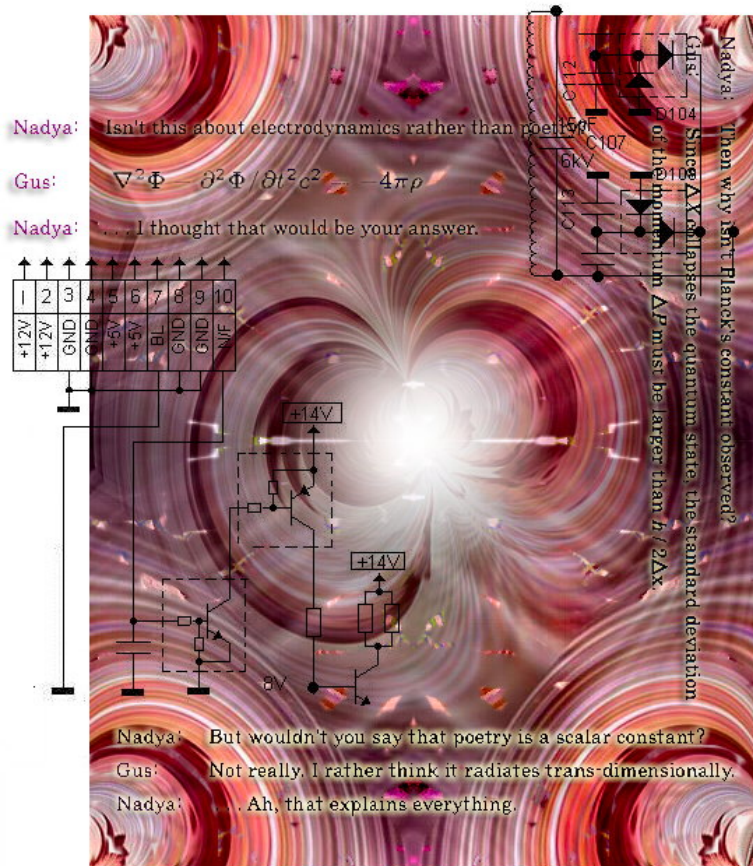


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Where Electrodynamics Meets Art



Nadya tapped her pen against the edge of the cluttered workbench, her eyebrows knitting together as she squinted at the wall of equations scribbled across the chalkboard. "Isn't this about electrodynamics rather than poetry?" she asked, leaning back in her chair and crossing her arms.

Without looking up, Gus continued adjusting the half-disassembled brass instrument sprawled across his desk. Parchment, gears, and a neglected cup of lukewarm tea surrounded him like the remnants of a forgotten experiment. A faint smile appeared. "Isn't that exactly what makes it poetic?"

Nadya exhaled through her nose, somewhere between amusement and resignation. "I should have known you'd say that." She leaned forward again, tracing a maze of variables with one fingertip as though searching for an escape route hidden inside the mathematics.

"Then why isn't Planck's constant observed?" Gus finally set down his screwdriver. He gestured casually in the air, his eyes sparkling with the quiet intensity of someone who saw the universe through a completely different lens. "Since ΔX collapses the quantum state, the standard deviation of the momentum ΔP must be larger than $\frac{\hbar}{2\Delta X}$. Reality itself insists upon it." The room fell silent.

Nadya blinked as the quantum formalism settled between them like invisible dust. Then a sly smile curved across her face. "So you're claiming poetry is merely another scalar constant?"

Gus laughed softly and lifted his tea. "Hardly." Nadya watched thin ribbons of steam curl toward the shadowed ceiling before answering. "No," she continued. "Poetry doesn't remain fixed. It radiates through dimensions the equations only hint at." Her dry laugh lingered in the room, somewhere between irony and conviction. For a long moment, no one spoke.

Then Liao, who had been silently observing the entire exchange, looked up from his notebook and nodded with perfect seriousness. "Ah," he said. "That explains everything."

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