

**ELIMINATOR**



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Hello extants

Here is a story

and it's true

You have been fruitful and multiplied, and have filled the earth  
and subdued it: and have had dominion over the fish of the sea  
and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that  
moves upon earth

## THE REALITY OF VALUE

There are only so many fish in the sea  
Only so many deals to be struck  
Some things that were lost  
will never be found  
All that survives is not to be celebrated morally  
That which does not survive will not be celebrated at all

## MORAL ATHLETICISM



On your marks  
and admit  
you're up against superior competition  
you're up against  
this invasive alien species  
We have a unique capacity for empathy. Just saying.

## YELLOWFIN CUTTHROAT

Let's just say that I don't care for fish  
since I don't

In this day and age  
In this world I inhabit  
income prospects of competitive markets are highly uncertain  
There are millions of hardworking people  
who never receive any measure of market success  
Am I to become one of them?

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You too are committed to extinction  
As am I  
We two are committed to extinction  
We carry a debt  
(extinction debt)  
Which means you are alive now  
and you won't always be  
Which means I am alive too  
I won't always be

Generally, this debt weighs light on us  
But the knowledge is lodged  
deep inside the yolk-like substance of your human brain  
which is so fine  
and entitles you  
to all of this

**STRESSLESS**

What would it be worth to us not to disappear among the less significant files of history? What would it be worth to us to keep us? It would be priceless, that is: nothing, and that is what we would pay.

WE CAN'T BEAR ANYTHING THAT LASTS



Select naturally eliminate weakness  
They are  
irrational animals, creatures of instinct  
born to be caught and destroyed  
Everyone of them will go  
and we too  
But as of now, we have no plan to

You win some you lose some  
Subjected to the objective, grinding forces of the market, you  
lose. Then you lose again

## AFTERPARTY

Looks like almost everyone has gone  
Only a minute proportion of those who were here are here still  
Still revelling in wasteful competition  
It's our own fault, silly beasts  
Blame ourselves!  
For failing to adapt  
For lacking aggression  
Lacking ambition and  
Not really trying  
Mindless mammal  
Brainless bird  
Syrian wild ass and Snake River Sucker  
Little honeyeater  
Lone, lean-legged leopard frog  
could have fought harder to keep her webbed toes  
on this little planet, full of individuals, each one carefully tending its very  
own individuality

