

# "RUSSIAS LEADERS: HISTORY OF"

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They were ALL TERRIBLE.

IVAN The TERRIBLE, FOR ONE.

IMAGINE IF They CALLED AMERICAS

FIRST LEADER WASHINGTON The TERRIBLE.

YOU COULDN'T EXPECT ANY GOOD TO COME OUT OF THAT.

RUSSIA'S IVAN The TERRIBLE Lived up

-OR DOWN TO- his NAME, OF COURSE.

THE GUY WAS JUST TERRIBLE.

ABSOLUTELY TERRIBLE.

RUSSIA'S PETER The GREAT, ON THE OTHER

HAND (WHO CAME LATER), MADE RUSSIANS

PROUD - TO THIS VERY DAY - BY ACCOMPLISHING

- WHAT ELSE? - GREAT THINGS.

GREAT CITIES, CHURCHES, HARBORS, FORTS,

WERE ALL BUILT BY PETER The GREAT.

WELL, KIND OF.

HE NEVER ACTUALLY BUILT ANYTHING himself.

HE HAD ALL HIS SLAVES - CALLED, IN RUSSIA,

SERFS - DO IT ALL AND BUILD IT ALL.

GREAT FOR PETER,

BAJ FOR SERFS.

RUSSIA'S PETER The GREAT DECIDED THAT

MOTHER RUSSIA NEEDED TO HAVE A

NORTHERN PORT.

ONLY THE COASTLINE WAS ALL SWAMP.



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Where HE WANTED TO HAVE A GREAT PORT CITY, NAMED AFTER HIMSELF ~~SAINT~~ ("PETERSBURG") WAS ALL DESOLATE SWAMPLAND AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE.

"IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BUILD A PORT CITY THERE, YOUR HIGHNESS", HIS COUNSELLORS TRIED TO TELL HIM.

"NONSENSE!", PETER TOLD THEM.

"THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T BUILD AS LONG AS I RULE A NATION OF SERFS," HE DECLARED.

AND SO PETER THE GREAT'S ROYAL MINIONS FANNED OUT ACROSS RUSSIA GATHERING UP IDLE SERFS FROM VILLAGES ALL ACROSS RUSSIA.

AND DEPOSITED THEM, BY WAGONS, BY THE THOUSANDS, UPON THE DESOLATE SWAMPY SHORES OF WHAT WOULD ONE DAY BE CALLED SAINT PETERSBURG.

THEN CHANGED (AFTER THE 1917 REVOLUTION) TO PETROGRAD. THEN, AFTER ~~LENIN'S~~ LENIN'S DEATH, CHANGED TO LENINGRAD. THEN, AFTER THE OVERTHROW OF COMMUNISM IN 1991, CHANGED BACK TO SAINT PETERSBURG AGAIN.

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(DAMNED RUSSIANS CAN NEVER MAKE UP THEIR MINDS)

ANYWAYS, BACK WHEN IT WAS STILL DESOLATE RUSSIAN SWAMPLAND IN THE 1600'S, PETER THE GREAT ORDERED THOUSANDS OF RUSSIAN PEASANT SERFS TO BE DROPPED OFF THERE TO BEGIN HIS GREAT NEW INSPIRATION/PROJECT; ~~RUSSIA~~ PETERSBURG, RUSSIA'S GREAT NEW NORTHERN EUROPEAN ~~PORT~~ PORT/CITY.

FILL IN THIS DAMNED SWAMP, HE ORDERED. BUT WE HAVE NO SHOVELS OR WHEELBARRELS OR TOOLS, OH MIGHTY SIRE, THE SERFS PLEADED. USE YOUR HANDS, YOU IDIOTS, THEY WERE TOLD. AND SO PETERS SERFS DID.

USED THEIR HANDS;

THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF RUSSIAN SERFS USED THEIR BARE HANDS TO SCOOP OUT MUD, PILE IT INTO THEIR APRONS AND JACKETS, AND WALK IT BACK OUT TO BE ~~POURED~~ DUMPED INTO PILES ~~ALL OVER~~ ~~THE~~ BACK FROM WHERE THE PORT WOULD BE. THE PILES SLOWLY GREW INTO MOUNTAINS AS THE SERFS TOILED FROM SUNUP TO SUNDOWN 7 DAYS A WEEK (WITH ONLY A SHORT →

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SUNDAY BREAK FOR ~~THE~~ RUSSIAN ORTHODOX Church Services; (The ORTHODOX PRIESTS had been BROUGHT IN by PETER THE GREAT, who CARED mightily ABOUT SERVICING THE SOULS OF HIS SERFS...) THE SERF LABORERS DIED BY THE HUNDREDS. "CAN'T be helped," PETER PRONOUNCED.

