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# WHERE HISTORY WENT WRONG

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12 000 BC Gurf uses a salad fork to cut his food when he clearly should have been using a blunt rock. His parents are embarrassed forever.

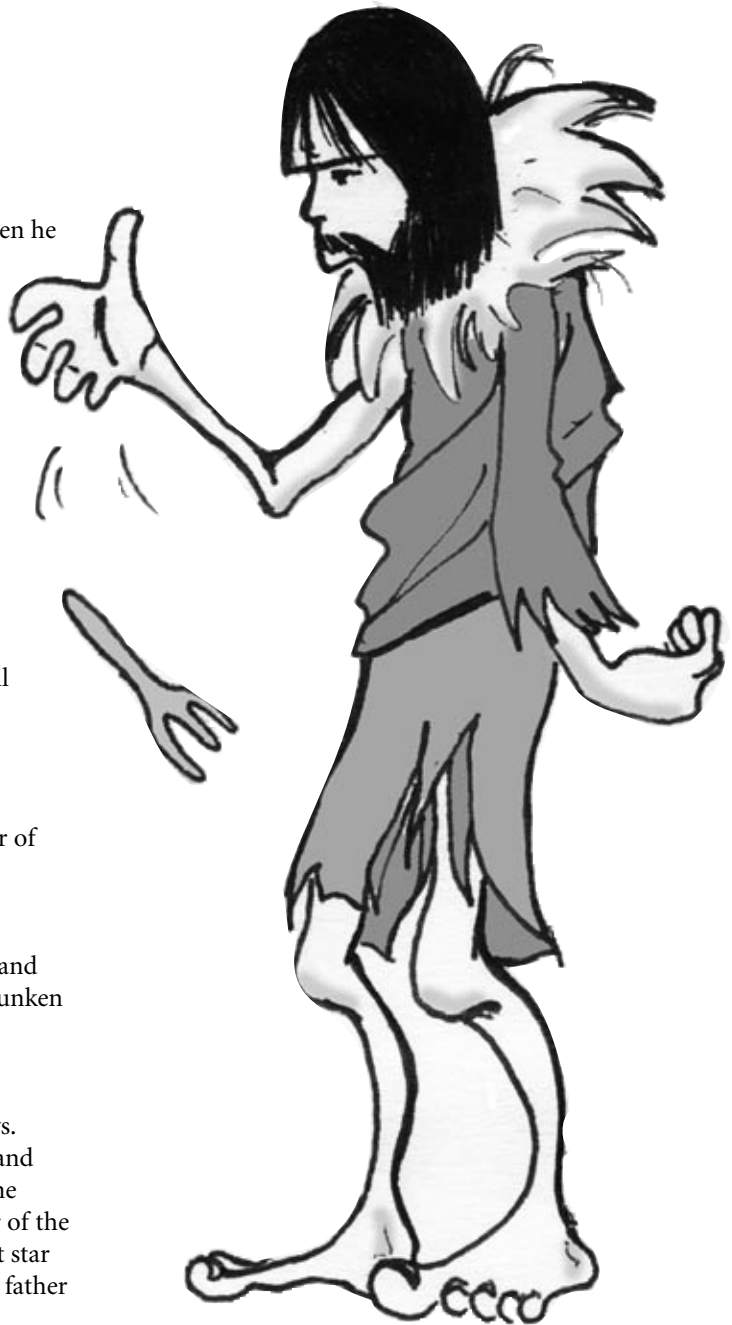
1600 BC Joseph invites his brothers and his father, Jacob, to bring the Jewish people to Egypt where they will be freed from the burdens of starvation and slavery.

1200 BC In a spasm of innovation, two young fortune cookie makers, Small Wang and Cheap Joke, add “in bed” to the end of all of their epigrams. They are immediately beheaded.

33 AD Jesus Christ regrets attending yet another of Judas’s crazy parties.

1000 AD Swords are voted “Not Valiant Enough,” and jousting becomes popular among the drunken Knights of the Round Table.

1228 AD The Last Crusade opens to mixed reviews. Most agree that it is more light-hearted and entertaining than the dark and wearisome Children’s Crusade, but it lacks the vigor of the original. On a positive note, special guest star King Edward I is fantastic as the dashing father of Edward II.



1347 AD Prince Edward of Wales is dubbed “The Black Prince” although it is quite obvious that he is not, in fact, African-American.

1546 AD Robin the Mediocre, a minstrel in the court of Henry VIII, composes a new ballad to commemorate his monarch’s eighth wedding. The song becomes wildly popular, to the dismay of parents and scout leaders everywhere.

1603 AD “‘Is it hot in here, or is it just you?’ will surely work just as well on James I as it did on Queen Elizabeth,” thinks Sir Walter Raleigh.

1755 AD The spellings of “wo men” and “his tory” are finalized in the first edition of Johnson’s Dictionary. The motion to change “girl” to “grrrl” fails due to lack of support.

1867 AD Canada.

1920 AD After conquering most of North America through the systematic inebriation of its original inhabitants, the USA decides to ban alcohol and end everyone’s dependency, cold turkey.

1935 AD The classic game Monopoly is invented, plunging America into chaos when depressed farmers begin buying various railroad stations and utilities on margin. By 1936, inflation is so extreme that several vacationing families drown in a flood of colorful paper money in downtown Atlantic City.

1945 AD Privately, Hitler admits mustache “wasn’t such a good idea.”



- 1969 AD Apollo 12 goes to moon and back without a hitch, much to the dismay of Universal Pictures. Mission officially labeled “Most boring and unfilmworthy flight of man into space ever.”
- 1980 AD The M&M Corporation turns down Spielberg’s request to use their product in his new alien movie, on the premise that the screenplay is “too unrealistic.” They instead decide to use giant M&M candies that can talk and interact with humans as their new advertising spokesmodels.
- 1984 AD Irish historians discover that Bloody Sunday actually occurred on a Wednesday. U2 lead singer Bono impales himself with a rusty potato.
- 1988 AD Super chess-playing computer Deep Blue beats Russian grandmaster Boris Teschenkov at hotdog-eating contest. “I am so ashamed,” said the humiliated Rusky, “At least the Berlin Wall didn’t fall down. That would have been much worse.”
- 2132 AD Scientists disprove the existence of space-time. The universe collapses on itself.

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