

sonder

n. the realization that each random passerby is living a life as vivid and complex as your own—populated with their own ambitions, friends, routines, worries and inherited craziness—an epic story that continues invisibly around you like an anthill sprawling deep underground, with elaborate passageways to thousands of other lives that you'll never know existed, in which you might appear only once, as an extra sipping coffee in the background, as a blur of traffic passing on the highway, as a lighted window at dusk.

Can artifacts from encounters be used to reveal the narrative behind people's lives? Can we use this discovery about people near us to understand our own environment better?

Case #1: Sadar, Taxi Queens



Case #2: Bertha, Laundromat Queens



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CREDIT: TAXI RECEIPT

Hack #: 00479239
 Med #: 9p43
 03/02/13 01:42-01:6
 Rate #: 1
 Stand. City Rate
 Miles R1: 4.36
 Trip #: 6696
 Fare: \$15.50
 Extras: \$0.50
 St. Sur: \$0.50
 Tips: \$3.20
TOTAL: \$19.70
 Card Number: ####
 Author: 115874

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What are some other places you drive yourself to?

The Bangladeshi grocery, I get the newspaper. When I finish my shift in the morning I pray at the mosque.

<p>3862</p> <p>TRIANGLE LAUNDROMAT & DRY CLEANING</p> <p>30-98 43rd STREET Corner of 31st Ave. & 43rd St.</p>	
DATE 10-20	\$12.60
NAME Clarisa	
GREEN	14 lbs.
<p>We assume no responsibility for shrinkage, fading, trimmings, pads, buckles, beads, belts, buttons, or goods left over 30 days. Curtains, silks, & dye work done at customer's risk. No goods returned without ticket. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE OR BURGLARY</p>	
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What kind of things do you find in people's pockets?

Oh I find everything, too gross to talk about! One time I found \$486 and the guy didn't come to get it for a month!

