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## Ask Madame Dixie

By Elizabeth Namiotko, US2010076348

Dear Madame Dixie,  
I feel like the Fresh Prince of Bel Air: my life's been flipped turned upside down. I found out the tower is down, the mustache was a sentient being from another world, and my favorite tailor was in reality a ratkin. I'm not even sure if I can drink my second bottle of wine a night anymore. Halp!  
~A Rose by Any Other Name  
Jeff S.

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*Dearest Rose,  
These are troubling affairs, to be sure. In every episode I've ever seen of the Fresh Prince, though, he pushed to overcome. Life may not have always been easy, and his family certainly wasn't the easiest to deal with at times, but they always found a way through. With the fall of the Tower, one must look to the future. What comes next? Look to those who may be your unlikely allies in a time of such turmoil, as truly there must be something quite terrible occurring to have finally shook such an establishment to its core. Variety*

*is the spice of life, and the remains of the Tower could perhaps do well with some spice to freshen her bland exterior.*

*Embrace the mustache. Good facial hair is hard to come by. As for your tailor; one who sees the trash of every level of society is also given the chance to see the designs and styles from each. I imagine he has had plenty of experience dealing with the needs and desires of those looking to freshen up or better their wardrobe. As the Fresh Prince teaches us, it's not about where you come from, it's about where you're going. And, finally, when things just feel like perhaps too much, remember this little lesson from the Fresh Prince; There's Never a Wrong Time to Dance,  
Madame Dixie*

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Dear Madame Dixie,  
My last date ditched me by claiming they were dead, and then I see her sitting with some other woman at the party we were supposed to attend together! What do you think is the best way to proceed? Since I'm humane and such, I'm guessing it's not destroy her Clan and everything she holds dear, right?  
-A wilted rose  
Kim H

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*Dear Wilted Rose,  
You may not be able to physically destroy her, or that which she loves, but you can certainly strike out against her socially. Maneuver society against her, let word seep to your 'dead' date that this woman has something terrible about her that could destroy him. I hear infernalism is the popular go-to of late.  
Bitter Nothings,  
Madame Dixie*

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Dear Madame Dixie,  
I used to think I was a competent combatant, but I failed at 19/21 chops in a single killbox at SERE. How can I get some of my self-esteem back?  
-Totally Not An Assamite  
Nate K.

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*Dear Not an Assamite,  
Ah, the dreaded snuggle struggle. At this point, the odds are on your side, no? Find the next best target and hope into that cuddle cube.  
Lover not a Fighter,  
Madame Dixie*

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Dear Madam Dixie,  
How would you store priceless relics from your clan to prevent theft and insanity? Asking for a friend.  
-Mustachioed in Milpitas  
Renee R.

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*Dear Mustachioed,  
A safe. Airtight. Heavily armored. And warded against nosy  
Thaumaturgists and Blood Magicks. Maybe leave a trigger to  
burn anyone who tries to get into it. And don't let the  
priceless relic whisper too many sweet nothings in your ear.*

*Curiously Leery,  
Madame Dixie*

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Dear Madame Dixie,

After putting someone in a box, I know it's tradition to get a food item as consolation. Should this be waffles, pancakes, or pie? I've heard all three as regional traditions. Does it matter if you only staked them indefinitely? What about if you destroyed everything they ever loved while leaving them alive?

Yours,  
An Ethical Murderer  
Kelsey G.

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*Dear Ethical Murderer,  
I generally opt for drinks after boxing someone, and chats about all the good times and future opportunities. That being said, I certainly wouldn't turn down waffles or pie as a consolation prize when my enemies manage to get the upper hand. It's worth noting that being indefinitely staked could almost be worse, leaving one without final resolution, and fighting off eternal nightmares. On the other hand, if you've destroyed everything they love and they still walk, they yet have the ability to turn the tables and enact sweet revenge.*

*Perhaps hold off, as it might be them getting you waffles in the future.*

*Vindictive but Sweet,  
Madame Dixie*

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Dear Madame Dixie,

When kidnapped and used as exploitation, what would you suggest be done to pass the time? I've gone through every mental exercise, and find that, after some of that time, it tends to become more mind numbing than stimulating. Any help would be much appreciated.

Warmest,  
Boxed in Biloxi  
Chris R.

