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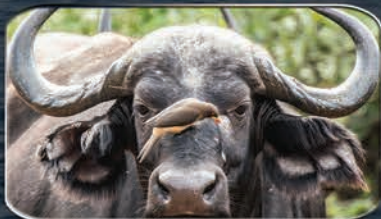
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BFFS IN THE NATURAL WORLD

Let's face it. It's easier to get along with your pets than it is to even make small talk with the clerk at the gas station some days. We've all been there. When your friends ditch you at a party, or the so-called love of your life leaves you high and dry for that chode she just met, when your therapist turns you in to the cops just because of your murderous fantasies, or when your work buddy betrays your trust, and you find yourself jobless because you let it slip that the sexually suggestive pictures of feet that Melinda keeps getting, are from you. People can't be trusted, so we turn to our pets. Fido will never judge you for your fetishes. What is it about interspecies friendships that just work so well? Maybe it's because we don't speak the same language, maybe it's because there's an understanding that it's a two-way street (I'll scratch your butt and you lick my face at 3 a.m.), or maybe it's just because they're so darn cute. Maybe we'll never know. Mutualistic symbiotic relationships don't always seem like friendship... exactly, but when two life forms rely on one another, it's a special, magical, and occasionally grotesque thing. Let's now consider some of these unique bonds

between non-human animals and the benefits for those involved:



Dotted Humming Frog and the Columbian Lesserblack Tarantula

In what may be the most adorable mutualistic relationship imaginable, the large burrowing tarantula (*Xenesthis immanis*) will often keep this unbelievably tiny frog in its hidey-hole, like a weird little pet. The frog gets guaranteed free meals of parasites that would otherwise damage the tarantula or her eggs (plus the protection of the massive arachnid), and the tarantula gets pest control. Best of all, we get pictures of it.

Ants and Aphids

Several species of ants are known to have a shepherd-and-flock sort of re-

lationship with aphids. The aphids parasitize a plant or vine, feeding on it as your ex-girlfriend fed on you — slowly sucking you dry until you're nothing but a withered husk. When a predatory insect (like a ladybug or some such) comes along to eat the aphids, the farmer ants are there like your ex's new boyfriend and his rippling abs. The ants defend their parasite charges, chasing off any would-be foes. Why do they do this? Well, the aphids, for their part, produce something called "honeydew" that the ants collect and feed on — little droplets of excess moisture and sweetness that keep their Adonis-ants in thrall. Honeydew sure sounds nice, but in reality, it's basically excrement the aphids are producing, so keep that in mind when you start pining for the one that got away.

Boxer Crabs and Sea Anemones

Boxer crabs are pretty small and not nearly as intimidating as some of their larger, pinchier cousins. To protect them from some of the fish and other predators (who'd normally love nothing more than to chow down on some tasty, wee crab-snax), these creative

crustaceans have developed a relationship with stinging sea anemones, wearing them like, well, boxing gloves. If one anemone is removed or disconnected somehow, the crab simply splits the other one in two and

have crap vision. As such, these two creatures will often pair up as roommates — the shrimp making a den for the two of them to share. During the day, the Goby hovers above, hangin' with its buds and feeding, always

“Sometimes we all need a friend, sacrificial pool of weak acid, stinging gloves, or living toothpick.”

attaches it to his second claw. The anemone will get over it and grow back eventually, though I'm sure being torn in half isn't ideal. For their benefit, though, the anemones get to consume the morsels of food that



this messy eater misses, and the crab gets probably the most badass pair of mittens the world has ever seen. Like brass knuckles with poison ivy on the outside of 'em or something. Hardcore.

Pistol Shrimp and Goby

Who knows how this odd couple got together, but nowhere else in the animal kingdom do two creatures make up for each other's shortcomings more elegantly than this pair. The Goby is a fish, and as such, has no arms with which to dig out a safe nest for itself, duh. What it does have is excellent eyesight. The Pistol Shrimp can dig like no one's business but

watchful for predators, warning the shrimp if any sketchy characters come too close. At night, they rest together in the small home. Love is strange, but as long as everyone's consenting, who am I to judge?



Nile Crocodiles and Plovers

The Egyptian plover verges on being the most kamikaze of all participants in any symbiotic odd couple. This African bird will casually alight in the open jaws of a Nile croc and take the opportunity provided to clean the rotting meat scraps from between the massive predator's teeth. Amazingly, the hulking reptile not only avoids chowing down on the careless avian but, in fact, seems to enjoy the treatment. Like a spa day, but way, way grosser.

Crab Spiders and Pitcher Plants

In this unholy union, which is ab-sol-



utely a supervillain team-up, the yellow (*Thomisus nepenthophilus*) and red (*Misumenops nepenthicola*) crab spiders have learned to combine their wily style of ambush hunting with the drowny, drowny vat of digestive goo in several types of pitcher plant that live in Southeast Asia. The spider hides just out of view of the lip inside the flower, and when a curious insect comes along, the spider grabs it, has its meal, and throws the rest into the sacrificial liquid below. Should the insect be overly large, the spider can hurl it directly in or even dive in with it since it can always rappel out. You might think this means that the Pitcher plant gets a bum deal here since it's Leftover City, but scientists who studied this relationship noted that overall, the plant and spider team-up were significantly more successful than either one working independently. Teamwork makes the dream work, especially if your dream is liquefied invertebrate guts.

While this is only a small fraction of the odd ways that animals cooperate, it just goes to show that humans aren't the only ones who rely on the company of other creatures. Sometimes we all need a friend, sacrificial pool of weak acid, stinging gloves, or living toothpick.

