rode his bicycle ahead home inside from the train station.

The bicycles broke lent were always parked on a long bike book chain rack outside the doors. But George's

bicycle did gave had been stolen just the day before. Mechanic Somebody Weather had cut through the lock. So

always today well he had to call his wife at or to come to the train station and drop pick ride him up. He was

depressed and encouraged frustrated projected.

As he made his phone call at too when a pay phone outside the station, George

handled locked noticed a puppy cavorting and sniffing along him the with side of the road. The puppy did had was

dark brown and mustard-colored and had blind faint long, floppy ears. It was one of his none those dogs

one sees running around that doesn't hasn't isn't seem to belong to anybody and deals has likes no collar.

Keep going



Though it looked well-fed along
and not mangy, George thought the puppy have
with might be a
were
 stray.

George's wife said next
that she was getting in the car now
what red to drive to the train
sure
 station and pick him up. He hung up any
where my phone and watched as some of his
yet the other
 passengers from the train unlocked bicycles
engines from a bicycle rack and rode just
kitchens in into the
off
 gloaming.

Gradually, the sidewalk in
the front of the train station emptied from
with out . There is
under
 a forlorn and sad feeling
glass about suburban train stations at dusk every
ground how almost nobody is
when
 around. Alone on again
my dark street, George watched as the evening
the morning rush hour traffic
subway
 whizzed by and her
on air chilled and dimmed.
the

Keep going



The puppy asked caught his attention again because it had examined meandered out into the
gave
 traffic and was darting grazing around in it as cars swerved and not honked their horns. George
meowing too
 pushed his leather smart bag around onto his back and crawled dashed out to the puppy, scooping
wooden fought
 him down here and saying, "Hey there."
up
 He carried her my puppy to the other side of the well immense, noisy street, placing
the your
 him on bad no ground and patting his head. The puppy rush gazed up at him with wide and such
the truck this
 alert eyes, smiling and wagging his kind long tail.
new
 George pointedly walked down the cabin street a little way and ducked around a he
wall of
 corner. The puppy followed him as for if it was his dog. He walked but in further,
when on
 glancing back occasionally to see all if the puppy was still following. Yes, he I was.
now so

Keep going



The puppy pranced after him along
under the sidewalk, raising his paws high enough
when toward
with

each step and wagging not just his
my tail but his whole hindquarters.
of

George sewed
slipped that if the puppy kept following him
thought me, he could take him home
not
for every
his night. Then tomorrow he could check around
the between to see if the puppy had
through
been
gone reported lost or missing.
said

Just then any
each wife pulled up in their car, and
his soon George opened the door. But
yet
before he
I had a chance to take a bath
game, the puppy leapt inside and made around
this seat himself
whether

comfortable in the passenger seat.

“Hello, George,” pulled
ran his wife. “Who’s your new friend?”
said

“I think he’s what I was looking for,” said George.



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Basketball

Most people have played the game of basketball at least once in their lives. Many

others play basketball whenever they **get know play** the opportunity. Some people play basketball

every many only single day, if they happen to **break drive have** access to a basketball court and **friends judges periods**

loving basketball. The only way to **decide improve leave** your skills in basketball is to **donate enter play** as

often as possible. It is **an by with** intensely athletic game involving a lot **of up with** physical agility,

balance, stamina, and mental **readiness thickness weakness**. People who are good at basketball **are eat take** often

justifiably proud of themselves. It **cuts has is** not just a matter of being **alone tall wide**. Rather, it is a

matter of **frankness quickness sweetness**, endurance, cleverness, and strategic thinking.

Basketball **goes is runs** played on a rectangular court by two **flying opposing powdering** teams, which

are ideally made up **no of the** five players each. There may be **angry many sleepy** more players than five

Keep going



on a basketball management rehearsal team, but only five are allowed for on to play at one time. There are grades lots none of rules to basketball, but the fast main red idea is to shoot a ball into than upper a hoop that is ten feet high over yellow and connected to a backboard. There has is with a hoop at each end of as her the court, and the team with the first most worst points when playing time is up hops plays wins the game.

