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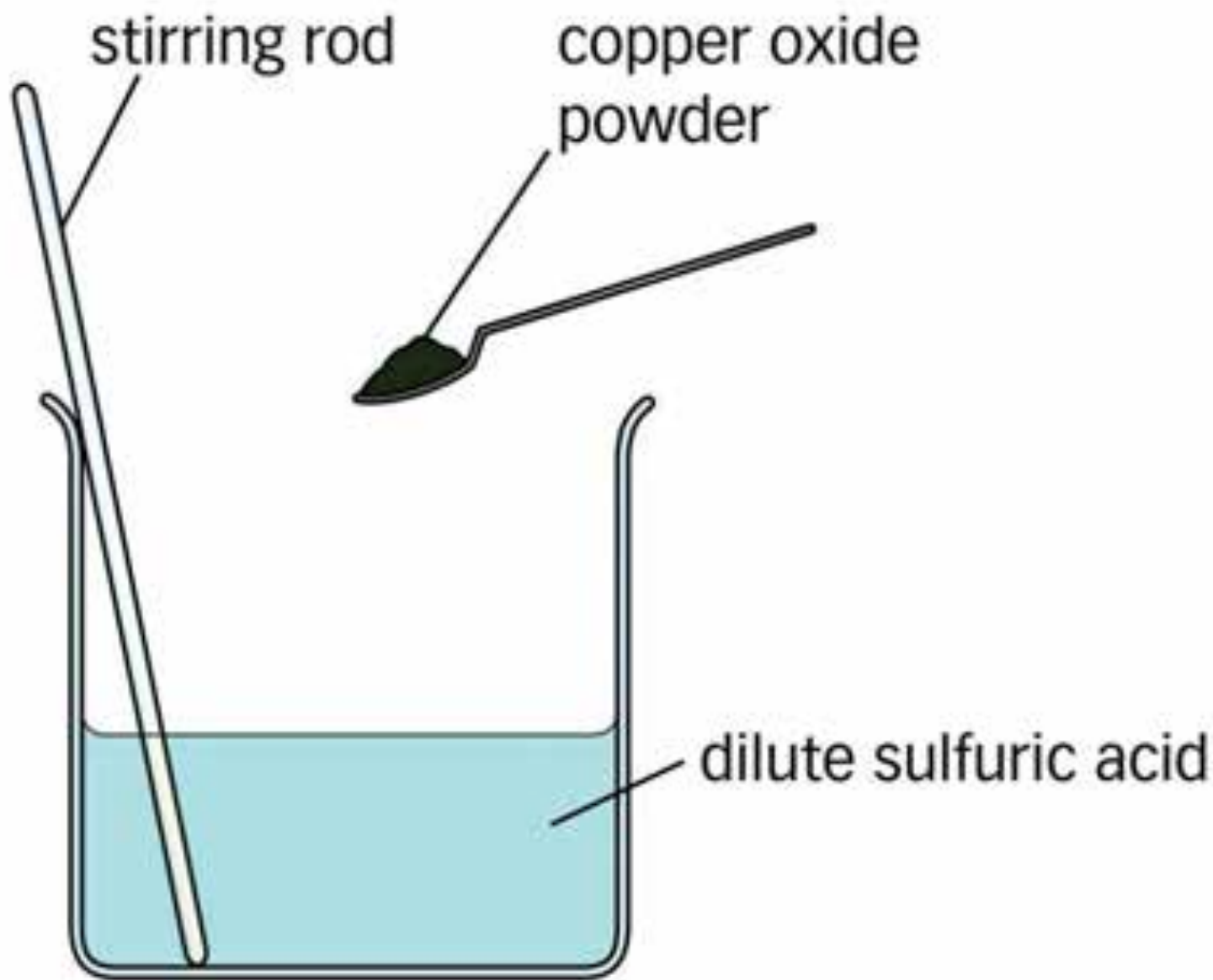
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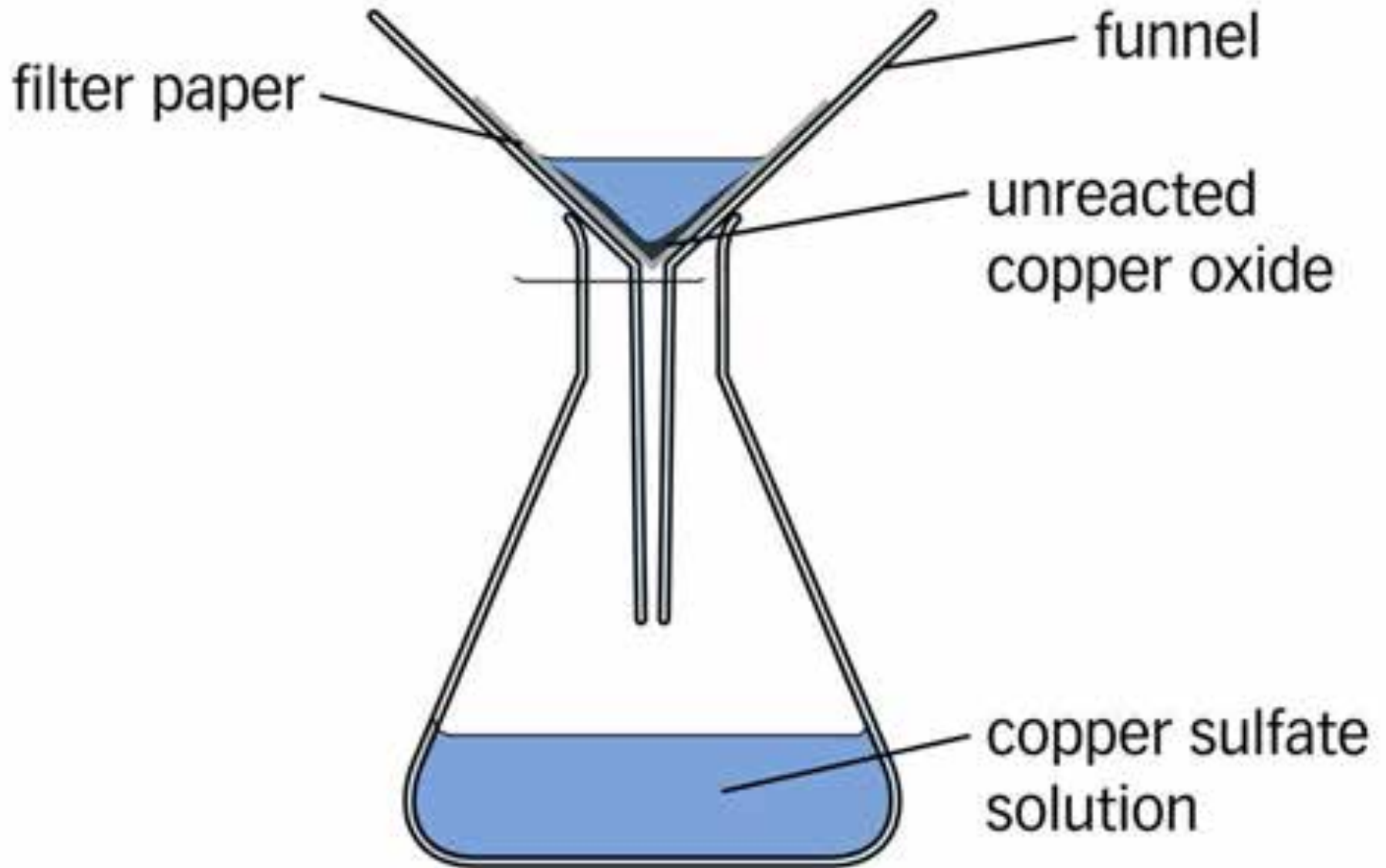




