

cherry picked vol 6: polaroid edition

recently i've had to use up the film in this instax camera because i have to send it in for repairs. the problem is that i don't have my warranty card, so i have to figure out how to get one or get them to accept it without one.

the film door latch on this thing fucking sucks to use, and i'm kind of tempted to go back to the instax mini if it weren't so small and wimpy in comparison to the wide, and also medium format film is SO COOL tm tm

what's kinda devastating to me is that i could totally fix the film door latch myself, because if i turn this camera in to fujifilm, it becomes ewaste and they send me a brand new one. unfortunately i don't want to turn a completely functioning camera with a door that won't open into ewaste, so i'm also tempted to 3d scan the part, print it out of nylon, and replace it myself.

jeez. i kinda hate this a lot...



the minute i figured out how to take selfies
on this thing i was so amazed

shooting instant film is fun, but it also forces me to actually slow down and think about my framing in a different way than regular film does, since i have to think about how bright it is outside. the light meter in the camera controls the exposure and the flash meter decides when the flash turns on. my biggest issue comes from actually figuring out whether the exposure will turn out since i can't immediately find out whether it'll look good or not, i have to wait 2 minutes :(



the missed opportunity to show off my skunkboarder shirt

last week's notable links

man science is so cool i wonder what kinds of shit we're doing recently

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/news/science/37158/researchers-over-the-moon-to-find-tea-can-grow-in-lunar-soil>

moon tea, holy shit. moon tea!!!

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/psychology/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2023.1125810/full>

exponential bias is actually really cool but also terrifying? explains how people were totally underestimating covid counts

<https://www.quantamagazine.org/a-simple-way-to-measure-knots-has-come-unraveled-20250922/>

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2506.24088>

recent paper on knot theory (quanta mag has a good writeup but if you also want the arxiv it's here too)



hi mary



you guys are kinda cute ngl