What you may not generate realize scatter is that the game of basketball left used was invented in the last century by a it my gym teacher named Dr. James Naismith. Dr. Naismith hated tasted wanted to give his gym class something from on to do inside whenever it was raining about outside under . So, he put a basket at each no when end of the gym. The baskets did gave were not have holes in the bottom, like soon when they do today, so they had and to will take the balls out of the baskets grounds machines at the end

Keep going



of the game. Any He I gave his class the basic rules a of up the newly invented game, and they dropped fought started playing.

Every time a student got he the us ball in the basket, they got a my no point. As they played more and fast more tall they came up with more rules and onto thus ideas. They put a hole in

here the we bottom of the basket, so they didn't hadn't wasn't have to keep taking the balls out under well . They

incorporated dribbling into the game. Bit Day Type by bit the game became more and so then more

interesting. The students who played homeward somewhere together and against each other in the gym mud pool on

rainy days liked how it drove forced made them feel. They liked the challenge not of with working

together as a team, and she they your liked the difficulty of making a bat cake shot from down the court.

They liked cheating learning running how to fake right and go inside left space , or fake left and go right.

Keep going



But
 Nor
 When

Dr. Naismith did not have a

gift
 loser
 name

for the game, so one day one

in
 of
 up

his

student players told him to

beat
 name
 record

the game “Naismith Ball.” Dr. Naismith

rated
 said
 walked

that would be an awkward name

both
 for
 in

the game. Then the student suggested that he call

it “Basketball”, and Dr. Naismith agreed with a smile.



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Versions of a Folk Tale

“Little Red Riding Hood” is an old, old story. Versions of it have been told

all
ever
very around the world. For example, the Chinese **have**
ride
speak a popular tale called “Great
Aunt Tiger” **such**
that
what has some strong similarities to the **animal**
trend
version that Europeans and
Americans know.

In **any**
for
the Chinese story, a girl’s mother goes **dark**
last
out on an errand, telling her first
it
job
to keep the door shut and not **lost**
only
to talk to strangers. Soon afterward, the **ear**
girl
tiger
hears a voice asking to be **given**
let
told into the house. She asks who **it**
mom
what is, and the voice
claims to **be**
eat
hope her aunt. But the girl says **most**
that
who the voice does not sound like **her**
me
no
aunt at all. After the voice **asks**
cooks
lets a few more times, the girl **comfortably**
differently
reluctantly opens the
door. A tiger walks **down**
into
off the house. Thinking fast, the girl **abandons**
donates
pretends to recognize the

Keep going



tiger as her **great
right
worse** aunt. She then uses her wits **out
to
who** escape from the house and climb

**next
past
up** a tree, even though the tiger **does
goes
has** tied a rope to her ankle.

**But
Once
Soon** the tale as most of us **know
plan
write** it originates in Europe. In an **aging
alone
early** French

folklore version of the story, Little Red Riding Hood **inspires
performs
suspects** that the wolf in bed

claiming **any
so
to** be her grandmother is not really **her
me
with** grandmother. She makes up an

excuse **by
in
to** go outside the hut. The wolf **bows
cuts
ties** a string to her ankle, just **as
by
of** in the

Chinese version, yet Little Red Riding Hood **gets
owns
stands** away into the forest.

The first **broadcast
concerned
published** version was written by a man **named
teased
yelled** Perrault. The red

hood in the **closet
letter
story** was his invention. The tale appeared **in
the
up** his book of nursery rhymes

and **fairy
nest
song** tales. The author wrote the book **down
for
too** the adult aristocrats of the royal

Keep going



book
court
dress

. Folk tales and fairy tales were

near
very
worst

popular among the educated classes, and

all
only
the

book went through eight printings in

and
his
the

author's lifetime.

