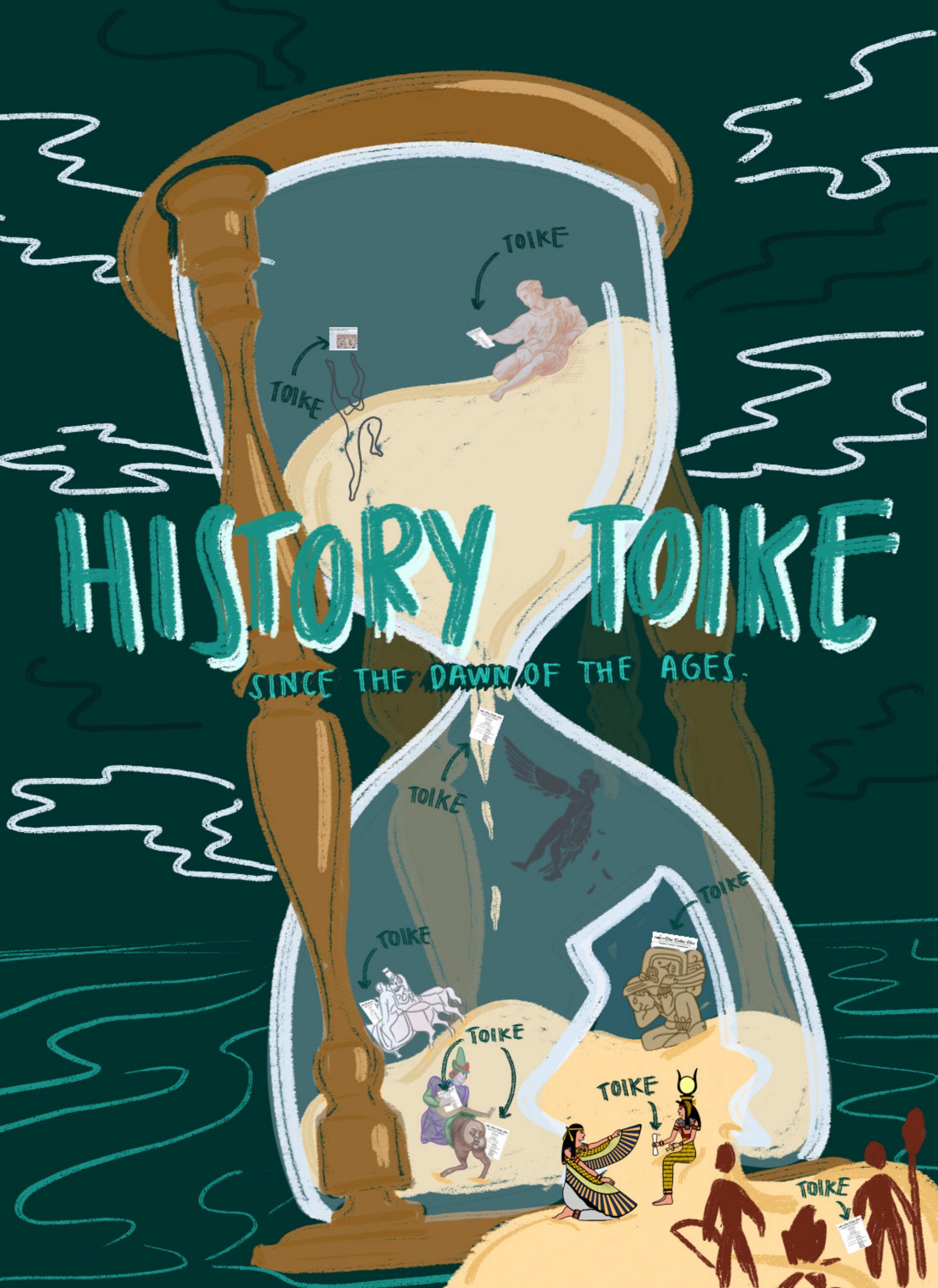


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SINCE THE DAWN OF THE AGES.



EDITORIAL

Ave Skule™,
Being possibly the oldest tradition still in place here at Skule™ today, it only seems fitting to do an issue on the historical events. At one hundred and ten years of age this year, readers of the *Toike* have grown to appreciate the humour, the consistency, and the timeliness (whoops) that we have sought to provide over the years.

like to think we're at least a little bit of a better medium than cave paintings, but I'll let you be judge of that.

Anyways, in other history news, I've been playing a bunch of Civilization and Assassin's Creed recently. Neither are really an accurate representation of the past, but you can't deny that demolishing cities with Giant Death Robots or sneaking past lions of guards is a pretty fun time.

See ya round!

Parker Johnston
Editor-in-Chief 2To-2T1



Out of all the gods in the Greek pantheon, Dionysus was definitely the life of the party

WRITE-ITORIAL

Hello *Toiketorians!*

How are we doing in 2021? Nope? Still sucks? Yeah, I kinda figured. Stick with it though, I think it'll grow on you eventually. Give it a chance at least. Clearly some people have taken to it more than others, looking at how they are trying to revolutionize email greetings of all things?! I mean how does that even reach that high up on a person's priority list? Save my sanity? Nope. They decided instead to change emails forever. So from now on, it isn't "Hope you're doing well.", it is "Hope you are staying positive and testing negative."

humanity has fucked up over the ENTIRE course of its existence. Each article delves deeper into the random things our ancestors did and then had the audacity to call us scandalous. You know, I honestly believe that famous people have become more and more tamed over time, or it could just be that we are now used to more bullshit.

