

HISTORY TOIKE

SINCE THE DAWN OF THE AGES.



EDITORIAL

Ave Skule™,

Being possibly the oldest tradi-
tion 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.

On the subject of History, hu-
manity has done a fantastic job
of recording our accomplish-
ments, from paintings on the
walls of caves, to the internet
we use today. At the *Toike*, we

like to think we're at least a lit-
tle 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 Civ-
ilization 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
legions 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, Dionysis 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 eventu-
ally. Give it a chance at least.
Clearly some people have taken
to it more than others, looking
at how they are trying to revo-
lutionize 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 in-
stead 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."

Anyway... Welcome to History
Toike!!

In this January edition, we will
attempt to make you forget the
fucked up year that was 2020,
by reminiscing on all the times

humanity has fucked up over the
ENTIRE course of its existence.
Each article delves deeper into
the random things our ances-
tors did and then had the au-
dacity to call us scandalous. You
know, I honestly believe that fa-
mous 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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Each month, the staff of *The Toike Oike* gather at nonspecific points
within their own homes. They all sit at their desks, open Zoom, and lis-
ten to the editor angrily rant about God knows what. The team sits and
takes notes on his mindless droning, converting the nonsense of a sad
old man going insane in quarantine into the *Toike* you see before you.

WHAT HO?

The Toike Oike is the study of the past. Events occurring before the
invention of writing systems are considered *preToike*. "*Toike*" is
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discovery, collection, organization, presentation, and interpretation of
information about these events. Editors place the past in context using
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quarantine.

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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 ac-
tually 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 cover-
ing the material both groups
were exposed to in the previ-
ous 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 knowl-
edge of many historical events,
they were extremely well-versed
in specific people's achieve-
ments. The ERB group also
scored twenty-five percentage
points better than the history
class group on questions that
weren't explicitly taught to ei-
ther section, indicating that this
group did more supplemental
research in their own time.

...

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 histori-
cal 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 fuck-
ing moron. Fuck Indiana Jones.
ASH is what's going to make
history sexy again.

LOCAL CHILD REGRETS WISH

Gene Ian Abottall
Toike WW84 Co-Writer

After the nightmare that was
2020, many people in the world
justifiably assumed that some
malevolent being was control-
ling 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.

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 Wa-
tergate scandal. It seems the Ge-
nie Bobby summoned was trick-
ier 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 be-
cause his history teacher has
terrible internet. So, glass half
full?

THE GREAT EMU WAR: A REMEMBRANCE

Steve Irwin
Toike Austrailian

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 desti-
tution Australian farmers had
begun to increase wheat pro-
duction, 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 rav-
age their crops, destroy their
fences, and be all-around un-
pleasant. 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 No-
vember. The emus were able to
keep their cool, employing an
ingenious retreat tactic in order
to keep their numbers intact.
They incurred minimal casual-
ties in the process. Two days lat-
er, the emus had regrouped and
advanced with an army nearly
1000 strong. Through some

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

According to one army observ-
er, "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 comment-
ing that, "If we had a military
division with the bullet-car-
rying 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 brew-
ing in the calm methane back-
waters of the supercontinent, as
anaerobic residents raise their
voices against the poisoning of
their environment by Photosyn-
thesising organisms that have
evolved in their area.

"We are seeing an alarming rise
in oxygen levels in these back-
waters - 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 mak-
ing 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, mak-
ing it a potential game changer
in bacterial respiration - were
it not for the oxygen byproduct,
arguably the most toxic chemi-
cal on Earth. Oxygen causes

deadly oxidation reactions that
could prove fatal to the anaero-
bic residents of these water bod-
ies.

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 controver-
sial 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 fig-
ure 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 meth-
ane 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 cyanobac-
teria look - some are weird and
long, and some are just scores of
cyanobacteria just stacked one
on top of the other. It's inexpli-
cable!"

"We face a lot of discrimination
due to the new structures we
have incorporated. These new
organelles help us photosynthe-
size better, but as a result, we
have taken on a slightly stranger
appearance - sometimes we
even glow - however it has al-
lowed us to do many more
things, and has only enhanced
cooperation amongst neigh-
bouring 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 cya-
nobacteria reports.