Then They STARTED DYING by the THOUSANDS. Oh, SHIT; This IS SERIOUS, PETER CONFIDED TO HIS TRUSTY NOBLE ADVISERS - HOW THE HELL WILL MY NEW CITY GET BUILT IF THEY ARE ALL DEAD??

A REASONABLE QUESTION TO RAISE. SO PETER THE GREAT SEQUESTERED HIMSELF IN HIS PRIVATE CHURCH TO ASK GOD FOR DEVINE GUIDANCE.

Which, AFTER 2 DAYS AND NIGHTS - WITH THE PRAYERS OF HIS ORTHODOX PRIESTS ASSISTING HIM - HE FINALLY RECIEVED. A DEVINE ANSWER FROM GOD ALMIGHTY TO HIM, THE LEADER OF ALL RUSSIA; TO SEND OUT FOR A LOT MORE SERFS!

HELL, ~~SHIT~~ I COULD HAVE TOLD HIM THAT MYSELF - BEING THAT HE WAS WHAT HE WAS AND BEING THAT HE ALWAYS GOT HIS OWN WAY, ANYWAY. BUT NO MATTER. →

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SO DOUBLE, THEN TRIPLE THE NUMBER OF SERFS WERE ROUNDED UP AND SHIPPED TO THE SWAMP FROM ALL OVER RUSSIA. TO EMPTY ALL THE MUCK & STONES AND FILL IT IN WITH SAND - SO THAT PETER THE GREATS DREAM COULD BECOME A REALITY. THOSE SERFS DIED, TOO.

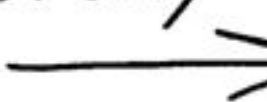
DAMNED LAZY SERFS, ALWAYS DYING RIGHT WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST, PETER RAGED DAY AND NIGHT.

BUT, GRADUALLY, THE BIG SWAMP WAS BEING EMPTIED AND FILLED IN.

PETER THE GREAT, IN ANOTHER ONE OF HIS DIVINE INSPIRATIONS, FIGURED OUT HOW HE COULD HAVE DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF SERFS EMPLOYED EVEN WITH THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FOOD SUPPLY, "BUT HOW WILL WE FEED THAT MANY SERFS, SIRE?" THEY ASKED HIM.

"WE WON'T HAVE TO, YOU FOOLS" PETER PATIENTLY EXPLAINED TO THEM,

"THE SWAMPS ARE FULL OF FOOD!"

SO SERF GATHERING GROUPS WERE FORMED UP AND SENT OFF EVERY DAY INTO THE SURROUNDING 

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~~SWAMP~~ SWAMPLANDS TO GATHER UP FROGS AND TOADS AND SNAKES AND WHATEVER ELSE THEY COULD FIND, WHICH ~~THEY~~ THE SERFS WOULD PUT ON THE END OF STICKS AND COOK OVER OPEN FIRES.

"I WAS RIGHT TO PICK THIS SPOT TO BUILD ON - JUST LOOK AT ALL MY HAPPY SUBJECTS; LIVING OFF THIS BOUNTIFULL ~~PEASANT~~ LAND THAT EVEN FEEDS THEM!" PETER REJOICED.

PETER REJOICED BECAUSE THERES SOMETHING OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING TO DINE ON WINE AND CAVIAR -

AND ON ~~THE~~ FRIED ~~SWAMP~~ SWAMP SNAKES AND WATER.

SOME OF PETERS PRIESTS AND NOBLES EVEN TOLD PETER THAT THEY THEMSELVES HAD SAMPLED SOME OF THE PEASANTS COOKED FROGS AND SNAKES - AND THEY EVEN TASTE SOMETHING LIKE CAVIAR, WHICH DELIGHTED PETER NO END.

HEARING THAT HIS RUSSIAN "CHILDREN" WERE EATING SO WELL.

OF COURSE, WHAT HIS NOBLES DIDN'T TELL HIM IS THAT THE SERFS ~~WERE~~



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HALF STARVATION FORCED DIET OF SWAMP SNAKES + FROGS, ALTHOUGH IT DID TASTE SOMETHING LIKE CAVIAR, IT TASTED ONLY LIKE THE CHEAPEST CAVIAR IN ALL OF RUSSIA.

