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Two of this month's pieces ask the same question in nearly the same words: what happens next when the procedure fails? A lethal injection that does not work has no second script. Neither, it turns out, does a hotel chain that mishandled a victim at every stage, according to the review. The failure is rarely the dramatic part. The aftermath is.

The money pages are running the same story at a different scale. Yields at levels unseen since 2002, Brent back above $100, diesel at £2, and a central banker warning that the AI boom may not land softly. Elsewhere there are brain-scanning headphones, a collar that counts your cat's steps, and a drug that might finally reach 190 million people. Measurement is easy. Holding is hard.

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BBC NEWS

Travelodge failed sex assault victim 'at every stage', review finds

The review comes after a woman spoke out after being assaulted in a Maidenhead hotel.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c93429dg425o

BBC NEWS

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Christa Pike execution fails: What next when a lethal injection is botched?

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How will investigation into Flydubai flight attack unfold?

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California gubernatorial candidates face off in debate

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Senate adjourns until November with Republicans fearful of losing majority

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San Francisco's car crime has plunged. How much credit does Flock deserve?

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GOP walks tightrope on immigration ahead of midterms

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Oil prices rise as Chinese refiners reportedly ban October fuel exports; Brent crude back above $100

It comes after a report that Chinese refiners suspended October fuel exports to protect domestic supplies.

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After France, is Italy next? Goldman Sachs flags bond risks as Rome's deficit widens

https://www.reddit.com/r/Economics/comments/1x3504o/after_france_is_italy_next_goldman_sachs_flags

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WIRED

Tractive Cat 6 Mini Review: A Fitbit for Your Cat

Cats are finally getting the dog treatment. This smart cat collar features GPS location, activity, and sleep tracking, plus all-new heart and respiratory rate monitoring.

https://www.wired.com/review/tractive-cat-6-mini

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Exclusive: Neurable’s First Brain-Scanning Headphones Want to Fine-Tune Your Focus

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