At any rate, I think it should be a

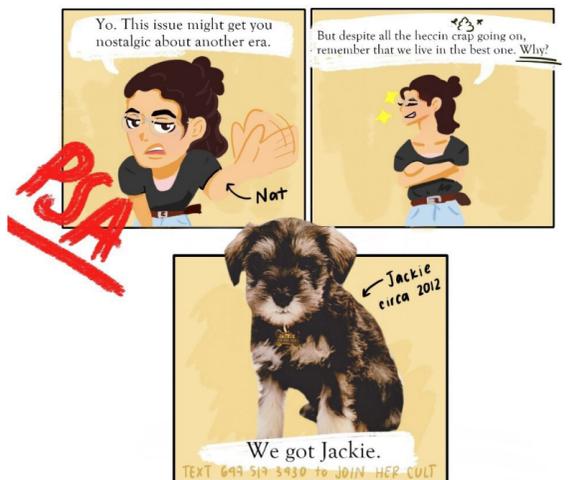


good change of pace to criticize boomers again, instead of the start of another online semester (at this rate I'm gonna go blind; too broke for blue light glasses) at this illustrious institution.

Hope you are staying positive and testing negative :)

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GRAPHICS-ITORIAL



Pictured: Joanna, circa. 420 AC

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STUDY: EPIC RAP BATTLES OF HISTORY DEEMED MORE USEFUL THAN MOST HISTORY CLASSES

Nice Lloyd
Toike Hamilton Stan

A new study published by the American Society of Historians (ASH) has determined that the popular internet series, "Epic Rap Battles of History," is actually more informative than the average history class in the United States of America. The study gathered a pool of over ten thousand elementary and high school students from across the United States and split them into two groups. One group was instructed to attend their regular history class and take diligent notes while the other group was fully removed from their history classes entirely and was instructed to watch as many episodes of ERB as they wanted. The groups were then given a monthly history test covering the material both groups were exposed to in the previous month. The results of the tests show that the ERB group outperformed the history class group by approximately twelve percentage points. Moreover, the results show that, despite

the ERB group's lack of knowledge of many historical events, they were extremely well-versed in specific people's achievements. The ERB group also scored twenty-five percentage points better than the history class group on questions that weren't explicitly taught to either section, indicating that this group did more supplemental research in their own time.

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I'm sorry but this study isn't at all shocking. Honestly, it's a testament to how broken the American education system is. So, can we all take a minute... just a minute...and think about how cool this obscure historical organization's name is! They are literally called ASH! That's fucking AWESOME! And, if you don't think that's awesome, you can jump up your own ass and die because you're a fucking moron. Fuck Indiana Jones. ASH is what's going to make history sexy again.

LOCAL CHILD REGRETS WISH

Gene Ian Abottal
Toike WW84 Co-Writer

After the nightmare that was 2020, many people in the world justifiably assumed that some malevolent being was controlling the events of the year. Some thought that Satan himself had gotten control of the world somehow. Others thought that the deep state (or more likely God) was trying to tank the US economy to ruin Donald Trump's chances of re-election. Others still thought that the people running the game of Sims we call a universe finally got bored and started the "burn-it-with-fire" stage of every game of Sims.

However, it seems the cause for the crazy year we've just experienced may not be as nefarious as previously thought. According to the *Toike's* New York affiliate paper, the true cause of 2020 was a 14-year-old kid named Bobby who just wanted to pass his world history test. "L...I was trying to study for my tests, and I wasn't getting it," said Bobby. "Bu-but I had this

magic lamp and this Genie offered me three wishes. My first wish was to understand world history and that's when all the things happened. I'm really sorry everyone."

According to Bobby's mom, he had particular trouble with a few key moments in history: the Spanish Influenza, the Civil Rights movement and the Wategate scandal. It seems the Genie Bobby summoned was trickier than he was led to believe they were by popular culture. The Genie apparently decided to make some of history's most stressful events occur all at once so Bobby could get first-hand knowledge on them.

Despite the damage caused to the world, our sources tell us that Bobby successfully passed all of his courses, primarily because his history teacher has terrible internet. So, glass half full!

THE GREAT EMU WAR: A REMEMBRANCE

Steve Irwin
Toike Australian

War. It is a fearsome word, conjuring images of hatred and violence as groups of soldiers charge into battle against each other for home and country. And, terribly as they often go, wars almost invariably end the same way—with one group of people reigning victorious over the other.

1930s Australia didn't get the memo.

The year was 1932, the Great Depression was well underway. In an effort to stave off destitution Australian farmers had begun to increase wheat production, clearing land to make room for crops.

The emus had no idea what a Great Depression was. In an effort to follow their regular migration route, some 20 000 emus moved inland from the

coast. Upon arrival, they were greeted by acres upon acres of cleared land. How perfect, they thought.

To the dismay of the struggling farmers, the emus began to ravage their crops, destroy their fences, and be all-around unpleasant. In a desperate bid for survival, the farmers requested the Australian government come to their assistance with machine guns. Thus, the Great Emu War began.

Conducted by Major G.P.W. Meredith, of the Seventh Heavy Battery of the Royal Australian Artillery, the first offense of the war took place on the 2nd of November. The emus were able to keep their cool, employing an ingenious retreat tactic in order to keep their numbers intact. They incurred minimal casualties in the process. Two days later, the emus had regrouped and advanced with an army nearly 1000 strong. Through some

stroke of misfortune (or espionage?) the Australian machine gun jammed a short time into the engagement - the emus took minimal losses once again.

According to one army observer, "each pack seem[ed] to have its own leader... a big black-plumed bird which stands fully six feet high and keeps watch while his mates carry out their work of destruction."

