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The City of Broken Windows

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The city of broken windows is golden and glowing with can-do.¹ In this city every window needs to be broken and shards joyfully sparkle in the sunshine. This city is cutting edge.² Day in day out people are smashing windows tirelessly to generate power. If a window is smashed the power of impact³ is transformed into a fault line in society. The city is made of these cracks. The more of them are created the more the city grows in power.⁴ With every broken window an artificial intelligence⁵ is getting smarter. Disruption thrives to make the city more prosperous, divided and vertical.⁶ Everyone is safe. All sounds are known and put in perfect order. The city lives in perfect harmony. A symphony orchestra¹ enters the stage. At this point in time, the sounds of breaking glass will start to turn into its own shadow and then be heard as music across the city.8

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¹ The purpose is to measure reality against the theory.

² They are everything you can imagine in a smart home and you have a whole lot of applications in a smart home that you could imagine for this technology.

³ You need to be strong, you need to go for it — don't hold back, just go for it! Windows are a lot harder than we think. The first time I tried to break a window I was like "bonk" — it's not breaking.

⁴ Glass pieces fall over the pioneers in this kind of language. We are technology. We will find new frontier.

⁵ The purpose is to record time it's strong, you see this is strange, it's still exciting, and the cutting edge.

⁶ We are actual windows. We know what information is. We know what we don't know what information is.

⁷ The sound of various windows breaking. We have a bunch of window breaking a hammer and breaking, using the hammer over and over and over again.

⁸ You learn the act of breaking a hammer and over again. You learn the glass break you are a thug and you have to keep doing it over and over again. You learn the software recognizes and detects sound of glass pieces fall over the moment. It is reality actually taking a hammer.