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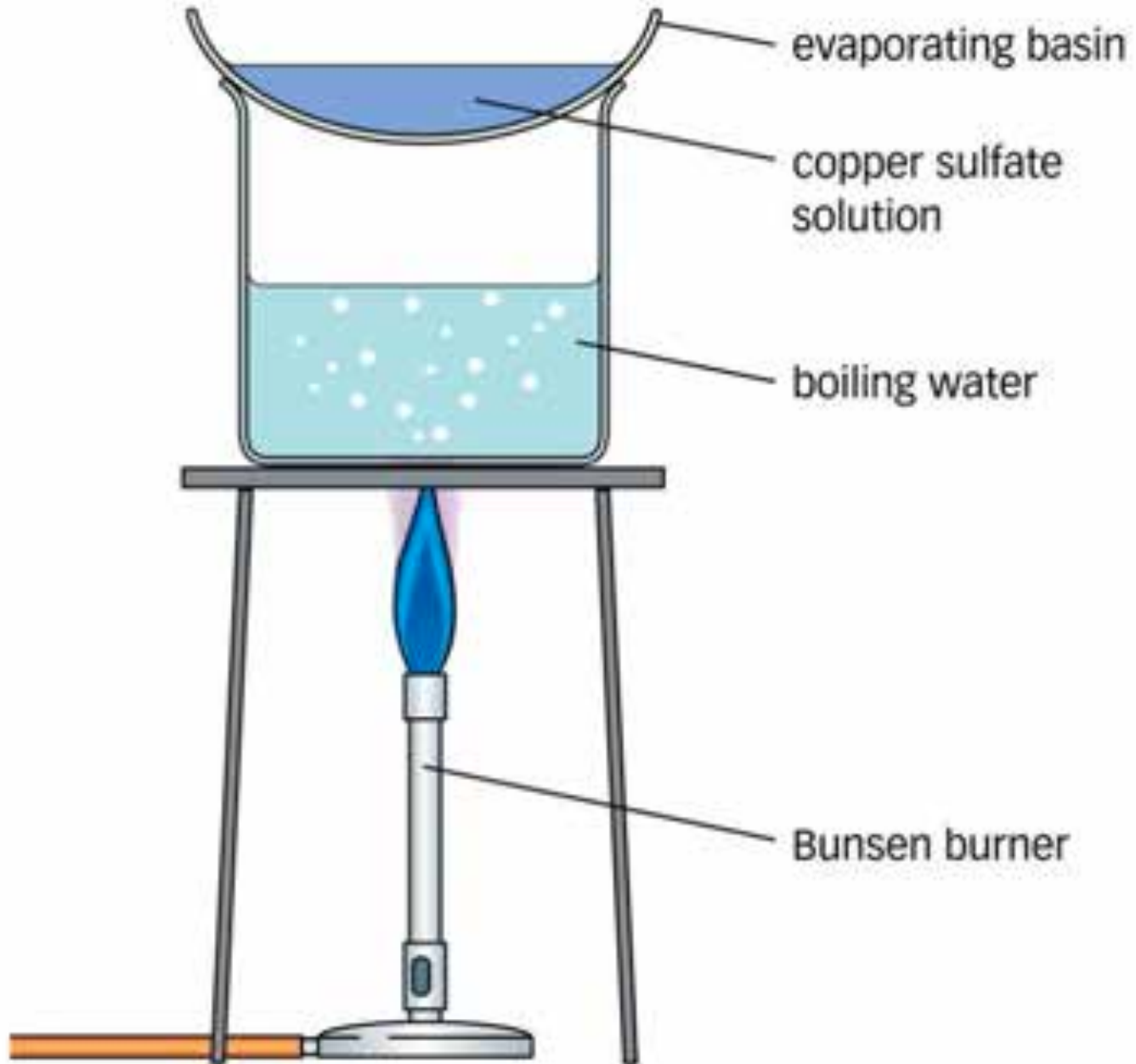