Faced with this daunting foe, the Australian forces retreated, with Major Meredith commenting that, "If we had a military division with the bullet-carrying capacity of these birds, it would face any army in the world... They can face machine guns with the invulnerability of tanks."

And so, a month after it began, the Great Emu War had come to a close, and the birds reigned victorious. How emusing.

BIG PHOTOSYNTHESIS WREAKING HAVOC IN METHANE BACKWATERS AS OXYGEN LEVELS RISE DANGEROUSLY.

The Toike Sisterhood of the (Time) Traveling Pants

Vernal Pond, 3000 Million years ago: Tensions are brewing in the calm methane backwaters of the supercontinent, as anaerobic residents raise their voices against the poisoning of their environment by Photosynthesising organisms that have evolved in their area.

"We are seeing an alarming rise in oxygen levels in these backwaters - not enough to cause serious damage just yet, but the kind that can wipe out a whole neighbourhood," claimed a bacteria living at the bottom of the methane pond, "And we're seeing more and more bacteria answering this siren call of Big Photosynthesis and that's just making the problem worse."

Photosynthesis is the newest energy making method on the market today - instead of making use of the usual nitrates and sulphates, the method relies on carbon dioxide and sunlight to produce energy. It is alleged that this method generates over 30 ATP, which is nearly 6 fold the energy production from current anaerobic mechanisms, making it a potential game changer in bacterial respiration - were it not for the oxygen byproduct, arguably the most toxic chemical on Earth. Oxygen causes

deadly oxidation reactions that could prove fatal to the anaerobic residents of these water bodies.

When asked about why they do this, the cyanobacteria (one of the biggest stakeholders in Big Photosynthesis) that reside on the surface of these ponds gave an impassioned but controversial speech, "We can stay down there in the darkness, moving around and reproducing slowly, or we can embrace this new, amazing technique and live more energetically. It's all about the legacy we wish to leave our kids. Yes, oxygen is dangerous - it affects us too! But this is, as they say, a big pond with many little bacteria in it. It's going to be a long while before anything serious happens to anyone. Who knows, maybe some clever young bacterium here might figure out a way to synthesis the oxygen for their own use!"

Of course, the other residents of the lake were less impressed by the cyanobacteria's attitude. "Seriously? 39 ATP? Man, if I had that much energy I would be skipping on the surface rocks by now. If all they need is carbon dioxide, then why is the methane concentration in our pond reducing, hmm? I think they messed up - photosynthesis is a scam, and they have resorted to using up our methane to make it seem like it's working. They're

lying to us." One disgruntled surface bacteria told *The Toike*. "And so what if we're from the same ancestor - have you seen the way some of the cyanobacteria look - some are weird and long, and some are just scores of cyanobacteria just stacked one on top of the other. It's inexplicable!"

"We face a lot of discrimination due to the new structures we have incorporated. These new organelles help us photosynthesize better, but as a result, we have taken on a slightly stranger appearance - sometimes we even glow - however it has allowed us to do many more things, and has only enhanced cooperation amongst neighbouring cyanobacteria. I think the energy Photosynthesis helps us produce is really bringing us together as a community. And I can only hope our cousins see it the same way." One hopeful cyanobacteria reports.

Whether or not photosynthesis will eventually catch on, is a question that might not be answered in the next 700 million years or so, but the fact still remains that as the oxygen levels continue to rise in the ponds across the supercontinent, the future of all these bacteria - including those that buy into the idea of Photosynthesis - is now very uncertain.

OPINION: HOW DO YOU LEARN HISTORY WITHOUT STATUES?

Bench Appearo
Toike Sentient Logical Fallacy

In recent years, the so-called tolerant left has decided that statues of patriotic Americans (who declared war on America) fighting for States' rights (to own other humans) are somehow offensive to the descendants of the people un-gainfully employed (and literally owned) by the people immortalized in publicly owned statues. Now, I'm not going to drone on about how the leaders of the Confederacy who rebelled against the United States of America were actually American heroes and not treasonous traitors. I think that fact is generally accepted and therefore not up for debate. No, the question I have for the alt-left is this: why are you trying to erase the great history of our nation?

I don't know how history is taught to the coastal elites but, when I was a kid, we would each get about a dozen statues every year for our history class. We had statues for all the important events like the World Wars (which we were definitely not at all late for in either occasion) and the Revolutionary War. Personally, I had four statues just for the Civil War that I had to bring with me to open-statuary tests.

If we get rid of these statues, how else are kids supposed to learn about our nation's rich history? It's not like humans have invented a system of symbols that can convey information when that fact is generally accepted and therefore not up for debate. No, the question I have for the alt-left is this: why are you trying to erase the great history of our nation?

their rights and should be held in the highest esteem, which is accurate information and certainly won't lead to the creation of several problematic domestic terrorist citizens' militia groups.

It's clear that there is no alternative to statue education, nor is there any downside to it, meaning the communist left's ultimate goal is complete cultural erasure. They are trying to erase American History because they just hate America. So, the question we need to now ask ourselves is "are we going to sit by and watch as they do this or are we going to stand up and stop them?"

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SPHINX'S SURGEON TELLS ALL

Toot n' Common
Toike Gossip Egyptologist

With coronavirus restrictions being eased in Egypt, tourists are once again flocking to the most popular sites. However, people have started noticing something different about one of the world's oldest monuments. Yes friends, it seems that the regal riddle-lover herself, the Sphinx, used her time out of the spotlight to get some stone-work done.

done," said Michelangelo, stone surgeon to the stars. "She's obviously had a nose job. New noses don't just grow on 4000+ year old monuments. I can't say exactly who did the work for legitimate reasons, but I won't say it's not me."

