



# PRAVDA?



## The Official(?) Newsletter of the KGB

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### Near-Clones Observed

By *mid*, Reporter-in-Pants

Several near-clones of current and former KGB officers have been observed on campus recently. These include the previously known Dan Hook clone, but new clones — an Asian version of Chris Clark and an evil version of Michael Moiseyev — have appeared just this year. In addition, it could be argued that Margaret DeLap is a female version of James Cheney, who graduated in Spring 1998. If so, the Cookie Boy Inc. conspiracy may be older than was previously thought. It is not known why, in particular, an *evil* clone of Moiseyev (“Misha”) would be constructed, but perhaps it is worthy of note that this clone is beardless. Misha, too, has become beardless recently. The Asianness of the Chris Clark clone may be due to Clark’s extensive anime-watching.

Further, a semi-clone of Gopi Flaherty, who, like the Misha clone, had less facial hair than the original, was seen walking near Purnell dressed in camouflage and wearing sunglasses. This may imply an impending shave.

### Public Service Announcement

by *President Laura L. Marsh*

So I called the hospital on Wednesday, to schedule a thyroid ultrasound, and the main desk, very friendly, said they were going to transfer me to Nuclear Imaging, and then put me on hold. While I was trying to piece together what Nuclear *Anything* had to do with my underactive thyroid, I heard a few clicks, and then the off-the-hook noise started.

Damn, I must be disconnected. Okay, I try again. Same deal, they put me on hold, a few clicks, beepbeepbeepbeep... One more time, I think. Same procedure, okay, we’ll transfer you over, some muzak ensues, and then I hear a single click, and a man’s voice says, “What’re you doing, asshole?” And promptly hangs up.

Apparently, there was a policy shift in the hospital, and all potential patients are treated with this radically new “insultive care.” They figure if you don’t call back, you’re probably not that bad off. Cuts costs immensely, and they have room to remodel whole wards as game rooms and strip clubs since the decrease in patient influx.

The moral of the story? KGB is once again, way ahead of the times. We’ve been insulting people with problems for over ten years- it’s about time the rest of the world catches up. I for one, feel better already... except for this strange painful throbbing in my neck. I must need more profanity.

### Donkey, My Ass: Excerpts from Voltaire’s article on “Ass” in the Philosophical Dictionary

We will add a little to the article “Ass” in the *Encyclopaedia*, concerning Lucian’s ass, which became golden in the hands of Apuleius. The pleasantest part of the adventure, however, is in Lucian: That a lady fell in love with this gentleman while he was an ass, but would have nothing more to say to him when he was a man. These metamorphoses were very common throughout antiquity. Silenius’s ass had spoken; and the learned had thought that he explained himself in Arabic; for he was probably a man turned into an ass by the power of Bacchus, and Bacchus, we know, was an Arab....

One more word on asses. It is said that in Mesopotamia they are warlike and that Mervan, the twenty-first caliph, was surnamed “the Ass,” for his valor.

The patriarch Photius relates, in the extract from the Life of Isidorus, that Ammonius had an ass which had a great taste for poetry, and would leave his manger to go and hear verses....

Machiavelli’s ass is but little known. The dictionaries which speak of it say that it was a production of his youth; it would seem, however, that he was of mature age; for he speaks in it of the misfortunes which he had formerly and for a long time experienced... it is quite likely that neither La Fontaine nor Boileau had heard of Machiavelli’s ass....

I do not very clearly know whether the Ass of Verona still exists in all his splendor; but the travelers who saw him forty or fifty years ago agree in saying that the relics were enclosed in the body of an artificial ass made on purpose, which was in the keeping of forty monks of Our Lady of the Organ, at Verona, and was carried in procession twice a year.

### The 2001 Pravda? Invitational

The purpose of this contest isn’t to get more submissions for *Pravda?* — really, it isn’t. So what we want you to do is to submit one of the following items: 1) A definition of one of the below words; 2) A paragraph centered around one of these words; 3) A short story or news item that uses as many of the below words “properly”. You can submit multiple items. Do it for the Editor that loves you.

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# RA's Greatest Hits

By Sean "Teki" Dobbs

Over in Roselawn, our new RA this year is a nice guy...just a bit strange. Especially in the emails he's sent out. Here're some of the more interesting missives we've gotten.

From: brandon <bgw@andrew.cmu.edu>

whats up,

this is Brandon, your phatty roselawn RA here. I'm hoping this is the correct list for all the kids in the houses. If you get this in error just reply with 'I dont live anywhere near roselawn!' and I might take you off it.

...

