

*please allow me to introduce myself, i'm a man of
wealth and taste.* — michael jagger and keith richard

MEMENTO MORI

your first sorkariak have run without a care
in the world—why me? why this? what is six
times nine?—until they disappeared at the end
of the world. now, what do you say we have
them die of old age and extreme boredom?

during each cycle, some cells lose a little bit of
memory. cells die when they don't have enough
memory to live.

cells turn 90 degrees with each instruction *turn*,
cycling through four possible orientations.

**code a strain that runs around in
circles, using instruction *turn* and some
step instructions. your cells will run
around until they die. try varying the
number of instructions *step*: five, ten,
forty-two...**

*after each cycle, every cell has a slight chance
of losing one unit of memory. cells that run out
of memory die and disappear. (IV:5)*

*probability that a cell loses 1 u after a cycle:
1/1,000*

*die, death: disappear without a trace from the world; christian
dogma is not quite clear on the fate of cells after their death.*

orientation: cells can head north, south, east or west at any
given time, all directions being symmetrically identical.*