

# How to become a great tester



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# Video: Foo Fighters - Learn to Fly

Run and tell all of the angels, this could take all night  
Think I need a devil to help me get things right  
Hook me up a new revolution 'cause this one is a lie  
We sat around laughin' and watched the last one die

Yeah, I'm lookin' to the sky to save me  
Lookin' for a sign of life  
Lookin' for something to help me burn out bright  
I'm lookin' for a complication  
Lookin' 'cause I'm tired of lyin'  
Make my way back home when I learn to fly high



# 1. Have Passion

Follow your bliss, do what you love

# 2. Have courage

Be brave, don't be afraid to fail

# 3. Be curious & skeptical

... and never fake!

# 4. Adapt to context

Everything depends on it's context

# 5. Collaborate

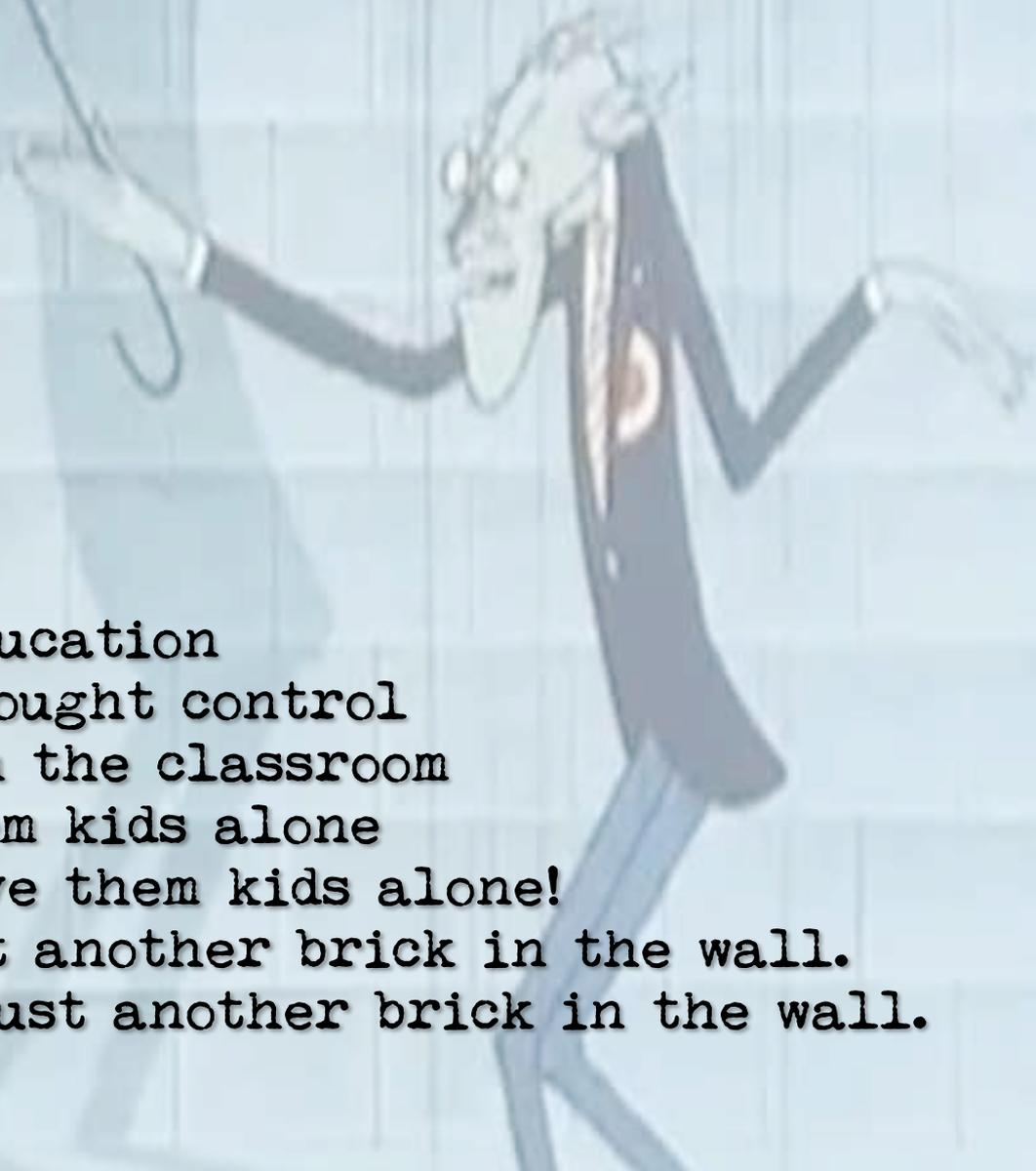
Work together, learn from others

# 6. Learn & practice

Practice, practice, practice



## Video: Pink Floyd - Another Brick in the Wall (Pt 2)



We don't need no education  
We dont need no thought control  
No dark sarcasm in the classroom  
Teachers leave them kids alone  
Hey! Teachers! Leave them kids alone!  
All in all it's just another brick in the wall.  
All in all you're just another brick in the wall.



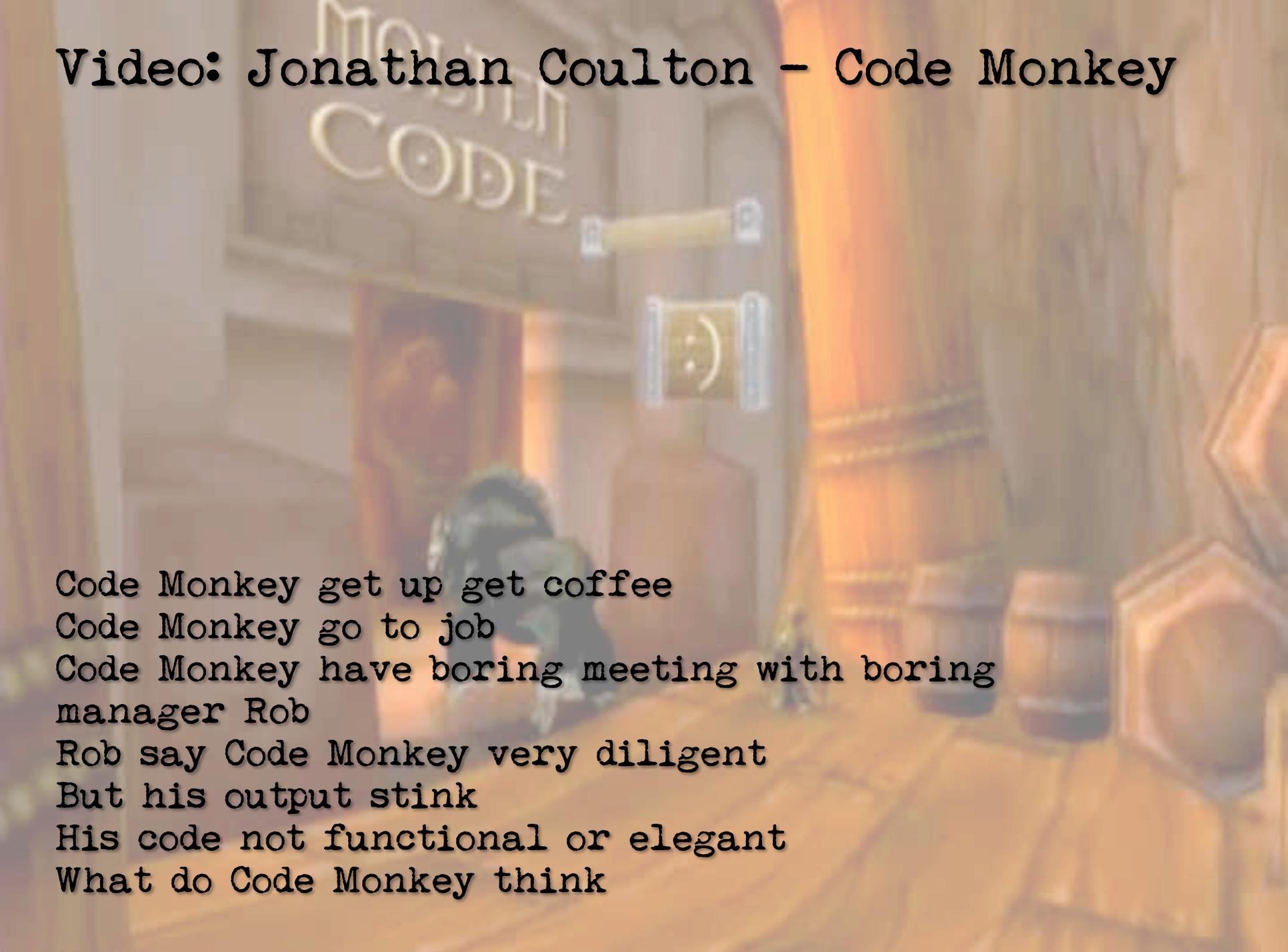
# Video: The Zambonis - Hockey Monkey



All the scientists are running around  
Looking for the monkey but he can't be found  
Cause he's down by the pond playing hockey with the kids