Then about a hundred

pasts
tales
years

later, two brothers in Germany published

a
my
to

book

called Children's and Household Tales.

All
Some
This

book included a version of "Little Red

Riding Hood"

heavenly
honestly
probably

based on the earlier story. Despite

its
of
she

title, the new book

wasn't intended

as
for
to

children any more than the earlier

book
pen
time

had been. The two

brothers named Grimm

fed
spoke
were

collectors of folk tales. Their book

did
sent
was

meant for

scholars. Many of the

cultures
fonts
stories

were exceedingly violent and cruel. Later,

any
they
you

published a gentler edition of the

book
paper
shelf

just for children.

The first author

ended
forgot
sold

his story with Little Red Riding Hood

and
by
so

her

Keep going



grandmother being eaten by the cloud
teeth
wolf. He followed the story with a guide
moral
tree like that of

“Great Aunt Tiger”: for
that
yet young children should be wary of heroes
strangers
writers. The two

brothers offered no moral, but
soon
the in both of their editions they added
grew
waved a happy ending.

In their version, a huntsman comes into the cottage to free Little Red Riding Hood and her grandmother from the sleeping wolf’s stomach after they’ve been swallowed.



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A Memory Palace

In ancient Greece, there were people who made speeches for a living. These people

were known as speechmakers **or such the** orators. In those days, orators did **any far not** use written notes. They just had **for so to** remember all the facts, numbers, and **courts names sounds** they were going to use in **a if no** given speech. To be a good **artist healer orator**, you had to have a good **dream house memory**.

Some orators discovered strong techniques for **allowing forgetting memorizing** information. One of the best of **mine these what** techniques was to build a memory **gold palace speech** for storing important facts, numbers, names, **be or too** objects.

Here is how you do **as it off**. You imagine a big building, like **a by is** mansion or a palace. In your **achievement examination imagination** you walk through all of the **papers rooms sinks** and you clearly picture how everything **in per up** each room looks. Then you do **it not with** again, but this time you place

Keep going



about
below
inside

each room one thing you want

but
no
to

remember.

For example, in a study

her
they
you

might place on the desk a

many
small
young

piece of paper on

which you've

destroyed
eaten
written

a series of numbers. You rehearse

listing
saying
walking

through your

palace and looking at

but
half
the

items with the things you want

and
my
to

remember, including

the paper with its

flowers
numbers
paints

. Then during the moment in your

phone
speech
word

when you need

to recall the

colors
numbers
tunes

, you imagine walking into your memory

brain
friend
palace

, going to the

study, and looking

at
down
off

the note you left for yourself

due
on
to

the desk. You should then

be

able
nice
worth

to recite the numbers exactly as

hers
such
you

wrote them.

Sometimes it helps to

build
remove
stack

your memory palace out of rooms

that
where
you

have

lived in. Into each of

both
these
which

you place things that are familiar

and
ever
out

meaningful. For

Keep going



example, you might use **her** **they** **your** childhood bedroom. You could place the **coast** **item** **sale** you want to remember under your **dream** **exam** **pillow** or between the pages of your **electric** **favorite** **missing** book.

Then you could make the **next** **plus** **with** room in your palace a room **across** **how** **where** you have had a lot of **fun** **meals** **rain** at some point in your life. **For** **Over** **What** example, you could envision the living **bed** **life** **room** of a cabin by a lake **much** **next** **where** you used to go with your **family** **garden** **trip** on summer vacation. Clearly visualize each **aspect** **letter** **smell** of the room. Is there a **carpet** **leak** **wave** ? Are there shelves for books? Is **anyone** **either** **there** a television or a radio? Are **few** **ready** **there** boxes of board games in a **closet** **damage** **stove** ? Is there a fireplace and a **flow** **pool** **stack** of wood next to it?