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The Experiment of Life



*I said in my heart,  
“Come now, I will test you with pleasure;  
enjoy yourself.”*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:1 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*I searched with my heart how to cheer my body  
with wine—my heart still guiding me with  
wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I  
might see what was good for the children of  
man to do under heaven during the few days of  
their life.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:3 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*I made great works.  
I built **houses** and planted **vineyards** for myself.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:4 ESV)*

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*I made myself **gardens** and **parks**,  
and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees.  
I made myself pools from which to water the  
forest of growing trees.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:5-6 ESV)*

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*I bought male and female **slaves**, and had slaves who were born in my house.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:7 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*I had also great possessions of **herds and flocks**,  
more than any who had been before me in  
Jerusalem.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:7 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*I also gathered for myself silver and gold and  
the treasure of kings and provinces.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:8 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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I got *singers*, both men and women, and many *concubines*, the delight of the sons of man.

*(Ecclesiastes 2:8 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*So I became great and surpassed all who were  
before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom  
remained with me.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:9 ESV)*

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*And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:10 ESV)*

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*But behold, this also was vanity. I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?”*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:1-2 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*Then I considered all that my hands had done  
and the toil I had expended in doing it, and  
behold, **all was vanity and a striving after wind,  
and there was nothing to be gained  
under the sun.***

*(Ecclesiastes 2:11 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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# SINGAPORE POOLS

