



# PRAVDA?

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### Evan Pravda?!

Nothing is as cool as that falcon that crouches on top of Hamerschlag Hall, waiting for pigeons. Just like Evan.

Evan Danaher completed his undergraduate degrees at CMU. Like the rest of KGB, he came from TJ, so he already knew everything about computer science and managed to graduate with degrees in both CS and Mathematical Sciences (Evan learned to integrate before he learned to differentiate, but both skills were acquired prenately). Having left for grad school, he is now the stuff of legend and a hero to the masses.

#### The Apocryphal Evan

by Dr. Quuxum

In Soviet Russia, Evan beats the shit out of you for telling Soviet Russia jokes.

Evan once ate an entire box of Alpha-Bits and shat out the code for Google Calendar.

Evan can bring a woman to climax by reciting Dijkstra's Algorithm.

Evan has volunteered to repopulate the world after nuclear holocaust.

-- Nuclear holocaust will only give Evan a small headache.

-- Evan's sperm contains a fully-functioning zygote.

-- Evan's DNA is so strong it can withstand over 9000 generations of inbreeding.

Evan once took a bet that he couldn't knock an apple off a tree with a dart from a distance of 5 miles. Sir Isaac Newton still owes him £10.

Evan has a heart condition...he secretly has a heart. However, I'll be in hiding for the next 12 years for revealing that secret.

Evan doesn't need to put comments in his code. His code is so perfect that even an untrained wildebeest can understand it at first glance.

The Tunguska Event was not due to a meteorite...it was just Evan getting mad and stomping his foot after receiving a less-than-friendly message from the Tsar. This alone fanned the Communist movement in Eastern Russia.

Evan's farts can power a double-tractor-trailer for 600 miles...before actually using it for combustion.

Evan can find the shortest path in kicking the asses of a mob of 200 ninjas.

Evan's sperm is so powerful that his children's gestation period is nine minutes. This is why he has thousands of children. (Over 9000? –the editor)

"NP-Hard" has been renamed "NP-Evan".

#### Evan Danaher Facts

by dbesse

Here are some interesting facts about Evan that you might not know!

\* Even today, Evan's Elements are one of the most important mathematical documents!

\* Evan was the eight president of the United States!

\* In 1969, Evan was the first man to walk on the moon!

\* Before Heath Ledger played the role in 2008, The Joker was one of the many characters whom Evan was famous for portraying in Hollywood!

\* Famous for his work as "The Crocodile Hunter", Evan's life came to a tragic end after a fatal encounter with a sting-ray!

\* As academic advisor for their sophomores, juniors and seniors, Evan is one of the figureheads of the Carnegie Mellon School of Computer Science!

\* As author to the classic Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Evan always knows where his towel is!

\* Known by fans as "The Bambino", Evan hit 714 home runs during his major league career!

\* Evan was a German physicist who was so famous he had the SI unit for electrical resistance is named after him!

\* Some of Evan's more famous compositions include the Well-Tempered Clavier and the Brandenburg concertos!

\* Already the host of his own late night TV Show, Evan will be replacing Jay Leno on The Tonight Show in 2009!

\* Evan rose to fame with 'N Sync and then went solo so he could bring SexyBack!

There is another fact about Evan hidden within this puzzle. If you think you have found it, email [dbesse@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:dbesse@andrew.cmu.edu) with your Evan Danaher Fact and you might win awesome points!

### Thirteen Ways of Evan Looking at a Blackbird

by goob

I.

Evan and a blackbird  
The blackbird does not move

Evan says:

"Hey, a blackbird."

II.

A great machine, copper pipes  
wires, dials, knobs for turning  
it fills the room, a gentle hum.

Evan grasps the burnished railing  
steady on the small platform  
eye to eyepiece, to see  
a blackbird.

III.

In the middle of the field  
the tall grasses make motion of the wind  
larkspur wave from distant copse  
Evan sitting silent, nearly hidden.

Without cause, the blackbirds  
rise as one.

IV.

The city park is filled with pigeon  
noisy, bustling, greedy for crumbs  
Evan sits on the bench, waiting  
The blackbird perches on a maple, waiting

V.

The blackbird dances  
on the sill  
orange patches  
catching light

Evan mutters  
about precision

VI.

Evan and I taking tea;  
small cups, small cakes  
He learned to integrate before he  
learned to differentiate, but both skills were acquired  
prenatally.  
he takes half of his  
wrapped in a napkin

He tells me  
it is for the blackbird

VII.

There are twenty two blackbirds  
in file on the power line  
Evan knows this, he has counted them

they have fallen before his finger

each after another  
one by one.

He counts them again.

VIII.

From trains, the blackbirds  
do furious work  
to stay still.

IX.

In the hangar, a great space  
it sits grounded, hawsers  
holding to the solid floor

The admission stub  
the plastic ink  
slightly sticky  
in Evan's hand  
from hot sun

Beyond the window  
The blackbird soars

X.

We are standing in a circle, each looking in  
in the center, Evan sitting  
We are watching Evan  
Evan is watching  
a blackbird

XI.

In afternoon sun  
from every tree, every limb  
rustles and shakes  
the long pause previous  
to mark the start of the song

A chorus  
of blackbirds.

XII.

From the mulberry tree, a blackbird takes wing  
sated with fermented fruit  
it wobbles, it slides  
it chases itself

Evan approves.

XIII.

The morning is still  
salmon light hangs  
from all things.

There is the blackbird; Evan says:

"It's still a blackbird."

## Evan, Destroyer of Worlds

by csjackso

Evan was arrested for writing DeCSS in 5 lines of Perl. He was released because the code only ran on the interpreter in his brain.

