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### Summary

Bananas

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### Report

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

Just came across a banana in the lab with "THROW ME AT WALL" scratched onto it (the banana, not the lab). I'm gonna throw it cos then I get to throw a banana at a wall.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

I threw it at the wall and it disappeared (the banana, not the wall). That doesn't normally happen when I throw bananas at walls.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

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OK, so this is weird. Two more bananas just came flying out of nowhere.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

One has "WAIT" scratched on it and the other has "DON'T BE SPOOKED". You're asking a lot, bananas: I'm impatient and already spooked.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

So a cucumber has appeared. More correctly, around half a cucumber has appeared. It has no support, nothing in front, nothing behind, it just floats.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

It's nodding as if someone wants me to grab it. I will not grab it. I will look for the hidden cameras placed by whoever is pranking me.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

Cucumber gone. Damn, I didn't check the cucumber itself for a camera. I should have checked the cucumber.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

Cucumber back. It's waving at chest height. This time, it has "HOLD ME" scratched onto it.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

I held it, and it was as if someone else was holding the other end (someone taller than me). They

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raised and lowered it like they were shaking my hand.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

This is seriously freaky.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

Well there has been a development. A line of 30 half-bananas has appeared stretching right across the floor of the lab.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

One banana is blank, the rest have letters scratched on their skins: A-Z in order, plus YES, NO and OVER. The cucumber appeared over the H, then the I, then the OVER.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

Oh. Now a cucumber has been tossed into the lab from whatever extra-dimensional space I'm meant to think is out there. OK, I'll play along.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

I thought long and hard about what I should reply, and finally went with HI.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

The banana person replied: AWESOME PLEASE VIDEO THIS. Yeah, well see, if I do that I can't tweet. I'm gonna lie: SURE.

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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysics · 3h

WE ARE MIT STUCK IN A POCKET UNIVERSE.

Now that's a chat-up line I haven't heard before, I admit.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysics · 3h

SINCE WHEN. They should have introduced some punctuation bananas.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysics · 3h

Oh, now that's nice. They pulled back the other bananas and put out some ones with numbers scratched on them.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysics · 3h

I think the letter bananas must be nailed to a plank on the other side, they all went back together. The cucumber replied 2018 then the letters returned all at once.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysics · 3h

Me: U MISSED THE PANDEMIC. Lucky banana people.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysics · 3h

Them: WHAT YEAR IS IT FOR YOU

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysics · 3h

Me: 2020

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysics · 3h

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Them: 2020

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

Me: 2020. What is this, 2020 tennis?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

They paused a bit here before replying. HERE IT IS (switch to number bananas) 2051.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

WHO R U. I like to know whom I'm dealing with in my banana-moderated communications.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

DAVE AND BECKY WE WERE BORN HERE WHO ARE YOU

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

VERONICA CALL ME FIZ

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

ARE YOU VERONICA WAY

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

Oh is this where I get the prank reveal? THATS ME

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

WE KNOW FIZ BECKY WILL GO GET HER. Whuh? They're going to have someone pretend to be me while talking to me?

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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
SO YOUR MIT IS A COPY OF OUR MIT AS OF  
TWO YEARS AGO. That seems to be the premise of  
this jape.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
LOOKS THAT WAY OUR TIME MUST GO FASTER  
THAN YOURS

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
ITS NOT GOING FASTER NOW. Ha! Gotcha!

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
THE BANANAS MAYBE LOCK US TOGETHER.  
Yeah, cos of course they would. Bananas are time  
magic.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
WHY BANANAS

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
OUR FOOD CAN CROSS THE BARRIER DO U  
KNOW CHRIS EAGLE

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
NO

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
WE SENT HIM YESTERDAY THEN HAD THIS  
IDEA YOU ARE ONLY PERSON TO REPLY

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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

So I wasn't targeted? I feel so unspecial! HOW MANY PEOPLE DID U ASK

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

WE SENT TWENTY BAIT BANANAS WHY ONLY YOU REPLY

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC PEOPLE NOT ON CAMPUS

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

HERE IS FIZ ILL GIVE HER POINTER. There's a pause. I'm not going to engage in idle cucumber-wielding chit-chat to fill in the time.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

The next message is HI ME IT WAS BLUE. Sooo that's chilling.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

I was gonna ask her to prove she was me by telling me the colour of the Christmas decoration I broke in Macy's when I was 7 and kept silent about.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

No-one knows anything about it except me.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h

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It was blue. I AM GRADUALLY CONCLUDING  
THAT THIS MAY NOT BE A JOKE

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
NO JOKE WEVE BEEN LIVING IN A CUBIC KM  
FOR THREE PLUS DECADES DON'T KNOW HOW  
IT HAPPENED IT JUST DID HOWS CAZ

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
Caz is my – our – younger sister, Caroline. SHES  
FINE CAUGHT THE VIRUS BUT IT ONLY KILLS  
OLD PEOPLE MOM DAD ALSO FINE

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
THATS COMFORTING I AM OLDER THAN DAD  
NOW HA HA I GOT THE PHD BTW AM NOW DR  
FIZ

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME HINTS ON THE  
SECOND EXP

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
LATER HEY U ARENT FILMING THIS

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
TWEETING IT

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
THOUGHT SO FILMING IS BETTER SO PEOPLE  
CAN SEE



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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
R U IN A RUSH

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
GOTTA STOP WELL BEFORE MIDNIGHT

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
ITS TEN AM HERE

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
ELEVEN FORTY PM HERE WILL NEED TO  
WITHDRAW BANANAS NOW THEN EAT THEM

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
YOU'RE GONNA EAT ALL THOSE BANANAS

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
YES AND THE CUCUMBERS THEY REGENERATE  
AT MIDNIGHT WE'RE BEING EXPERIMENTED ON

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
BY WHOM

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
NO IDEA PLS THROW BACK CUCUMBER STAY  
AROUND WILL REPEAT TOMORROW

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
OK WILL BRING A CAMERA TOO

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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
U BETTER

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
Well the bananas have gone now. No-one has burst into the lab crying with laughter at fooling me.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 3h  
Maybe I really did just have a conversation with 56-year-old me through the medium of a banana-based Ouija board.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
The bananas have reappeared, with some modifications: numbers are part of the strip now and there's a question mark.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
I would have liked an apostrophe but am not so OCD that I can't live without one.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
I wasn't expecting reconnection so soon but I guess an hour after 23:40 is "tomorrow" so I shouldn't be surprised.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
I don't have a camera but will take some shorts in between tweets. Now gimme my cucumber!

