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Florida Man Arrested in Park Portending the End of the World

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At 9:37 P.M. on Sunday evening, Gill Bates, a teacher from Sarasota, was arrested in Bayfront Park for disturbing the peace, public indecency, and resisting arrest after multiple onlookers complained of a ‘seedy’ man wearing just a bathrobe leering at them from the bushes. When officers of the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office arrived on the scene, Bates attempted to flee, apparently terrified of being silenced. Numerous eyewitnesses recall Bates crying out about the end of the world as he ran, with one notable sentence sticking in multiple people’s heads: “Nobody stopped us.” Leaked reports on Bates’ arrest include the results of bloodwork, as police suspected intoxication in some form may have played a role in his actions Sunday evening. These blood tests revealed no trace of alcohol or any other substance, but does reveal an element found in persons with the ability to wield magic. Magic is a hot-button issue that has come to the forefront in recent years, with Congress recently voting to pass a highly controversial first wave of legislation to protect magic users against discrimination. While it is not known what form of magic Bates wields, many theorize he is imbued with the gift of prophecy, and his visions of the future, reportedly showing him the end of the world, drove him to madness. In the wake of this revelation, Florida Governor Rhonda Santis has begun calling for a police crackdown on “public or irresponsible uses of magic.”



Fear that the sudden, rapid, and widespread growth in the public use of magic may cause the end of the world has already permeated the general public, and rumors of a second protest at the steps of the Supreme Court to convince them to overrule Congress’s legislation have already begun. America, it seems, has reached a crisis point. More on Page 4.