One of the more surprising revelations from our discussion with Michelangelo was that this is not the first time the Sphinx has had her nose done.

"The scarring in the nasal area is too precise to have been natural.

I think it's pretty clear that the Sphinx has had some previous work done."

So, there you have it people. The Sphinx has had not one but multiple nose jobs. Should this really be considered entertainment? Probably not. Does it affect our readers? Also no. Is this culture that uses the personal lives of celebrities as entertainment eroding the very foundations of our society? Yes. Yes, it is.

THIRD REICH ANGRY WORLD WAR 2 CONTINUED AFTER DUNKIRK

Colonel Wilhelm Klink
Toike Alt-Right Historian

BERLIN, GERMANY – Following the failed Operation Barbarossa, significant losses in the Battle of Normandy on D-Day and a failed attempt to contest the results of the war with Operation Spring Awakening, the Third Reich is now lashing out at soldiers in the field for "fraudulently continuing to count battles after Dunkirk". "If you look at the data from the actual War," said Propaganda Minister Kaylie McNanny, "we actually won all of Continental Europe, were still allied with the Soviet Union and were poised to win Great Britain. But the Fake News Historians decided to illegally count fraudulent battles to steal the War for the Allies. However, we're confident that our appeals to the Hague will overturn this injustice."

Despite the Third Reich's insistence that the War was "stolen" from them, they have yet to pro-

duce a shred of evidence to support this claim and their initial appeals to the Hague have been flatly rejected. Many of Germany's staunchest allies, including Italy, have already surrendered, conceding the Allied victory, though Japan continues to contest the results in the Pacific.

Despite Germany's unwillingness to concede defeat at this juncture, Allied Leaders are moving forward with plans for a post-War Europe that were previously discussed at the Yalta Conference. "No, we're not considering a literal wall through Europe," said President Roosevelt. "That seems like it would cause some serious problems. What kind of person would turn to man's third invention to solve complex modern problems?" The Fuhrer could not be reached for comment as he was hiding in his bunker considering his options for avoiding the consequences of his years of unlawful behaviour.



SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD RANKED BY SEXINESS

Orange Julius Caesar
Toike Agalmatophile

What's up Skuligans! We're back with another listicle because they're easy to write and they take up a lot of space. Today, we're gonna rank the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World... by sexiness. Because everyone who writes for this paper, myself included, is a degenerate. And let's be honest, last month's issue was an awakening of sorts for you too. And, as much as you try, you can't go back to who you once were. You yearn for this stuff now. It's a part of you. Embrace that part of yourself! Let's get into it, shall we?

7: The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus

Okay, this one is only on this list for completeness. It just feels weird to refer to a Temple dedicated to the Goddess of Chastity as sexy. And it would probably piss Artemis, a.k.a. the Goddess of the No-Fucking HUNT, off if we did and we don't need that kind of heat, so our verdict is that this place is definitely NOT sexy.

6: The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus

Alright, I swear there are sexy Wonders of the Ancient World. We just haven't gotten there yet. The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus is nice looking and everything but it's literally a tomb. Thinking about death just doesn't get our motor going, not that there's anything wrong with being turned on by death. Kink-shaming isn't cool.

5: The Great Pyramid of Giza

Now, the Pyramid was also technically a tomb but we're giving it the edge purely because it was once the tallest structure in the world. Sure, it looks a little chody but it's still huge. It's also the only Wonder still standing today, if stamina matters to you. Plus – and I know I said this for the Blue M&M last month but it's true here too so deal with it – it's RIBBED FOR YOUR PLEASURE!

4: The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

Okay, we're done with the unsexy death-related Wonders. The Gardens of Babylon were lush and vibrant. Seriously, it's the only Wonder that's not a statue or building. I guess it's just quirky like that. What could be sexier? Oh, and did I mention that they were HUNG! 'Nough said.

3: The Statue of Zeus at Olympia

I'm concerned that I'm putting the King of the Gods so low on this list but I'm just not feeling a spark. Yeah, the statue's a big, buff dude but he's sitting down and he's covering the goods. I'm sorry but I'm going to reserve judgement until I know what I'm working with.

2: The Lighthouse of Alexandria

I have a confession to make. I thought the Library at Alexandria was one of the Wonders of the Ancient World when I pitched this list, and I was planning on putting it at Number 1 because knowledge is sexy. I mean, I wouldn't turn down a Lighthouse of Alexandria shaped dildo but, you know, I'm gonna be thinking about the Library the whole time.

1: The Colossus of Rhodes

Was there any doubt about this one? Sure, the dude's overcompensating a bit with the name "Colossus" but he's confident enough to say "welcome, travelers, this is my dick". And confidence is sexy!

There you have it folks. A definitive ranking of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Now, if you'll excuse me, I've been thinking about the Library at Alexandria for the past four hours and I think I should seek medical attention for my...you know.

Norm & Gord DISCUSS 2020

This monthly column features a titillating discussion between brothers Norman and Gordon McLuhan from Moose Jaw. This month's column is sponsored by Assassin's Creed. It ain't historically accurate but what would you rather do, go to a history class or go stabby-stabby in vaguely historical locales? That's what we thought.

Norm: Hi there. I'm Norm McLuhan and this is my brother, Gord –

Gord: Ho there.

Norm: – and today, we're discussing 2020.

Gord: Well, why would we do that, Norm?

Norm: Gord.

Gord: Yes, Norm?

Norm: Before we keep goin', lemme ask you one question.

Gord: Go ahead.

