

"MORE FREAKY DEATHS, CONTINUED"  
BY PAT/SALTY

DAVID CROSBY (OF THE 1960'S GROUP THE BYRDS AND OF CROSBY, STILLS, NASH, AND -SOMETIMES-YOUNG) LOST HIS WIFE BACK IN THE 70'S IN A FREAKY ACCIDENT; SHE WAS KILLED BY HER HOUSECAT.

THAT'S RIGHT, HER HOUSECAT! YOU SEE, SHE WAS DRIVING DOWN A WINDING MOUNTAIN ROAD OUT IN CALIFORNIA, TAKING THEIR PET CAT TO THE VET. BEING KIND OF A HIPPIE AND ANIMAL LOVER, SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN LOCKING HER CAT IN A ~~CAT CARRIER BOX~~ CAT CARRIER BOX. SOMETHING HAPPENED TO SPOOK THE CAT. NOBODY EVER KNEW EXACTLY WHAT SHE MUST HAVE GRABBED THE CAT. SHE WAS FOUND COVERED IN CATSCRATCHES. SHE DIDN'T DIE OF CATSCRATCH FEVER, HOWEVER. SHE DIED BECAUSE THE OUT OF CONTROL CAT CAUSED HER TO DRIVE OFF THE ROAD OFF A CLIFF. KILLING HER AND THE CAT.

DAMNED CAT.

THIS REALLY HAPPENED.

ANOTHER FREAKY DEATH HAPPENED TO SOME POOR BASTARD DOWN IN THE



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AMAZON JUNGLE OF SOUTH AMERICA  
BACK IN THE FREAKY 1970'S (OR MAYBE 80'S)  
HE GOT ATTACKED BY A SWARM OF  
ANGRY AFRICAN KILLER BEES.  
HOW THEY GOT TO SOUTH AMERICA IS  
ANYONES GUESS, SNUCK IN ON A SHIP, PROBABLY.  
AFRICAN KILLER BEES HAVE ABOUT AS MUCH  
IN COMMON WITH OTHER BEES AS  
AL CAPONE HAD IN COMMON WITH SOME  
TEENAGE PUNK HUBCAP THIEF,  
CAN'T EVEN BE COMPARED WITH, IN OTHER WORDS,  
AFRICAN KILLER BEES ARE SO AGGRESSIVE,  
SO TENACIOUS, THAT THEY GANG MUG  
BEES LIKE WASPS AND HORNETS AND TAKE  
THEIR LUNCH MONEY.

OR WOULD, IF THEY HAD ANY.

THE POINT ABOUT THE FREAKY DEATH BEING  
THAT THIS POOR UNLUCKY SON OF A GUN  
GOT STUNG. STUNG AND STUNG AND STUNG,  
HE RAN LIKE THE WIND TRYING TO GET  
AWAY BUT THEM AFRICAN KILLER BEES  
ARE VINDICTIVE LITTLE BASTARDS.  
WHEREAS YOUR NORMAL HIVE OF ENRAGED  
BEES WILL GIVE UP CHASING SOMEONE  
AFTER 50 OR 100 YARDS, AFRICANS JUST KEEP



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RIGHT ON FOLLOWING AND ATTACKING.  
SO THE POOR GUY DID THE ONLY THING  
HE COULD DO;  
HE TOOK A FLYING LEAP RIGHT INTO  
THE AMAZON RIVER,  
AND WAS PROMPTLY KILLED BY PARANA FISH!'  
TALK ABOUT FREAKY DEATHS!  
THAT IS - TO ME, PAT/SALTY, - THE VERY  
LAST WORD DEFINITION TO THE OLD SAYING  
ABOUT "JUMPING FROM THE FRYING PAN  
INTO THE FIRE."

THIS IS ALSO A TRUE STORY THAT ACTUALLY  
HAPPENED - SALTY REMEMBERS READING  
ABOUT SUCH FREAKY DEATHS.  
IT'S JUST ALL THE UNFREAKY DEATHS THAT  
SO OFTEN GET FORGOTTEN.  
THE REALLY FREAKY ONES ALWAYS GET REMEMBERED,  
AT LEAST BY YOURS TRUELY.

ANOTHER FREAKY DEATH I REMEMBER  
READING ABOUT BACK IN THE 80'S OR 90'S  
WAS THE EPITOMY OF HOW AN OUT OF  
CONTROL TEMPER CAN KILL THE TANTRAM  
THROWER: A GUY OUT WEST WAS GOLFING  
AND BECAME SO ENRAGED WITH HIS BAD  
PLAY THAT HE REARED BACK AND SMASHED





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his GOLF CLUB AS HARD AS HE COULD,  
HE MUST HAVE BEEN A STRONG GUY, TOO.  
BECAUSE HE SMASHED HIS "UNLUCKY" GOLF  
CLUB SO HARD IT BROKE IN ~~TWO~~ TWO,  
AND THE SHARP END SHOT BACK AND STUCK  
RIGHT INTO HIM, KILLING HIM INSTANTLY.  
TEMPER, TEMPER, YOUNG MAN.

BRINGS A WHOLE NEW DEFINITION TO  
A HOLE IN ONE.

THIS, TOO, ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN REAL LIFE.  
TRUTH REALLY IS STRANGER THAN FICTION.  
STRANGER AND FREAKIER.

EVEN PRESIDENTS ARE NOT AMMUNE.  
WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON BACK IN THE  
EARLY 1800'S WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT  
TO DIE WHILE IN OFFICE.

HE WAS ALSO PRESIDENT ~~TO~~ FOR THE SHORTEST  
AMOUNT OF TIME - ABOUT ONE MONTH.  
WHY?

WELL, HE HAD BEEN, UP TO THAT TIME, THE  
OLDEST MAN ELECTED PRESIDENT.

BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN 70 WAS LIKE  
85 OR 90 IS TODAY.

SO HE WAS HELL BENT ON SHOWING  
EVERYONE HOW HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS





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ON SPENDING ALONE WITH MRS. HARRISON  
IN THE PRESIDENTIAL BED IN THE WHITE HOUSE  
(TO PROVE HIS VIM AND ~~ENERGY~~ VIGOR  
ONCE AGAIN TO MRS. HARRISON, NO DOUBT)

HE CAME DOWN WITH — A COLD,  
A VERY BAD COLD ("I TOLD YOU, DEAR!")  
A COLD THAT — BY THE NEXT DAY — HAD  
BECOME THE (THEN DREADED) NAMONIA.  
SO HE SPENT HIS ENTIRE 30 DAY  
PRESIDENCY IN BED.

AND FINALLY DIED A MONTH LATER,  
HAVING ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING BUT A  
FOOLS VICTORY.

A "VICTORY" OF THE EGO OVER COMMON SENSE.  
OH, HE IMPRESSED EVERYONE, ALRIGHT.  
HE IMPRESSED EVERYONE OF THE  
IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE TO WEAR A  
HEAVY COAT AND HAT IN WINTER,  
EVEN MORE SO FOR THOSE WHO ARE SENIORS.  
AND TO HELL WITH WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT  
YOU OR WHAT THEY MIGHT SAY ABOUT YOU —  
COMMON SENSE SHOULD ALWAYS COME FIRST.  
THIS WAS — AND SHOULD STILL BE — THE LESSON  
LEARNED — THE HARD WAY — FROM 30 DAY  
PRESIDENT WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.  
BECAUSE FREAKY DEATHS KNOW NO TITLE,  
POSITION, OR STATION IN LIFE — "RRRRRR" XX