

# Philip Guston and the Ultimate Mudball

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The huge mudball has rolled downhill, catching up one of them. Part of a leg sticking up from the surface with its shoe still on, but we can assume the rest of the human, or humanity if you will, is lost somewhere deep inside it.

It seems like it came to rest along the slope just as the sun was either rising or setting, peeking out from behind with its rays shooting out from it, like a wedge of some kind caught between the soft edge of the huge all-engulfing thing and the downward tilt of the land.

The sky itself may be finally softening above, or else it's ready to close and descend, or explode.

It could have been worse. It could have been the mother of all meatballs rolling down the hill at us. Whoa!

