

down to examine it more closely. It was sprinkled, he saw, with tiny flowers of unusual shades, and the soil beneath was a dull orange. Delighted, he re-entered the ship and grabbed some food, which he consumed some distance from the ship, sitting on an old tartan rug. This, he reflected, was the nicest picnic of his life. When he had finished he lay back in the mellow sun, looking idly at the hills. *If I knew where I was, he thought, I would have to go back; but as I don't know where I am I can stay here as long as I like, finding out. I don't think anything lives here. The universe is all cleaned up, anyway. There's no danger any more, no fun, no adventure. . . .*

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