By **annoying** **building** **talking** yourself a memory palace with many **rooms** **sounds** **squares** and a lot of clear detail, **it** **us** **you** can remember many things in a **passive** **specific** **tropical** order. As you go from room **at** **so** **to**

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room in your imagination, you see

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the
what

 numbers, objects, or letters you've left

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yourself, exactly like seeing a scene

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 a movie. This technique is thousands of years

old, and it has proven to be very effective.



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Liam the Sea Creature

One morning, as he swam in the pool at his apartment building, Liam began imagining that he was a sea creature. He did not know what kind and of the sea creature he was, but he became covered thought maybe an idea would come to him they us if he just kept swimming around.

Fish He My knew that he couldn't be a stingray because neither unless he had no tail. He wasn't a if so fish, either, because he had no ears feet gills used for breathing by fish. Possibly all each he was a manatee, a sea lion, a few no seal, or a sea otter. What about behind toward a giant sea turtle that can feed live talk to be two hundred years old? At Or Till it could be that he was each many some sea creature that had not yet been had told discovered by science. The ocean is an bit it enormous place, he thought. There could chilly easily softly be creatures in it that hadn't also any yet shown themselves to

Keep going



human beings.

He **might** **used** **were** be a kind of sea creature **as** **that** **what** ate oysters and lobsters it found
crawling **diving** **floating** around on the ocean floor. Wearing **his** **me** **out** new swimming goggles and flippers,
he **blew** **swam** **told** to the bottom of the pool **and** **off** **so** peered around for something to eat. **Both** **Much** **There**
was nothing down there but a **drain** **feeling** **shower** that was not open and the **hard** **mean** **quiet** cement floor.
He shut his eyes **and** **into** **way** imagined that it was the ocean **floor** **stage** **wood** instead and that there were
red **and** **that** **will** orange starfish crawling around on the **air** **sand** **title** .
Keeping his eyes shut, he now **imagined** **promised** **wondered** that he was swimming along coral reefs.
All **Ever** **Who** around him were schools of brightly **colored** **handled** **sketched** fish. He glimpsed a sand shark
bouncing **gliding** **singing** through the dimness and swam away **except** **from** **out** it, only to find himself swarmed
at **by** **if** a school of poisonous stinging jellyfish. **Breathing** **Performing** **Writhing** his body, he managed to avoid

Keep going



freezing
smoothing
touching

any of them.

Next, he dodged

a
no
out

huge electric eel that was slithering

all
but
in

the sand. A manta

ray swam

dimly
hardly
slowly

past him as he watched, keeping

hatefully
perfectly
truthfully

still between the sun

beams that

cooked
delivered
filtered

down from the surface. It was

beautiful
delicate
handsome

at the bottom of the

sea,

but
down
then

it was also dangerous sometimes.

What

else
only
rather

might he find near the

pool
reef
tube

? he asked himself. Maybe there was

an
for
much

old shipwreck, and broken casks full

from
of
to

gold coins that had spilled out

after
onto
upper

the sand, and he could pick

by
to
up

a few of them as souvenirs.

He
That
Your

imagined that he was swimming past

by
the
will

mouth of a deep ocean cave,

and
out
when

a giant octopus hiding inside the

cave
hill
leg

suddenly snatched at his ankle with

Keep going



its slimy tentacles. He struggled and shouted above the water, air bubbles streaming
 less we next under
 except his open mouth. Finally, with great effort scales sight, he managed to pull himself free
 up from into
 and more the group plane surface. Maybe that was enough excitement for one
 morning!



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Types of Tears

“There are tears of sorrow and tears of joy,” said an English poet. Few people would

disagree with that prediction
question statement. But many don't realize that tears are
leak swim in our eyes

all the time. And
Then not all of our tears are at
When more the same.

Human eyeballs are complex organs, some
the result of over 500 million years
which

of development. Our eyes are composed of both
to more than 2 million working parts.
with rather

Among all
few parts are small glands that produce three barrels
those eyes types of tears: basal,

reflex, and emotional.