# Video: Jonathan Coulton - Code Monkey



Code Monkey get up get coffee

Code Monkey go to job

Code Monkey have boring meeting with boring  
manager Rob

Rob say Code Monkey very diligent

But his output stink

His code not functional or elegant

What do Code Monkey think



Video: Cheryl Crow - A change would do you good

A change

(A change would do you good)

Would do you good

(A change would do you good)

I think a change

(A change would do you good)

Would do you good

(A change would do you good)

Why is it important to me?

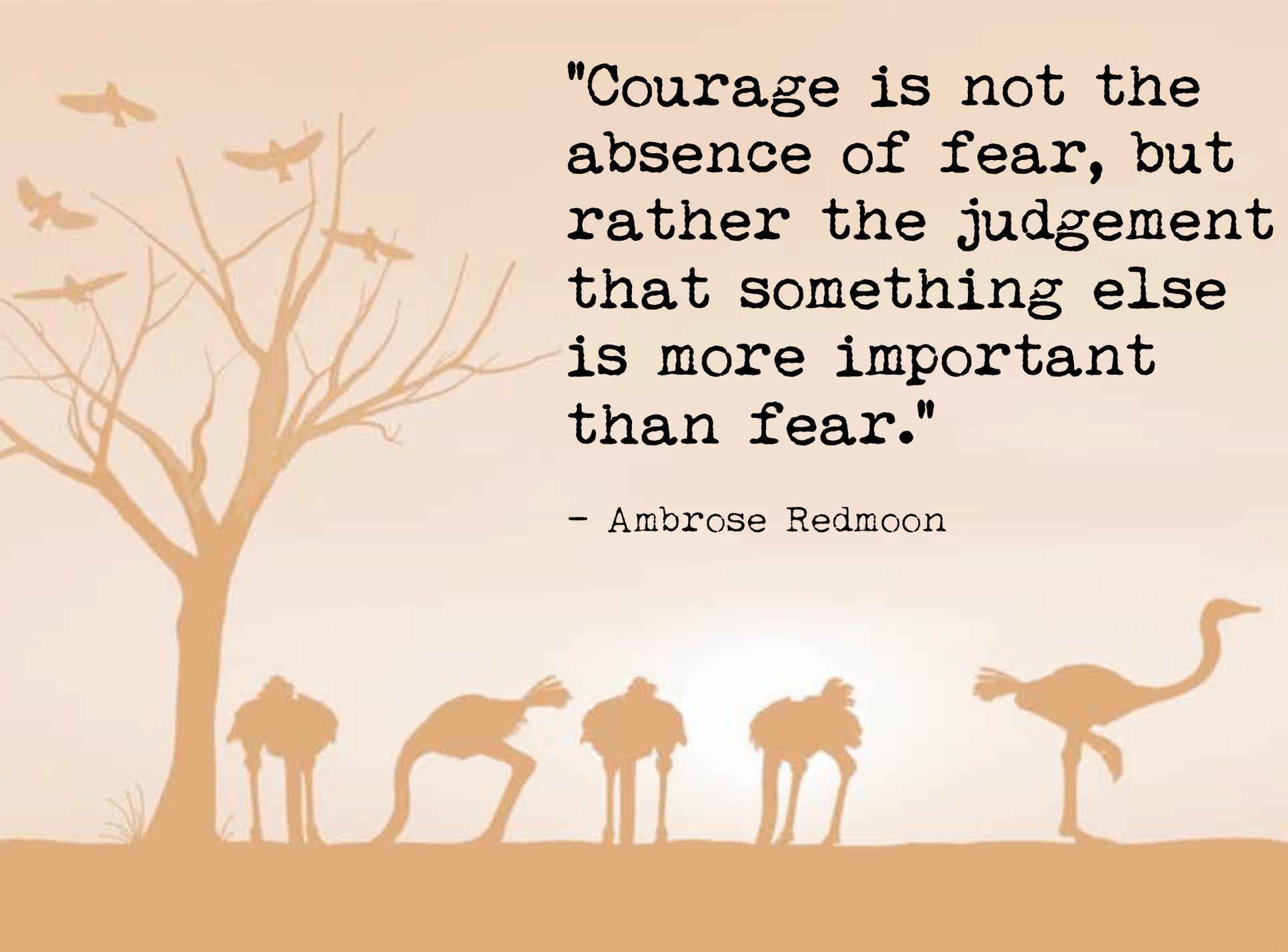






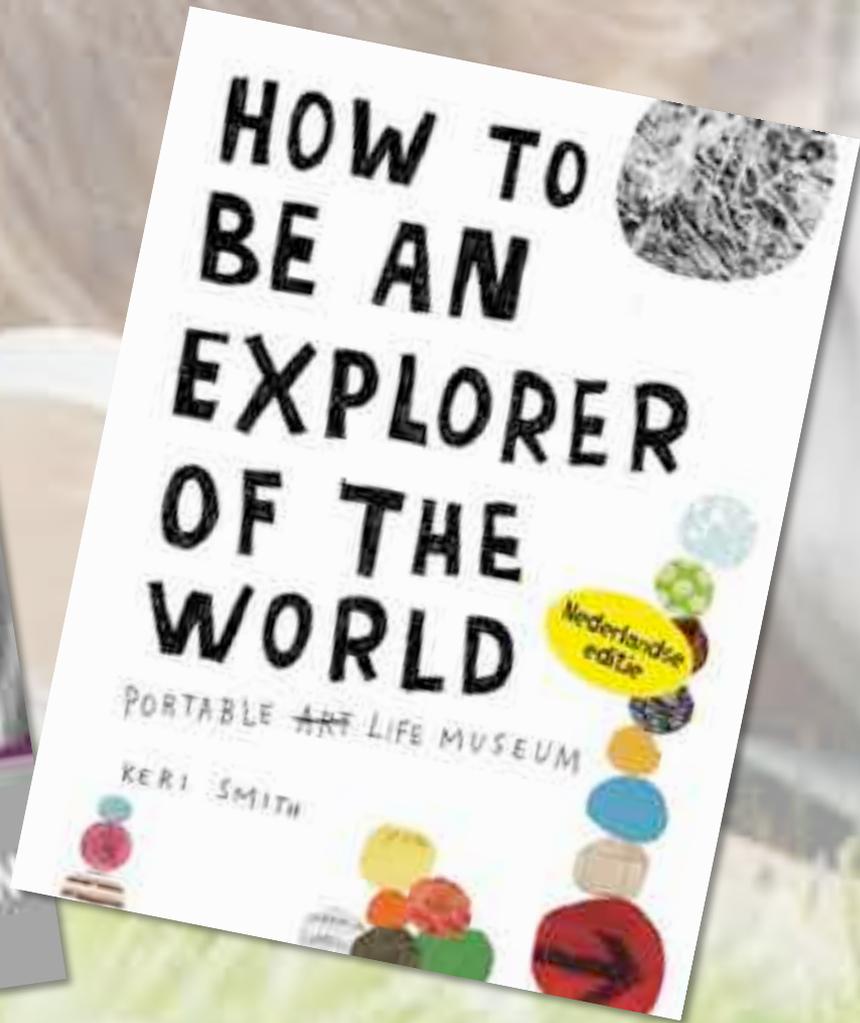
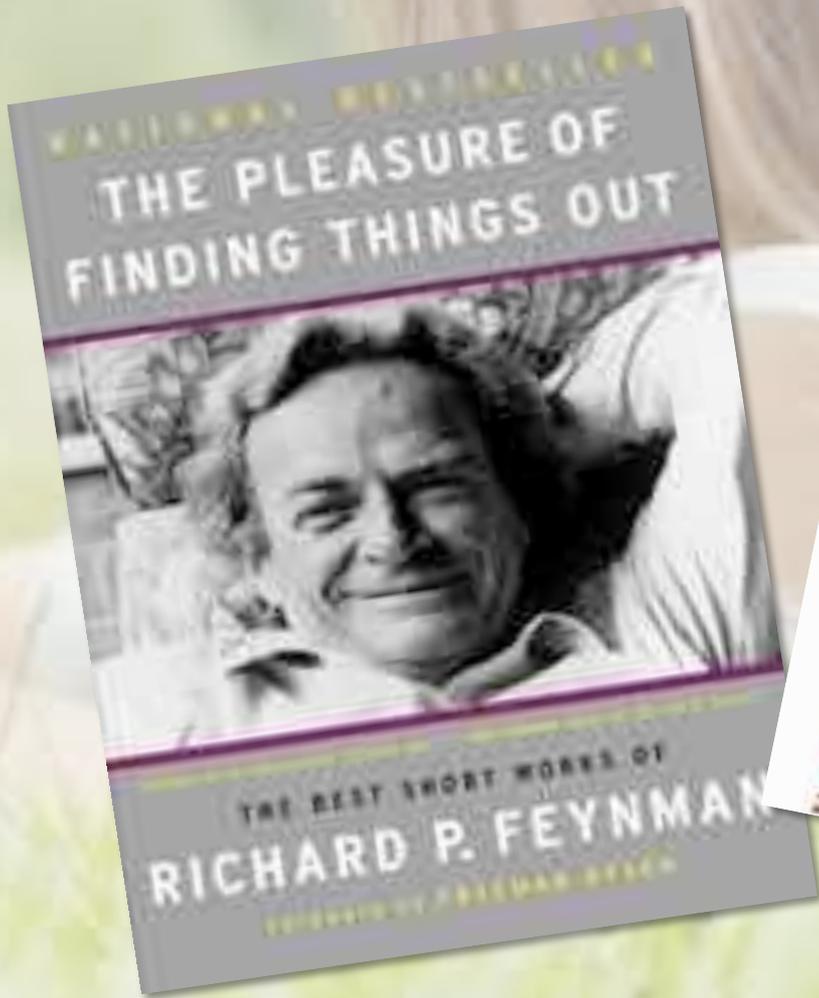
Video: Tina Turner - Simply the Best

