



Guest blog from Tom Jones

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We asked Tom Jones to write a blog entry for us about his experience becoming Gary 3. Read it here:

Welcome to the future and Gary 3 is going to tell you about it. Preparing to play Gary 3 has involved looking into climate change and the circumstances that lead to his speculative world as well as delving into this character. A human who also bears genetic material from a microscopic creature called a Tardegrade.

The Tardegrade is “microscopic water creature grows to just over 1 mm on average, and is the only animal that can survive in the harsh environment of space. It can also withstand temperatures from [just above absolute zero](#) to well above the boiling point of water, can cope with ridiculous amounts of pressure and radiation, and can live for more than 10 years without food or water.” A seemingly logical creature to cross with our own genetic make up to help us survive a harsher climate.

Just recently the fabulous costume arrived so I have been learning how to move inside Gary 3 and realize this unusual hybrid character. Gary 3 is not very happy, and with good reason. He is living the consequences of our short sighted decisions and we don't have to look very far to see what those involve. People are too selfish to change. Consumption keeps going up as biodiversity goes down. The wealthy are buying survival shelter motorcycles and ammunition, ice caps are depleting, the EPA is being dismantled, more pipelines approved, coral reefs are dying and our food supplies are at risk. I turn on the radio and hear about extreme rains in Peru and kids in the USA suing the government for life and liberty as beaches disappear and swimming areas fill with algae blooms. The judge said “Right to life liberty and property extends to the atmosphere”. That's something.

Anyway, I hope you come to check out this dark and curious tale. The writing is great, the design is disarming and I'm here too. Come hear directly from Gary 3, 150 years in the future. He's got a few things to say, and he's heard about cheese.