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The rate of acceleration of the biologic and synthetic world has for a while now, been in the process of exponentially speeding up, maxing out servers and landfills, merging with each other, destroying each other. The last prehistoric relics on Earth are absorbing the same oxygen, carbon dioxide and electronic waves in our biosphere as us. A degraded jpg enlarged to full screen on a Samsung 4K UHD HU8550 Series Smart TV - 85” Class (84.5” diag.). Within this composite ecology, the ancient limestone of the grand canyon compares with the IMAX movie itself, the production of Macs, a YouTube clip from Jurassic park, and the super bowl halftime show. A search engine assistance with biographic memory helps our bodies subjective atmospheres and weigh the gravities that exist around the versions of an objects materiality. Communication has moved from our vocal chords, to swipe and taps of our thumbs on a screen that predicts the weather, accesses the hidden, invisible, and withdrawn information from the objects around us, and still ducks up what we are trying to say. This text was written on a tablet returned to stock settings and embedded with content to mine the experience in which mediated technology creates, communicates and obscures new forms of language. Life in a new event horizon — a dimensional dualism that finds us competing for genetic and mimetic survival — we are now functioning as different types of humans.
I never thought I'd be an artist. I spent most of my life plumbing for my dad. I went to
classes so I could go to chiropractic school. My dad had just had a shoulder surgery, and I thought it was no big deal, but he had some pain. The forest service recommends pissing in the river to protect the ancient and delicate ecosystem of the canyon. The noise makes it difficult to hear the sounds of nature.

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