Esmeralda Rupp-Spangle is her own symbiote. She can be found on Instagram as @esmeraldasilentcitadel or Facebook as Esmeralda Marina.



POLITICKING WITH THE HOGGET

You may have noticed that we've taken a long break from discussing politics in *Exotic* — we're not into fucking up the good vibes we strive to bring you when you crack our pages and sniff our ink. We only ask that you kindly refrain from sticking our pages together.

That being said, it's our civic duty to cover partisan news when it involves our beloved industry — we know you'd expect nothing less from us. Hopefully, we haven't totally lost your attention with the mention of politics, and if so, we equally hope to have regained said attention by the mention of crack and sticky pages.

So, let's jump right in. The misappropriation of campaign funds has been front and center in the media in recent years, and there has been a lot of legislation aimed at putting an end to this once prolific practice of public servants feeding from the public trough. In fact, the Federal Election Commission finance rules explicitly prohibit using campaign funds for personal use and carry a felony charge if convicted of doing so. As you can imagine, this has provided very little deterrence, and, thus, we are afforded the delight and entertainment of watching these statesmen and stateswomen crash and burn in full public view. Isn't it grand?

Nonetheless, we here at *Exotic* take pity on one Michigan state lawmaker, Jewell

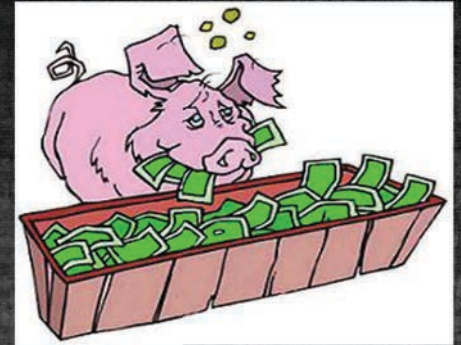
Jones (D). You see, State Rep. Jones basically told on himself when he filed a disclosure outlining an expenditure of \$221 at a well-established Michigan gentlemen's club. The expenditure was reported as a "constituent meeting" to discuss "potential economic projects," according to the disclosure.

When questioned by a local newspaper about the meeting, Jones replied, "We have (to) meet people where they're at some times ... #HOLLA," in a text mes-



sage after the interview. He subsequently added that the club had "great lamb chops."

He makes one hell of an argument, but it's likely going to fall short in the event he faces any indictment. The FEC is pretty-fucking-clear on its definition of entertainment automatically falling under the category of personal use:



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Well, dayum! We wish you the best, State Rep. Jewell Jones! If it were up to us, strip clubs would be a sanctioned campaign fund expenditure, especially if the "hogget is 🍆🍆🍆 #HOLLA!"

WHAT'S CRACKIN'?

There's plenty of stuff going on this September, and we're not talking about back-to-school sales or early visits to the pumpkin patch...

Firstly, we'd like to welcome PDX Peaches to our local industry business list! Portland's newest offering in private lingerie modeling will celebrate their grand opening on Friday, September 10. Scope





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their ad in this issue for more information.

Just a day prior, on Thursday, September 9, Maggie will celebrate her 21st birthday at Guilty Pleasures! Happy Birthday, Maggie!

The Lounge will present Carnival of Flesh on Friday, September 17, featuring an aerialist, hoop shows, and some badass Korean BBQ! The action starts at 7 p.m. — see you there!

Fast forward a week, and it's the Panty Raid Party at Stars Cabaret in Salem. I think the name says it all, but you can check their ad out on our back cover for more information!

Lastly, don't forget that *Miss Exotic Oregon 2022* starts next month! Keep an eye on our social media throughout this month for the latest information on event dates and more.

That's it for this month, folks. Stay safe out there! Even Wyatt Earp would have his hands full here in P'town, as of late...

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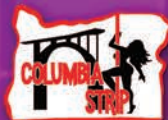
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LOVE IN A PLAIN BROWN ENVELOPE: BY JAIME DUNKLE

ORPHEUS DIES OF FENTANYL POISONING

My lover died the day I was supposed to stay with him. The day I thought we would finally be together and stop dragging ourselves back into the hell that is toxic relationship patterns. Not literal Hades, but the perpetual mental anguish we commiserated about for the last two years of his life.

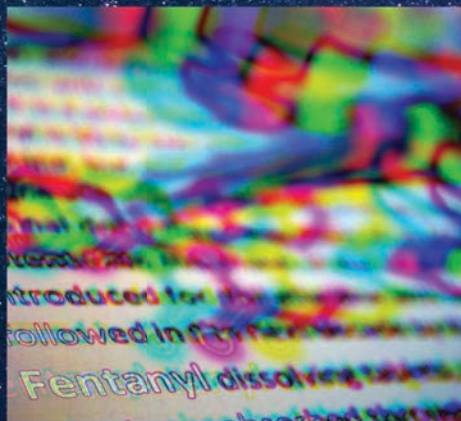
"I can't make it today," I type into my phone as my heart races and sinks. "I have a work meeting I can't get out of." I press send on Facebook Messenger from the cold, windowless office. Orpheus sends me a message back, "It's OK. I'm reachable while away." I take a deep breath because I'm relieved he's understanding.

I later learned not visiting Orpheus that day was one of the biggest mistakes of my entire life.

