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The rants and raves of some dork who, tbh, just felt like sending out more mail, ₩5.00, Est 2026

LOCAL MAN CANNOT SHUT UP ABOUT KARAOKE

"Oh my god, give it a REST bro"

- People Nearby

People, here – have you heard about this karaoke dork? I'm pretty sure he literally thinks he invented going to karaoke. *Oh, what's that ?* We're getting word live in the studio here that several of his friends have found themselves in attendance with him. We can only assume that this will exacerbate the current problem.



Get it, babes

This evening, we imagined what it would be like to interview someone familiar with the man. Here's what they had to say: "When you talk to him, you can tell he's not really listening. His eyes glaze right over. And if he asks what hours you work – he's running through compatible

karaoke nights in his head. Or, if he asks what kind of music you like – he's already imagining what would make a good duet. My advice: run."

After so much karaoke, would not a person inevitably burn out ? Would they get bored of going all the time ? Would they consider finding another way of getting out of the house ? Make sure you stay subscribed to The Tally Times so you don't miss any important discoveries about this salacious local character !

TALLY DATES

Tough, but fair ?

- Definitely not the karaoke guy

Our top Tallahassee scientists have been engaged in a long-term study in the pursuit of answering one question: *are dating apps hot hot doodoo ass?* The answer may surprise you.



You already know what tf goin' on

The answer, of course, is: yes. Yes, obviously they are doodoo ass. I sort of can't believe you're even asking. The people using them aren't (all) bad, of course, but those got dang apps will constantly pressure you : "Hey, if you

toss us a couple bucks, we might show your profile to some proper cuties ;)") The whole thing is a nightmare. Instead, what we suggest is ~~doing karaoke exclusively at the gayest bars you can find~~ engaging with some hobbies you enjoy, and trying to meet people more organically. Do we have reason to believe this will work ? Maybe !

WHADDA HELL IS A "JOB"

Misery loves company? Company loves misery?

- A local, dazed and confused

It's a strange feeling. You've spent god-knows-how-much of your time complaining about work to someone, but their job actually *double* sucks, so the company you loathe might actually be a decent improvement, and you try to get them wrapped up in your garbage anyway.



This is why I just use GPS

I recently was on the team responsible for interviewing someone I already know (which I dutifully disclosed)

and he did very well ! He's basically our top candidate for some openings we have, out of three that we've talked to so far. Amazing. Of course, what can't help but linger in the back of your author's mind is the idea that this guy should maybe run as far from this company as he can ?

He'll be fine, of course. This switch is going to be a lateral move in basically every area that it isn't an outright improvement, but constantly chasing after the lesser of two evils, in this author's opinion, blows enormous ass.

Is it too much to ask for a job that's... good ? I guess it just might be.

THE HUMBLE MIND CUBE

"We're trying to become a mind-cube-first company"

- Your boss, right now

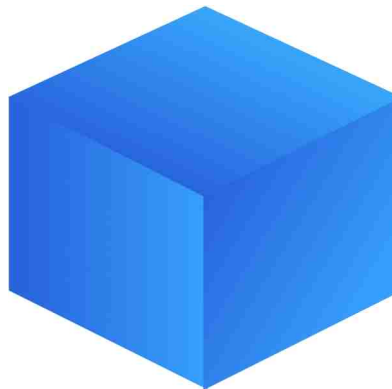
Hello, dutiful employee, thank you for making some time for your annual performance review ! We think this year really represented a significant shift in your work. You've really done a great job this year: solid output, you really showed good leadership, and your team is one of the most successful in the department – all with a can-do attitude that would make any employer proud ! We're really glad to have you as part of our little family here.

Now listen, I've got to put at least one criticism down here, or *my* boss will be breathing down *my* neck, and hey, pobody's nerfect 😊 We just

want you to be aware of some ways that you might be able to improve. So, you know, this isn't meant to be taken too personally. That said, I did notice that you haven't consulted the mind cube very much this year.

We've taken a couple of mind-cube initiatives in the last twelve months, and we'd like to see you start leading some of them as we move forward ! I myself have been using it a lot. Sure, sometimes I have to beg it for mercy, but after ten to twelve incantations I eventually find a level of politeness and reverence that nets an at least C-result. And then, my skills haven't atrophied so far that I can't hand-polish it back up to about a C+ :-)

In fact, one of the places I've found it most useful is those pesky soft-skills tasks that I was never any good at, ha ! Writing emails ? Handled ! Letters of recommendation for the intern ? Dealt with ! Christmas cards for my family ? Well, maybe next year :-)



Merry Christmas!

Your final rating is a three out of four – Very Good ! I know you've been sitting at a four for a couple years now, but don't take it too hard – *my* new boss is real strict about giving those out. A lot of people are hovering around a three these days, ha ha.

Oh, and, I wanted to let you know, but please do keep this on the down-low – what happens in the conference room stays in the conference room, ha ! But, uh, it looks like the staff budget's gonna be down a bit this year. You're

still bonus-eligible, of course, but I know you were expecting a decent raise, so I'm sorry about that, truly.

Anyway, until next year !

"♪ We'll murder what matters to you, and move on to your neighbors and kids ♪"

YOUR FRIENDS AND MINE

"But, you know, mostly mine"

- Someone, anyway

Just wanted to give a quick shout-out to the various people who help keep me sane day-to-day, presented in the order of when I met 'em.

My mom, my sibling, my dad, Cameron F., Tom, Weston, Connor, Megan, Nik, Tara, Kristian, and Kasey.



Tag yourself – I'm that bigass monitor

Honorary mentions include: Toni, Jacob (far away but still chill asf), my therapist, The Bark (for being delicious and doing karaoke once a week), and 926 (for doing karaoke twice a week – amazing).

thank u all