AFTER IT HAD BEEN LEFT OUT IN THE HOT BAKING SUN ALL DAY.

AND HAD BEEN REGURGITATED BY THE FAMILY CAT.

~~AND~~ THE ONE THAT HAD DIED OF RABBIES.

- BUT ~~WHATEVER~~ BOTHERSOME DETAILS LIKE THAT WERE NOT WHAT HIS PRIESTS AND NOBLES WANTED TO BURDEN PETER WITH, NATURALLY.

HE HAD TOO MANY IMPORTANT THINGS ON HIS MIND AS IT WAS, ~~REASONED~~ THEY REASONED.

SO, BEING THAT PETER FLEW INTO A FRIGHTENING RAGE AT BAD NEWS,

THEY MADE DAMNED SURE HE ONLY GOT GOOD NEWS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

"GOOD NEWS, SIRE; BY OFFICIAL COUNT YOU HAVE 250 LESS SERFS TO FEED TODAY!"

(MEANING 250 MORE HAD DIED SINCE THE LAST OFFICIAL COUNT THE DAY BEFORE.)

"GREAT!" PETER THE GREAT WOULD EXCLAIM.

BEING THAT HE WAS GREAT, AND ALL.

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When ~~SAINT~~ petersburg WAS FINALLY COMPLETED, RUSSIA FINALLY HAD A NORTHERN PORT CITY THAT COULD TRADE DIRECTLY BY SEA WITH THE REST OF EUROPE, FINALLY HAD A WESTERN STYLE GREAT CITY THAT COULD COMPARE AND COMPETE WITH THE GREAT CITIES OF EUROPE.

IT EVEN OUTSHINED THE ANCIENT CITY OF MOSCOW, FAR DEEP WITHIN RUSSIA ITSELF. PETER THE GREAT WAS SO TAKEN WITH THE GREAT NEW CITY HE HAD BROUGHT FORTH, THAT HE MOVED HIMSELF AND THE ENTIRE ROYAL COURT FROM MOSCOW TO THE NEW ~~SAIN~~ petersburg, WHICH HAS, OF COURSE, BEEN BUILT UPON THE GRAVES OF MANY, MANY A RUSSIAN SERF. AND COST MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF RUBLES AND GOLD TO BUILD.

SO PETER THE GREAT SET UP HIS OFFICES AND OFFICIALS AND ROYAL COURT IN HIS BRAND SPANKING NEW RUSSIAN CITY OF ~~SAIN~~ PETERSBURG, EAGER TO DO BUSINESS, EXCEPT FOR ONE LITTLE PROBLEM. ACTUALLY, A RATHER BIG PROBLEM. HIS NEW CITY KEPT FLOODING. →



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AND BUILDINGS KEPT SINKING,  
BUILDING ON SWAMPS - FILLED IN OR NOT -  
TENDS TO DO THAT,  
PETER THE GREAT NOTWITHSTANDING,  
PETER, OF COURSE, COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.  
SO HIS PRIESTS AND OFFICIALS AND ROYAL  
COURT COULDN'T BELIEVE IT, EITHER.  
BEING GOD COULDN'T HAVE BEEN  
MISTAKEN TO INSPIRE HIM WITH THAT  
DREAM TO BUILD IT ALL IN THAT SPOT.  
AND THAT HE HIMSELF COULDN'T HAVE  
BEEN TO BLAME, OF COURSE NOT; NOT THE CZAR  
AND THAT HIS PERSONAL HIGH ORTHODOX  
RUSSIAN CHURCH PRIESTS / ADVISERS  
- AND THE LESSER NOBLE PRINCES IN  
HIS COURT - PROBABLY (JUST, PROBABLY)  
COULDN'T BE BLAMED FOR IT, EITHER  
(HE WAS GOING TO WITHHOLD PUTTING THE  
BLAME ON THEM - FOR THE TIME BEING)  
SO PETER THE GREAT FOCUSED ALL THE  
BLAME ABOUT HIS NEW SLOWLY SINKING  
CITY UPON THE USUAL SUSPECTS;  
THE SERFS!  
WEREN'T THEY THE ONES WHO ~~WERE~~  
WERE TASKED WITH CLEARING OUT  
THE SWAMP? WEREN'T THEY →

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The ONES who supplied The LABOR TO BUILD his new port city? OF COURSE! Those DAMNED SERFS ~~AND~~ MUST BE THE ONES RESPONSIBLE! IT WAS "SERF SABOTAGE," PETER RAGED! HOW COULD THEY HAVE DONE THIS TO ME? TO ME, THEIR FATHER CZAR ~~AND~~ + PROTECTOR? THE INGRATITUDE!