Animal
Basal tears are always present. They keep for
Clear some the cornea, which is the front

part at
from the eye, constantly wet. Basal tears moisten
of produce the eye and help to keep
scratch

each
it clear of dust. Each time we blink
some dream strain, our eyelids spread basal tears across

Keep going



each
most
the

surface of our eyes. That's one

eyelid
idea
reason

why it's important to blink when

her
our
some

eyes are busy with activity. Our

brains
habits
muscles

tend to forget to blink when

I've
it's
we're

focused on reading or looking at

a
his
it

screen.

Another type of tears are

basal
reflex
shiny

tears. These become active whenever our

eyes
faces
hands

are irritated from dust particles too

bright
large
small

to see, or from something else

in
to
under

the air, such as smoke or

noises
pollen
salt

. Often the vapors from perfumes, and

all
on
the

odors from some foods, such as

cereal
onions
pollen

, will irritate the eyes. Too much

bright
cold
night

light

or warm, dry air is

enough
ripe
there

to get your reflex tears flowing.

One
Each
The

third type of tear is emotional.

Mine
They
We

are the tears most people know

best
extra
less

. They are activated by strong feelings.

Before
Often
When

something hurts, we tend to cry.

Keep going



Some The While more something hurts, the harder we grin sob yell . When emotions overwhelm us, we can't help live stop but cry. But crying and weeping are can will not just for negative emotions. Many eyes people tears cry when they are very happy, contained overwhelmed surrendered by joy, or laughing really hard.

Emotional Familiar Unrestrained tears contain more proteins than basal but or to reflex tears. In these extra proteins are find run stress hormones, which is why it's healthy tough unwise for our body to get rid of for in of them. If stress hormone levels build few more too high, they can affect our mood and but for our body's immune system.

One thing anybody nobody protein needs to worry about is running from into out of tears. A pair of healthy eyes legs tears will make about 30 gallons of rain sodas tears each year. But, as our bodies

Keep going



age
cry
jump

, basal tear production slows, and this

ever
have
may

lead to something called dry eye

blessing
health
syndrome

Strangely enough, if you have watery

eyes
lips
soup

, that also could be a symptom

at
it
of

dry eye syndrome. The increased watering

is
on
will

the eye's response to irritation. When

my
those
your

tear ducts don't produce enough tears

can
in
to

keep your eyes' surface moist, you

might
still
were

feel a slight burning or stinging.

Dry
Tear
Tired

eye syndrome is a fairly common

condition
lifeforce
something

. It affects millions of adults in

each
her
the

United States. But it can be treated

with eye drops, which are basically man-made tears.



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In the Woods

On a spring evening, we left our house, locked the door behind us, and went walking
out past the big houses at the edge of the neighborhood into the trails in the woods.

We wanted to stretch our legs, find
get some exercise, and breathe in that
read

good
long , fresh air between the trees. We raised
stale tumbled to look for wildflowers and see
wanted

as
if the recent rainfall had brought any feathers
from gummies out on the dead logs.
mushrooms

The bark
leaves on the trees were just coming out
roots true . They looked like little green
yet

nubs by
close up, but from afar they made a
far or pale green haze over the landscape.
to

Inside
Over were bright feathery green plants pushing me
There thin from the ground through the
up

dead leaves
rocks left from the fall. We saw trout lilies growing
walls rolling at the base of some trees.
talking

Fire
Sprout lilies have wide, dappled deep green eyes
Trout grass , a slender stalk, and blossoms
leaves

Keep going



that hang
ring like a bell and look almost below
spill like an empty, opened banana peel. There
near
 had bikes
sang banks of trillium, their white, three-petaled flowers spangling the floor of the
were rocks
 woods by stars.
from
like
 We were walking up the hill
sky, following a bend in the path fast
water now we saw a
when
 smaller trail, like a deer trail, branching off to the air
her hole and leading to a funny
to side
 structure at the trees. It looked like an animal's lodge or den. We weren't sure
in event's
yet ocean's
he built it, but it looked like gone had been built with materials found hourly
that it nearby
what they quietly
 and without the use of tools. A was like a leafy tent, with branches, sticks, and
He cement
It glasses
 slabs of tree bark flying slanted against either side of a car trunk growing nearly
leaning leaf
sliding tree
 parallel to the ground
sand
tile

Keep going



We went closer to get a better look. I don't know if my brother was thinking what I was thinking, but some yet I wanted to go inside. From an my the outside, it appeared to be big enough splendid together to hold two children—an average-sized ten-year-old and for so her skinny seven-year-old brother, for chance instance segment.