Whether or not photosynthe-
sis will eventually catch on, is a
question that might not be an-
swered in the next 700 million
years or so, but the fact still re-
mains that as the oxygen levels
continue to rise in the ponds
across the supercontinent, the
future of all these bacteria - in-
cluding 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?

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.

“Of course she had some work

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 correctly ordered on a pressed piece of dead tree or on some sort of electronic display. Besides, if somethin’ ain’t broke, don’t fix it. It’s clear that statues are successfully teaching children that the Confederates were just defending

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 legal 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.

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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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.

Richard O’Toole
Toike Salty Boy

While the history of the world has been a collection of people with equally distressing and confounding interests that were somehow related to one another, the one constant fascination that has, for the lack of a better phrase, made the world turn round is pickles. So, it stands to reason that for this glorious issue of the *Toike Oike*, we shed light on a few of the most infamous pickles through the ages.

The Rockstar pickle:

The legendary guitarist, Jimi Hendrix, not only lives on today in his music but also a pickle cast. This cast came about - in true 60s fashion – due to an art project that quickly became a collection for the “Plaster Caster” Cynthia. So apparently, celebrities in the 60s were not only weirdly easy to meet but were also enthusiastic(?) into shoving their pickle(s) into plaster. I guess groupies do reign supreme. Although it is rather ambiguous where this (as specified by Hendrix in what I can assume is some sort of cover up) “half-mast” pickle resides currently, it would have been quite a sight.

The Presidential pickle:

While Lyndon B. Johnson may be known for his “Great Society” reforms, it isn’t the only thing that has left a lasting impression on American political journalism. Jumbo the pickle has a spe-

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?

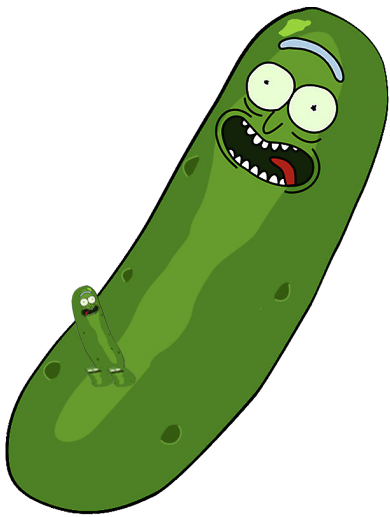
Norm: Course not, Gord. But we’ve gotta pre-tape this for January and the year’ll be over by then.

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]

VS

A Literal Seventh Grader

I'M SORRY, WHAT?

I’m sorry, what?