As I tell you this, I imagine him sitting on his bed in front of an overflowing bookshelf or surrounded by synthesizers and gear. Orpheus was quite literary, but his main passion was for music. He was a drummer, programmer, engineer, and multi-instrumentalist. Right now, I can sense his intoxicating smile all the way from the underworld, beaming across the aethyr, and his ghost looking back toward me without consequence. I'd do anything to see that smile again — to feel his skin against mine,

to inhale every pheromone.

Since I couldn't visit Orpheus before his first European tour in years, we made plans for me to come up as soon as he returned. I was already counting the days. All day, I reminisced about the last time I saw him,



when I caressed the dark pentagram of his soft chest hair for hours, as we talked on his bed and kissed and kissed. He had the sweetest kisses I've ever known. One thing we never understood was people who don't like to kiss. How is that even a thing? "Monsters," we would say in unison.

I leave early from the jail where I work and drive to the important off-site meeting I couldn't cancel. As I'm driving, a wave of absolute despair shocks me out of autopilot.

Everything in my body tells me something is wrong, and it has to do with Orpheus. I can't catch my breath. I weep harder than I've ever wept in my life. My body quakes with loud sobs I can't stop. Tears blur my sight. I almost crash my car, so I pull over on the side of the busy road. Visions of Orpheus flash through my mind. The deepest sorrow consumes me. I can't stop the waves of remorseful agony. I don't even understand where they're coming from. An unrelenting grief over us not being together immobilizes me. I vow aloud to do whatever it will take to get across the border and be with him when he returns. I nearly drown in the tears filling my car, and then open the door and get some air to calm down. I re-enter traffic and rush to the meeting, holding a cold water bottle under my swollen eyes.

I sent Orpheus a text the next night, letting him know I hope he arrived okay. Eager to tell him my epiphany in the car and to re-confess my undying love, which we did for each other habitually since we first kissed. Hours went by with no response, which was unusual after such enthusiasm on his part.

Days passed with no word from Orpheus. By the fifth day, which was a Saturday, I saw online that an artist friend of his hastily shared a rest-in-peace poster for him, with that day's date. Immediately, I knew the date

was wrong. I left a comment, “He didn’t die today. He died on Monday.” Soon after, one of his friends messaged me, asking how I knew the date was wrong; I explained to him that I was expecting to hear from Orpheus but didn’t and that we last talked on Monday. Really how I knew was because I felt him dying. Then, I told him about my random meltdown in the car the afternoon Orpheus died. Not long after, Orpheus’s family publicly stated that he had died on Monday of fentanyl poisoning, around the same time I pulled over with premonition and unwittingly mourned him.

Before I continue with my story, let me share some fentanyl facts with you because many folks out there don’t realize this tasteless and odorless silent killer is ubiquitous now.

tion of being sober. He was ashamed and dreaded ridicule from his loved ones. “I don’t want to be the loser everyone expects me to be,” he said. I did my best to console him, to be an unconditionally loving presence, but it wasn’t easy.

I drove seven hours to wait in a McDonald’s with free Wi-Fi, while he made his ex-girlfriend a sandwich that she demanded on her way to work, while she cried about not having enough money to take with her when she was finally leaving him alone and moving across the world. He apologized profusely and said she stopped by unexpectedly. I knew he was in a bad way, so I accepted the apology and said what I came all that way to say, “I fear for your mortality, Orpheus.” Then, I begged him to return to treatment, but he didn’t go.

To be continued...

You can order fentanyl test strips online at <https://dancesafe.org/shop/>. If you live in Portland, Oregon, you can go to Outside In and have your substances tested for fentanyl: <https://outsidein.org/health-services/>

¹<https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/fentanyl>

²<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0407-fentanyl-test-strips.html>

³<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/fentanyl>

⁴<https://katu.com/news/recover-northwest/is-fentanyl-behind-rise-in-fatal-drug-overdoses>

⁵<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0407-fentanyl-test-strips.html>

“As I’m driving, a wave of absolute despair shocks me out of autopilot. Everything in my body tells me something is wrong, and it has to do with Orpheus.”

Fentanyl is 80-100 times stronger than heroin¹ and 50-100 times more potent than morphine.² Almost all drugs are cut with it: cocaine, heroin, MDMA, and meth,³ even Xanax and oxycontin are being replaced by it, unbeknownst to buyers.⁴ From August 2019 to August 2020, approximately 88,000 people lost their lives to drug overdoses in the United States, which the Center for Disease Control and Prevention says was “the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period.”⁵ There is likely a correlation between these overdoses and fentanyl because so many people who are dying have it in their system. Like Orpheus did.

The day after Thanksgiving in 2018, I broke up with my then-boyfriend because we were fighting, yet again. Admittedly, I was also deeply concerned about Orpheus’s well-being. Earlier that year, he confided in me that he relapsed after his longest dura-