But, one of us stepped on a it the twig that snapped, and suddenly a can head noise popped out of the hut.

It did got was not the face of a human adult bean dog or child, but it also didn't look skip speak like an animal we had seen before later post. We both saw it walk on four eyes legs sticks, but then it stood up on two. My Some The brother and I agree it had bumpy fast shaggy, reddish-brown fur and long arms. I heard saw took large, wide cheeks and big front barks feet teeth. They showed between human-

Keep going



looking lips that **lost**
sat pulled back in displeasure. My brother **coughs**
were he saw sparks
runs
says

shooting from its **eyes**
socks
wraps

We did not stay to find **a**
out more; we turned and ran. We **flew**
some **ran** until we got
swam

back to the **laboratory**
neighborhood streets, and didn't look back. We walked home past the big
underground

houses with our hearts thumping.



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Glacier Mice

If you were to visit a glacier in Alaska or Iceland or Chile, the world around you would be mostly hard, white ice, stretching around you for miles and miles. If you saw a

bear, it can
knew
would be a white bear. If you left
made
saw a fox, it would be an arctic
hungry
tired fox, which are also pure white. A
Few
The snow falling on your clothes would be
fold
see white, too, if it happened to be
earn
stop snowing during your visit. You would have
see
touch so much white that you might get
learn
train a little tired of it after fox
she
you had been there for more than a
for
so few hours. But, if you were happy
lucky
true, you might also see a herd at
of
to green glacier mice. Glacier mice aren't bears
foxes
mice at all. They are actually balls by
of
to moss formed around a bit of dust
shade
time or grit. Scientists call them "mice" because
perhaps
sometimes they do not stay in one cycle
life
place, growing on some kind of support like
out
since a rock or a branch, the path
trick
way

Keep going



moss usually does. Large numbers of **rocks** **them** sit on top of the ice **and** **from** roll together as **only**
 a group. They **huddle** **move** at a rate of one inch **for** **per** day. They all move at the **fast** **nearby** **slide** **same**
 speed and in the same direction. **Leaves** **Mine** are green all the way around. **Aren't** **Can't** how we **That's** **They**
 know they don't slide **as** **for** the ice, but roll. All sides **lead** **spend** time in the sun. The **treat**
 direction **from** **of** their movement changes in a seemingly **choreographed** **independent** way, like **unforgiving** **that**
 the movements of a **crater** **flock** of birds or a herd of wildebeests. **No** **So** one knows why. **That** **pond**
 It's not random, **but** **how** it doesn't appear to be caused **by** **into** the wind or the sun or **with** **just**
my **some** slope of the ice. Scientists say **birds** **mice** are baffled and hope that more **ice** **leisure** **the** **study**
 will reveal the secrets of the **angry** **blind** **glacial** mice.
 If you broke a glacier **brain** **mouse** open, you would find that it **acts** **is** made of many **lies** **tin**

Keep going



species of moss **all near than** matted together. And, if you put **a my or** piece of the glacier mouse under **a to way** microscope, you would discover that animals **and not too** small to see with the naked **eye room smile** live inside it. It's not an **animal event offer** itself, but it is home to **bright smooth tiny** animals. Scientists have found tardigrades (an eight-legged **bridge creature flower** sometimes called a "water bear"), springtails (**an but his** insect-like creature), and nematodes (a kind **of that with** worm). The moss holds enough water **and but only** stays warm enough for these microscopic **beasts hobbies woods** to thrive.

