

the difference between a duck
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Q: What is the difference between a duck?

A: One of its legs is both the same.

The question “What is the difference between a duck?” is a finished joke in that the joke is unfinished. What is the duck different from? How is it different from itself? A duck is what it is, yet never exactly what it is. The joke is in the distance between a thing and itself. An empty novelty filled with whatever meaning we pour into it. It flickers between what is seen and what is not, it is comedy. A gap between things that are separate and the same in an instant.

You can only “get it” when you realize there is nothing to “get” in the first place.