



# RARE CASES

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## 1. Plump Herds of Unicorns

Sometimes the wishes you carry inside yourself for too long grow denser and start to live a life of their own. If the wishes are cherished, reality brings them out and they become visible. Then at night they begin to stomp rhythmically to attract accomplices. That's how plump herds of unicorns appear.

## 2. Training the Fireflies

Fireflies can be trained quite easily. But then they stop glowing. That's why those who know this never train them. We simply ask them to shine where a good thought is being born inside us. They agree if they like the melody of our intentions. Besides, they are among the few on the planet who make mistakes beautifully.

## 3. The Wizard's Hat

This is a hat that keeps the questions you haven't yet dared to answer. It lies in wait for the moment when the answer is already nearby, but you still pretend you haven't found it. Some headwear are braver than the ones who wear them.

## 4. A Chain of Coincidences

Every chain of coincidences begins with one event that wanted to stay unnoticed and pretended to be random. But other events decided to support their comrade. This is how a storyline arises that attentive people connect with fate. Coincidences are rarely lonely. If you hold your breath, you can hear them whispering to each other.

## 5. Crossing Point of Parallels

There is a point where parallels stop pretending to be independent. Sometimes the distance between them is just politeness. In fact, they

can perfectly well intersect or even merge. Infinity is not a prison. Sometimes the need for closeness is the cradle of miracles.

## **6. The Forbidden Zone**

The forbidden zone is usually the place where thoughts enter first. And you move along their tracks only afterwards, and only if you dare. Here what matters is not the point of departure, and not even the destination, but only the direction of your gaze. Movement along certain paths is too fragile to submit to planning.

## **7. The Border-Breakers Club**

Those who wanted to take “a small step to the side”, and found themselves on the other side of the familiar, are the ones who join. And going back seemed boring to them. The club has no charter — only muted laughter behind the door.

## **8. A Dilettantes' Journey**

A dilettantes' journey is an expedition of beings who don't know how things are “supposed to be done”. Precisely for that reason, they have more chances of arriving where no one dared to go. They have no fear of being wrong — only curiosity. The world wants to be discovered by someone, so it does everything it can to help the dilettantes.

## **9. An Unexplainable Mutation**

Mutations are the future's attempt to interfere in the present. Some changes occur not because “that's just how it turned out”, but because reality wanted something new. Because without it there would be only what has long since become habitual.

## **10. The Lost Caravan**

Sometimes it's not the caravan that gets lost, but the place it was heading to. Most likely it does this to free up space for another. When the caravan understands this, it starts going where things are more interesting. And usually it arrives at something much better than what was planned.

## **11. The Elusive Probability**

Probability doesn't like being called “high” or “low”. It avoids evaluation altogether. In important moments, probability stops running away and quietly sits down next to you. And waits for you to pat it on the head. Then it will come true.

## **12. The Art of Being in the Minority**

This is the art of not being the majority and at the same time not feeling small. Sometimes one true voice is louder than a thousand polite

agreements. The majority is too noisy to be a good tuning fork. A minority is not about numbers, it is about precision.

### **13.A Side Effect**

A side effect is what is born when the world gets carried away with an experiment a bit more than planned. It is nature's response to its own curiosity. Sometimes it tests options in parallel, and one of those options becomes what you call a side effect. The universe has its own taste in details.

### **14.The Chance That Was Shy**

Some chances play hide-and-seek. It's not coquetry, it's modesty. They don't like to be pushy and put themselves on display, but they hope to be recognised. Such chances are the most tender ones. However, if they are noticed, they grow to the size of an entire story.

### **15.Reflections on the Windshield**

In reflections you can see what you would never make out without them. Sometimes hints know more about what matters than encyclopedias. And the glass knows more about the road than the driver. It just doesn't think of itself as the main one. It's like a lens through which the path is visible before it has been walked.

### **16.A Small White Hole Behind the Wardrobe**

Sometimes there is a mixture of astronomy and architecture. Some spaces leave secret passages "just in case". Read your home attentively: it contains many notes from the Universe. They are for those who are attentive. That's why they are rarely used.

### **17.A Strange Discovery**

This is about finds at which you look for a minute and say: "What is this?" And then suddenly think: "Then what is everything else?" Some discoveries look strange only for the first five seconds. After that, everything that came before them starts to look strange.

### **18.The Routine Habits of Tricksters**

Tricksters are people too; they have routines. It's just that their routines don't match anyone's rules. They don't try to break anything — they create something new in their own way while you are distracted. Tricksters are the most disciplined beings; it's just that their discipline doesn't adapt itself to anyone's expectations.

### **19.What an Encounter!**

Some encounters happen too unexpectedly to be accidental. Usually they come from the side from which you weren't expecting anything — and immediately change the lighting inside you. This is about the amazement you feel when you find out that the world is more accurate than your plans. Maybe because it is more honest and more friendly. At least once, start sending out call signs so that you can be homed in on. Otherwise, how is anything supposed to find you?

## **20. One in a Million**

This is not about rarity, it's about scale. In a million, no one is alone, because a million begins to manifest itself with one. It consists of a million possible variants of the incredible. Incredible possibilities always live like that.

## **21. A Convergence of Circumstances**

When circumstances suddenly decide to play on the same team, you get a moment that people call "luck". In reality it is simply the coordination of invisible allies. They increase the probability of the impossible; everything else can manage perfectly well without us conspiring with them. Circumstances know something we don't, and sometimes they reach agreements among themselves faster than people do. However, to become reality, they need one thing from us: trust.