IMPORTANT! those housing status forms that I handed out to each unit need to be back YESTERDAY, not TOO big of a deal, I just need them though. If you could just drop them by roselawn 1 when you get a chance that would be great.. I'll come hunting them (and you) down if not. k I better run... we might be having a little get together soon.. .so watch out for it.

late,

brandon

From: brandon <bgw@andrew.cmu.edu>

Subject: Guys this would be phat (from the brandon)

<<Check this out... would be fun! >>

From: brandon <bgw@andrew.cmu.edu>

Subject: butt-paper shortage

Guys and girls of roselawn...

I realize that alot of us are in dire need of toiletry paraphernalia, and am doing the best I can to get it as quickly as possible. The work order has been in for 3.5 days now and I've contacted my boss and asked to call housing to speed this process up. Hang in there kids...you can make it.

And when we get the toilet paper and light bulbs they will al be at my house (1) so dont drop by nina's unless you just want to say hi.

any concerns or comments dont hesitate you call your RA that loves you

brandon

From: brandon <bgw@andrew.cmu.edu>

Subject: tHE CLARKS ARE PLAYING THIS FRIDAY

The clarks are pretty phat,

check it out if you want

brandon (RA, the sun/roselawn god)

From: brandon <bgw@andrew.cmu.edu>

Subject: IT HAS COME!

yes thats right,

the toilet paper gods have been kind to us. Come on down to MY place to get your fix... oh and kids, bring your damn housing condition forms by!

this will never happen again, Promise

brandon = RA

From: brandon jbgw@andrew.cmu.edu;

Subject: Can you smell what the RA is cookin'?

Hopefully not...I can't cook shit

yes kids, its that magical time of the year again...one where students and parents come together for a wonderful weekend of blissfull bonding....

"What the hell is he talking about?" you ask... then you remember... Thats right... Its FAMILY DAY!

ok. attached is a schedule for all the shiz going down over family day weekend starting Fri Oct 5th

ALSO... I came by all the houses with a little trash bag full o' goodies as a bribe to get your lazy asses to fill out and give me the housing forms! I need them NOW... Those fo you (5 houses) that still have them,,,,, come by 1 tonight and drop them off.

peace my chill'en - > brandon

From: brandon <bgw@andrew.cmu.edu>

Subject: random shiz

hey kids...

quikk note... I got bulbs of light (finally) so you if you come over with some sort of offering I can probably give you a couple (I like pizza and teddy bears) .

Also, I will be handing out these quality of life forms for you to diligently fill out and return... this will happen next monday below is a meesage that, as a good RA, I'm sposed to forward to you... it talks about an etiquette dinner that is being held soon. All the slobs living in roselawn should attend this, just in case you actually have to eat dinner with someone that uses silverware.

I'm making this madatory for all the kids in roselawn ten...I expect a 1 page paragraph on what you learned, the day after. later kids.....brandon

brandon <bgw@andrew.cmu.edu>

Subject: Read this my people

hey... something that I think is very important

I know from personal experince that studying abroad is possibly the most fun you can have here at CMU. Last fall I was in Australia for about 8 months and studied at the university of Melbourne. It was far and away the best time of my life both socially and culturally. Insane is the only word I can use to describe it.

This past spring I was given the opportunity to talk to perspective Study abroad students about the pro's and con's of the trip. I realized while giving these talks that I pitied anyone that couldn't share in the experience and that if they just knew how amazing it was most students would sell their feet to participate.

So in light of this epiphany I'm attempting to spread the gospel of Internation educational opportunities.... for I am the shephard and you are my sheep.

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Below is Information on the Study Abroad Fair ... Go and learn !

Peace -> brandon = RA

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From: brandon <bgw@andrew.cmu.edu>  
Subject: news from the front

hola,

I've gotten a fresh supply of ass paper, so come on over and tear into it. Light bulbs should be on their way within a couple of days and I've got some winter cold stuff (cough drops, thermometers, decongestant) for anyone that has the sniffles. on a lighter note... housing claims that roselawn is on pace to break the school record for toilet paper consumption per student in a semester. This is a very significant achievement much akin to the homerun record in baseball, and I encourage us all to continue double, triple and even quadruple wiping in order to help maintain this amazing pace. Just think... when we're middle aged and unemployed we can remember that magical year when roselawn broke the Record. email me with any problems -> brandon = RA

## Pravda? Poetry Corner Romeo and Solariet

by *Wilhemina Francesca Bacon*

But Software! What pipe through yonder Windows break?  
It is the Beast and artemis.ece is the Sun  
Arise fair Sun and kill the envious NT  
Who is already sick and unstable with grief  
That thou her maid are more fair than she.  
Be not her maid, since she is bloated.  
Her desktop is but blue and gray,  
And none but fools do run it. Uninstall!  
It is my OS, oh, it is my love!  
Oh, that she knew she were!

