

A DEGREE IN UNDERWATER BASKET WEAVING

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You said it wouldn't be useful, you did, to get a degree in underwater basket weaving. You told me, I'll never have a stable job if you get that degree! *To hell with you*, I thought, *to hell with you, there's a use for everything!* And lo and behold, I was right.

When the world flooded and the seas rose; when cities drowned and continents became islands; when humanity had to learn to swim instead of run; when we had to learn to hold our breath instead of learning to speak; my skills of underwater manipulation became handy.

So, father, do you dare criticize me now? When I am the wealthiest person on this soggy planet. And you, an astrophysicist who would make more than me, are without a home, without a job, and without a son.