

Unexpected complexity of Swedish pronouns, and escaping the resulting embarrassment

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I dreamed that Swedish had separate third-person-plural pronouns based on gender. They were formed from *han* and *hon* by adding a common suffix, but the pattern broke down for *det*, and I got stuck trying to finish a sentence without knowing the correct word.

I was able to escape from this embarrassing situation by using a technique available only in dreams: I woke up.

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