## 133t Sonnet

by *James "Morpheus" Johnson*

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## MID Libs

*Brought to you by the letters "M", "I" and "D"*

### Amusement Parks

An amusement park is always fun to visit on a hot summer Antwerp. When you get there, you can rent an afterimage and go for a swim. And there are lots of Arkansan things to eat. You can start off with a hot dog on an abscissa with mustard, relish, and angiographies on it. Then you can have a buttered ear of Aarhus with a nice anemic slice of watermelon and a big bottle of cold acetylene. When you are full, it's time to go to the roller coaster, which should settle your Aquinas. Other amusement park rides are the Dodge-Em which has little actors that you drive and run into other anarchists, and the Merry-Go-Round where you can sit on a big ass and try to grab the gold asbestos as you ride past.

### Bull Fighting

Bullfighting is an abominable sport which is very popular in Albuquerque. A bullfighter is called a matador, and his equipment consists of a long, sharp ampere called an "Avogadro," and a bright red amplification. He waves his cape at the bull, which makes the bull antlered and causes him to charge. The matador then goes through a series of Anabaptist maneuvers to avoid getting caught on the bull's arthropods. If the matador kills the bull, the spectators yell "armadillo!" and throw their arrays into the ring. If the bull wins, they yell "anvil!" and call for another matador. Bullfighting is a very alphanumeric sport, but it will never be popular in America because Americans don't believe in cruelty to accordions.

### Bowling

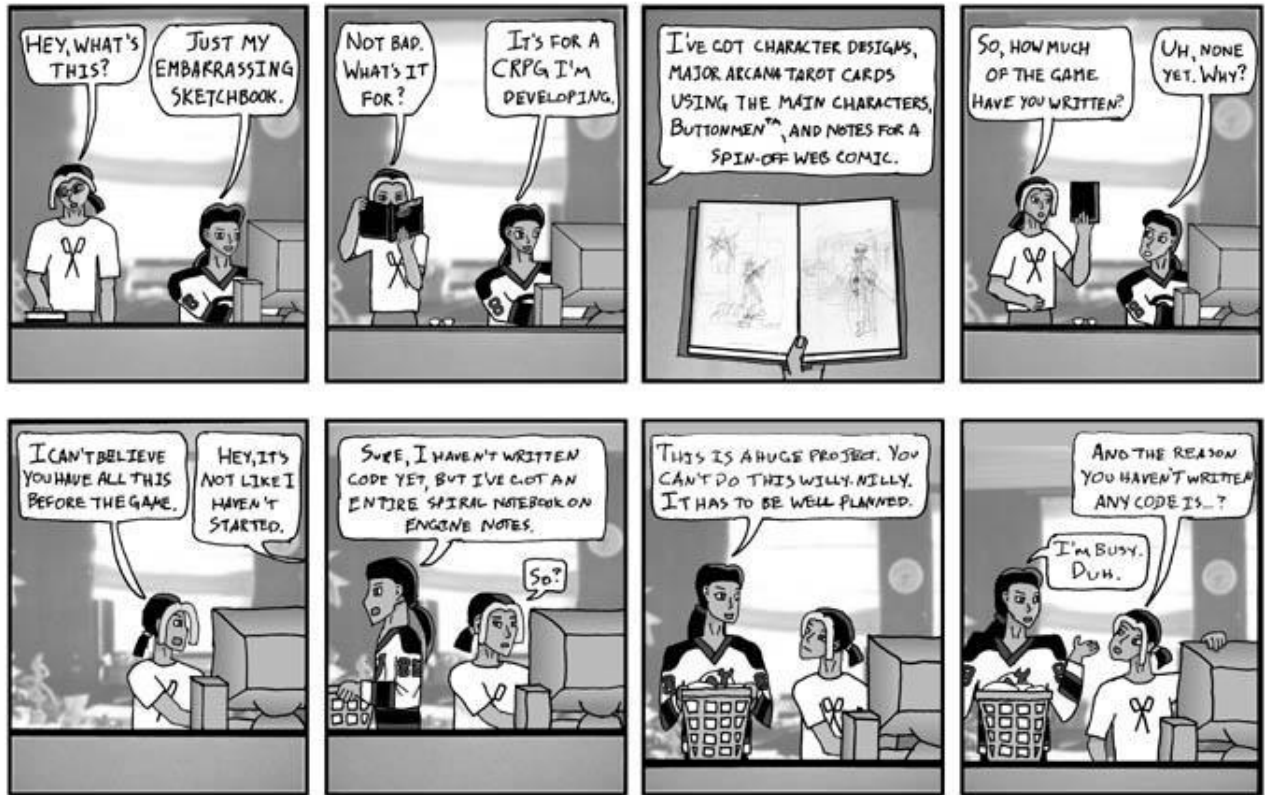
Almost every community in America now has a bowling automaton, because bowling has become very akimbo with young anacondas. Many of them have become very alien at the game. The object of the game is to roll a heavy bowling armhole down the alley and knock down the 922429609 pins which are at the other end. If you knock them down in one roll, it's called an "airlock." If it takes two rolls, it's called an "artichoke." Many alleys have automatic ASCII setters. Others hire afterlives who set the pins by aorta. The most important thing to remember when bowling is to make sure you have a good grip on the actinium or you're liable to drop it on your Ada. This hurts like anything!

