

Balbum

STYLES

Rolypoly

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BALBUM ROLYPOLY · 60 / 80 PT

**HEADSTRONG
MATERIALIST
DEACTIVATES
DEAFENINGLY
CATEGORICAL
CATAclysmic
ENTERPRISES**

BALBUM ROLYPOLY · 70 / 80 PT

exhibitionist
understands
skulduggery
entreatingly
intersperses
misbehaving
bandwagons

BALBUM ROLYPOLY · 55 / 65 PT

**Beware spooks!
The awful truth
Missing millions
In the beginning
Empty promises
Red river valley
American grand
El filo del miedo
Szentöl szembe**

BALBUM ROLYPOLY · 35 / 40 PT

**Contemporary typefaces
are just so ‘now’! Indeed,
one can safely say that
they did not exist before
they did. Is that like the
opposite of time travel?**

BALBUM ROLYPOLY · 30 / 35 PT

**One hard working typeface.
It does what most typefaces
do: it just sits there. Pretty
much in sync with laziness,
which is next to godliness,
because, characteristically
enough, it refuses to budge.**

BALBUM ROLYPOLY · 20 / 26 PT

Travelling, I tell them, has always been a hazardous affair. Used to be people would lose their luggage en-route to the next settlement, but now when it's a matter of bodily misplacement, and of functions and faculties, I must admit the very prospect of a journey makes me a bit queasy. I am one of the fortunate ones in that respect, here at the Reclaims, with not just a steady but an entirely motionless job – which I like to think, in the occasional poetic interlude, is to put people back together. Some sort of personal jigsaw. Call me an old fogey but I think those were good times when a man had his body in one place. Yes, all of it and all the time; together as if it was all sacred and inextricably joined. Nowadays you get back from the pods – all lollapalooza with their cheap deals of millisecond precision and transmutational comfort – like Blooper did just yesterday, with a truly and wholly unfamiliar set of nether limbs.

BALBUM ROLYPOLY · 14 / 18 PT

He is, of course, not complaining about this welcome, though undoubtedly temporary, acquisition. Must say I never thought much of the originals, a bit too short and nowhere as sturdy-looking as this windfall pair – sheer embarrassment that they were in those regulation titanium tights. Anyway, my point is that in the good old static millennia at least a man did not have to endure the agony of comparison – not to mention temptation and denial – at such close quarters. Bodily misplacement is one thing but what do you do when your memory goes missing in the raffle, or better still when you find someone else’s memory firmly lodged in your head as you return home? Well, chances are you wouldn’t figure that out yourself. Those cases are the most laborious ones and take the longest time. When I find such a one as that, I try to skip my shift and let Blooper do the dirty work. I spent half my primetime rummaging other people’s memories to match the lost-and-found codes, sifting through those inadmissibly intimate details that make cross-checking possible. Travel insurance gives you back a brand new but, of course, blank chip as replacement.

I have no direct access to pre-history data but I have often wondered what it must have been like back then. In archives there are some specimen databases with chips that have had amounts of variations going on. They had to bundle those off to the tertiary cells, the machines couldn’t read any sense at all in them. I get a weekly allotment to sort that bit out and feed it back in, in machine-friendly form. Blooper and Goof can’t do it, they’re post-history formats. Anyway, they like their replacement accidents and customs triumphs far too much to bother with the rest. I don’t think they manage to disengage, not even in their dormant states. They say the body was the final frontier in overcoming that medieval notion: privacy.

CHARACTER SET

Balbus uppercase

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Balbus lowercase

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Punctuation & symbols

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Numerals & fractions

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Superiors & inferiors

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

OPENTYPE FEATURES

Case sensitive punctuation

«;adiós!» → «¡ADIÓS!»

Localised forms for Dutch

mijn → míjnLocalised forms for Romanian
and Moldovan**lingvişti → lingviști**

Localised forms for Turkish

Diyarbakır → DİYARBAKIR

Localised forms for Catalan

CÈL·LULA → CÈLLULA

Contextual alternates

finger → fingerFractions
(ignores numeric dates)**3/4 7/2 12/36 → ¾ 7/2 12/36**

Numerators and denominators

01234/56789 → 01234/56789

Superiors and inferiors

C₄H₁₀ a₆×b₃ → C₄H₁₀ a⁶×b³

Ordinals

23^a 42^o → 23^º 42^º

OTHER DETAILS

About the designer

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