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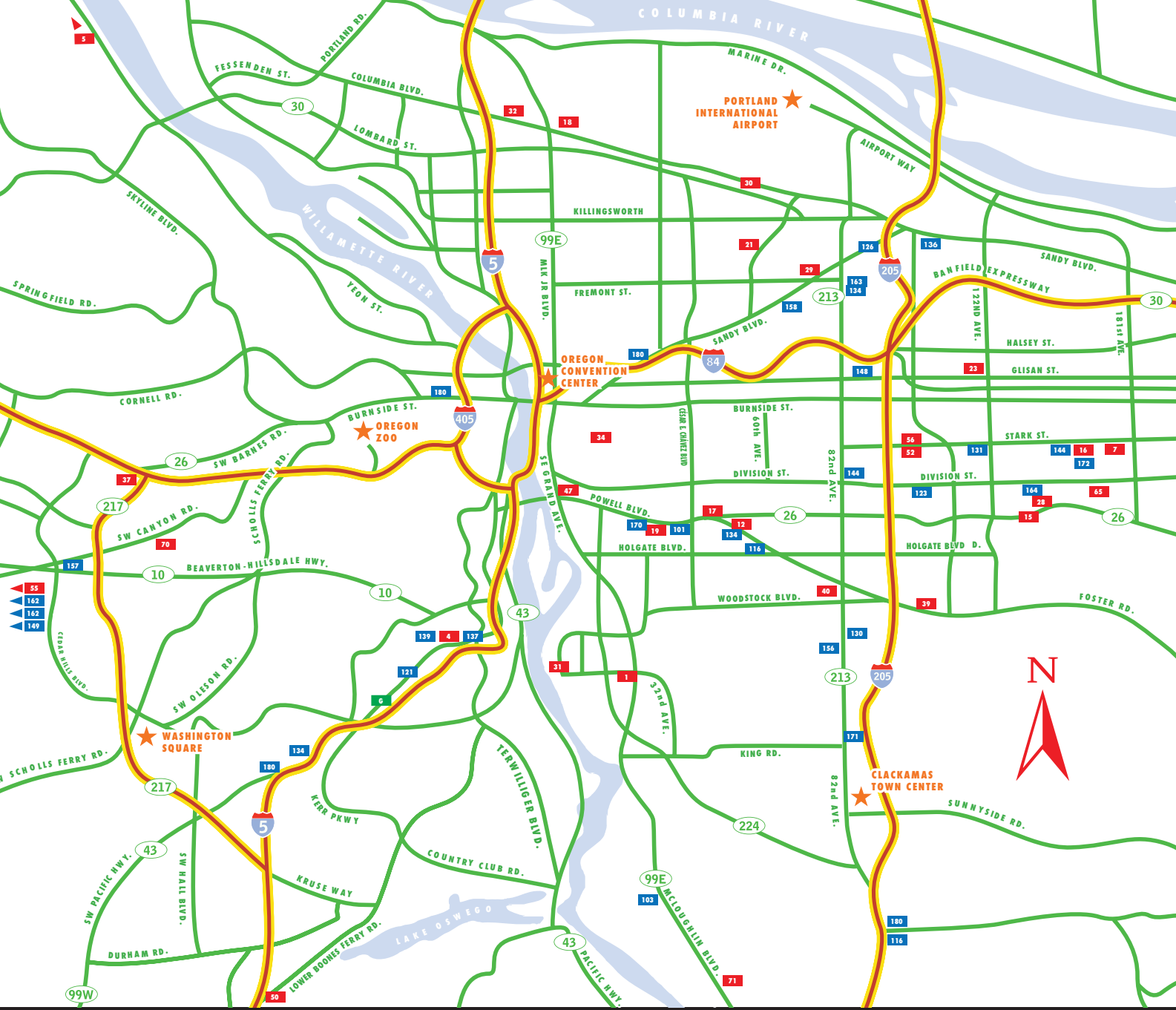
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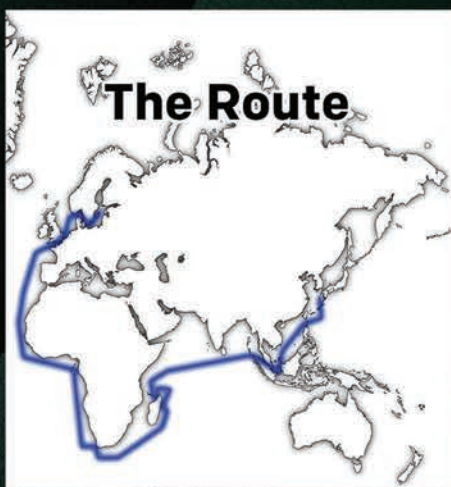
IMPERIAL RUSSIA IN: BIG-TIME BALTIC BLUNDERS

In a departure from my usual format of “list of amusing things” style articles, I’m about to drop some knowledge on one of the most inadvertently hilarious and/or pathetic military exploits in history — that of the Russian Baltic Fleet during the Russo-Japanese War.

Some background here. The Russo-Japanese War began in 1904 and lasted until 1905; pretty short, as wars of the era went. The reason Russia and Japan went to war was basically because Russia and Japan both wanted a piece of China, which at the time was larger than now, and consisted of the Korean Peninsula, where we now find... Korea. Well, both Korea, and the Liaodong Peninsula, still part of modern China, but which was owned by Japan following the Sino-Japanese War a decade prior. The Sino-Japanese War was one where China and Japan fought, and Russia provided support to the Qing Empire of China against Japan. You following so far? Great.

So, the Russians wanted a warm-water port for their ships on that side of the continent. A warm-water port will not freeze during winter, like the Russians’ own port of Vladivostok, which

was covered in ice for half the year. The Liaodong Peninsula seemed like a perfect place for this, and so Russia leased the use of it from China, because they helped China in the Sino-Japanese War. Got it? Good.



Before declaring war on one another, Japan and Russia were in negotiations to divide up China. Japan offered Manchuria to Russia but wanted to keep Korea. The Russians said, “well, fuck that,” because they wanted the Korean Peninsula to be neutral ground. Japan said, “well, fuck you too,” and launched a surprise attack on the Russian Navy at their not-warm-water port of Vladivostok, pen-

ning them in. Still with me? Alright.

