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A Spooky Story For Halloween

"In very ancient books it is said that there used to be many goblin-spiders in Japan.

Some folks declare there are still some goblin-spiders. During the daytime they look just like common spiders; but very late at night, when everybody is asleep, and there is no sound, they become very, very big, and do awful things. Goblin-spiders are supposed also to have the magical power of taking human shape – so as to deceive people. And there is a famous Japanese story about such a spider.

There was once, in some lonely part of the country, a haunted temple. No one could live in the building because of the goblins that had taken possession of it. Many brave samurai went to that place at various times for the purpose of killing the goblins. But they were never heard of again after they had entered the temple.

At last one who was famous for his courage and his prudence, went to the temple to watch during the night. And he said to those who accompanied him there: - If in the morning I be still alive, I shall drum upon the drum of the temple." Then he was left alone, to watch by the light of a lamp.

As the night advanced he crouched down under the altar, which supported a dusty image of Buddha. He saw

nothing strange and heard no sound till after midnight. Then there came a goblin, having but half a body and one eye, and said: "Hitokusai!" (There is the smell of a man.) But the samurai did not move. The goblin went away.

Then there came a priest and played upon a samisen so wonderfully that the samurai felt sure it was not the playing of a man. So he leaped up with his sword drawn. The priest, seeing him, burst out laughing, and said:- So you thought I was a goblin? Oh no! I am the only priest of this temple; but I have to play to keep off the goblins. Does not this samisen sound well? Please play a little."

And he offered the instrument to the samurai who grasped it very cautiously with his left hand. But instantly the samisen changed into a monstrous spider-web, and the priest into a goblin and the warrior found himself caught fast in the web by the left hand. He struggled bravely, and struck at the spider with his sword, and wounded it; but he soon became entangled still more in the net, and could not move.

However, the wounded spider crawled away, and the sun rose. In a little while the people came and found the samurai in the horrible web, and freed him. They saw tracks of blood upon the floor, and followed the tracks
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75 Years Ago . . .

On October 14, 1947, Chuck Yeager officially broke the sound barrier (Mach 1.05) in a rocket-powered Bell X-1 plane. On December 12, 1953, he flew an X-1A and set another speed record at Mach 2.44!

Celebrating The Great "Tonight Show" Host

"In Hollywood if you don't have a shrink, people think you're crazy."

Johnny Carson, born October 23, 1925

Rave Reviews!

“My family and I have used Termite Terry for years. They are an excellent local company and their performance has always been above and beyond. I just bought a new house and they were extremely communicative on scheduling and immediately took care of any issues that came up. I had them do pest removal and fumigation on the new home and could not be happier with the results. I expect to use them for personal and business-related jobs well into the future as they have been consistently committed to excellent service and customer interaction.”

Michael Lyons
Newport Beach

“My neighbor was having his house tented due to his neighbor having termites and them now getting into his house. My neighbor let me know about it and I asked him to send the person over to my house so I may have my house and garage reviewed for termites.

This is when I first met Skip and he walked through my entire garage and house and we did see that I also had termites. Skip walked the home and garage, showed me the square footage and quoted a price for the job. I asked him if he could schedule it while I went to Las Vegas. Skip got it scheduled.

The experience with working with Skip was fantastic, the job was completed and Skip even set it up with the gas company so they would come in and turn on all pilot lights, including the water heater. I had to do nothing but bag up my things and Skip took care of the rest. I have recommended Skip to a friend of mine at work who needs her house tented and I would recommend Skip to anyone that needed their house done. It was a great experience working with Skip and you should give him a raise as he is the reason I believe you are getting word of mouth business.”

Michael John Catron
Garden Grove

out of the temple to a hole in the deserted garden. Out of the hole issued a frightful sound of groaning. They found the wounded goblin in the hole, and killed it.”

This story was written by Takejiro Hasegawa, in 1899. Translation was done by Lafcadio Hearn.

We hope you enjoyed this story and that it was not too spooky. You might think twice before you read this to your kids as a bedtime story! ☺

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

“Mini-Sharks” Attack Beachgoers In So Cal!

Swimmers in Southern California are reporting that their feet are being bitten by “mini-sharks”.

These tiny isopods (*Excirologa chiltoni*) have been nicknamed “mini-sharks”. They grow to be around 0.3 inches in length, and often form swarms of about 1,000 members. They live in shallow water and are known to migrate up and down the Pacific Coast.

Mini-sharks are meat eaters, and they seem to be attracted to the feet of swimmers.

One person reported that she was swimming in Mission Bay when one of these isopods bit her.

“I had blood all over my foot and in between my toes,” she said. “It was like small piranhas had bit me.” She later added that once she rinsed her feet off with water, the pain went away after 15 to 20 minutes.

While the bites of these mini-sharks can be painful and may even draw blood, scientists say they are mostly harmless. They are not known to carry any diseases.

These isopods can be found in our

waters year-round, but they are not always in an attack mode. Scientists do not know what causes an uptick in attacks, or why they suddenly appear out of nowhere.



Ryan Hechinger, a parasite ecologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, in San Diego, says that he has been bitten by these isopods several times. He said, “My recommendation is to not freak out. If bitten, simply get out of the water and remove the isopods if they are still latched on. It is possible to make the isopods scatter by moving around, but the only way to guarantee you won’t be bitten is to stay out of the water.”

Research Estimates That The Global Ant Population Has Grown To 20 Quadrillion

The number of 20 quadrillion ants now living on earth may not mean that much to you, unless you do a little math.