Norm: When I said that we're discussin' 2020, you didn't think I was talkin' about 20/20 vision, did ya?

Gord: What? That's crazy, Norm.

Norm: I'm gonna need you to say that you didn't think I was talkin' about 20/20 vision.

Gord: Why would I think we were talkin' about 20/20 vision, Norm?

Norm: I don't know, Gord. But, every month, you find a way to mix up what we're talkin' about and I correct you and we run outta time before we even start talkin' about the actual topic.

Gord: Aren't you sort of takin' up all our time right now?

Norm: Of course, I am but you still haven't answered the question so I'm gonna keep asking.

Gord: NO! I didn't think you were talkin' about 20/20 vision, Norm. I know you were talkin' about the year.

Norm: Okay. Then why were you askin' about why we were talkin' about it?

Gord: Well, the year's not over yet now is it?

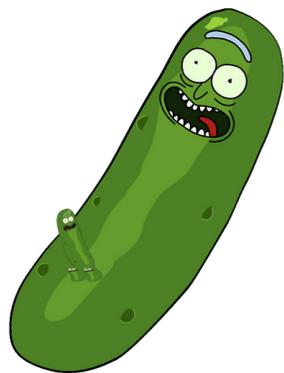
Norm: Course not, Gord. But we've gotta pre-tape this for January and the year'll be over by then.

Gord: That makes sense. We're out of time, aren't we?

Norm: Yep. This has been Norm and Gord –

Gord: This is a video show.

Norm: – discussing 2020.



POINT / COUNTERPOINT

Alabaman Senator-Elect
Tommy Tuberville

WE FOUGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM IN WORLD WAR 2

We started World War 2 to fight the commies in Russia and to keep communism from taking over France. My father fought hard to liberate the French from socialism and communism, and I intend to continue that fight in the Senate.

Here we go. Another triggered lib who won't debate me with facts.

Facts don't care about your feelings.

You just did. Check me. I win.

It is a fact that people feel that we fought against communism in World War 2.

[Takes knee]

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A Literal Seventh Grader

I'M SORRY, WHAT?

I'm sorry, what?

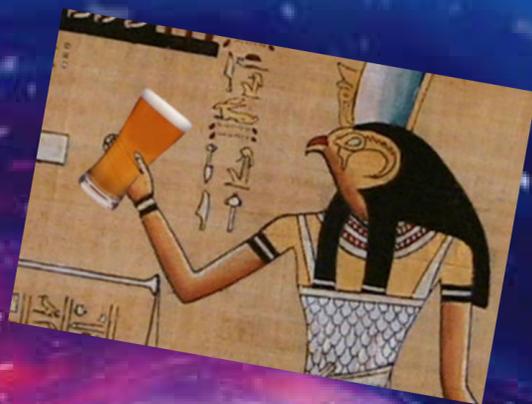
Honestly, I'm just trying to decide where to start.

Not once have I said anything about feelings.

The saying is "checkmate" and no, you don't win. And no, we didn't start World War 2. We actually joined the War after the Nazis launched Operation Barbarossa and betrayed the Soviet Union. Which means that we were fighting with communist countries, including China, against fascism. Tension with these communist countries didn't start until after the Nazis were defeated when–

I thought facts didn't care about your feelings.

You know that only works in football with time running out when you're actually winning, right?



Virgin Sex Columnist A Journey Through the History of Domination

Nhak Leoj
Toike Opposite Name

A Happy New Year to you, Dear Reader, and here's to navigating January's jams with justifiable jolliness! Speaking of jams, recently I've been encouraged by a minority subset of my audience to expand my horizons and explore the purposefully painful pickles that some erotic artisans choose to put themselves in. To that end, I have decided to devote this article to exploring the history of one of the world's most misunderstood sexual practices: BDSM (which I believe stands for "Bridles, Domestication, Serfdom, and Meshugge-ness"). The history of such a meshugge practice goes all the way back to the Medieval period, when people apparently had some very interesting ideas of how to spend time in their bedrooms.

First up, of course, is the classic chastity belt, something that I will neither confirm nor deny that my previous partner put on me to "protect the world from one more soporific sexual misencounter," as they allegedly did not state. The belt is... I mean, was very uncomfortable to wear for long periods of time. It also is, I mean, was extremely unhygienic - which apparently floated the boat of quite a few BDSM devotees.

Additionally for men, some allegedly chose to be outfitted with round metal rings that were supplied with studs, a warning to others not to touch or in any manner accidentally interfere with this person's pleasure. Apparently being unable to achieve a full, um, "extension" of one's genitals was a desirable thing for early adopters of these sharp discreet cages.

One particularly fascinating toy invented in the Middle Ages was the Pear of Anguish. This metal "pear" was apparently inserted into a hole, and then by using a screw mechanism it would, uh, expand until the person's insides would almost burst... which, uh, doesn't seem particularly sexy, but maybe there's something there for those submissive virgins who enjoy internal bleeding.

Another early invention were wooden phalluses that after your lover used them would leave behind little splinters, which I'm told would then grow into little mini shrubs inside of their butts? I guess it was like early artificial insemination or something, but for trees... which is actually an inspiring environmental message!

Interestingly, it seems Vlad the Impaler was very fond of BDSM, and one of its most early adopters! I'm reading here that he would regularly seat his partners on 12-foot long pointed poles as they would both relish in the pain as the partner gradually slid further and further down on the sharp end. I guess the pleasure was so incredible that they didn't want to get off, because it says here that most people who used it died in three days! Just goes to show how passionate these early adopters were about their newfound painfully pleasurable practice, even willing to die to advocate for their sexual freedom to, uh, I guess impale themselves on sharp poles.