PLUS, OF COURSE, HE BLAMED THE JEWS. KIND OF LIKE MEL GIBSON.

IF GIBSON HAD LIVED IN THE 1600'S. AND IF GIBSON HAD BEEN A RUSSIAN ~~CZAR~~ <sup>CZAR,</sup> WHICH HE ISN'T.

ANYWAYS, PETER THE GREAT HAD TO BLAME SOMEBODY FOR THE BUILDING ON A SWAMP FIASCO, SO THE SERFS AND THE JEWS TOOK THE RAP. AND WHEN PETER THE GREAT RAPPED - OH, BROTHER, RUN FOR THE HILLS!

POGROMS AND ARRESTS BROKE OUT ALL ACROSS THE VAST RUSSIAN LANDS.

TO BE A SERF IN THOSE DAYS WAS TO BE UNLUCKY. TO BE A JEW IN THOSE DAYS WAS TO BE UNLUCKY. TO BE A SERF WHO ALSO HAPPENED TO BE A JEW? BEYOND UNLUCKY!



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THAT WAS TO BE DOUBLE UNLUCKY.  
EVEN TRIPLE UNLUCKY,  
EVEN WORSE; TO BE A JEWISH SERF  
~~in those days~~ WHO HAS WORKED THERE  
TO CLEAR AND BUILD THE ~~(swamp)~~  
CITY PORT OF ~~SWAMP~~ PETERSBURG? THAT WAS  
KISS YER' ASS GOODBYE, PAVLOV,  
YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY ARE  
GOING ON A TRIP - PAYED FOR BY THE ~~SWAMP~~ <sup>CZAR!</sup>  
BY PETER THE GREAT HIMSELF!  
("HURRY, HONEY, PACK UP THE KIDS!  
IT'S OUR LUCKY DAY!")  
KNOW WHERE YOU'LL BE GOING?  
("NO - WHERE?!?!")  
TO FREAKIN' SIBERIA, THATS WHERE!!!  
AND SO THEY WERE.  
ROUNDED UP AND SHIPPED TO SIBERIA.  
TO BE EXILED FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES,  
LIVING IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE,  
WITH NO OTHER COMPANY BUT SERFS  
AND JEWS AND THE ~~SWAMP~~ <sup>CZARS</sup> POLITICAL  
ENEMYS, INCLUDING NOT A FEW  
FORMER ROYAL COURT PRIESTS AND  
NOBLES WHO MADE THE MISTAKE OF  
ENCOURAGING PETER THE GREATS IDEA  
TO BUILT A CITY ON TOP OF A FRIGGIN' SWAMP! →

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EVENTUALLY, by EMPLOYING AN ALMOST  
ENDLESS MASS OF READY RUSSIAN  
SLAVE LABOR - OR SERF LABOR -  
THE HARBOR AND PORT AND CITY OF  
~~SPERB~~ PETERSBURG BECAME REBUILT  
AND REINFORCED AND STABILIZED,  
AND PETERSBURG BECAME SAINT  
PETERSBURG AFTER THE RUSSIAN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH PROCLAIMED PETER  
THE GREAT AS HAVING BEEN A SAINT.  
THEY DID SO ONLY AFTER HE HAD DIED,  
BEING THAT THEY WEREN'T STUPID.  
THIS IS ONE VERSION OF HOW SAINT  
PETERSBURG GOT ITS NAME;

ANOTHER VERSION CLAIMS THAT IT  
WAS NAMED FOR SAINT PETER OF  
BIBLICAL FAME (AS SAINT PETERS  
BASILICA IN ROME ACTUALLY WAS), .....

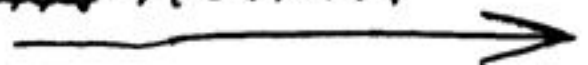
YET ANOTHER OF RUSSIA'S GREAT LEADERS  
WAS CATHERINE THE GREAT;  
CATHERINE THE GREAT AND PETER THE GREAT  
WOULD HAVE MADE ... SOME COUPLE.  
EACH ONE TRYING TO OUT GREAT THE  
OTHER ANY ALL. BUT CATHERINE  
WAS BORN & WAS LEADER IN THE  
1700'S, LONG AFTER PETER HAD →

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DIED A HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE  
AND - PRESUMABLY - GOT HIS FIRST  
CLASS PASS STRAIGHT TO THE PEARLY  
GATES AND GOT - PRESUMABLY -  
WAVED STRAIGHT ON THRU INTO  
HEAVEN BY SAINT PETER HIMSELF.  
WHO KNEW GREATNESS WHEN HE SAW IT,  
ENOUGH NOT TO CHALLENGE THE GREAT  
PETER THE GREAT HIMSELF, AT ANY RATE.  
THIS IS / WAS THE OFFICIAL RUSSIAN  
ORTHODOX VERSION, OF COURSE.

