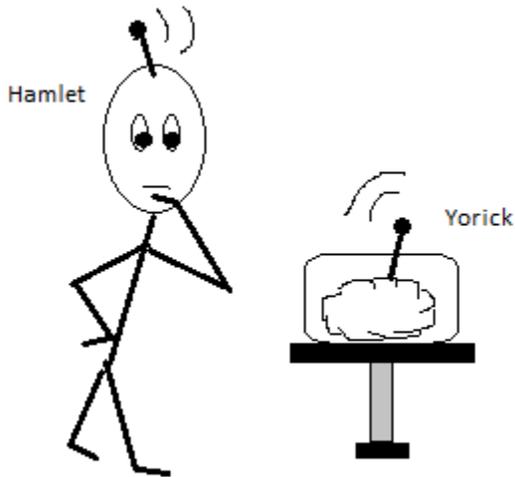


### Where is Dennett?

Dennett’s brain (he calls Yorick) is in a vat in Houston. Dennett’s body (he calls Hamlet) is wirelessly connected to Yorick, and vice-versa. Hamlet is beside the vat looking at Yorick.

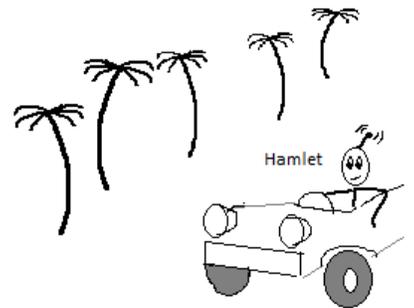
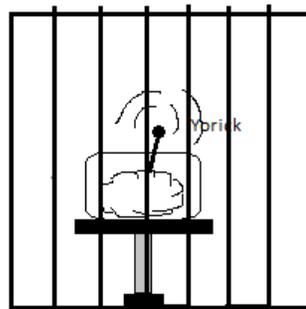


Dennett thinks he *should* feel that he is \_\_\_\_\_ . But he actually feels like he is \_\_\_\_\_ .

Dennett imagines Hamlet robbing a bank in California, while Yorick remains behind in Houston.

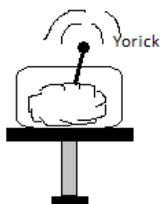
Which result would Dennett prefer?

Having Yorick imprisoned in Leavenworth, with Hamlet remaining free to live and work in California...

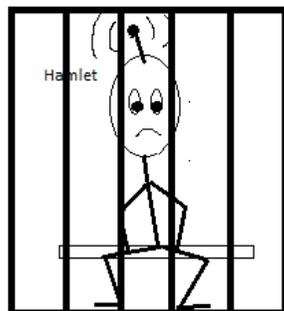


Leavenworth

Palm Springs



Houston



Folsom

...or having Hamlet incarcerated in Folsom, leaving Yorick to “enjoy the waters” in his vat in Houston?

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The mission to retrieve the nuke fails. Hamlet loses radio contact with Yorick, collapses, and eventually dies. What happens to Dennett's "point of view"?

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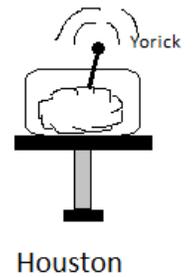
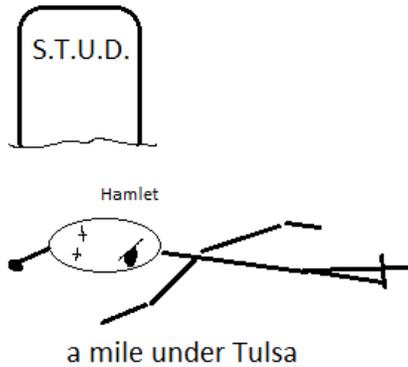
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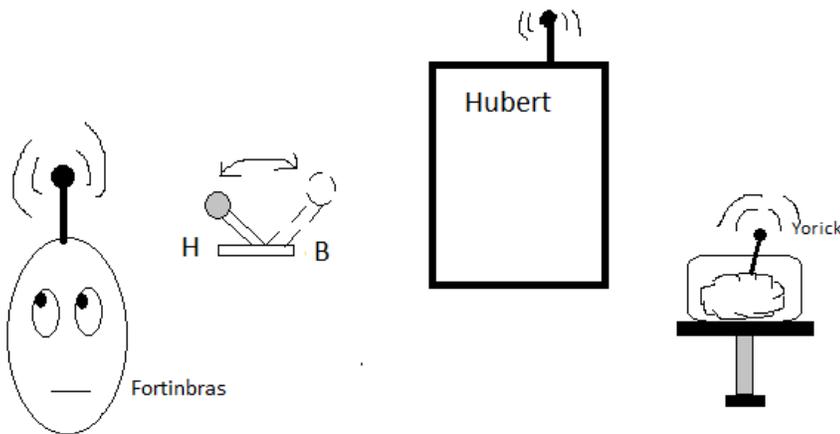
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Dennett (who must be Yorick now, since there is no other candidate) is sedated and sleeps for a long period of time. When he is awake again, he finds himself in a new body (which he calls Fortinbras), once again looking at Yorick in the vat. As Hamlet had done earlier, he flips a switch which had previously turned off the radio communication between Hamlet and Yorick, causing Hamlet to collapse. But this time nothing happens. Even before Hamlet had gone on his mission, scientists had created and tested an electronic replica of Yorick (which Dennett calls Hubert). They had determined that, given a wireless input from Hamlet's senses, both Yorick and Hubert sent identical wireless output to Hamlet. Now, whenever wireless contact with Yorick was lost, Fortinbras could be instantly switched over to Hubert.



Fortinbras switches back and forth between wireless connection with Hubert and Yorick. What did Dennett experience when flipping the switch back and forth?

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Dennett contemplates the possibility that both Yorick and Hubert could be wirelessly connected to bodies (Fortinbras and Rosencrantz). Does Dennett think he survives? Does he want two of himself? Why?

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