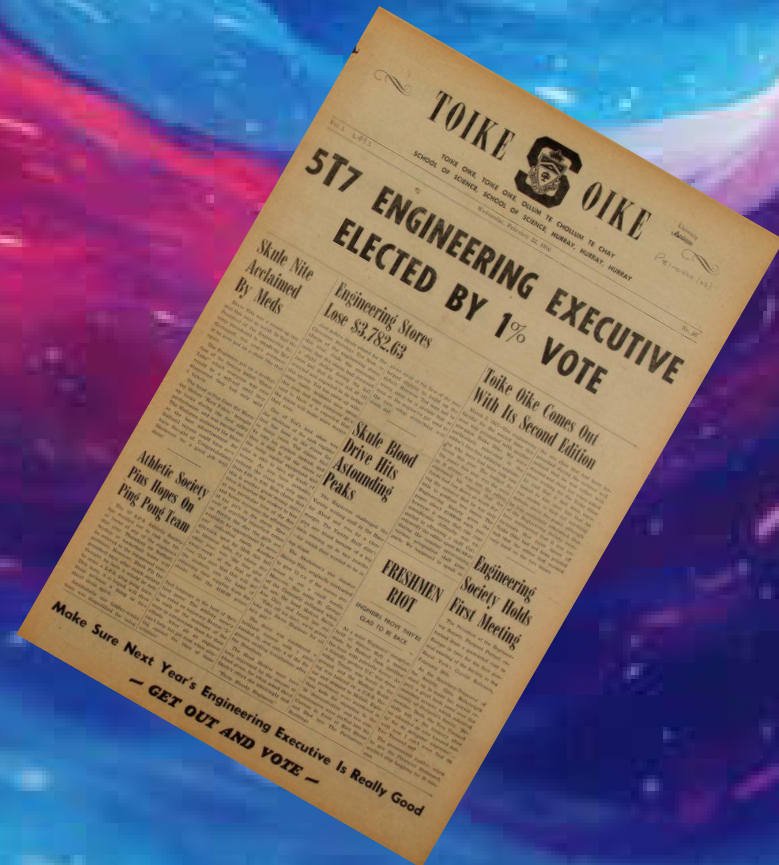
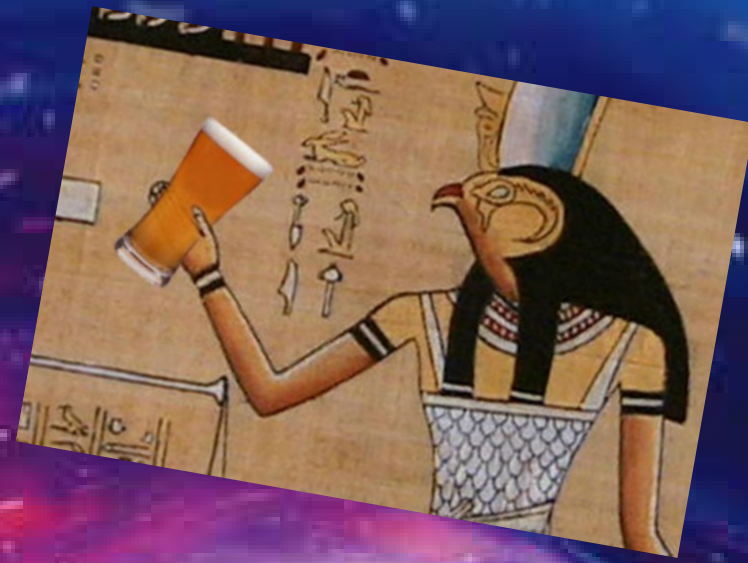
Honestly, I’m just trying to decide where to start.

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

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.

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.

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

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

Alexander the Meh
Toike Conqueror

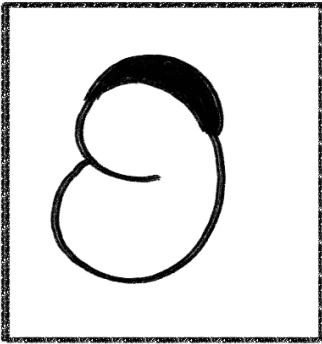
GORDIUM, PHRYGIA - After years of silence, the Oracle of Phrygia, famous for prophesying that the person able to untangle the Gordian Knot was destined to rule Asia, has decided to finally speak out.

The elderly man, who said we could call him Tim, explained that the entire prophecy was an elaborate ruse that ended up backfiring.

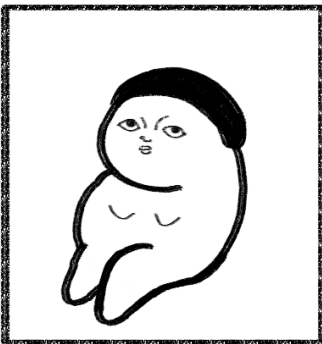
"No, I didn't have a vision of the person untangling the knot becoming the ruler of all of Asia," said Tim. "If I'm being completely honest, when they tied up that old ox-cart, I just happened to be the only person in

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."

How to Draw a Medieval Baby



1. Draw a potato with a beret



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



3. Dis done.

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

Brandon Flowers

2020 HAS BEEN JUST THE WORST

VS

AT LEAST WE GOT RID OF THAT ONE JOKE

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.

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

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

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.

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 doomayers 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?

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.

Yeah but...

What?

They’re so difficult to understand.

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.

...yes.

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.

Gee. Thanks.

You’re welcome.

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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?



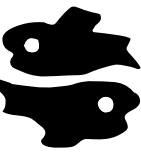
CAPRICORN

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.

**"Time is not real,
and therefore this Toike
is also not real..."**

- Albert Einstein