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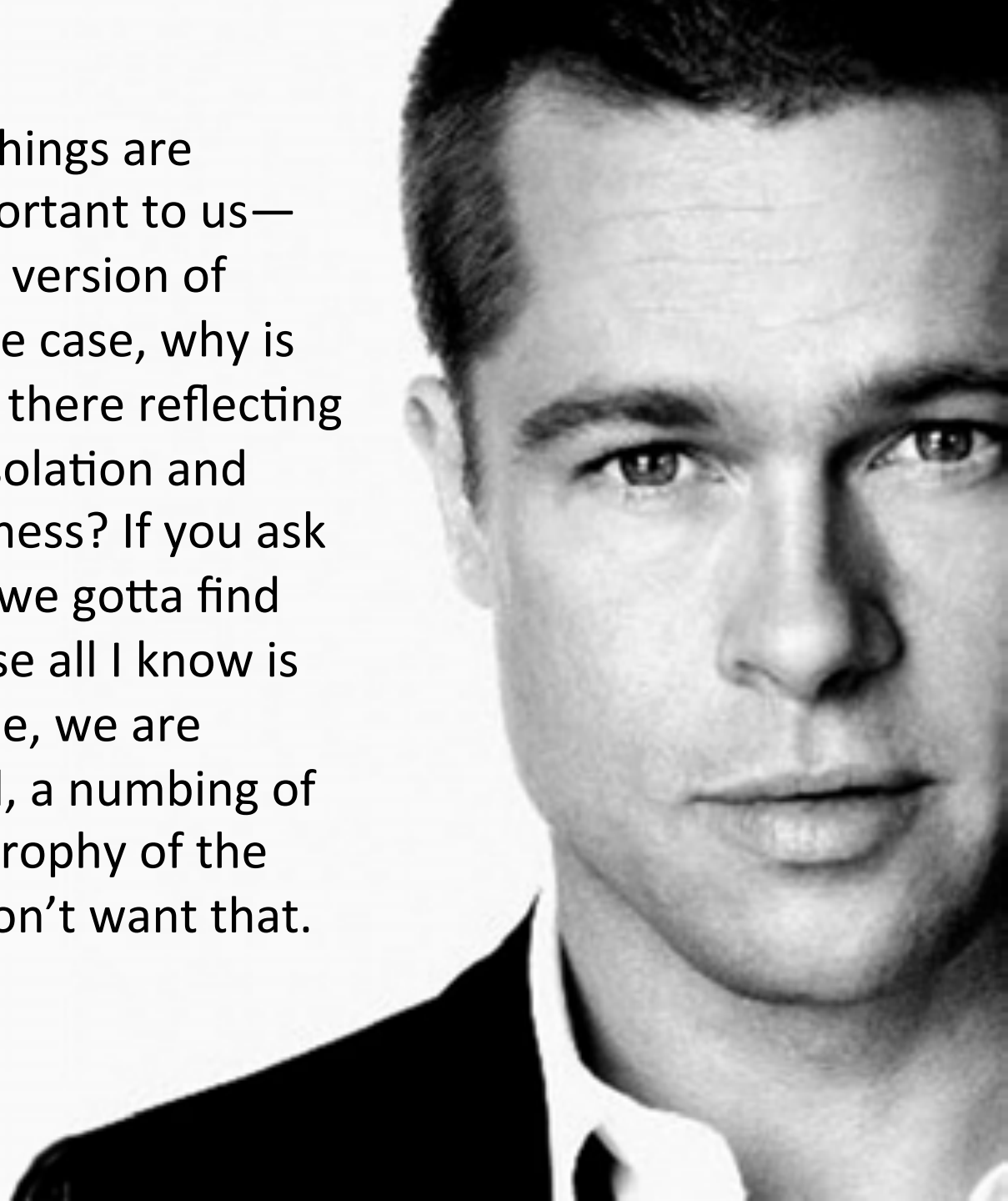