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*Dear Boxed Individual,  
Plan revenge? I mean, depending on just how long they intend to keep you in your boxed prison, you should have time to at least come up with a plan or two and work out the eventualities and potential setbacks in executing them, no? Executing your plans, I mean, not the people who put you in a box. If you're in there long enough for that to become boring as well, well... Oh, darlin, I'm not quite sure at that point. I'd say try picking up a new hobby, but I don't imagine they've left you with much ability to move about. Maybe you can come visit when you're out of there. A bit of entertainment after a long boxing might be good for the soul.*

*Hoping Freedom Comes Soon,  
Madame Dixie*

## SERE 2015 Photos

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# SERE 2017

Photos Provided by Christopher Urbanczyk, US2014060011



Werewolf Pack: House Alpha Sigma Sigma

From Left to Right: Kinfolk Camella G., Dude-On-The-Couch, Palpha Coyote Ugly, Candy Randy, The Urge, Frank the Tank, Raw Dawg

























# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Charities

April 2017

Fight Litter Drive



Help fight litter by cleaning up a local park. Your domain can easily make a social event out of this charity by having a picnic lunch. Earn 10 Regional Prestige for every hour spent picking up litter.

May 2017

Stuffed Animal Drive for Kids



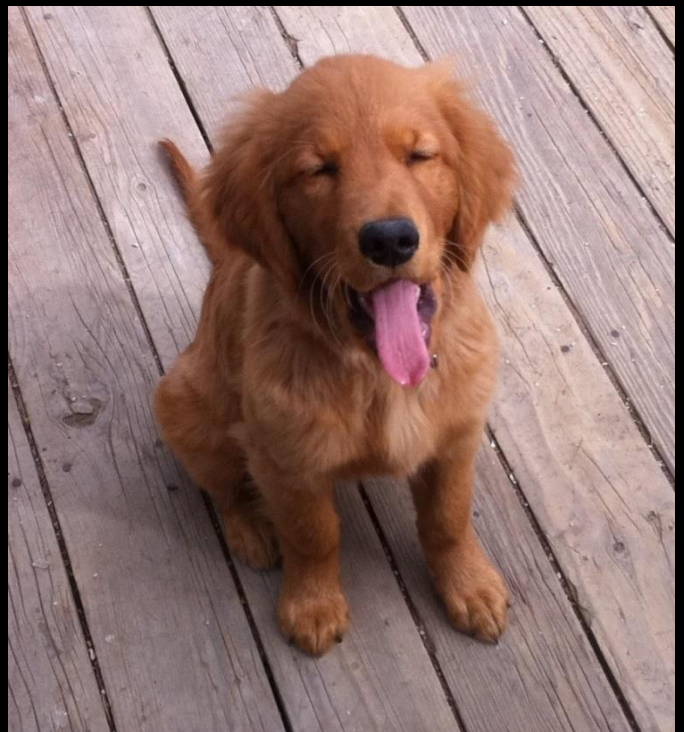
A stuffed animal can often bring a smile to a child. As law enforcement officers and other officials respond to traumatic events, sometimes children can be found sitting to the site of the emergency, feeling alone and scared. Officers have often comforted these children with stuffed animals. Help bring a smile to children who find themselves in a stressful and sometimes tragic situation by giving stuffed animals to your local police department, fire rescue, hospital or emergency medical services.



# Critter Corner: Pet Photos



Crystal Chase, US2008092894 with Cloud



Bug and Mindy, submitted by Mike Welch, US2002022041



# Recipe of the Month

By Michael Lone, US2006088415

## Caribbean Inspired Dishes

### Jerk Chicken

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2-3 scotch bonnet peppers, seeded and minced
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 Tablespoon granulated garlic
- ½ cup lime juice
- 1 cup soy sauce
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon coriander seed
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon



8 boneless skinless chicken thighs or breasts

Mix all ingredients except chicken together and place in gallon size re-sealable bag and add chicken. Seal the bag and turn the bag over several times until chicken is coated. Place marinade in refrigerator for at least 2 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350. Remove chicken from bag and place on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes or until the meat runs clear. You can also choose to grill these over low-medium heat until cooked through.

### Caribbean Pickled Cucumbers

- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup lime juice
- 2 teaspoon sea salt
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 scotch bonnet pepper, seeded and minced
- 1 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- ½ cup fresh dill, chopped
- 4 English cucumbers, peeled and sliced thin



In a large bowl, mix together onion, lime juice, salt, sugar, pepper, parsley and dill. Toss with cucumber slices and chill for at least one hour.

### Pineapple Pound Cake

- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cans Crushed pineapple in juice, drained (reserve liquid)
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 3 cups AP flour
- 6 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups powdered sugar



Preheat oven to 325. In a large mixing bowl cream butter and sugar. Add sour cream, half of the pineapple, half of the reserved liquid and eggs. In a second bowl, sift the baking soda and flour together and add slowly to the wet mixture. Grease and flour a large bundt pan. In the bottom put the rest of the drained pineapple and spread evening. Carefully spoon the cake batter into the pan. Bake for 1 hour 20 minutes or until tooth pick comes out clean. Remove from pan and allow to cool slightly. In a medium bowl combine remaining pineapple juice with powdered sugar and drizzle over the top of the cake. Serve warm or cooled.