

HOW TO SPONTANEOUSLY GENERATE VAMPIRE NAPOLEONS USING MATERIAL FOUND IN THE HOME

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NAPOLEON'S EMPIRE HAS, FROM TIME TO TIME, SUFFERED FROM SHORTAGES OF CANNON, SHOT, BALL, HORSE, SOLDIERS, VICTUALS, AND UNIFORMS. ONE THING IT HAS NOT SUFFERED FROM IS A SHORTAGE OF NAPOLEONS. WHENEVER A NEW LAND IS OCCUPIED, THE EMPEROR PUTS SIX OR SEVEN SIBLINGS IN CHARGE. IF EVER A FRENCH DEPARTMENT SHOWS DISLOYALTY, NAPOLEON ALWAYS SEEMS TO FIND A NEW STORE OF SECOND OR THIRD COUSINS WITH WHICH TO REPLACE THE UNRELIABLE OFFICIALS.

WHERE, ONE WONDERS, DOES NAPOLEON FIND ALL THESE ADDITIONAL NAPOLEONS (OR, AS NATURALISTS SOMETIMES REFER TO THEM, "BONAPARTES") WITH WHICH TO STAFF HIS HORRID EMPIRE? THE ANSWER IS QUITE SIMPLE: THESE LESSER NAPOLEONS, LIKE THE GREATER ONE WHICH LEADS THEM, ARE SPONTANEOUSLY GENERATED FROM WASTEPAPER, AND WITH A FEW SIMPLE TECHNIQUES, YOU CAN EASILY AND SAFELY GROW YOUR OWN NAPOLEONS AT HOME!

THE READER MIGHT BE BEST SERVED BY A REFRESHER ON THE SIMPLE FACTS OF NATURAL PHILOSOPHY. MORE COMPLEX ANIMALS, SUCH AS HORSES AND JOURNALISTS, REPRODUCE THROUGH COITON. HOWEVER, SIMPLER ORGANISMS, SUCH AS FLIES, MICE, AND MILITARY DICTATORS, ARISE NATURALLY OUT OF INERT MATTER WHEN HEATED AND MOISTENED UNDER THE RIGHT CONDITIONS. FLIES, FOR EXAMPLE, ARISE OUT OF ROTTING MEAT, MICE OUT OF RAG PILES, AND MILITARY DICTATORS OUT OF RADICAL POLITICAL PAMPHLETS.

THE CONDITIONS OF PROLONGED WARMTH AND HUMIDITY THAT GIVE RISE TO SPONTANEOUS GENERATION ARE MUCH MORE COMMON IN THE EQUATORIAL CLIMES. SO, IT IS NOT SO SURPRISING THAT THE LARGEST AND LONGEST-LIVED NAPOLEONS (OR "MACRO-NAPOLEONS" AS NATURALISTS TERM THEM) AROSE FROM THE SUNNY MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE OF CORSICA.



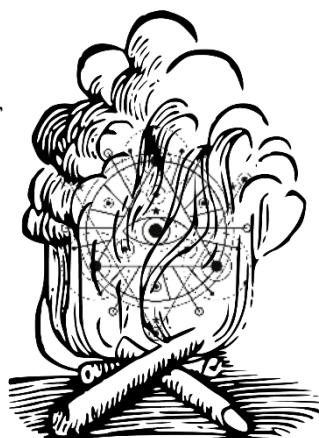
AS RADICAL POLITICAL PAMPHLETS, THE MATTER FROM WHICH NAPOLEON'S SPAWN, WERE RELATIVELY RARE BEFORE THE 1780S, VERY FEW NAPOLEONS WERE SEEN BEFORE THEN. BUT GIVEN THE SUDDEN GLUT OF RADICAL PAMPHLETEERING AFTER THE REVOLUTION, IT IS NO WONDER THAT WE EXPERIENCED A CONCURRENT GLUT OF NAPOLEONS AS WELL.

SO MUCH, THEN, FOR THE MORE WELL-KNOWN NAPOLEONS. WHAT OF THE NAPOLEONS ONE MIGHT GENERATE AT HOME? IT IS FORTUNATE FOR OUR LIBERTY BUT UNFORTUNATE FOR HOME EXPERIMENTERS THAT THE NATURAL CLIMATE OF BRITAIN IS INHOSPITAL FOR THE NATURAL GENERATION OF NAPOLEONS. ONE *MIGHT* GENERATE A Viable NAPOLEON AT THE HEIGHT OF SUMMER BY GATHERING LARGE NUMBER OF JACOBIN PAMPHLETS AND LEAVING THEM TO DECAY IN A WARM, WET, PLACE, BUT THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS ARE VERY LOW, AND THE RESULTANT NAPOLEON WOULD LIKELY BE ACTIVE FOR ONLY A VERY SHORT TIME, AND CAPABLE OF ONLY THE MOST BASIC FIELD MANEUVERS AND LEGISLATIVE REFORMS.

