

# Stop Doing That

I can't take you anywhere anymore. Last week, we went to the opera. The next day you wrote one. Do you have any idea how annoying that is? After our trip to Cape Canaveral (the last time I remember being truly happy), there you were burrowed down in a pile of recycling in the back yard. Two weeks later, a rumble woke me up in bed. Was it you bringing me the paper and my pipe? Well, no. It was you lifting off. Did you enjoy your little trip around the moon? Some of us never get to see the other side ourselves. We have to rely on other people to tell us just how dark it is.



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