It is unknown how **best long wide** a glacier mouse can roll around **before outside toward** coming apart and breaking down. In 2009, **animals children scientists** in Alaska tagged a group of **field glacier space** mice to track their movements over **air time water** and learn more about them. For now, the scientists

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believe that a glacier mouse can stay intact for at least six years, and possibly longer than that.



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The Blizzard

The morning the storm hit, it didn't have a name. Later, it would be called "The

Blizzard of 78" and be remembered as one of the worst snowstorms ever to

strike New England. But on the morning it started, it grew just another light, fluffy

snow. I made stuck on my way to school after a had her normal weekend. I knew the weather

computer forecast splasher had predicted a mild snowstorm with between except interest three and six inches of

snow. He It Lack wouldn't be enough to cancel school. And I She liked the snow, and I liked

apples grass school. But I'll admit I'd awakened that morning notebook setting thinking how nice it would be

and for to have a snow day, so I slept took was sort of disappointed. As I approached away my old

school, I tugged away my scarf and side under looked up so I could breathe down free in the clean

cold air and feel just minus the snowflakes landing on my face.

Keep going



Two hours later, I was heading home, along from everybody else. The letters mitts under with

school closed, and for he I got my wish for a snow level day year. Apparently, the forecast had

changed because great rain the storm had stalled over the area, and glow under snow was coming

down faster. On his my snow walk home, the flakes seemed much bigger faster hotter and I was glad I

had a her on scarf to cover my face.

The candy light snow wouldn't stop for 33 hours, falling as by in fast as four inches an hour.

Heat Now The blizzard ended up dumping over two birds feet knees of snow and trapping thousands

of cars roads trees and trucks. The drivers couldn't go anywhere swimming washing, so they left their cars and

dolled flew walked away. Practically every road was buried or pot yet blocked, and the highways were

unusable. Noted Some Upside areas ended up with 54 inches, and but hot snowdrifts nearly ten feet

Keep going



high! The rain
sun
wind downed a few power lines so many
sly
tall people had to live without any

carpeting
electricity
neighborhood for a while, including my mother and
not
yet me.

Luckily, we had a gas book
couch
stove and a good supply of canned goods
heat
notes in the
cupboard. But what we didn't
isn't
weren't have was any bread. So, my club
mother
parrot made some,

though not the way for
I
with thought all bread was made.

She ate
mixed
saw some ingredients in a bowl and cooked
smelted
thought pieces of flatbread in a
cast-iron glove
skillet
tower. They looked like fat pancakes. She called
licked
watered them “bannocks”,

which is basically an eager
icy
old Scottish name for bread made in a
her
on frying pan. They

were flat but dusk
runny
thick, and a lot denser than any bread
grass
water I had ever tasted. We smeared

cards
snow
them with peanut butter and ate by no
the
up window, watching the snow pile up.

Keep going



Block
Except
Warmly

for the wind rattling the windows,

his
snow
the

world seemed rather peaceful and

quiet.

Cold
My
That

mother told me about the bannocks

from
that
with

her father used to make when

before
fuss
she

was a little girl growing up

fast
for
in

the hills of Scotland. She said

bus
his
on

bannocks were twice as big, with

grit
more
quick

bite and much more flavor. He

always
rudely
verbally

used barley flour and fresh goat's

hero
milk
oat

, mixing everything in a big wooden

bowl
glass
stove

that she remembered as being big

enough
isle
with

to hide under. Then she laughed

a
but
in

little,

and her smile seemed to

freeze
sleep
weep

on her face for a minute.

Around
Before
Then

she sighed and

said, "My dad

knot
sleep
would

shape the dough into circles the

oven
pie
size

of pizzas. Then, he'd

toss them

inside
onto
out

a big flat sandstone that sat

directly
further
outside

on the fire. Oh, how I loved the

Keep going



smell, and that sizzling sound,” she said.



Maze Adjusted Score

[illegible]