WE WOULD SUGGEST, THEN, THAT THE CURIOUS READER TAKE NATURE INTO THEIR OWN HANDS USING THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: TAKE A LARGE PILE OF JACOBIN PAMPHLETS AND TEAR THEM INTO STRIPS. AT THE SAME TIME, PUT FOUR PARTS WATER OVER A FIRE, AND MIX TOGETHER IN A SEPARATE CONTAINER ONE PART WATER AND ONE PART FLOUR.

WHEN THE WATER BOILS, ADD THE FLOUR AND WATER MIXTURE SLOWLY, STIRRING CONSTANTLY. CONTINUE TO STIR THE MIXTURE UNTIL IT ASSUMES THE TEXTURE OF HEAVY CREAM. TAKE IT OFF THE FIRE AND ALLOW IT TO COOL TO ROOM TEMPERATURE.

NOW, RUN THE STRIPS OF POLITICAL PAMPHLETS THROUGH THE COOLED MIXTURE ONE BY ONE. FORM THEM INTO THE SHAPE OF AN EMPEROR, OR, IF YOU WISH, A CONSUL OR AN OFFICER OF ARTILLERY. PLACE BEFORE THE FIRE AND ALLOW TO DRY.



WITHIN A DAY OR TWO, THE NAPOLEON SHOULD BEGIN MAKING SPEECHES IN ITALIAN-ACCENTED FRENCH, AND PERHAPS MARCHING UP AND DOWN ANY NEARBY INCLINES SAYING THINGS LIKE "NEVER INTERRUPT YOUR ENEMY WHEN THEY ARE MAKING A MISTAKE!" AND "YOU REPTILES OF THE EARTH DARE NOT OPPOSE ME!"

LIKE THE MACRO-NAPOLEON, YOUR HOUSEHOLD NAPOLEON WILL BE NATURALLY VAMPIRIC. IT IS A MISCONCEPTION, HOWEVER, THAT ALL VAMPIRES FEED ON ANIMAL BLOOD. NAPOLEONIC VAMPIRES PREFER TO DRAIN THE VITAL FLUIDS OF OLD-GROWTH FORESTS. THIS IS WHY THE MACRO-NAPOLEON WHO CURRENTLY RULES FRANCE WAS SO CONCERNED WITH CONQUERING THE GERMANIES: HE NEEDED THE SAP OF THE BLACK FOREST TO FEED HIS LARGE AND GROWING SPONTANEOUSLY GENERATED COUSINS.

YOUR HOUSEHOLD NAPOLEON CAN NOW BE PUT TO A NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD USES:

DRYING OUT WOOD BY DRAINING ITS VITAL FLUIDS (THIS IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL WHEN CLEARING UNWANTED STUMPS)

REFORMING THE RULES FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD STAFF INTO A CIVIL CODE

PUTTING YOUR TIN SOLDIERS (OR THOSE OF YOUR CHILDREN) INTO GOOD ORDER

MOUNTING A DARING NOCTURNAL ATTACK ON YOUR NEIGHBOURS' MUSICALE.



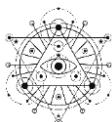
SOME READERS MAY BE CONCERNED THAT THEIR HOUSEHOLD NAPOLEON MIGHT GROW ARROGANT AND POWER-HUNGRY AND OVERTHROW THEM. THIS IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE, FOR NAPOLEONIC AMBITION IS QUITE LATENT UNLESS ACTIVATED BY FRENCH BRANDY. THERE IS, THEREFORE, NO NEED FOR THE READER TO WORRY ABOUT A HOUSEHOLD COUP UNLESS THEY KEEP BRANDY IN THEIR HOUSE; AND AS ITS IMPORT IS QUITE ILLEGAL, WE ASSUME THAT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE.



SADLY, MICRO-NAPOLEONS OF THIS KIND ARE VERY SHORT-LIVED, AND ARE RARELY VIABLE FOR MORE THAN A HUNDRED DAYS OR SO BEFORE DEGRADING BACK INTO THEIR CONSTITUENT MATTER. SO, MAKE GOOD USE OF YOUR NAPOLEON WHILE HE LASTS!

ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO SPONTANEOUSLY GENERATE A COUNTER-NAPOLEON USING INHERENTLY BRITISH FORMS OF MATTER SUCH AS BEEF, PORT WINE, AND PIE CRUST. SADLY, THESE EXPERIMENTS HAVE SO FAR ONLY PRODUCED WELLINGTONS, AND THEY SELDOM LAST MORE THAN A FEW HOURS. EXPERIMENTATION CONTINUES, HOWEVER, AND IF EVER WE LEARN A METHOD OF FABRICATING A WELLINGTON DURABLE ENOUGH TO BECOME HEAD OF STATE, YOU WILL SURELY READ ABOUT IT FIRST IN *RUMOR OCCULATUS*!

**WAKE UP SHEEPLE.
- VICTOR MCARTY -**



- STAY ALERT UNTIL MAY... ALWAYS-