A Retrospective About Jan Bäcklund

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Throughout the last 20 years swedish artist Jan Bäcklund has developed an obsessive database
practice, devouring and classifying factual as well as exotic data about everything from philosophical
theories to a cofee mug. Giorgia Vasari undoubtedly is struck with ore, glancing out of his own
position in the database, looking around in the neighbourhood of his new home, amongst the 2,5
million other posts comprising sincere facts, paranioical information and trivia in an inverted world
inhabitet by 16 different ways of life.

While spilling his time into this vast resevoir of data, spending as much as 12 hours a day typing the
world into predestined columns, Jan Bäcklund prepares for his database to launch as an online
paranoid gaming environment, ready for others to come join him - allthough the price for entering
the game might show itself to be very high indeed. The entrance to the interface will be found on the
website of his "reluctant and dilettantish antiquarian bookshop", selling books out of the shelfs in his
appartment, "prefering to buy rather than sell books". Like a secret backdoor to a speakeasy during
prohibition times, the visitor clicks an almost invisible icon, and enters the inverted globe of JB,
finding herself stuck on the inside of a sphere, like tapestry sitting on the outside of a suitcase.

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