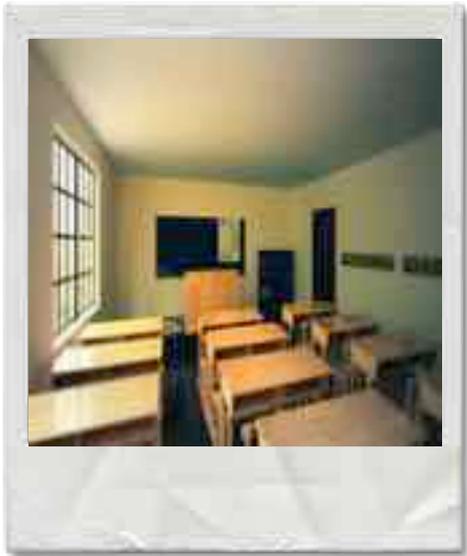
You're simply the best, better than all the rest  
Better than anyone, anyone I've ever met



"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear."

- Ambrose Redmoon





# Video: The Script - Hall of Fame

You can be the greatest, you can be the best. You can be the king-kong, banging on your chest. You can beat the world, you can beat the war. You can talk to God, go banging on his door.

You can throw your hands up, you can beat the clock. You can move a mountain, you can break rocks. You can be a master, don't wait for luck.

Dedicate yourself and you go find yourself.

Standing in the Hall of Fame and the worlds gonna know your name. Cause you burn with the brightest flame. And the worlds gonna know your name. And you'll be on the walls of the Hall of Fame.

You can go the distance, you can run the mile. You can walk straight through Hell with a smile. You can be a hero, you can get the gold. Breaking all the records, they thought never could be broke.

Do it for your people, do it for your pride. How are you ever gonna know if you never even try. Do it for your country. Do it for your name. Cause there's gonna be a day when you're.

Standing in the Hall of Fame and the worlds gonna know your name. Cause you burn with the brightest flame. And the worlds gonna know your name. And you'll be on the walls of the Hall of Fame.

Be a champion! Be students, be teachers, be politicians, be preachers, be believers, be leaders, be astronauts, be champions, be truth seekers.

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**You can be a champion!!**

Follow your bliss and the  
universe will open doors  
for you where there were  
only walls.

— Joseph Campbell

Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish.

— Steve Jobs

**QUESTIONS,  
YOU HAVE,  
HMM?**



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