**BERTHA,
The
Laundromat**

SADAR, Taxi

Subject #3

Subject #4

Subject #5

Subject #6

Subject #7

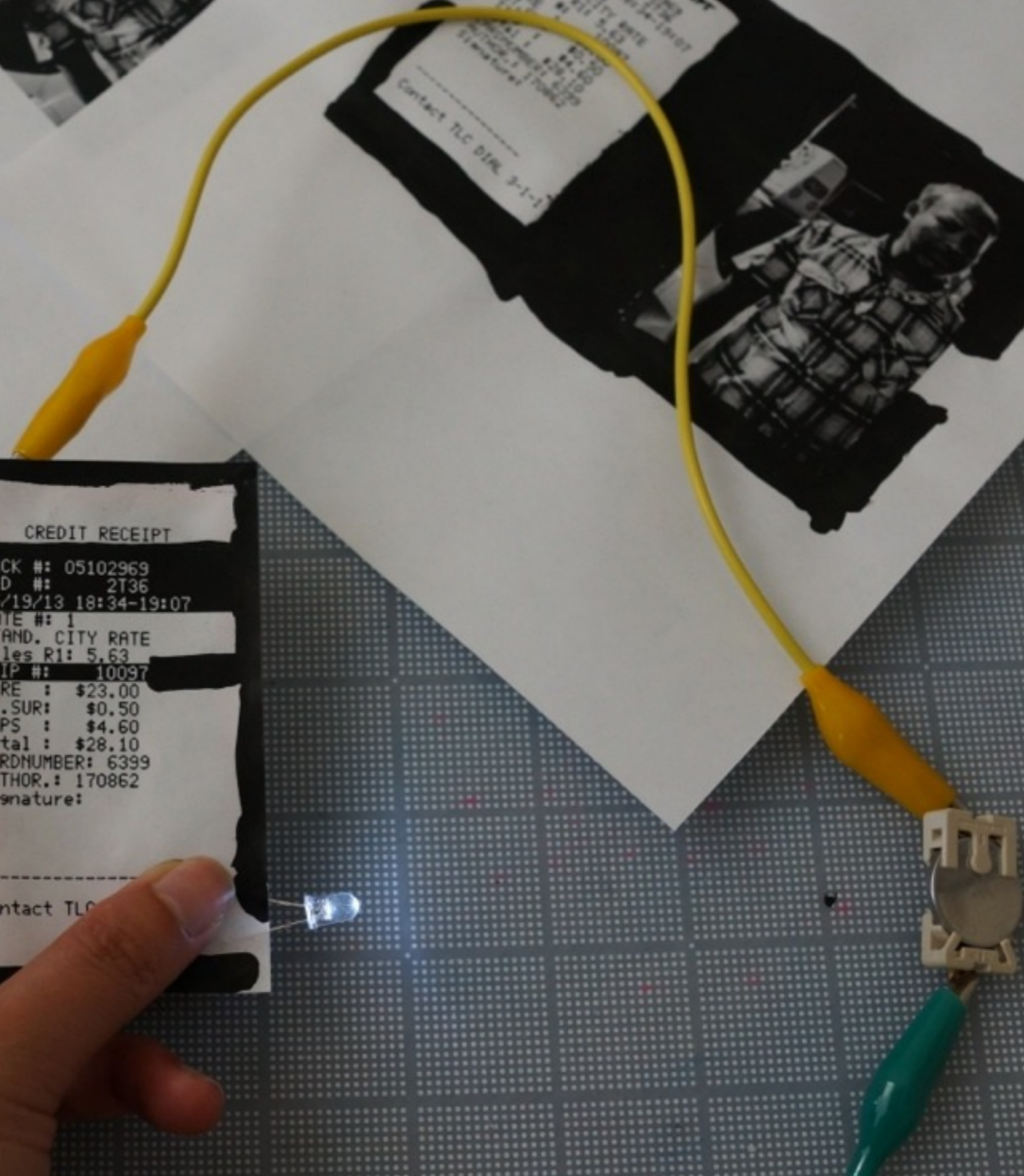


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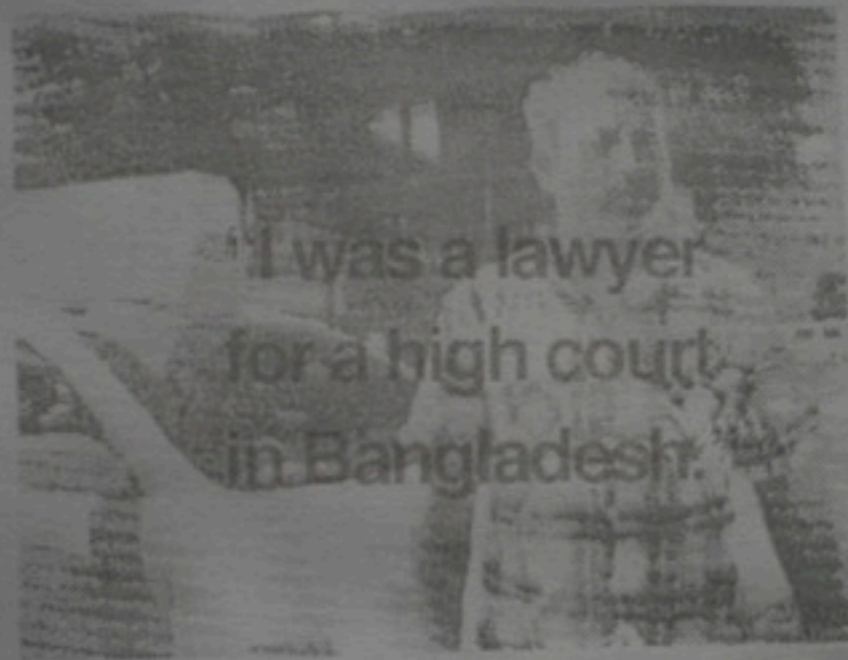
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Miles R1: 5.63
TRIP #: 10097
FARE : \$23.00
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TIPS : \$4.60
Total : \$28.10
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AUTHOR.: 170862
Signature:

