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The following text is an excerpt from the [unfinished] novel *Antevive*, my most recent and best executed writing endeavor. The concept of a sentient planet battling the same moral dilemmas as humans do - and the resulting conflicts from clashing decisions between species - was both exciting and challenging to develop. What started out as a small prompt for a writing competition soon grew and evolved into hundreds of hours and pages worth of research, creative writing, and philosophical considerations. Addax Pereski, the novel's antagonist, faces the same moral questions that we must often consider in our world today, and she learns - as we all must - that her world is not governed by black and white rules of "right and wrong" or "good and evil," but a jumble of grey beings just trying to survive. In her quest for knowledge and utopia, she battles with the elements, other humans, and even her own conscience. This excerpt is from the early days of the novel's creation and a salute to the hurdles I have overcome to get where I am today.

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