

# Randall Munroe

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But I've never seen the Icarus story as a lesson about the limitations of humans. I see it as a lesson about the limitations of wax as an adhesive.

~Randall Munroe

Take wrong turns. Talk to strangers. Open unmarked doors. And if you see a group of people in a field, go find out what they are doing. Do things without always knowing how they'll turn out.

~Randall Munroe

I never trust anyone who's more excited about success than about doing the thing they want to be successful at.

~Randall Munroe

You don't use science to show you're right, you use science to become right.

~Randall Munroe

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can make me think I deserved it.

~Randall Munroe

Correlation doesn't imply causation, but it does waggle its eyebrows suggestively and gesture furtively while mouthing "look over there."

~Randall Munroe

The role of gender in society is the most complicated thing I've ever spent a lot of time learning about, and I've spent a lot of time learning about quantum mechanics.

~Randall Munroe

Things are rarely just crazy enough to work, but they're frequently just crazy enough to fail hilariously.

~Randall Munroe

If at first you don't succeed, that's one data point.

~Randall Munroe

You don't become great by trying to be great. You become great by wanting to do something, and then doing it so hard that you become great in the process.

~Randall Munroe

There are so many adventures that you miss because you're waiting to think of a plan. To find them, look for tiny interesting choices. And remember that you are always making up the future as you go.

~Randall Munroe

Man, Farmville is so huge! Do you realize its the second-biggest browser-based social-networking-centered farming game in the world?

~Randall Munroe

Our brains have just one scale, and we resize our experiences to fit.

~Randall Munroe

When designing an interface, imagine that your program is all that stands between the user and hot, sweaty, tangled-bedsheets-fingertips-digging-into-the-back sex.

~Randall Munroe

A million people can call the mountains a fiction, yet it need not trouble you as you stand atop them.

~Randall Munroe

Sometimes I mistake this for a universe that cares.

~Randall Munroe

I've always thought that one of the the great thing about physics is that you can add more digits to any number and see what happens and

nobody can stop you.

~Randall Munroe

I learned very early on in life that not everyone wants to hear every fact in the world, even if you want to tell them everything you've ever read.

~Randall Munroe

I read comics and I did science, and never really put them together until I accidentally found myself in the middle of one.

~Randall Munroe

I don't have hard numbers about this, but the impression I get is that the amount of eyeballs you get from being on the humor shelf at Barnes & Noble - it is almost insignificant.

~Randall Munroe

The thing about the Internet is that you can write something... for a very narrow audience and make a living at it.

~Randall Munroe

The universe is probably littered with one-planet graves

~Randall Munroe

The scholarly authorities on freezing to death seem to be, unsurprisingly, Canadians.

~Randall Munroe

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