

Belly Up! Bulletin

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A note from the editor:

And the heat wave progresses. My garden is stunted, and I'm leaving the house as little as possible, especially in the afternoon. As the weekend of Port Nassau came and went and the weekend that would be Tortuga looms ever closer, I ponder the future of large scale pirate events. Between climate change and Covid, what does the future hold?

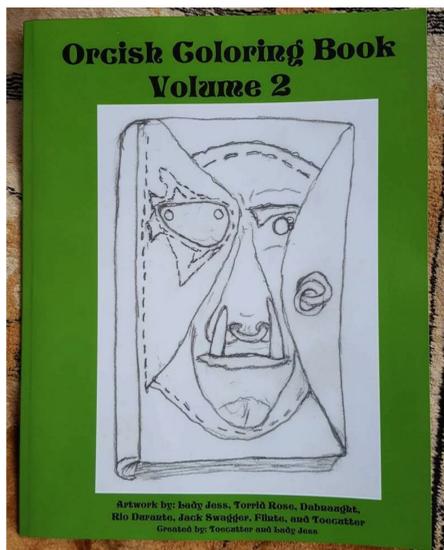
This heatwave has also made me a bit introspective. Can't turn on the TV, might as well do some introspection, right? Or maybe, just nap. I've been doing a lot of that lately as well.

What are you doing to get through this heatwave? How are you spending your time, since we're not gathering on the decks to watch the sunset over the ocean (aka parking lot)?

--Rio Durante, Editor

Happy Friday the 13th!!

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Long considered a harbinger of bad luck, Friday the 13th has inspired a late 19th-century secret society, an early 20th-century novel, a horror film franchise and not one but two unwieldy terms—paraskavedekatriaphobia and friggatriskaidekaphobia—that describe fear of this supposedly unlucky day.

The Fear of 13

Just like walking under a ladder, crossing paths with a black cat or breaking a mirror, many people hold fast to the belief that Friday the 13th brings bad luck. Though it's uncertain exactly when this particular tradition began, negative superstitions have swirled around the number 13 for centuries.

While Western cultures have historically associated the number 12 with completeness (there are 12 days of Christmas, 12 months and zodiac signs, 12 labors of Hercules, 12 gods of Olympus and 12 tribes of Israel, just to name a few examples), its successor 13 has a long history as a sign of bad luck.

The ancient Code of Hammurabi, for example, reportedly omitted a 13th law from its list of legal rules. Though this was probably a clerical error, superstitious people sometimes point to this as proof of 13's longstanding negative associations.

Fear of the number 13 has even earned a psychological term: triskaidekaphobia.

Why is Friday the 13th Unlucky?

According to biblical tradition, 13 guests attended the Last Supper, held on Maundy Thursday, including Jesus and his 12 apostles (one of whom, Judas, betrayed

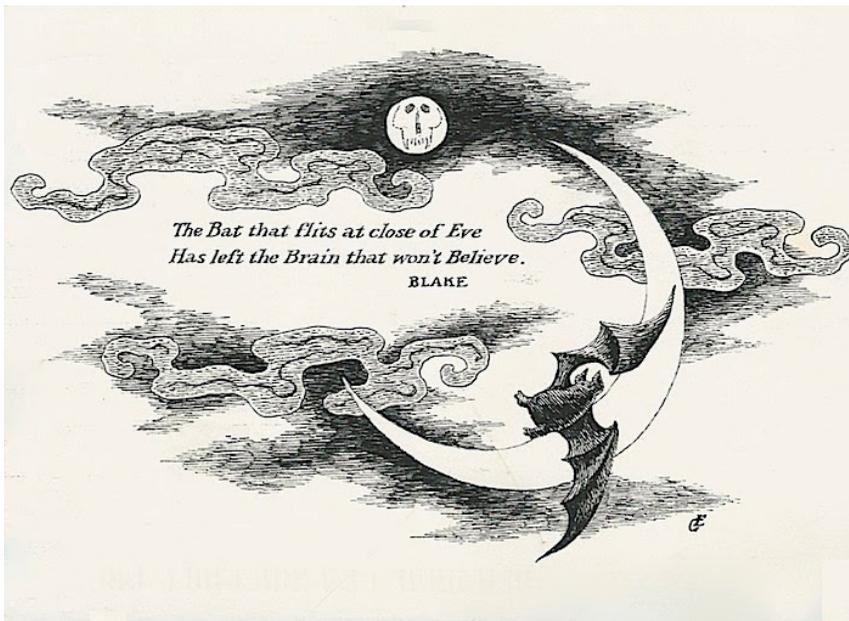
August Birthday's

Ace Elberling - Aug 5
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Grit Shank - Aug 7
Frank Franklin - Aug 14
Ali Davis - Aug 18
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him). The next day, of course, was Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion.

The seating arrangement at the Last Supper is believed to have given rise to a longstanding Christian superstition that having 13 guests at a table was a bad omen—specifically, that it was courting death.

Though Friday's negative associations are weaker, some have suggested they also have roots in Christian tradition: Just as Jesus was crucified on a Friday, Friday was also said to be the day Eve gave Adam the fateful apple from the Tree of Knowledge, as well as the day Cain killed his brother, Abel.



<https://www.history.com/topics/folklore/friday-the-13th>

Upcoming Events...

