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Café Museum was opened in 1899. Architect of world renown Alfred Loos decked out the interior in a simplicity and objective functionality hitherto unheard of. Previous page:

This how the statue at the tip of the City Hall spire

would see the Burgtheater in enchanting twilight.

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One of the many chess players to frequent Café Central at the beginning of the 20th century was

Russian emigrant Bronstein. According to one famous anecdote he was not thought capable of provoking a revolution in his homeland; as Leo Trotsky he was to prove otherwise. Page 10/11: The internationally esteemed painter Friedensreich Hundertwasser caused fierce debates on architecture with the unusually cheerful façade design

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