We know that the earth’s human population will soon surpass 8 billion. Use that figure of 20 quadrillion, divide it by 8 billion people, and you’ll come up with a staggering number of 2.5 million ants for every person living on earth!

Historians will tell you that the first ants appeared on earth during the Jurassic period – a time when dinosaurs roamed the land. During those times, they say that ants were scarce when compared to other insects. That is because most plant

life consisted mostly of cone- and spore-bearing plants, like pines and ferns. That changed, about 100 million years ago, when flowering plants began to blossom and produce flowers and fruits. These flowering plants produced a lot of new food sources, and the ants began to thrive.

“Ants certainly play a very central role in almost every terrestrial ecosystem,” said Patrick Schultheiss of the University of Wurzburg, Germany and the University of Hong Kong. “They are very important for nutrient cycling, decomposition processes, plant seeding dispersal and the perpetuation of soil. Ants are also an extremely diverse group of insects, with different species fulfilling a wide range of functions. But most of all, is their high abundance that makes them key ecological players.”

Scientists have identified more than 12,500 species of ants, and some believe that more than 10,000 species are yet to be discovered. They live almost everywhere on earth, except Antarctica, Greenland, Iceland, and some island nations.

The study was based on the analysis of 489 studies of ant populations, and spanned every continent where ants live.

“Some ants can certainly be very annoying, that that’s a human-centered perspective,” said Schultheiss. “Most ants are actually highly beneficial, even to us humans. Think about the amount of organic matter that 20 quadrillion ants transport, remove, recycle and eat. In fact, ants are so essential for the smooth working of biological processes that they can be seen as ecosystem engineers. The late ant scientist E.O. Wilson once called them “the little things that run the world.”

Ladies and gentlemen, we couldn’t help but laugh when we read this

article; we had several homes this past week where the owners said they had a million ants roaming around inside. If you have a “million” ants inside your home, **call us at (949) 631-7348** and we’ll be happy to assist.

President’s Economic Stimulus

The price of gasoline is soaring again and it would almost seem that none of our government leaders even care. President Termite Terry “feels your pain” and wants to help by giving you a FREE tank of gas.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Laurel Moore of Irvine referred us to Kathy Bianco of Irvine.
- Mark Lima of Buena Park recommended our service to Martina Costa of Cerritos.
- Shane Holt of Paramount referred us to Jessica Liu of Lakewood.
- Lee & Maria Konczak of Costa Mesa recommended our pest control services to their son, Steve Konczak of Costa Mesa.

The President’s plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs, or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we’ll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

National Chili Month!

October is National Chili Month, so let’s look at some fun facts about one of our favorite comfort foods:

- Chili is a spicy stew made with chili peppers, ground meat, beans and tomatoes.
- Around 1723, some food historians believe that chili was introduced to the U.S. by immigrants from the Canary Islands.
- In the 1880’s, chili stands were set up at a market in San Antonio. The women who sold there were called “chili queens”. It is said that William Jennings Bryant, a presidential hopeful, paid ten cents for a “bowl o’red” dinner that included bread and a glass of water.
- The fame of chili con carne started to spread around the country, and the dish was featured at Chicago’s World’s Fair, in 1893.
- Americans consumed 125 million cans of chili in 2020. They expect that number will increase to 128 million cans by 2024.
- President Lyndon B. Johnson was a big chili fan. He said, “Chili concocted outside of Texas is usually a weak, apologetic imitation of the real thing. One of the first things I do when I get home to Texas is to have a bowl of red. There is simply nothing better.”
- Chasen’s Hollywood Restaurant may have made the most famous chili. Chauffeurs and studio people, actors and actresses would go to the back door of the restaurant to buy chili by the quart. Jack Benny, J. Edgar Hoover, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Elizabeth Taylor were just some of the famous people who went there. They say that Clark Gable had Chasen’s chili sent to his hospital room on the night he died.
- In 1895, Lyman T. Davis, of Texas, made chili that he sold from his wagon for five cents a bowl. He called it Wolf Brand Chili, and it is still available in stores. Look for a photo of his pet wolf on the label!

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Man Swallowed 30 Bees And Was Stung 20,000 Times!

A young man had to fight for his life after swallowing about 30 bees and being stung over 20,000 times.

His friends had asked him to trim their lemon tree, so he climbed up into the tree and harnessed himself in position. Using his saw, he then started to cut off a branch. What he didn't know was that he was about to cut through a hive of killer bees.

Thousands of these Africanized killer bees then angrily flew out of the hive. In a matter of seconds, his head, neck and arms were completely covered by these aggressive bees.

The young man couldn't get down and started yelling for help. His friends were watching but they couldn't help because they were also being attacked by the bees. So, they called 911.

Firefighters arrived at the scene a short time later. They had to cut out a portion of the tree to get him down. Firefighters and paramedics then had him transported, by a medical helicopter, to a hospital that was about 50 miles away. Four other people were also injured, and they were taken to area hospitals.

His doctors had to put the young man into a medically-induced coma for six days. He is now awake and is expected to fully recover.

Ladies and gentlemen, that was a very close call and the young man could have died. Most of the bees that we see in our neighborhoods are European honeybees, and they will usually leave you alone if you don't disturb them. Unfortunately, the Africanized killer bees look just like the European honeybees, unless you put them under microscope. If you suspect you have a beehive on your property, you need to be very cautious and call for professional assistance. Remember, they were named “killer bees” for a very good reason.



“Termite” Terry Singleton