Oh, the Spanish Donkey - no, no, no, I refuse to read this by principle! Absolutely not. What? You're saying no donkeys are involved? Then why... okay, let's see, what on earth did the Spanish and the donkey have to do with...? Huh. It seems the participant sat on a sharp wooden board with weights attached to their feet, with weight added until their genitals were slowly split in two? Kind of seems like a less effective way to grow trees inside of you, but I suppose, to each their own.

Well, hopefully this has been a very informative (and concerning) look at historical BDSM. I guess it's a good thing that we've moved on from these past archaic tools and can now sensibly spank each other with a rose or just drip hot wax like that one scene in *The Wolf of Wall Street*. However, if you really want to get back to the roots of pleasure through pain, maybe try sitting on a 12-foot pole for a few days to experience what it was like for the early practitioners of this ancient sexual tradition.

US HONOURS SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING BY SPREADING COVID-19

John Smith
Toike Holiday Historian

With the COVID-19 pandemic raging out of control in the US and hundreds of thousands of Americans dead, millions of Americans decided to celebrate the origins of Thanksgiving by participating in a tradition as old as the holiday itself: spreading deadly diseases.

"Shortly after the First Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims gave smallpox contaminated blankets to

I AM SO SICK OF LIVING THROUGH HISTORY

Edward Graham
Toike Excessive Writer

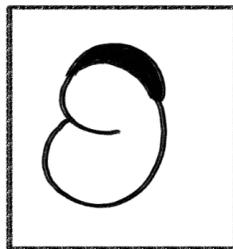
I'm gonna make this short because I have not done nearly enough work on my thesis and I need to take a nap that lasts a whole week. I'm tired of living through history. Okay? I know some people - mostly right-wing dipshits - like to say that everyone goes through difficult times that define their era but 2020 just feels different. At least the 20th Century had about a decade between its global pandemic and the Great Depression. We just had them at the same fucking time and that's not even all that fucking happened this year.

ORACLE OF PHRYGIA TELLS ALL ABOUT GORDIAN KNOT: "I WANTED TO USE THE ROPE AGAIN"

Alexander the Meh
Toike Conqueror

GORDIUM, PHRYGIA - After years of silence, the Oracle of Phrygia, famous for prophesying that the person able to untangle the Gordian Knot was destined to rule Asia, has decided to finally speak out.

How to Draw a Medieval Baby



1. Draw a potato with a beret



2. Add face. Baby boobs. (Legs optional.)



3. 'Tis done.

the Natives," said Giorgio Tsoukalos, a 'historian' more well-known as the Ancient Aliens meme guy. "Really, the only way to properly celebrate the holiday is to spread disease to friends who you give thanks with. We just don't need the smallpox blankets this year. By the way, could you not identify me as the Ancient Aliens guy?"

"Is it dangerous to have millions of people travelling all over the country? Yes," said Dr. Deborah Birx. "But we shouldn't let sci-

ence dictate the policy. If people stay outside for the most part, which we don't mandate, and keep six feet apart when inside, which we also don't mandate, and wear masks whenever possible, which we also don't mandate, they will greatly reduce their risk of infection."

When asked for comment about people travelling for Thanksgiving, Dr. Fauci could only shake his head and cover his face, though he quickly stopped and promptly sanitized his hands.

Listen, this article isn't going to be funny unless you, like me, enjoy the pain of others and/or laughing through times of crisis to hide the internal shitstorm that's threatening to send you off the deep end without a moment's notice.

I now speak directly to whatever sadistic omnipotent being has been controlling our measly little lives for the past year (although the four years before this one weren't too great either). I'm sure a paper as prestigious as the *Toike* delivers to whatever hellscape you call home. If you exist, please, take pity on us. There was enough material in 2020 to fill multiple

town with rope. I wanted to use the rope again, so I made up the prophecy about the person who could untangle the knot. I knew it was a long shot, but I thought someone would be able to untangle it if they tried really hard. Now I have a rope that's still tangled on both ends and nothing else to tie my boat to the dock with thanks to that Macedonian asshole."

"No, I didn't have a vision of the person untangling the knot becoming the ruler of all of Asia," said Tim. "If I'm being completely honest, when they tied up that old ox-cart, I just happened to be the only person in

From the Toike Vault

Written in 1981, during the prime of basketball player Julius Erving's career, "I'm Not Calling You Doctor, Julius" was an Op-Ed printed by the Wall Street Journal. The piece was recently uncovered by Toike archivists after the Toike purchased the small, New York based publication. At the time, the piece was widely panned for its ridiculous demand of Mr. Erving, but praised for its respectful tone.

*The Toike has replicated the article below, but has removed terms that would be offensive to modern readers.

WSJ "OPINION: I'M NOT CALLING YOU DOCTOR, JULIUS"

Good day, Mr. Erving.

I'm sorry to bother you but I can't help but notice that you call yourself 'Dr. J' when you in fact do not have a medical degree.

Now I'm sure that this was merely an oversight on your part, Mr. Erving. In all likelihood, this nom-de-court was bestowed upon you by fans or commentators and you in no way meant to mislead the public.

In any case, I believe the proper thing for you to do is renounce this title and publicly clarify that you do not hold a medical degree. This is not to say that you are not a leading expert in your field. However, medical professionals spend years studying just so they can perform crucial healthcare practices. A special title granted to them, and them alone, seems like the least we as a society can do to thank them.

Thank you for your understanding, Mr. Erving. Now that this matter is settled, we at the Wall Street Journal can go back to doing what we do best. Telling the people to ignore the advice of medical professionals regarding the [HIV/AIDS] epidemic because they're probably lying to us.

