

The quantum café

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Amid the vibrant energy of a busy town, between tall buildings and brightly lit streets, stood a peculiar place, known to the people of the town as the Quantum Café. Its entrance attracted people walking with promises of an extraordinary experience, adorned with shimmering lights that pulsed with an otherworldly energy. The café's design blended seamlessly with cosmic wonder and polished modernity, radiating an ethereal glow. Its elegance was what attracted people from all walks of life. It was a haven where reality and imagination intertwined in an infinitely creative dance.

Theo, a young man in his twenties helmed the responsibilities of the café as its head barista. He, along with his team, aimed to make beverages and cuisines that were an experience that transcended the ordinary. Rather than being just like any other café that had a place to sit and eat, Quantum Café possessed the ability to manipulate time itself, welcoming individuals into a realm of quantum cuisine. While the café didn't look any different from other cafés, a closer look revealed its true nature - this café was unbound by the limitations of everyday existence. Upon entering, one was immediately struck by a captivating view that defied the laws of quantum physics and mechanics. The menu offered experiences



beyond imagination. Every item on the menu had a legendary name, granting customers the opportunity to dine alongside historical figures like Van Gogh, Marie Curie, Princess Diana, Freddie Mercury, and many more who would come alive for

a conversation with you. Jennifer, a young physicist fascinated by the secrets of the universe, was one of the regulars. The café's exceptional coffee wasn't the sole reason for her visits; she also enjoyed striking up discussions with the

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legendary personalities who graced its space. One day, Jennifer arrived with her colleague, Daniel. Both, being masters in physics, engaged in a conversation regarding the mysteries of quantum physics. Deeply engrossed in scientific conversation, they missed the subtle shift in the café's atmosphere. The café's walls sparkled with iridescent light as the other customers watched in wonder.

Suddenly, Jennifer and Daniel found themselves transported into a surreal dream world where the laws of physics were dancing to an unreal beat, suspended in multi-coloured tints. That was the moment they realised that Quantum Café was far more than simply a coffee haven featuring historical figures; it was a gateway to endless possibilities within the vast universe. It was a portal gate. That is when they both began to map out routes across unexplored lands of wonder and investigate the secrets of the universe and galaxies. When they eventually returned to their own world, they not only carried memories with them but also the mysteries that lay within different universes. They understood that life's true magic lay not in finding solutions, but in the captivating questions that propelled them towards the unknown.

The Quantum Café was more than just a place that offered meals and beverages; it was a place fostering connections that transcended the boundaries of time and space, a world unknown to the people outside.

The fate of the planet

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None knows how the world was created
What came first, all remains a secret
The creator made each and every creature
Humans, animals, trees and creepers

Every tiny part when he made them
Hoped we'd live together in content
Gave the humans auxiliary wisdom
To help create a united kingdom

And so years passed, all went well
But a bug in human made them ill
Trees cut down; animals hunted
Every inch of the planet dominated

Slowly, steadily their empire grew
But a grave danger began to brew
Trees beheaded, soil was out of bounds
Their harmful actions polluted grounds

When all of this together came

Seasons behaved like strange men
Sun shone bright on the salty snow
Monsoon clouds had no rain to bestow

They exploited all the resources
Humans still never got enough
Planet filled with greenhouse gases
Living here had become so tough

It was not long when humanity died
Each falling like block of dominoes
Became very late for them to realise
The repercussions of actions they chose

Then what, you ask? Life ceased
And this beautiful planet decayed
No one was left to breathe out and in
We don't know of that world today

But we may meet this fate very soon
If we keep saying there's nothing to do
Earth will be another planet to perish
Because of the creatures it cherished.



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