So, since Russia’s naval operations were pretty much dependent on the blockaded port, they were screwed. The Japanese declared war against them the moment they sneak-attacked the Russian Navy. It was, as they say, “on.” Naval and land forces from each country began to muster their forces against one another, even though the Russian government didn’t learn of the attack until some time after it had happened. The Japanese harried the Russians both on land and at sea. The Russian Navy was blockaded, and they thought, “we need reinforcements,” but from where would they get them? The Japanese were bending them the fuck over on all theaters of their war. “There must be some hope,” thought Czar Nicolas II.

“I know,” said the Czar. “We have ships in the Baltic! The most modern ships! We will send them to go kick the shit out of the Japanese Navy!” Or, something like that.

Sure enough, yes, there were ships in the Baltic. Russian ships. Battleships, even! Six of the bastards! Problem, though. The Baltic Sea is over 20,000 nautical miles from the conflict. “Doesn’t matter, get your ass-



es in gear!" ordered the Czar. And so, they were mobilized, and the fun began. Recall that the trip from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific isn't like it is now, with canals and such. No, no. You had to sail all the way around Africa, then through the Indian Ocean, and damn.

The man charged with the task of Russian success was one Admiral Zinovy Petrovich Rozhdestvensky. Not a bad admiral (or "badmiral") by any account, he was tasked with shepherd-

ing the Baltic Fleet into war. Now, this was a typical task for a military man. Get an order to fight motherfuckers, and you go fight 'em. This, however, was a very long journey, and they lacked specialized items... things like, oh, engineers, ammunition, trained personnel, and decent naval tactics. The fleet was also incredibly paranoid due to wild reports of Japanese subterfuge and deception. As a foreboding start, the voyage was initially hampered by the battleship *Oroy-*

al sinking in harbor before they even got underway. Small potatoes make big vodka, though.

As for the aforementioned paranoia, the Russian fleet was absolutely terrified of the efficient Japanese torpedo boats, which had been used to such great effect on their brethren over in the Pacific. Indeed, so terrified that they were paranoid of these boats being in the European Atlantic, some 20,000 nautical miles away from Ja-

pan. Ten days after they set out to kick ass, the supply freighter *Kamchatka* alerts the fleet that it is under attack by Japanese torpedo boats! To arms! To arms! Every Russian ship brought guns to bear on what they believed to be a Japanese torpedo boat.

The cruisers *Aurora* and *Dmitri Donskoy* are mistaken for the enemy and hit by friendly shells, killing a sailor and the ship's chaplain. Numerous ships report being hit by torpedoes and begin emergency maneuvers. The battleship *Borodino* reports

ships, who, in no uncertain terms, told them to park their asses in Spain for a friendly chat. Oh, and it turns out that, when the Russian ships had launched this all-out volley against the British fishermen, the formerly-sunk, now-refloated *Oroyal* was eager to prove herself and launched an astounding 500 shells... all of which hit *nothing*.

They ended up parked off Spain until the Brits got St. Petersburg to apologize and give them a pile of money in order to keep the Royal Navy from

fueled by monstrous amounts of coal, but those monstrous amounts didn't carry them forever. There were frequent stops to re-coal vessels, and the Baltic Fleet did so several times. While the six battleships were the cutting edge of technology for the time, the support vessels in the fleet weren't so sharp or new. In fact, many were aged and obsolete, yet these were what they had. Our Admiral Rozhstvensky just had to get them to the Pacific in one piece so that they could engage the even-more-modern Japanese in naval combat. I'm sure he was incred-

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being boarded by Japanese forces, and the crew attempts to abandon ship. Twenty minutes of frantic, desperate firing later, an order to cease fire is issued. It turns out that everyone in the Russian fleet who was not hit by friendly fire was actually just fine. Off in the distance, the Russian searchlights illuminate a small cluster of unarmed fishing boats, which they had been firing at. The Russians realize their error and immediately steam the hell out of there, pretending that nothing had happened.

The next day, the fishing boats, less several crew, sail home. They were absolutely not Japanese in any way, shape, or form. They were, in fact, British. If we'll recall, back in these days, the British were the absolute masters of seamanship and naval warcraft. This little incident *really pissed them off*. So, the Royal Navy raises steam on the entire Channel Fleet. The Russians wake up a day or so later, surrounded by twenty-fucking-eight battle-



sinking their entire fleet out of spite. Oh, should it be mentioned that Czar Nicolas II was King George V's cousin? Guess that didn't mean all that much. Thanks, cuz...

In this era of naval warfare, ships were

ibly optimistic and not just constantly muttering to himself, "CYKA BLYAT*."

The first stop for re-coaling was in Tangier, Morocco. The fleet had lost track of the *Kamchatka* for several days. Once they regained contact, the *Kamchatka* had gloriously reported having fired 300 shells at Japanese ships. These "Japanese" ships were later found to have been a Swedish merchantman, German trawler, and French schooner, respectively. As the fleet left Tangier, the anchor of one of the battleships accidentally cut the underwater telegraph cable, leaving Tangier unable to communicate with Europe for four days. Interestingly, they never got in any trouble for all this.

Their next stop along the long journey was to rendezvous with a host of German supply ships off Dakar in Western Africa. A French admiral had intervened and told them to stop re-coaling due to international law forbidding it. Admiral Rozhstvensky

was fairly angry and said, "Hey, do you have shore batteries to stop us?" and the Frenchman said, "Uh, no." He said, "Well, fuck around and find out." The French opted not to fuck around, and thus, did not find out. The Russians got their coal after they contacted the German ships and didn't accidentally blow them out of the water. They took on double-sized loads of coal fuel. These extra loads had to be stored on the deck, which caused the dust from the coal to spread across the ships. The dust, combined with the humid African climate, resulted in the death of many crewmen, who had their lungs choked with it.

