Small Genocide  
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I used to think we were all savages until Shinji told me about old Japan. He says that in the samurai days people would always walk on the left side of the road, so that their leading sword hand was on the inside.

“Maybe the weirdest part of that whole thing is that right-handed men don't really gain from it,” said Shinji, a lefty. “If everybody walked on the right side, they'd still be on equal footing – and, if anything, you'd get more warning when the other guy wanted to get you, 'cause he'd have to move from his place.”

“So really,” I said, completing his thought, “all it served to do is disadvantage left-handed men.”

“Sometimes I wonder if that was the idea all along,” he said, and he tickled my thigh. We gentle Americans drive on the right. So at least we've got that.