

THE LIFE OF A LONE ELECTRON

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Solution by the author

(You start off beside Edmond's crashed orbital), X ORBITAL (a complete write-off), X ORBITAL (there's a small bonnet at the front), OPEN BONNET (inside is the engine), X ENGINE (see a fanbelt connected to the engine), GET FANBELT (can't, it's attached to the engine), REMOVE FANBELT (now taken), SEARCH ORBITAL (find pill bottle), GET BOTTLE AND X IT (transparent, contains pills), EMPTY BOTTLE (takes pills out), X PILLS (4 black and 4 red), CHARGE (current charge +ve), N, NE (outside proton), N (door blocks the way), X DOOR (locked, bloted, chained etc), SW (for now), NW (outside neutron), N (inside neutron), N (where you hear a buzzing noise), LISTEN (can hear the sound of two people talking and the TV), W (into the kitchen), OPEN DRAWER, SEARCH DRAWER (find a plastic bag), GET BAG AND X IT (quite normal), X CUPBOARD (combination lock on it), E, U, LISTEN (sounds of baby), W (bedroom), X BED (just a normal electron bed), X WARDROBE AND SEARCH IT (find a suit), X SUIT (it's rather crushed), E, E (into the nursery where a baby starts crying as soon as it sees you), X BABY (making lots of noise), X CRADLE (a Newton's Cradle - BLACK in colour), W (back out of the room else the babys constant screaming will alert it's parents downstairs), E (baby starts crying again), OPEN WINDOW, GIVE BLACK PILL TO BABY (Youngster thinks it's a sweet, eats it, and changes charge so it is repelled by the cradle, rises several feet in the air), PUSH BABY (it floats out of the window and away... now silent again), SEARCH CRADLE (Edmond finds a sweet packet), GET PACKET AND X IT (fizzy sherbert), W, D, S, S, SE, S, W, W (park, old lady here on park bench), X LADY (She's knitting and looks all hot and bothered), FAN LADY (with fanbelt, she becomes a lot cooler and gives Edmond the jumper she's knitted as thanks), X JUMPER (it's vibrating slightly), DROP IT (it bounces around on the floor!), GET IT, W (bandstand), X CREATURE ('in'joke), SEARCH BANDSTAND (find trumpet), GET TRUMPET AND X IT ('why blow your own when you can blow someone elses?'), W ('grassy bit'), X QUARK (brightly glowing, annoying Edmond), CATCH QUARK IN BOTTLE (glows angrily and gives off light), E, N (circle of trees), CLIMB TREE ('in'joke), X TREES (covered with leaves), X LEAVES (normal), SEARCH LEAVES (spot a gold leaf among them), GET LEAF, S, E, E, S, S (in a nightclub), E ("You can't come in here looking like that!"), SW, S, E (Sea Of Elektronz), X BIN ('Keep your atom tidy'), SEARCH BIN (dog stops you!), DROP JUMPER (it bounces around, the dog chases it out of the location), SEARCH BIN (find piece of paper), GET PAPER AND X IT ('0514'), X SEA (Edmond carefully notes industrial areas on other side to the south and west), SWIM (Edmond jumps into lake), X LAKE (find a pebble on the bottom), SWIM EAST (and out), SE, S ('Inferiority Complex'), S (in lab), X EQUIPMENT, MOVE BENCH (find nozzle), W (Matthew Einstein), X EINSTEIN (says he's making an electroscope), GIVE LEAF (just the thing Einstein needs, he gives Edmond a box), X BOX (small and black with a button on it), W, X EQUIPMENT (small slot), X MATERIALS (find a 'snard' ion), GET ION, E, E, N, N, NW, SWIM, SWIM NORTH (and out), W, N, NE, IRON SUIT (Edmond 'ions' out all the creases), WEAR SUIT, PUT SHERBERT INTO BAG (transfer sherbert), E (can now enter club now wearing uncrushed

suit), E (to Bonnie Von Clyde, drug Baron), SIT DOWN ("Have you got it?"), SAY YES ("Give it here then!"), GIVE BAG (Get money in return), W, W (out quickly before the Baron discovers what's really in the bag), X MONEY (loadsa dosh!), PRESS BUTTON ON BOX (to try it, a portal appears in the centre of the location), GO PORTAL (Edmond is now at infinity), S (back out, for now), S, E, E, E, N, NW, N, N, X STAIRS (see cupboard), SEARCH CUPBOARD (find hoover), GET HOOVER AND X IT (a green button and blue one), PRESS GREEN BUTTON (Voooooom!), PRESS BLUE BUTTON (!moooooV), W, TYPE 0514, OPEN CUPBOARD, SEARCH IT (find a Pi), GET PI AND X IT (it's a grecian Pi), E, S, S, SE, S, W, S, X ELECTRON (femal - a loose electron), GIVE MOENY (arrested - she was an undercover cop, thrown into cell at police station. No exits), X FOOD (inedible), SEARCH FOOD (see a 'computer chip'), GET ALL (chips and plate), PRESS BUTTON ON BOX (the portal appears), GO PORTAL (to infinity), S (back out again), S, E, E, S, S, SW, S, E, SWIM, SWIM EAST, SE, S, S, GET NOZZLE, X NOZZLE (electronic gizmo), ATTACH NOZZLE TO HOOVER (fits perfectly), W, W, INSERT CHIP INTO SLOT (a black hole appears), GO HOLE (Edmond jumps into another dimension), PRESS GREEN BUTTON (antimatter is sucked into the hoover), E, PRESS BUTTON ON BOX (the portal appears), GO PORTAL (to infiniry), FREE QUARK (the bottle now empty), W (to the petrol station), FILL BOTTLE WITH PETROL, W, X WORKMEN (hint!), GIVE PI (get spray can in return), X CAN (full of RED paint), E, E, S, S, E, E, E, N, NE, PRESS BLUE BUTTON (on hoover and it releases the anti-matter blowing open the door), N (Edmond is repelled), CHARGE (+ve), EAT BLACK PILL, CHARGE (-ve), N (in proton), E (empty room), W, N, INSERT PEBBLE INTO TRUMPET, PLAY TRUMPET (the pebble shoots out and smashes the window here), SPRAY FLOOR (with red paint), EAT RED PILL (shoot off upwards repelled by red floor, luckily have a black pill left so eat that to stop you floating upwards when you reach the roof), X ORBITAL (flashy, no fuel), INSERT PETROL (edmond fills up the tank of the orbital), ENTER ORBITAL (can see usual controls), FLY ORBITAL (zooms off into the sky and on his way home...)

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