THE JEWISH & SERF VERSION OF  
WHERE PETER THE GREAT WENT AFTER  
HE DIED WAS - PREDICTABLY - MUCH DIFFERENT;  
AS IN: GOT A 3RD CLASS ONE WAY  
TICKET STRAIGHT TO - WELL, YOU KNOW.  
PUT IT THIS WAY; WHERE PETER THE  
GREAT WAS GOING, HE WOULD NEVER  
AGAIN HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HAVING  
ENOUGH PALACE SERVANTS AROUND  
TO KEEP HIS MANY FIREPLACES STOCKED  
WITH ENOUGH WOOD TO KEEP WARM. BECAUSE HIM  
KEEPING WARM WOULD NEVER BE A PROBLEM.  
AND AS FOR FOOD? ALL THE FLAME ROASTED  
TOADS AND SWAMP SNAKES HE COULD EVER

hope ~~TO EAT. ~~TO EAT. ~~TO EAT. ~~TO EAT.~~~~~~~~



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AND AS FOR LONG LOST ROYAL RELATIVES?

The Jews + SERFS WERE SURE THAT WHERE PETER THE GREAT WAS GOING, HE WOULD BE SURE TO FIND HIS ANSESTER IVAN THE TERRIBLE THERE.

~~Study~~ YOU GET THE IDEA...

SO IVAN AND PETER WERE, TO PUT IT MILDLY, CONTROVERSIAL MEN BACK ~~BEFORE~~ BEFORE WORDS LIKE CONTROVERSIAL EVEN GOT INVENTED.

THE RUSSIAN LEADER WHO WAS NOT CONTROVERSIAL WAS CATHERINE THE GREAT OF RUSSIA, BACK IN THE LATER 1700'S.

THERE IS NO WAY TO PUT THIS ANY OTHER WAY SO I'LL JUST COME OUT <sup>AND</sup> SAY IT;

CATHERINE THE GREAT OF RUSSIA WAS WHAT WOULD TODAY BE UNIVERSALLY CALLED - WELL, A WHORE.

A NOTORIOUS ROYAL WHORE.

HOW GREAT A HO' WAS CATHERINE THE GREAT?

A GREAT BIG ONE.

A SCANDAL THROUGHOUT RUSSIA, THROUT ALL OF EUROPE, IN HER OWN DAY AND AN HISTORICAL INFAMY EVER SENSE.

THAT GREAT ENOUGH FOR YA? →

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She SLEPT WITH EVERY WILLING PRINCE AND OFFICIAL AND OFFICER IN RUSSIA - AND SOME WHO WERE UNWILLING, EVEN.

THAT WAS CATHERINE THE GREAT.

WHEN SHE WASN'T BEDDING HER LADYS IN WAITING FROM HER ROYAL COURT, OR HER CHAMBERMAIDS, OR CONDUCTING HER ROYAL ORGYS IN THE THROWNROOM, OR HAVING A TWO WAY OR A THREE WAY WITH A CONTINGENT OF FOREIGN AMBASSADORS OR DIPLOMATS, OR THEIR WIVES, OR THEIR LIVERY DRIVERS,

OR TAKING ON A DOZEN OR TWO STIFF YOUNG RUSSIAN BODYGUARDS FROM HER ROYAL PALACE GUARD, THE WOMAN WAS UNSATIABLE.

THE MOTHER HO' OF ALL RUSSIA.

THE HIGH OFFICIAL LEADERS AND ARCHBISHOPS AND PRIESTS OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AT THE TIME WERE MORTIFIED BY HER WILD BEHAVIOR AND SCANDALIZED BEYOND WORDS.

THOSE AMONG THEM WHO WERE NOT SNEAKING OVER TO THE PALACE AND GETTING A LITTLE ON THE SIDE THEMSELVES, THAT IS.

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how, you might ask, could ANY WOMAN GET AWAY WITH SUCH BEHAVIOR BACK IN THOSE DAYS?

