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# The Black Box of Community Ecology Written after the Eldorado/Gender Reveal Fire

Wildlife is stochastic community ecology is stochastic wildfires are stochastic stability is stochastic

Community ecology is a black box the motions of fire are a black box god is a black box god is a series of predictable invisible factors Tolstoy was a series of predictable invisible factors

The bouncing god of stochastic motion the bouncing god of particles god is a metamorphic rock god is the chance that your house will be the one in the neighborhood overlooked by the fire god is fleeing god is slipping like a family of rats on a tile floor

The shadow passes over and god chose you motion chose you you were stochastically formulated to be chosen your motivations are a black box community ecology is a black box you know what decision you will make as you burn through everything else available you know what choice you will make before you even decide to make it