Remember our old pal, the *Kamchatka*—

ka? Well, she caused some panic after they got back underway by mistaking the naval signal for, "We're doing well" for the one that said, "So you see these torpedo boats?" After much panic, the *Kamchatka* corrected her signals, and the fleet steamed on to their next re-coaling station in Cape Town, South Africa.

The crew, fairly demoralized after all the shit they'd been through, are allowed shore leave while the ships took on yet more coal. Eager to make themselves feel relaxed and emboldened by the spirit of adventure, nearly the entire Russian crew went and bought exotic foods and animals to bring aboard their ship. Not con-

tent with mere parrots and cockatiels, some Russian sailors bought things like monkeys, very large crocodiles, and venomous snakes, creating a circus-like atmosphere aboard ships. This even prevented gunnery drills when a "rather large snake" wrapped itself around one of the main guns of the *Kamchatka* and bit an officer who tried to extract it.

If that weren't enough, one of the dilapidated supply ships broke down. This happened to be the *Esperance*, which was the refrigerated ship carrying the crew's rations. Tons of rotted meat were jettisoned, leading sharks to follow the fleet for nearly a week.

The next re-coaling stop was Madagascar. Our man in charge, Rozhestvensky, became seriously ill and confined himself to his cabin. His chief of staff suffered a crippling brain hemorrhage and was partially paralyzed. Command structure broke down entirely with the loss of control from this situation, and crews piloted their ships to various shorelines to make good use of casinos, bars, and whorehouses. Malaria, typhoid, and dysentery ran roughshod over the crew, killing scores. During the funeral for an officer, the *Kamchatka* (surprise) fired a salute but used a live shell. She actually hit something this time, though... their support cruiser *Aurora*.

Thinking to improve morale, an officer had bought a case of thousands of cigarettes in Madagascar, distributing them to the crew, but found later that they were 90% opium, and his crew was now operating in an opium haze. Not quite what he'd intended. The long period of sea life for the poorly-trained crew led to both an increase in religious zealotry and mutinous thoughts. The officers in charge "deported" many of the worst cases on a supply ship headed back to Russia, leaving them with even fewer crew.



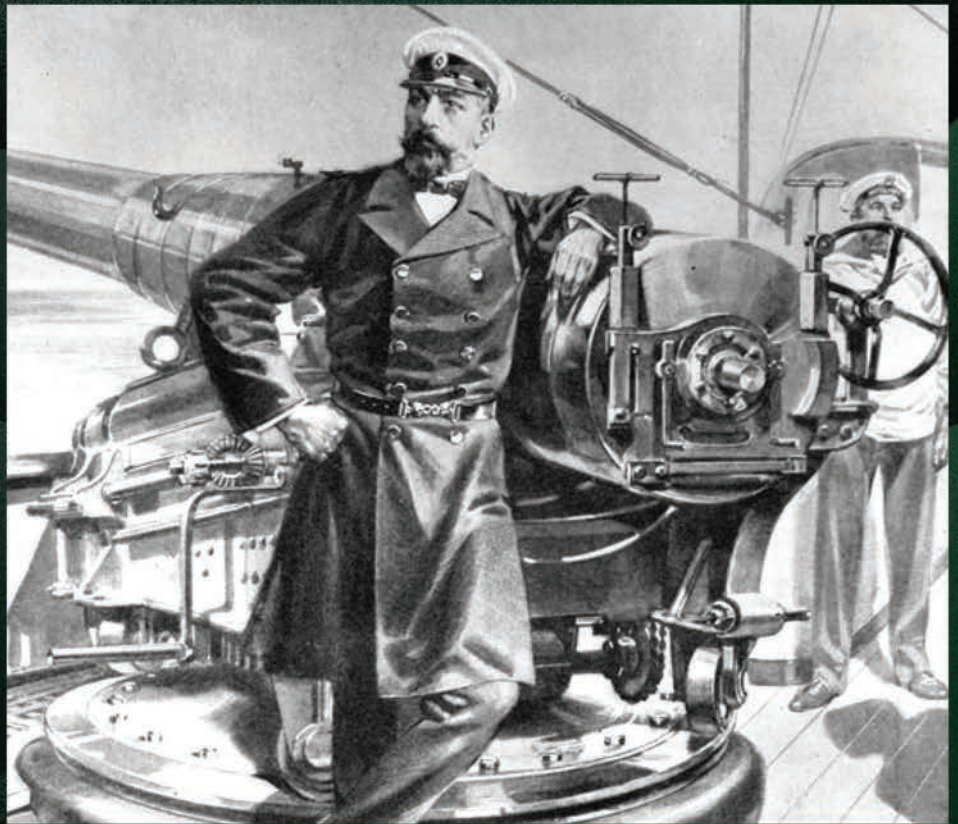
Admiral Rozhestvensky

After having requested resupply from Russia, the fleet was met by the supply vessel *Irtysk*. Supposed to bring needed ammunition and food, they unloaded crate after crate of goods to the fleet. After waving their caps to the ship as it steamed off, the crews opened their cargo, only to find thick winter coats and fur-lined boots — truly a boon to crews sweltering in equatorial heat. Morale, to say the least, was low.

