

Strange, Weird, & Unusual



On snail mail sites, I always write that I'm looking for weird things, and if they have something they don't know what to do with, to send it to me! Things we label as "weird" or "strange" are generally things we're unfamiliar with. Seeing a block full of women, [each with a black cat](#), is not something we see every day. If you were driving by, you'd turn your head, and it's something you're likely to remember (and share!) at the end of the day. Those are the things I find most interesting. Once, I saw about forty men dressed up as Santa Claus, walking together downtown. It was one of the best things that ever happened to me.

I've always embraced the weird in others, and part of it has to do with wanting the same thing in return. To me, what I do isn't weird; it's just what I do. But, I recognize that other people feel differently. I have no real desire in blending in. The idea of appealing to everyone sounds really boring. I'd much rather have a core group of people who understand and appreciate me than five million fans loving my generic-ness.

Think about your life. What might someone find unusual about *you*? What aspect of your existence is the most controversial? Is it something you exhibit proudly or that you try to cover up? Would you want someone to judge you based on it? Do you judge things that you're unfamiliar with?

We all judge things, it's our nature. The idea is to be able to look again and find the value.

Remember that similar things get boring after a while. We have enough ordinary, cookie-cutter things in life, so let your weirdness out. **Live out loud the way you live in your head.** It will take time to get used to the glances and comments you'll get, and it won't feel comfortable at first to "let your freak flag fly". But I promise that the other side is phenomenal. Keep swimming, because over here you won't get criticized for

"I thought: this is how life is, ridiculous beyond comprehension."

- Barbara Kingsolver

your tiara that you wear to grocery shop. In fact, we have extra jewels for you to glue onto it over here.

Assignment: Do something weird. Report back.

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Resources:

[Lydia is strange and unusual](#)

[Embrace your weirdness](#) - an honest article by a regular guy

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