Cryptomorph

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This is the third and final episode in the mini-series *Skeuomorph, Isomorph, Cryptomorph*. There's a short essay, a video, three collectible NFTs, and … a couple of 🥚.



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Collectible ass

Edition 0x966F Raised 0.08 ETH *NFT*

Collect NFT

EDITION PRICE
0.01 ETH
$16.21

NFTS SOLD
8/99
Edition will remain available until all NFTs have been collected.

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Greetings, this is Gilbert. While recovering from my recent isomorph, 🥚 I've been spending most of my time in Twitter Spaces and Discord Town Halls, looking for inspiration to help me tackle the confounding question of how NFTs and novel cryptomedia might fit into, or follow on from, the arc that I set out in *Skeuomorph*. It's a culture shock, I'll say. For starters, everyone in here is a PFP. 🐵 To the crypto-uninitiated, looking for some reassuring eye contact and a friendly smile, it's an intimidating crowd. But, being myself a disembodied head, I've developed a real empathy for them. As I've come to appreciate, PFPs overlap all of cryptomedia's main genres. They can be generative. They can be fully on-chain. They can have utility as

tokens that enable participation in both partisan social factions and DAOs focused on public goods. And they can catalyse secondary markets that exemplify cryptomedia's eye-watering financialisation. 🤑 So, for this final episode in the mini-series, I've decided to impersonate a fictional PFP community, from within which I'll observe some of the perspectives that define contemporary cryptomedia. Think of it like a Beckettian Twitter Space with all the roles played by dear old Gilbert. *Alright, alright, it's just me dressing up and doing crypto-caricatures.* 🕺

First, I'll sketch a cynical group, normally to be found rolling their eyes at cryptomedia with a postmodern ennui that I find, well, very relatable actually. *Uuuh, but it's aaall been done befooore, brooo*, they groan. The *Anticipatory plagiarist* wants to tell you about some obscure conceptual artwork that predates the right-click-save debacle by 50 years. 🙄 The *Alpenföhn ngmi* relays the cautionary tale of the graphic designer whose OG forays into generative art look utterly feeble now, but which have since been digitised to create massive crypto-wealth. Right place, wrong time, my dude. 😭



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Alpenföhn ngmi

Edition 0x3c1C NFT

Collect NFT

EDITION PRICE
0.03 ETH
$48.61

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Yeh, yeh, next I'll do the actually-very-well-read art theory crowd. 🧠 The *Naïve set theorist* is inconsolable, tormented by the conjoining of art and information that cryptomedia so exaggerates. The *Medium-specific bore* is an easy target, I admit. They just can't see the decentralised-forest for the *in*-chain-SVG-trees. To be fair, their nemesis, the post-medium *Hyperstructuralist*, is being very magnanimous from their permissionless high ground. Whatever, we can all get behind the ever popular *Collectible ass*, the Swole Doge of cryptomedia's post-post-post-Keynesian economics. 👍

Right, and then I'll round this crypto water-cooler chin-wag out by introducing the accelarationists-with-weirdly-anachronistic-names clique. The *Medieval asset* is in their element rn, revelling in digital culture's cruellest jokes at physical culture's expense. The *Netmorf archivist*, meanwhile, has a close eye on the serious question of IP in the PFP space. And so they should — when the metaverse really ramps up, it won't just be the dumb merch that's at stake. 🧢





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Netmorf archivist

Edition 0xfbF3 NFT Split 0xF6Da

Collect NFT

EDITION PRICE
1.00 ETH
$1,620.50

NFTS SOLD
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And finally … and *finally*, I'll conclude this mini-series on an absolute thriller with an endlessly-deferred twist. The *Entombed punks*. Good grief, what a tale! Not even I could have plotted a snafu so wicked. Total OG CryptoPunks, *total* believers, and now totally locked-up for eternity. 🔒 Accidentally, irretrievably, sent to their own smart contract. It's enough to sober up even the most wide-eyed, red-pilled among us. Those punks will reside on-chain, unreachable, *forever*. With only each other for company, they'll witness the whole thing go down. The spoiling of the Mutant Garden, the coming of the Merge, the second Exodus, the flooding of the Web3 creator tools space. But … they won't be able to transact with any of it. 😢

On that poignant note, watch the video below, and then it's Gilbert out.



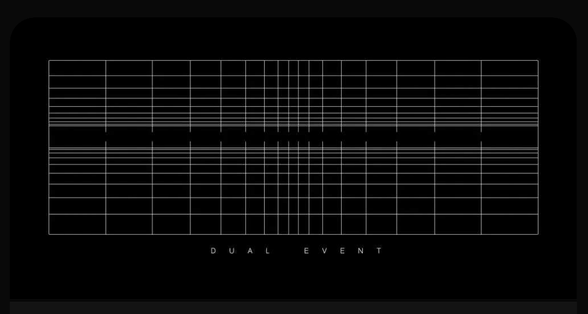
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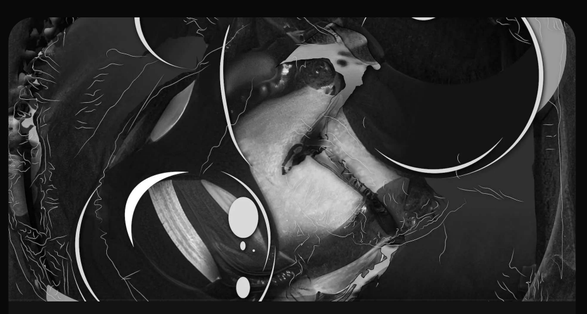
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