BREAKING: NATION FOUNDED ON PRINCIPLE OF REPRESENTATION DENIES THAT RIGHT TO MILLIONS

Lynne Muriel Mirando
Toike Government Expert

Breaking News out of Washington DC as it has just become apparent that the United States of America, a nation supposedly founded on the principle of 'no taxation without representation' has been taxing millions of citizens without giving them proper representation in the government.

That's right! In a shocking twist, millions of US citizens living in Puerto Rico, DC, the US Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa and Guam have been paying federal taxes for decades while only having non-voting delegates in the House of Representatives and no representation whatsoever in the Senate.

The Toike Oike has yet to receive a comment from any of the US politicians we contacted, though

we are sure they are shocked and appalled at this most shocking and appalling news that has shocked and appalled us.

In other news, an equally shocking new study suggests that Americans' problem with authority figures may have something to do with the fact that the nation was founded by traitors who were then glorified. We'll bring you the details of this new study as it becomes available.

HERE'S AN ARTICLE ABOUT PAWN SHOPS FOR SOME REASON

H. Tory Chanel
Toike 'History' Media Representative

With this month's *Toike* being History themed, now seems like the perfect time to publish my articles on pawn shops, conspiracy theories about aliens, and weapon forging. Most pawn shops are actually terribly unfair to thei- what?

What do you mean we can't publish this piece because it's off topic? Pawn Stars is one of the longest running shows on the History Channel. I don't know,

maybe because the stuff they're buying is usually old, and therefore, history.

Listen, I'm confident that a significant percentage of our readers watch the History Channel and will therefore find this funny. Besides, there's no way we have too many articles. Yes, I know he was excited about this theme, but he's probably tired from exams and the dozen articles he wrote for the December issue.

So, can we publish it? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NO?

POINT / COUNTERPOINT

Herodotus

2020 HAS BEEN JUST THE WORST

Alright, now that it's history, can we all collectively say fuck you to 2020? We had continents on fire, a near miss on World War 3, and a global pandemic and that was all in like January! Can you think of another year when MURDER HORNETS would have gotten forgotten like it was fucking nothing? I didn't think so.

What joke could possibly be worth all the shit we've been through in 2020?

Uh huh...

Okay...

...

Honestly, that's a fair trade.

Brandon Flowers

AT LEAST WE GOT RID OF THAT ONE JOKE

Okay, but at least we got rid of that one super annoying joke, so glass half full...?

You know...that dad joke. It starts with an interview or something.

And the interviewer asks "where do you see yourself in blank years" but the blank is however many years until the start of 2020.

And the person responds "I don't know. I don't have 2020 vision."

...

Exactly.

THE SECOND BATTLE OF YPRES - MASK MANDATES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Frank Ferdinand
Toike Private First Class

YPRES, BELGIUM – My fellow Canadians, there is a humanitarian crisis occurring right now in Belgium. A flagrant violation of human rights so despicable that it should be outlawed from henceforth in some sort of Convention named for a Swiss or Dutch town. It is not the use of poison gas that vexes me so, my friends, but the mask mandate the Army has unconstitutionally implemented to 'protect' soldiers against the gas.

Yes, it seems the top commanders of Canada's troops in Europe just want us to go along with these immoral orders without question. But

should we really just follow orders? Of course not! That sounds like something some evil army would do. Perhaps in some other war.

No friends, if we are to defeat our enemy, we must not become them. We must not... um... honour our military alliances with our only allies in Europe by supporting them in this war.

... Um. I'm starting to think this war doesn't really have good guys and bad guys.

... The use of poison gas still isn't cool, Germany.

REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO LIVE

IN THE PAST WITH \$600 STIMULUS

Frank Ferdinand
Toike Private First Class

In the least shocking twist of 2020, Republicans have reaffirmed their commitment to governing as if it was the 1950's with \$600 stimulus checks after blocking monetary aid packages for months.

"It's no secret that the Republican position on issues like voting rights, abortion, police reform and marriage equality are reminiscent of opinions that belong in the 1950's," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in a rare moment of candor. "We've also seen a resurgence of McCarthyism in recent years, which is encouraging. So, in terms of legislating as if it were the 1950's, this aid package is actually very generous."

Financial analyst and sentient blue

dress shirt with a white collar Larry Kudlow further elaborated on the Republican position on financial relief. "\$600 in 1950 had the purchasing power of about \$10,000 today, so, in a way, this is the most generous relief package in the whole world. And, since we aren't providing any relief for the months we stalled - I mean negotiated - this legislation, it's basically \$10,000 per month." For clarification, \$600 in 1950 had the purchasing power of \$6,500 today.

For reference, McConnell and Kudlow have estimated net worths of about \$22.5 million and \$10 million respectively. *The Toike* also feels compelled to point out that \$600 today has the purchasing power of \$600 or, to put it in terms Republicans might understand, has the same purchasing power as about \$56 in 1950.

OPINION: WHY INDIANA JONES IS NOT A HERO

Shy A La Buff
Toike Film Over-Analyst

It is a well-established fact that Indiana Jones didn't factor into the outcome of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" but there's a very important question about the history professor and archeologist that is too often ignored: is Indiana Jones the hero? The majority of the sheeple that make up our so-called society would likely scoff at that line and stick to the party line that he's obviously the hero. But I'd argue that Indiana Jones is not only not the hero but he's actually the villain of the movie. Wait. No. That's gonna get taken out of context given

there are...well...literal Nazis in the movie. Um. Obviously, the Nazis are the main villains. When doing rankings, Nazis are always the baddest of guys. All I'm trying to say is that Indiana Jones isn't a hero.