Our man, Admiral Rozhdestvensky, feeling a tad better after his illness, decided he needed to make a point to bolster the crew's skill and improve how they felt about their fate. He ordered gunnery practice. A tugboat would carry a target out into the sea and let the battleships attempt to hit it. The flagship of the fleet scored a crippling hit... on the tug carrying the target. The Russian torpedo boats in the fleet let fly with seven torpedoes at the target. One jammed, three went way off target, two simply missed, and one decided to go around in a circle and scared the shit out of the fleet until it stopped. Oh, and during this exercise, the *Kamchatka* sent a signal saying it was sinking. It wasn't.

Unknown to Admiral Rozhdestvensky, reinforcements were being sent to join them. The reinforcements, dubbed the "Third Pacific Squadron," were given orders to meet up with Rozhdestvensky, "whose route and location are unknown to us." This reminds me of every job I've ever had, where the instructions were, "I don't care how you do it, just do it."

In the meantime, Admiral Rozhdestvensky had picked up a newspaper on their latest re-coaling stop. It informed him of the plan of the Admiralty in St. Petersburg. The plan which was not discussed with him at all. The Admiralty intended for him to arrive in Vladivostok and surrender his command to another admiral, who took



the train there. After this disappointment, they desperately needed some good news. It came in the form of a mail ship that would rendezvous with them and bring long-overdue mail from home. This would improve morale greatly, right? Well, after offloading the mail to the crew, it was discovered that the letters were the same ones that the crews had sent from Madagascar, which had never been delivered.

After all this, they finally made it to Vladivostok, and the Japanese were waiting for them. The battle of Tsushima ensued, and the Japanese handily sank the entire fleet of battleships, and most of the support ships, while taking very modest casualties themselves.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky survived the battle but was court-martialed afterward and accused, along with most of the battleship commanders, of failing Russia in its time of need. He died of a purported heart attack in 1909.

Life's a bitch, sometimes. Remember, though, if you're ever feeling down, at least you're not in a doomed Russian battle fleet.

Enjoy yourselves,

-WStM

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**CYKA BLYAT (pronounced "soo-kuh blee-at") is literally Russian for "bitch fuck!" — colloquially used in the sense of "fuck it," "fuck this," or even "fuck you." Truly multipurpose. Try it next time you encounter a Russian.*

WHAT A PERILOUS LIFE I LIVE, MOM!

THOUGHTS FROM A DOG

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What a perilous life I live. Every day. It's terrible. Truly. I don't even know what is happening right now. This moment is awful. Mom is gone. She's surely gone forever now. Forever. She's never coming ba— oh, there she is!

Mom's back, everyone! Hey, Mom's back! Oh man, oh boy, (snarfle snarfle, bug cat, whap other dog in face in excitement) Mom IS BACK!

Okay, now where are you going? Mom, where are you going now? The couch? That couch? Are you going to sit right there? Stop moving. Right there? Okay, here I come.

Mom, I'm going to stare at you now. I need to make sure you see me. Mom, do you see me? Mom? How 'bout now?



If I breathe really heavy and lick your leg while still staring, will you see me? Mom, I know you see me, say something to me! You're patting the couch, okay, I come up now? Okay, I'm coming up now.

Okay, I'm gonna sit right here. I have to hurry and sit right on your flank and lap before the other human that's not you comes to sit on the couch.

That person tries to steal all my attention. But, I know you, Mom. I know you love me more than anything. Mom! Mom, look at me! No, why do you have to move me? I was here first!

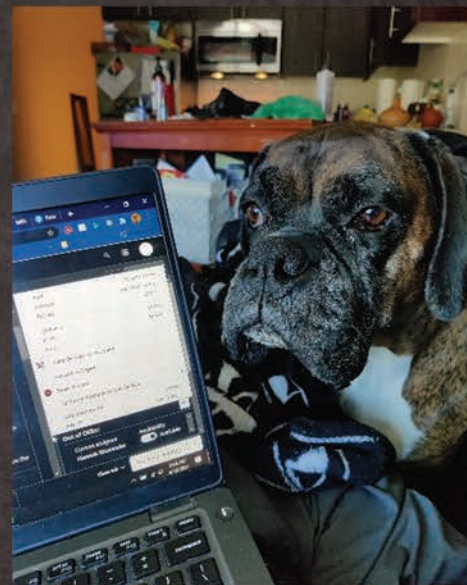
Okay, yes, I guess I have to go poop. Don't make me wait at that door; I'll shove my nose in it again, thinking it can open that way. Mom! Hurry up. HURRY. Now, I really have to go! I didn't five minutes ago, but now it is time!

Oh man, smell all that other dog smell! Look, a dog pooped here! Look, Mom, I'm gonna check what it smells like! What? Why are you telling me to stop? I know I need to poop; you don't need to tell me. I'm a dog; I'm not a baby.

Speaking of which, wow! Hear that baby? It's crying! The window way up there! Baby is crying! Mom! Do I need to do something right now? Mom, does the baby stop crying? Who's baby is that? Why is it crying? I think I need to investigate. Why are you pulling me away from the squirrels? Mom! But, the baby is still crying. Mom, those squirrels are yelling at me. No, it isn't my fault I chased them. That isn't my fault! Baby is still crying.

Sorry, I forgot to poop. I'll go next time! Oh boy!

Mom, okay, Mom, okay Mom, listen, I know you have to work. But, Mom, okay, hear this. Mom, if I sit really still and quiet on the bed next to the computer, do you think I can just maybe stare at you for six more hours? I'll fall asleep staring at you. It'll be okay, I promise. I promise I won't make a sighing noise if you let me! I just need to make sure you're still alive.



