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In depth piece

“Imagine a future world if people were suddenly removed. What might be left? How might the natural world respond? What will spaces evolve into? Create a short story, image, soundscape or other representation of what might take place. “

A world where we no longer exists. All that's left are the bones of a world that lived too fast. People who worked till their feet went brittle. Songs created only to one day collect dust. A world without humans might potentially be a better place . Because without humans there is no consciousness. At least as far as science says. There is no more need to create , or existential dread. There is just life . Trees will root over our graves and curl between our coffins. Vines will crawl up the spines of skyscrapers. Those skyscrapers will eventually fall as tectonic plates crack the earths back. Birds nests will burrow inside empty rotting cars and the world will have to adapt to the decay of a hustled species .

I'd like to think that nature would just adapt and grow around the things left behind . But the reality is we will have left so much rot and decay that it very well could still eliminate life after we are gone . Bombs will detonate in time . Power plants left unattended to will leak into the soil and life around it . The reality is the world will never be what it was because of our massive imprint . In theory the world would have been much better had we not evolved into what we have . Mans need to create and destroy has left this ecosystem tainted for life .

If we were eliminated I can't help but feel that something allege would evolve into a conscious being of sorts . I'd hope they would be kinder. That they would have better values and morals. That they wouldn't be competitive and hateful. But I think consciousness creates toxic ness. To be so hyper aware of your existence creates resentment towards ignorance . Understanding time and mortality is a weight so heavy to carry that it drives most wedges .

But I'd love to think if we were eliminated that trees would grow, animals would mate , the air would be crisp and the skies would be blue .

To a reality where you

and I

Sies to exist.

Leaving behind

The bones,

Of a world

Who lived too fast.

Bodies who worked

Till their feet

Grew brittle.

Paintings painted

To collect dust

To a reality

Where consciousness

Subsides

And existentialism

Implodes.

Life has no meaning

Other than to live

As such.

To breath the air

Our lungs were created for.

To bath in the water

Our skins desire.

Without you and I

Life exists in its purest state.

We leave behind ruins.

A jungle gym for

creatures to inhabit.

Where I hope the birds

will nest

On the twentieth floor

Of a skyscrapers

never needed.

Our buildings will fall

In due time.

Exposing the horizons

Of a new world.

A pure world.

Our debris will rot

And seep into waters

We took advantage of.

We will have left our mark

Of toxicity on this world.

With radioactive kisses

And holes in the food chain,

We will have had a footprint

So big

we couldn't fill them ourselves.

To a reality

Where you and I

Seem to exist.

The world

Can survive

As intended to.

There is no bias,

No intentions.

Just purity

And survival.

A better place