I mean, just for a second, let's ignore the fact that there's like a 90% chance that he's banged at least one of his female students or the fact that he first hooked up with Marion Ravenwood when she was a fucking teenager. No, let's focus on the fact that, since he was a teenage narc, Indy has traveled the world plundering the treasures and artifacts of primarily indigenous

cultures to hide away in a museum or in a weird government warehouse.

He's just kind of sketchy, okay? Now, can we all just forget that I started this off by implying he was as much a villain as the Nazis? Please? I admit it was a little hyperbolic. Okay, very hyperbolic. Please?

THE FEAR-MONGERING ABOUT THE TITANIC SINKING NEEDS TO STOP

Brian Kill-Me
Toike Milk Ager

Over the last couple of hours, we at the *Toike* have been concerned by the dozens of reports claiming that the Titanic has hit an iceberg and is now sinking. Though the other newspapers will ridicule us for doing so and resent us for exposing their corruption, we believe that our readers should know that these reports are nothing more than fear-mongering designed by the ship's crew to keep you under their thumb.

For tens of minutes, these doomsayers have been promising that the lower compartments are flooding rapidly and that we'll all drown before morning. They think you're not capable of critical thought - so they are telling you what to think. Ask yourself, do you personally know anyone who has drowned in these lower compartments? It's obviously a hoax cooked up by the deep crew to damage the captain's reputation. They're probably down there enjoying the warmth that you paid for.

So, you're probably wondering, how do we show these corrupt, unelected career crewmates that we won't accept their tyranny. Well, all rational passengers should storm the lower compartments in open defiance of the authoritarian "upper deck mandate" to show these bastards that they work for us.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I am going to get on a half-full lifeboat and launch. Just in case.



BEN OF THE MONTH!
THIS ISSUE OF THE TOIKE OIKE IS DEDICATED TO.....

POINT / COUNTERPOINT

A Boomer

EMOJIS ARE STUPID

VS

A Nihilistic
Ancient Egyptian

EMOJIS ARE MODERN HIEROGLYPHS

I'm getting sick and tired of these whipper-snappers with their stupid pictures in their telephone messages to each other. They should use proper words and punctuation in their text messages. WE CAN'T LET THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE DIE!

Wh-what?

Yeah but...

They're so difficult to understand.

...yes.

Gee. Thanks.

If you think about it, emojis are just modern hieroglyphs.

Well communication through descriptive imagery is not a new phenomenon. It's efficient, can convey complex feelings that are difficult to put into words and can even be used to communicate across language barriers.

What?

Oh. You're lashing out against the evolution of communication because you feel yourself becoming irrelevant as the world changes around you, threatening to leave you behind as a relic of the past.

That's understandable. But at least you can take comfort in the fact that, on a cosmic scale, these tiny advancements are mere blips in the eternity that is the universe which will all be rendered meaningless by the inevitable heat death of the universe.

You're welcome.

TOIKEOSCOPES



ARIES

This month, you will be given the choice of drinking hemlock because you corrupted the minds of youths or allow an asp to bite you because you lost a war against your ex's adoptive son. Good luck!



TAURUS

Have you just won three straight NBA Championships and Finals MVP Awards? You know what would definitely help advance your career and cement your legacy? Changing sports! It's a no-brainer!



GEMINI

You should watch the entire Ken Burns Civil War series this month. Seriously, what the fuck else are you gonna do, go outside? It's January you dumbass! Honestly, if you don't watch it now, you probably never will. Oh, you were planning on never watching it.



CANCER

Beware the Ides of March! Like, I know that that's a couple of months away but I cannot stress enough that most of your friends are planning on killing you on the Ides of March. So don't forget! Nah, you won't forget.



LEO

Guys! Shaka Zulu's reign ended less than two centuries ago! He was born AFTER the Revolutionary War! Like, WHAT?! Anyways, if you want to subjugate your enemies through battle, be sure to study the hunting tactics of the mighty lion.



VIRGO

Has anyone tried sacrificing a virgin to appease the Gods to fix the mess that is 2020? No? Well, Einstein, there's the problem! I know virginity is a human creation but the Gods demand blood and they have a taste for virgins.



LIBRA

You know that one John Lennon quote where he tells his teacher that they misunderstood life? Yeah, I think we could all use some child-splaining once in a while.



SCORPIO

I don't know what you should do this month but I know what you shouldn't do. You shouldn't yield your country to the Nazis, rely on other countries to take it back and then encourage separatism in one of those helpful countries. Douchebag!



SAGITTARIUS

You know who gets a bad rap? Catherine the Great. Fuck one horse and suddenly you're the person who fucked a horse. Yes, I've used this joke before but your sign is literally a centaur so you can go fuck a horse, okay?



CAPRICORN

This seems like a really good month to go on the internet and anonymously call a bunch of people sheep. Nevermind that you worship the Lamb of God and are part of something called a flock. When has logic and reason ever stopped you? (Please don't actually do this. I'm so tired of all the bullshit.)



AQUARIUS

Feeling cute? Just blinded a cyclops and escaped his island? Decided to return to Ithica after TWENTY FUCKING YEARS? How about you disguise yourself, threaten a servant and participate in a tournament for your wife's hand in marriage. Totally normal thing to do!



PISCES

I know these are supposed to be little tidbits of advice but I think we should all take some time to tell that first fish to walk on land to go fuck itself. Seriously, I took 5 exams in 6 days like three weeks ago because of that little fucker.

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- Albert Einstein

