

The AR magic carpet ride

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What is the myth of the flying carpet? The first, and arguably most well-known myth is from the Hebrew myth of King Solomon. As the story goes, when God appointed Solomon king over all the land, he gifted him a carpet that could fly. It was massive, with some sources claiming it was sixty miles square, and others claiming it could transport 40,000 men.

'Augmented reality (AR) in the Metaverse involves overlaying visual, auditory, or other sensory information onto the real world to enhance one's experience. Unlike virtual reality, which creates its own cyber environment, augmented reality adds to the existing world as it is.'

<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/a/augmented-reality.asp>

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A magic carpet, also called a flying carpet, is typically used as a form of transportation, and can quickly or instantaneously carry its user to their destination. Is the carpet Turkish or American Indian? Unsure. But magic it is. Uncover the profound symbolism behind the magic carpet, a representation of human desires for liberation and escapism.

Enter AR.

The old dusty rug has been waiting for a pilot for Centuries. Today the dust will find a new home as AR crew sets up the virtual landscape in the old man's attic. Evelyn slips on the Vision Pro. The name Evelyn is considered to come from combining the names Eve and Lynn, which mean mother of life and lake. A video of flying through the clouds, from drone footage, is used as the base image. Wires stretch and hang the carpet from the studio ceiling. Evelyn is superimposed in the live recording to serve as pilot and antagonist.

Evelyn, the Queen of the show, flies over London and the UK in mere minutes. Cities are specks. The studio is abuzz with flowing data and geospatial imagining. The juxtaposition of the GPS, AR, the landscape video and the carpet is enhanced in post-production and saved as a .MOV4.

Evelyn removes her Vision Pro goggles and smirks: "Morocco was lit up like a Christmas Tree."

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"Well, you don't know what we can find
Why don't you come with me, little girl
On a magic carpet ride?
Well, you don't know what we can see
Why don't you tell your dreams to me?
Fantasy will set you free"

- "Magic Carpet Ride," Steppenwolf