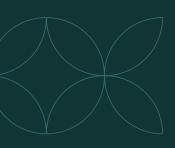
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Nihil mutator

Botanical Garden's director Germann and chief garder Weinmann had so much trouble establishing the botanical garden by Emajõgi River that they began to regret having started the work at all. Weinmann was so exhausted that his health deteriorated and he was stricken with gout. Despite all this, the garden was completed and has been open for over two hundred consecutive years, which is a Baltic record! Some things have not changed during that time. A magnifying glass that Zobel, a professor of evolutionary ecology, examines tillandsia with is almost the same that director Germann used in his research. God forbid Zobel contracts gout, too!

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From Greece to Tartu across Peipsi

e-Rector for Research Professor Mari Moora's sculptures need goin n a feather duster and a damp cloth from time to time.



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Ascalapha odorata or Black Witch

This nocturnal moth from tropical America is associated with death and misfortune in Latin American and Caribbean cultures. When the Black Witch flies into the house, it brings misfortune to the family. In Mexico, it is believed that if there is a sick person in the house and the moth flies into their room, it means that they will die; if the moth flies over the person's head, then they will soon lose their hair. In Hawaii, it is believed that when one of two lovers dies, the soul returns to say goodbye to the surviving partner in the form of the Black Witch. However, in the Bahamas and Texas, Ascalapha odorata is believed to bring good luck. It the or win the lottery. We are not sure what to believe.

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Karl 'Jesus' Morgenstern

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Professor Eschscholtz's expeditions to find snow sheep

The snow sheep living in the Far East and Kamchatka e one of the few large mammals discovered and first escribed by professor Johann Friedrich Eschscholtz of the u – professor of comparative anatomy and trip, Eschscholtz went to Kamchatka and the first taxidermy snow sheep arrived at the museum in 1827.

Professor Eschscholtz walks among the herd alongside a wild bison and a bighorn sheep, and looks like professor of evolutionary genomics Mait Metspalu.

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Stars make us happy 🦯

the editor-in-chief *eemia* magazine, Toomas Kiho.

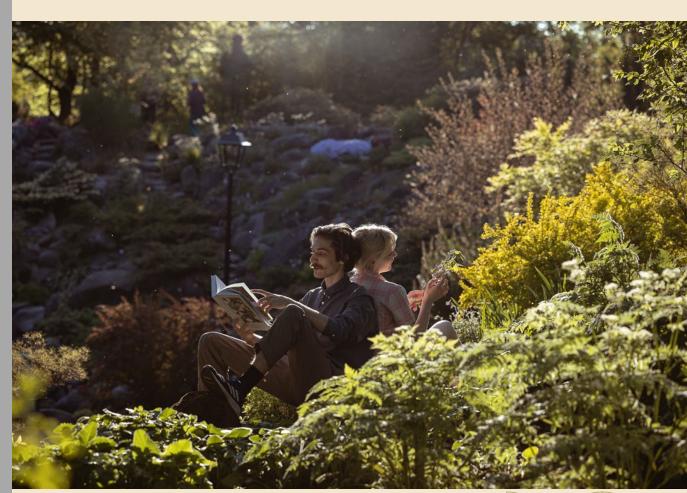
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Lennart Meri's picnic

unt down and capture a sheep. The local villagers we

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An oasis in an oasis the Botanical Garden of the University of Tartu

Tartu is an oasis of Estonian language, culture, art and science in the middle of Estonia and the world. Tartu Botanical Garden is a green oasis in the middle of Tartu. It is the most species-dense garden in Estonia and the oldest botanical garden in the Baltics. It was like a window into Europe, through which many species of plants important to science travelled from East to Wes and many pioneering botanical expeditions started and ended here. Expeditions are also part of students' learning. Students often stay late in the botanical garden to enjoy the birdsong, sometimes even kissing and drinking wine there.

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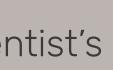
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Mad scientist's office

This is actually the office of not one but all scientists, as no as God like Karl Morgenstern, or spend nights sitting in an observatory like the workaholic Friedrich Struve or be like professor Eschscholtz, who danced with bears in both Alaska and Kamchatka.

interesting!



scientist is truly sane. Only a crazy person can think of himself

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They were all a little mad, because only then is great science made. In the mad scientist's office, all manner of crazy things have been gathered, it's very dangerous, but certainly

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While locked up in a prison cell

Academic prison cells already existed in the 17th century, and misbehaving students were locked up as recently as the 19th century.

Tartu students remember the prison cell as a surprisingly pleasant place to stay. Its walls are full of art created by its inmates. Students used ink, charcoal and candles to make the drawings. Even oil paints were used if they managed to get hold of them. The most talented prisoner in the University of Tartu's prison cell was medical student Jean Rodetski, who was sentenced to prison for a whole month in 1900 because of a fight that started over a card game. At least 60 of his drawings have remained on the walls.

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