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

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The banananet is operational once more with a new message. HI ITS DR FIZ HERE R U THERE NOTDR FIZ?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
HI NOTYOUNG FIZ ITS YOUNG FIZ HERE.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
R U RECORDING THIS?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
JUST ABOUT 2

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
SAY WHEN

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
WHEN. Cucumber+banana=communication!

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
I've videoed this message, will upload it later. It's long, I'll break the text into parts.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
1) OK SO THERE HAS BEEN A DEVELOPMENT V  
BAD 4 US GOOD 4 U

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
2) WE RECEIVED A VISIT FROM OUR  
EXPERIMENTERS THEY SAY THEY R FROM  
BAHAY WAW NAWM

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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

3) THEY R GONNA CLOSE US DOWN WE R QUITE UPSET ABOUT IT

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

4) WE SENT 1 OF THEIR PROBES FROM POCKET UNIVERSE TO REAL UNIVERSE AND THEY NOTICED

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

5) THEY FOUND THE OTHER 19 BAIT BANANAS 2 THEY R IMPRESSED THEY THINK WE R SMART

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

6) THEY GONNA LET REAL UNIVERSE CONTINUE SO U OVERTAKE THEIR TECH

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

7) WE RUN AT FULL SPEED U RUN SLOWER THEY RUN EVEN SLOWER BUT TIMES LOCK WHILE BOUNDARIES R CROSSED

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

8) THEY WILL MAINTAIN YOUR CURRENT SPEED 4 200 YEARS 1 OF THEIR MONTHS

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

9) UNLESS SOME WOMAN IN EUROPE IS KILLED WE DON'T KNOW HER NAME

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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

10) THEY CANT FORK THE WHOLE UNIVERSE  
LIKE THEY DID OUR CUBE THEY DON'T HAVE  
THE RESOURCES SO MUCH 4 OMNIPOTENT  
GODS HA HA

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

11) GOODISH 4 U THEN BUT WORLD ENDING 4  
US U GET ALL THAT?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

YES ON VIDEO SORRY 4 PAUSE WAS TWEETING  
IT HOW LONG DO U HAVE

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

UNTIL MIDNIGHT WE THINK SO THATS 2 HRS

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

HERE ITS ONLY 1 HR SINCE YR LAST CALL

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

V INTERESTING FIZ BUT OUR WORLD IS  
ENDING U GOTTA TELL YOUR WORLD U COULD  
GO 2 IN 200 YEARS MAYBE SOONER

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

IS THERE NOTHING WE CAN DO 2 SAVE U?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

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WE DON'T THINK SO ITS LIKE THEYRE SWITCHING OFF OUR SERVER WE GOT AN END OF THE WORLD PARTY GOING ON

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
WHO ARE THESE EXPERIMENTERS?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
THEYRE LIKE US BUT A BIT DIMMER THEYRE NOT EVIL THEYRE THE GODS OF OUR UNIVERSE AND YOURS

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
WHAT SUGGESTS THEYRE DIMMER?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
THEIR PROBE WAS A TOTAL JOKE

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
WHAT SUGGESTS NOT EVIL?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
THEY TOLD US THEIR PLANS 2 BE NICE TO US BUT HA HA DIDN'T FIGURE WE CAN TALK 2 YOU COS THEYRE DIM

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
OK U GOING TO PARTY?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h  
ID RATHER TALK TO U

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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 2h

WHAT ABOUT

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

I haven't tweeted what Dr Fiz told me because I'm going to patent some of it.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

Also she may or may not have explained how to save myself three months of work on the PhD (I'm not gonna risk a charge of self-plagiarism).

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

I gotta say I grew quite fond of her. I was telling her I'd miss her when her clock struck twelve and I was left holding half a cucumber with a line of half bananas on the floor.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

If what she said is true we're gonna to have to figure out how to negotiate with the universe's gods.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

That's gods, not God. I can't see that getting through congress easily.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

We can spot them though.

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**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

One of them swigged a potion and left the bottle behind. Someone in the cube ran a spectral analysis of the liquid. Dr Fiz gave me the formula.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

She said if you swig it you can see labels above people's heads like in a video game. Gods use it to tell us apart.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

Therefore, if someone has no label, they're a god? Or if they have a different kind of label?

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

WTF?! My recording is corrupted! How did that happen? I already watched it once, it was fine. Well that sucks.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

Still got the tweets and the paper I wrote the messages down on as they came in.

**Veronica Way** @fizzyphysix · 1h

Anyone out there want to have a go at extracting the data from my MP4 file?

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## Notes

MIT data retrieval experts found that Miss Way's MP4 file consisted entirely of randomised bits.

On 2 Nov 2020, Miss Way's apartment was broken into. Security cameras show a man and a woman wearing N95 masks entering at 10:02 and leaving at 10:21. Miss Way reported the incident to police, but the investigation was not pursued with vigour because although her papers had been disturbed, nothing had been taken.

Dr Way lodged two patents in late 2021: one for weaving graphene; one for creating robust LEDs.