A GOOD QUESTION WITH AN EASY ANSWER, SHE WAS THE ABSOLUTE RULER AND LEADER OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE! AND, OF ALL THE VARIOUS ROYAL RULERS BACK THEN, RUSSIA'S <sup>LEADERS</sup> BY FAR AND AWAY HAD THE MOST RAW POWER AND AUTHORITY TO SAY OR ORDER OR DO OR GET AWAY WITH WHATEVER THEY WANTED - PERIOD, AND CATHERINE WANTED TO PLAY.

TO PLAY AND PLAY ALL NIGHT & ALL DAY (EXCEPT FOR HIGH RUSSIAN ~~OR~~ ORTHODOX HOLY DAYS WHEN - AS HEAD OF STATE - SHE HAD TO ATTEND OFFICIAL SERVICES AND WOULD HAVE TO CONFINE HER PLAYTIME TO ONLY HALF A DAY).

SHE WAS THE QUEEN OF REEM.

THE ROYAL WITH THE COIL.

OH, CATHERINE WAS GREAT, ALRIGHT.

GREAT IN BED.

OR AGAINST THE BED.

OR UNDER THE BED.

HELL, SHE DON' NEED NO STINKIN' BED!



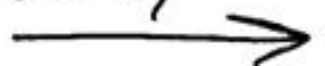


Being That she GOT - AS ~~many~~  
 BIOGRAPHERS HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN -  
 how she GOT KINKIER AND KINKIER  
 AS THE YEARS OF her RULE WENT ON,  
 AS she GOT OLDER her LOVERS TENDED  
 TO GET YOUNGER, TOO.

she WAS A VERY GOOD LOOKING  
 WOMAN her whole LIFE AND AS  
 FIT AS A FIDDLE, TOO (DUHHHH)  
 AND - by GOD! - she AImed TO STAY  
 THAT WAY, ~~many~~

By WEARING OUT every MAN, TEENAGER,  
 AND young BOY she COULD GET her  
 HANDS ON - AND MORE THEN A FEW  
 WILLING RUSSIAN FEMALE SUBJECTS, ALSO -  
 TO SPICE UP ROYAL PLAYTIME, NO DOUBT.  
 ITS A WONDER THAT AS LEADER OF ALL  
 THE RUSSIANS she GOT ANYTHING DONE  
 OTHER THEN SEX.

YET she DID, SOMETIMES. DURING  
 CATHERINE THE GREATS RULE SOMETIMES  
 MEASURES + LAWS + PROJECTS GOT DONE.  
 she MAY HAVE SIGNED THE OFFICIAL  
 DOCUMENTS WHILE she WAS NAKED ON  
 her HANDS AND KNEES GETTING IT DOGGIE  
 STYLE FROM SOME 12 YEAR OLD NOBLE,



BUT THE ROYAL LAWS AND DECREES  
GOT SIGNED NONETHELESS.

ACTUALLY - I NOW MUST CONFESS - BEING  
SOMETHING OF A ROYALTY DISLIKER  
MYSELF, I MUST SAY THAT CATHERINE  
THE GREAT OF RUSSIA STANDS ALONE AND  
APART FROM ALL OTHER ROYALS - BEFORE  
OR SENSE - IN THAT I - PAT/SALTY - FIND  
HER - FROM WHAT I CAN DEDUCE - TO HAVE  
BEEN ~~BEEN~~ REFRESHINGLY HUMAN AND HONEST.

THATS RIGHT, I ADMIRE HER ~~BEHAVIOR~~ GUSTO,  
HER HEALTH, HER GRABBING LIFE BY  
THE HORNS AND RIDING IT FOR ALL IT  
WAS WORTH, BUT ABOVE ALL HER OPEN  
HONESTY; WHY?

BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW (WE AMERICANS DO)  
THAT ROYALS AND ROYALTY SCREWED  
OVER THEIR COUNTRIES -

BUT CATHERINE REALLY ACTUALLY DID  
SCREW HER COUNTRY!

ROYALS. NON ROYALS. SERVANTS. SERFS.

SHE LOVED ALL OF RUSSIA!

NOW, THATS A ROYAL I CAN REALLY RESPECT!

~~WELL BEHOLD~~ CATHERINE THE GREAT KNEW  
HOW TO ROCK N' ROLL BEFORE ROCK N' ROLL  
WAS AROUND TO ROCK N' ROLL TO! - "RRRRRR" X  
[THE END]