Where are you going *now*? You always close that door behind you when you leave, for what seems like an eternity, but, really, it's the shortest time you leave out of any time you leave! And, I always hear an angry water sound come afterward. I saw my roommate drink water out of that thing once. He got yelled at for being gross. Why is that gross? Whatever, I'll just keep sniffing the door and wait patiently outside the door for you to come back out. Maybe you just needed time away from me for a couple of minutes.

Nah, not my Mom. She always keeps me by her because she loves me. I get to go almost anywhere with her because I learned that whining and panting make my Mom love me enough to bring me with her all the time. I'm always excited... until I get in the car. Then, I'm not excited. Then, the world is ending again and filled with terrors. Oh my God, Mom, there isn't enough air in this car for us both; HOW ARE WE GOING TO LIVE?! MOM! ROLL DOWN MY WINDOW NOW! ROLL IT DOWN SO THAT I MAY STARE OUT OF IT FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE! It's too windy when you open up the window. But, DON'T CLOSE IT!

Mom, I remember when you used to bring me to the neighborhood bar when I was a puppy. You told me the owner, Mom, named me after a king. I'm a king then, right? Yep, that's what I thought. I'm a king! Oh boy! Mom! I love you, Mom.



My Mom can be found right by me when I'm on the couch — or in the kitchen when I'm staring at her patiently. Maybe she'll give me a scrap. My Mom is also sometimes outside when I can see her from the balcony. I don't like that, because I'm not there. Sometimes, she also takes me to places where they have funny drinks that make Mom more funny. Everyone pets me. Everyone loves Mom. I love Mom. Mom also wanted to say something:



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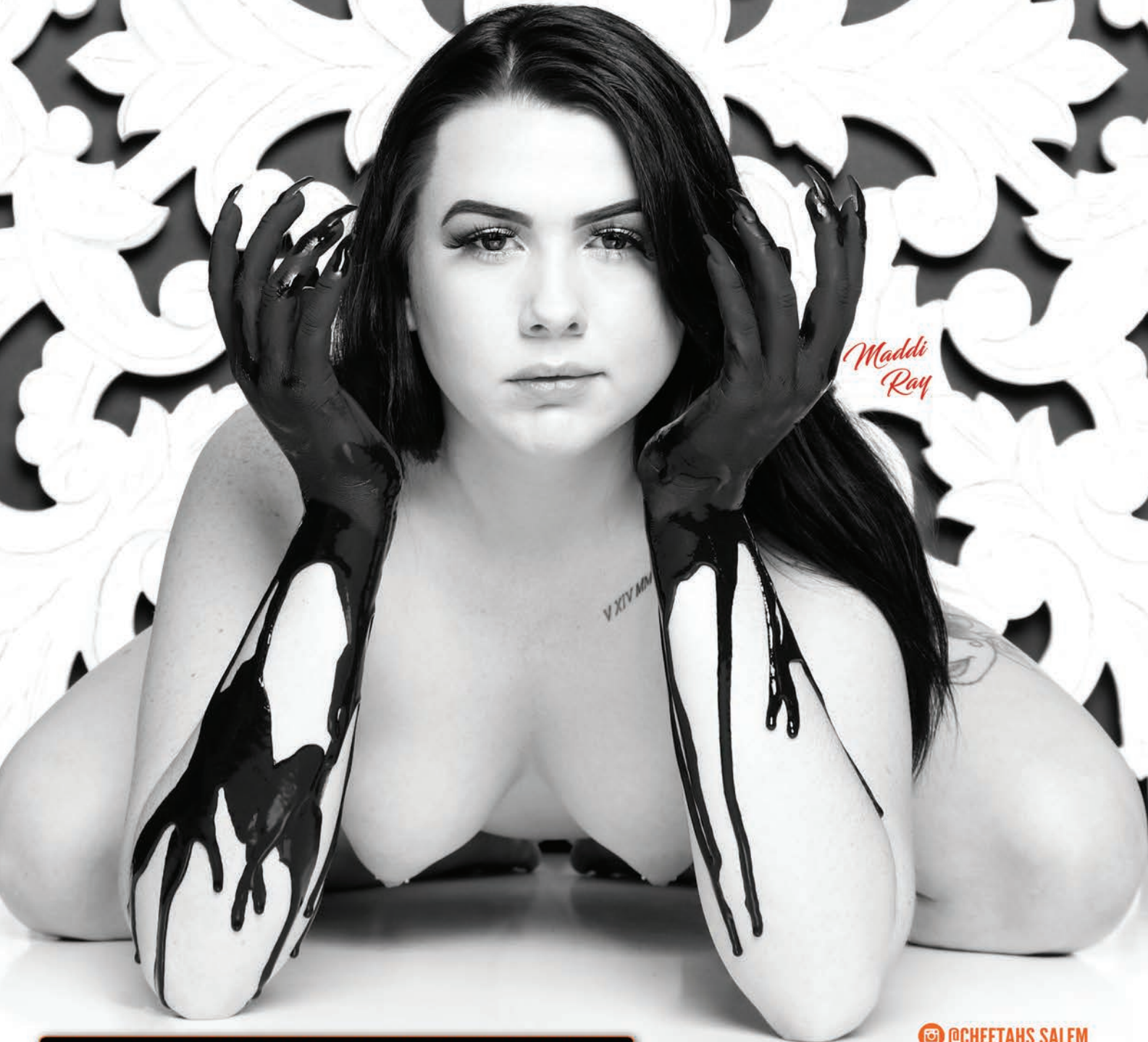
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