I didn't become a worse Librarian when I became a Grad Student

A Bizzaro rendition of my WILU talk

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Why This, Now

- Soon I'll be giving a lightning talk at WILU about ethnography and being a better Librarian by being a grad student

- This is a safe space, with lots of intelligent interesting folk that will stand a bit of a digression
Remember Bizzaro?

He did everything warkbards
School For Grads

- It was a bucket list item
- I did Librarian School but felt like that wasn't the same Grad School Experience of those I was helping
- Credentials are a form of currency in this environment
Nonsense

- Applying I thought it would be sketchy, turns out no
- Sabbatical to do class
- Postponed, started class anyway
- Sabbatical was thesis experimentin' and writing
Shorten long story

- I'm a better person now
- I'm a better Librarian now *squishy face*
Opposite of Connection

- Librarian Skills, Comp Sci Grad Student did not help one another

- I now have 3 nice and interesting silos:
  - Librarian
  - Coder
  - Researcher
Librarian

Beats Coder

Emphasis is on Library where I work

Gets beat by Researcher

What is best for the Researcher is de facto the best course of action for the Library
Coder

Beats Researcher

I can produce more deliverables in this regard

Gets Beat by Librarian

Where the staffing goes so to does the focus
Researcher

Beats Librarian

There are theses in our repository that cite Wikipedia

Gets Beat by Coder

Digital Humanities etc.
Outcomes: Pragmatism my old friend

All things I had to do to circumvent barriers:

- SciHub
- Eduroam Tourism
- Asking a buddy
- Bought a danged book
- Join IEEE as a student for less $ to get access to IEEE Library

I cannot begrudge anyone who does similar
Outcomes: Pragmatism my old friend

I toiled, submitted, revised, survived peer review

I crossed fingers, formatted, learned the devilry of Latex

I got accepted

I signed my life away
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Try this at home?!  

- Absolutely  
- Empathy is created through shared experiences  
- You probably should
What is my dull surface?

- Instead of harmonizing all of these skill I'm now split into 3 instead of 2

- Being an engaged grad student aside… Was it all a waste of time?
Me Overreacting?

THE REST OF YOU AM NOT LISTENING! US ALL AM DOOMED IF US NOT TAKE ACTION!

IT NOT YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS US DOUBT, NUMBER ONE ... IT AM YOUR CONCLUSIONS!

US THINK MAYBE YOU OVER-REACTING!

AFTER ALL US AM SUPER-HEROES TOO! IF US AM NOT WORRIED -- WHY AM YOU?
Thanks

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