Contact TLC





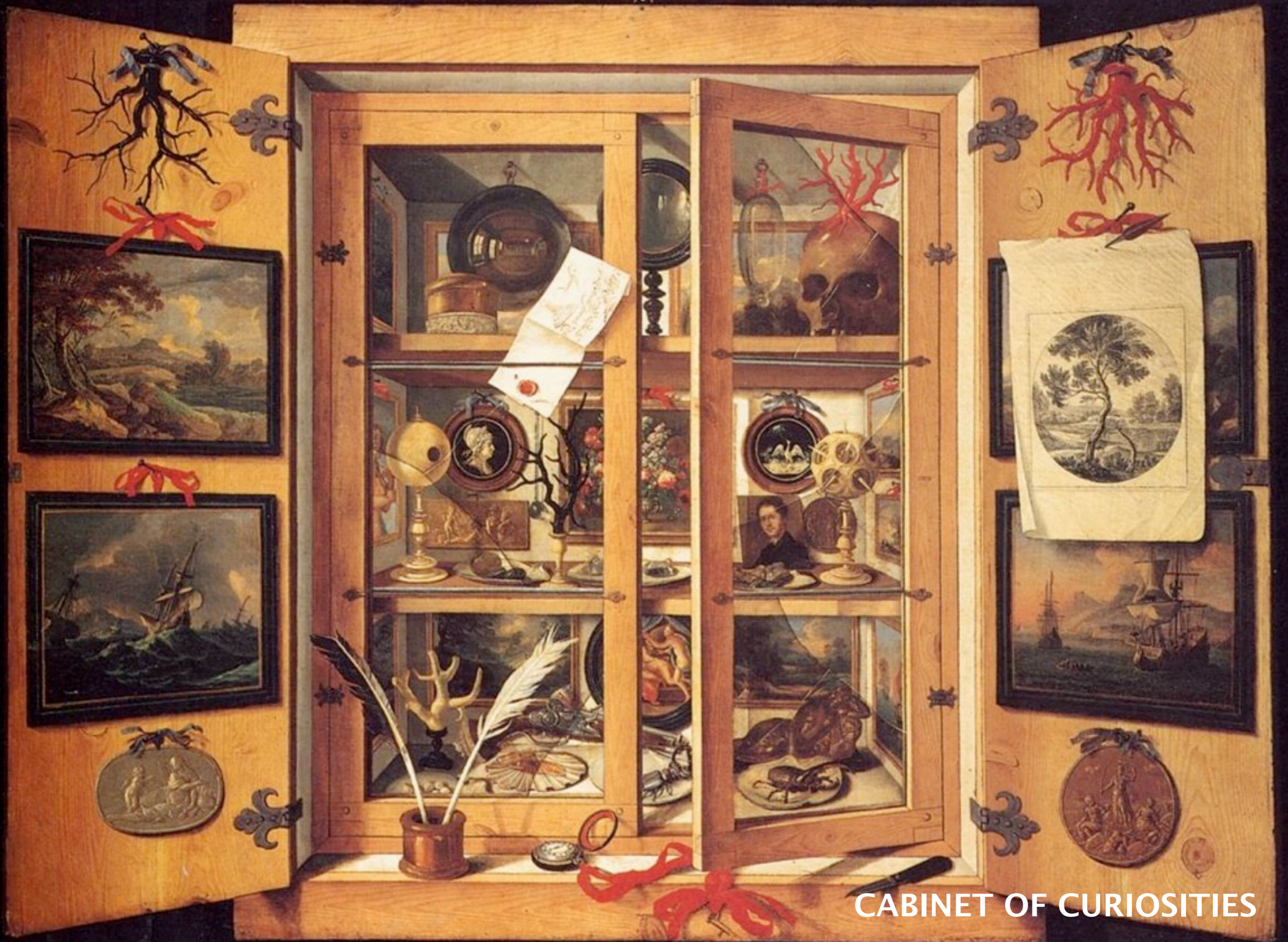


ROBERT RAUSHENBERG





JOSEPH CORNELL



CABINET OF CURIOSITIES

Well here is another birthday; and it is seventy-two
 And most of the good times; they just seem too be few
 As the years go by; they all just slip away
 Then all of the things you like; there is no way they will stay
 In life you try your best; and at times it does no good
 And with all of the trouble you get; you think you never should
 As our kids they get older; they seem so far away
 But I say to hell with them; just let them get farther at bay
 When we were young; we tried to keep things together
 The way the kids don't seem to care; you could knock me down with a feather
 You can see now; that we never should have had kids
 You should have put cups on our heads; just about down our lids
 Are stuck in this old house; and all things are going wrong
 So try to tell people about it; but they don't want to hear our sad song
 And though we old a few things; and they look pretty good
 We stretched out the money; and did all that we could
 The years are starting to creep up; that we both know
 And if we can just keep our health; that will give us reason to grow
 All of the furniture in the house; is mostly just old junk
 And if the joint burned down; we would probably really be sunk
 Very thing in this world; gradually will get old with time
 And all of those ~~prayer~~ predictions; none are worth a dime
 It both hope and pray together; we can live a real lot of years
 It was father time shows up; he reminds us of our fears
 As we only have each other; so we better hold on real tight
 This love that has lasted this long; it hel better not get out of sight
 Anybody has lots of problems; that they just settle on there own
 And if they can't succeed; they have to blame themselves and just moan
 I'm going to sign off for now; and I hope you have a nice birthday
 And when you go to the store for a gift; you can have all of the things
 that you may.



FROM: PA-QUEENIE-VALERIE ONE-POOPY-CORALIS-CLYDE-BONNIE-PRINCES-BABY-DIG YEM-TABLES TWO-HITTER
 MA MA KITTY-PAUCEE-PRINCES-SPOTBALL A all of the others*
 A (JARIS) (MIRRA-PRINCE)



In the morning your looking for a kiss
 But all say you only get a big hiss
 Then you chug coffee all day
 And too your big dismay
 You just sit on the pot for a piss

In L.A. you breathe nothing but bad air
 And when you wake up, you can act like a bear
 Then the paper is full of just crap
 So you stuff toast in your yap
 Then you say damnit; I just don't care

We have three cats that are really nice
 But some times they make us pay the price
 They get into trouble real fast
 And you just stand there aghast
 But to live with Felices, is a roll of the dice

We are together; for more than fifty four years
 And we both suffered many bad times and tears
 But we patch things up as soon as we can
 Then get us a really new plan
 And hope we have solved all of our fears

My wife's maiden name; it was STONE
 And when we met; we both had the hot's
 We never had lots of dough
 So we had our budget real low
 But our kids, they are nothing but snots



MIRANDA JULY, IT CHOOSE YOU