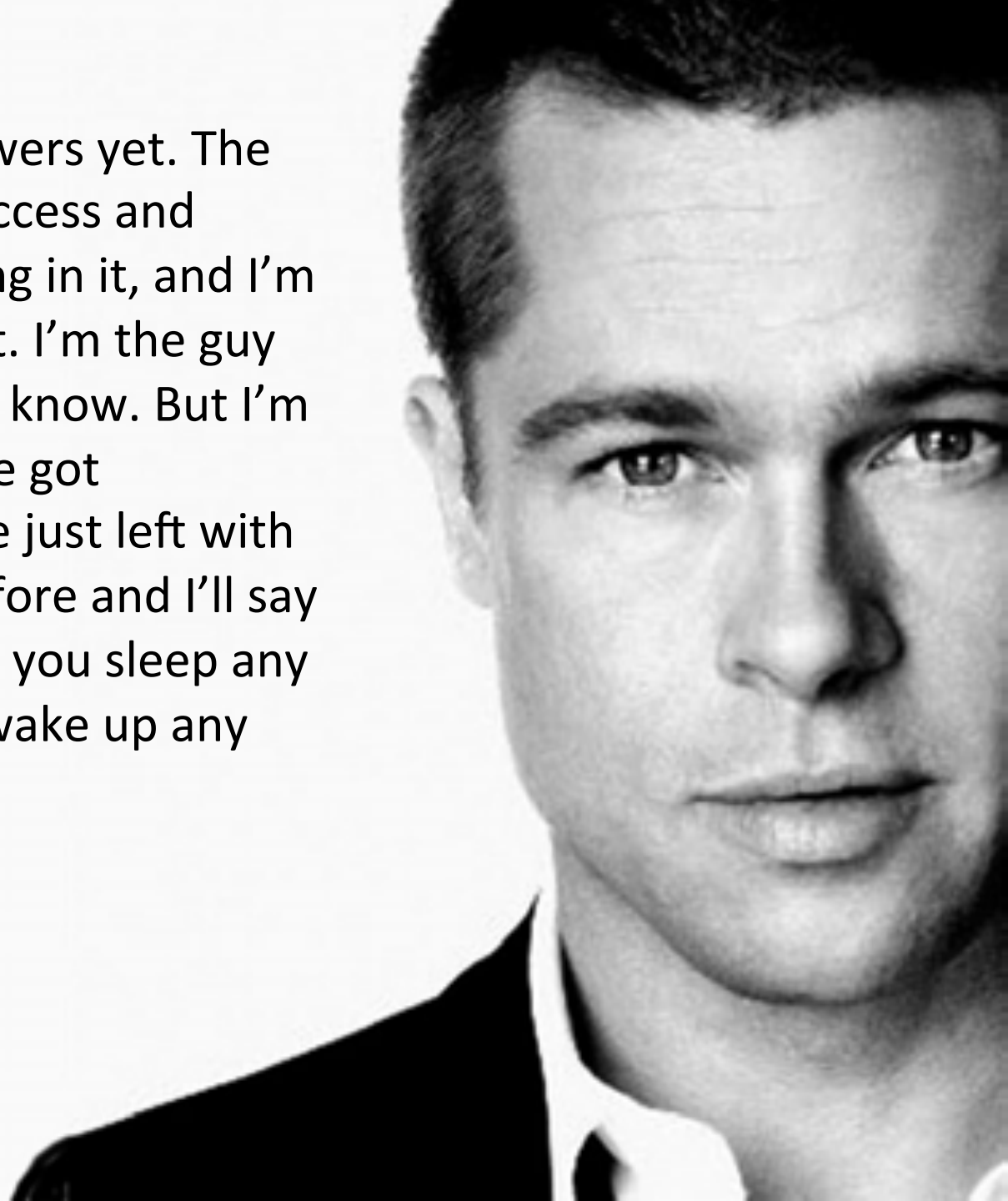
**Sex** **&** **Drugs**  
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Man, I know all these things are supposed to seem important to us—the car, the condo, our version of success. But if that’s the case, why is the general feeling out there reflecting more impotence and isolation and desperation and loneliness? If you ask me, I say toss all this—we gotta find something else. Because all I know is that at this point in time, we are heading for a dead end, a numbing of the soul, a complete atrophy of the spiritual being. And I don’t want that.



I don't have those answers yet. The emphasis now is on success and personal gain. I'm sitting in it, and I'm telling you, that's not it. I'm the guy who's got everything. I know. But I'm telling you, once you've got everything, then you're just left with yourself. I've said it before and I'll say it again: it doesn't help you sleep any better, and you don't wake up any better because of it.









“No matter how hard I tried through pleasure to forget the fact I had nothing to live for and nothing means anything, it broke through.”

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*So I turned to **consider wisdom**  
and madness and folly. For what can the man  
do who comes after the king?  
Only what has already been done.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:12 ESV)*

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*Then I saw that there is **more gain in wisdom** than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:13-14 ESV)*

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*Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness.*

*And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:13-14 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?” And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. **How the wise dies just like the fool!***

*(Ecclesiastes 2:15-16 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:17 ESV)*

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"The problem with the rat race  
is that even if you win,  
you're still a rat."

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that **I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool?** Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:18-19 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*So I turned about and gave my heart up to  
despair over all the toil of my labors under the  
sun, because sometimes a person who has  
toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill  
must leave everything to be enjoyed by  
someone who did not toil for it. This also is  
vanity and a great evil.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:20-21 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:22-23 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:24-25 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.*

*(Ecclesiastes 2:26 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*But understand this, that in the **last days** there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God***

*(2 Timothy 3:1-4 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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*Some of the **Epicurean** and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”— because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.*

*(Acts 17:18 ESV)*

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*Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” So Paul went out from their midst. **But some men joined him and believed .....***

*(Acts 17:32-34 ESV)*

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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