Evan remaps his keyboard randomly every 37 seconds so that shoulder-surfing his password is impossible.

Evan once built a robotic girlfriend for Abe, but he destroyed it because he couldn't understand its purpose.

Akiva used different hats when he was impersonating officers. Evan uses different heads.

Eating is not a biological function for Evan. Rather it's a shell script set up to run regularly with cron.

Evan typechecks SML in  $O(1)$ .

Evan always knows which symbol is the kitten, but he plays the game anyway. ([robotfindskitten.net](http://robotfindskitten.net))

Evan |- e : t is a valid axiom in any type system.

Evan is pro-Axiom-of-Choice. He believes women should have the right to choose Banach-Tarski reproduction.

Evan has a proof of the completeness of arithmetic, but he hasn't published out of respect for Gödel.

Evan's infinite hotel has uncountably many rooms.

EEG readings of Evan's brain are binary executables runnable on any platform.

Eventually system time will be counted in milliseconds since Evan's birth.

Evan is both compiled and interpreted at runtime.

The NSA doesn't need installations at AT&T to monitor all internet traffic. They could just ask Evan.

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This is every ninth word from my LJ friends page at 1315, 20 June 2008. I SUBMIT IT TO PRAVDA?!

"Dale comments few emotional making dream team. From get and machine go kitchen. Own that's had as all, has month completely stores. About the details INSANE but track a 200s stuff. Sales, weekends, lost law I'm one door."

-Dr. Quuxum

*(Editor's note: It is a little-known fact that Evan has a LiveJournal. In it, he records his deepest innermost thoughts. Join KGB's LJ community at [cmukgb.livejournal.com](http://cmukgb.livejournal.com/)!)*

## Evan's Evil Twin, Evan Zanaher

Or, why you should participate in KGB puzzle hunts  
Image by cmartens, text by mglisson and ntr



Sex: M DOB: Cyberstalk him to find out!

Height: Everything Weight: 100 OS

Hair Color: Brown

Hometown: Northern Virginia

Description: Like a salamander, Evan can circumnavigate tables, climb walls, and regenerate limbs at will. He might be a robot; we just don't know. Not actually a criminal, but still pretty unsettling. Clearly he's part of C.A.V.E.F.I.S.H.

### Testimonials

"If you want to talk to someone who knows, talk to Evan."  
- cpride.

"Evan was amazing with me." - 8

"Evan is a sick fuck!" -mkehrt

"No, no... I was just looking away for a sec because Evan has awesome balls." -cgwright

"Evan would totally have a hard time convincing someone he was a woman." -csjackso

"You're not really smart. Unless you're Evan Danaher."  
-sk4p

"Trying to get edanaher drunk results in getting drunk."  
-dlstern

"Nothing is harder than Evan." -Dr. Quuxum (in bed?)

## Evan's Officer Dossier

by *ddagradi*, 2006

Recording Secretary: Evan Danaher

Evan is, of course, a bird. But what is a bird? We just don't know. The best guesses of some of the greatest minds of our time suggest that birds may in fact be ethereal beings of another dimension, sent to observe our strange Earth customs. When Evan comes around, make sure to engage in the typical Earth practice of standing on your head to better understand the passing of the bus, continually check your watch for excess cake you can save for the party later than night, and extol loudly the virtues of the city of Glasgow in comparison to Edinburgh. In this way, we can make sure that Evan's reports to his supreme bird overlords are complete and accurate to the finest detail.

## On Moving into Evan's Old Room

by *ntr*

I moved into Evan's old bedroom this August. It was full of weapons! The weapons, as well as most of the other stuff in the room at the time (now in the hallway), actually belong to Xander, but I'm pretty sure the googly eyes in the slide-out tray of the desk were Evan's. He does love all things googly.

Sometimes I wonder about the history of my room. Long nights of coding in what is now my bed. Yes... coding.... And those stains, on the carpet. What could they be? Only God and Evan know, like so many other things. The kitty, sniffer of everything, might also have some guesses. I look out the window Evan looked out of, and see a shingled rooftop, one Evan's eyes must have rested upon many a time. I feel that endows it with a certain power. Once I left the room and thought I could fly. Then I fell down the stairs.

## On Using Evan's Old Bathroom

by *ntr*

Is that Evan's hair on the floor? Only God and Evan know, and since only one of the above is real, I never shall.

## More Evan Facts

by *ntr*

Your drinking water is legally required to contain 25 ppm Evan, as he has healing properties and prevents brain farts.

Evan used to enjoy walking in Schenley Park. He carved out a lake there one summer when he was hot.

Evan is always hot(t), but it is inadvisable to file a lawsuit against him for that property if he lands in your lap, because Evan always wins in court.

The only test Evan ever failed was the Turing test. He turns all colors of litmus purple.

## Photographic Evidence of Evan

by *alanv*



Evan can juggle. Upside-down.

## Closing Note and Advertisements

Evan may have been the greatest thing to happen to Carnegie Mellon since Dining Services introduced sliced bread to the unappetizing spread at one of the bygone buffet-style eateries none of you would ever recognize. Evan is, after all, is the greatest single earthly manifestation ever begotten, and only the doctor cried when he was born.

All in all, Evan was a pretty awesome guy, and we all miss him. If you don't miss him, he just might come kick your ass in the middle of the night, or at least ask you what the definition of NP-Completeness is, and groan disappointedly at you if you fail. But don't be glum, because Evan only notices you if you're happy. You do want him to notice you.

Evan was a known supporter of KGB Puzzle Hunts. You should really think about going to KGB's Interactive Puzzle Fiction Event on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration opens soon for teams of four players. More information can be found at [gellerhotel.com](http://gellerhotel.com), eventually, once we update it.