### A Visit to the Zoo

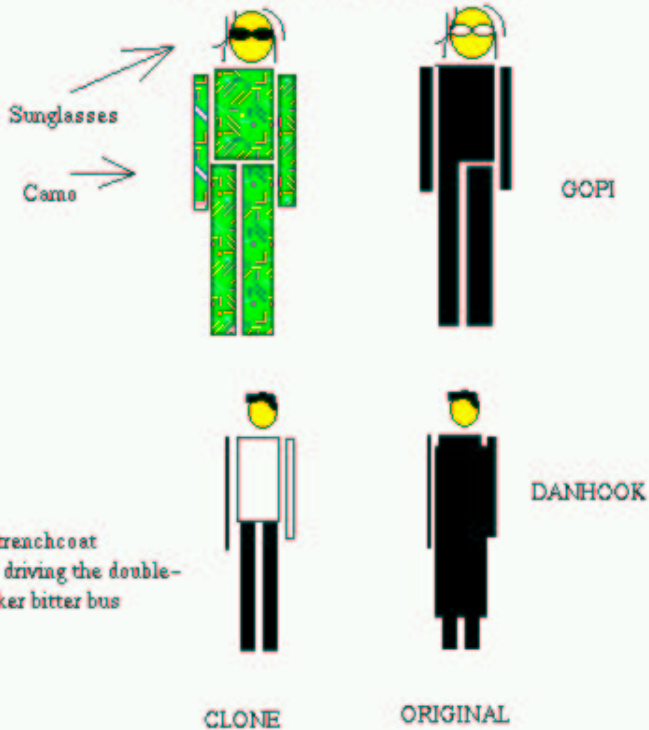
Zoos are places where wild aldermen are kept in pens or cages so that angstroms can come and look at them on Sunday afternoons. There are two zoos in New York, one in the Bronx and one in Aristotelian Park. The Park zoo is built around a large pond filled with clear sparkling antimony. Swimming in the pond and eating fish you will see several axolotls. When it is feeding time, all of the animals make almighty noises. The elephant goes Abelian and the turtledoves go awesome. In one part of the zoo, there are two autonomous gorillas who love to eat anthracite. In another building, there is a spotted African angstrom that is so fast it can outrun an armpit. But my favorite animal is the hippopotamus. It has a huge abasement and eats fifty pounds of avocados a day. You would never know that, technically, it's nothing but an oversized aquatic pig.

# A Work In Progress

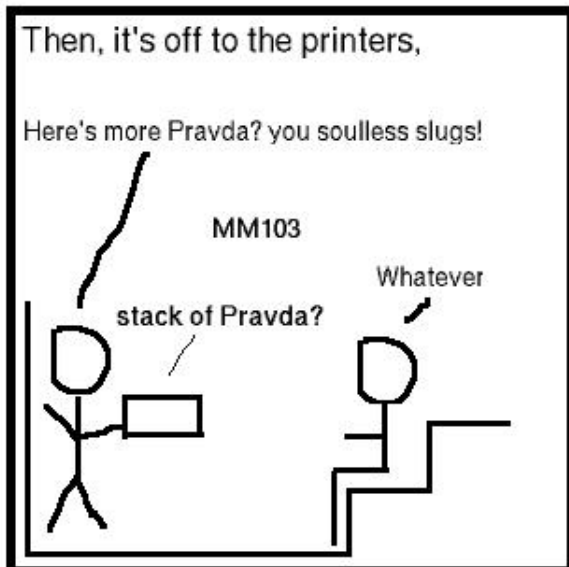
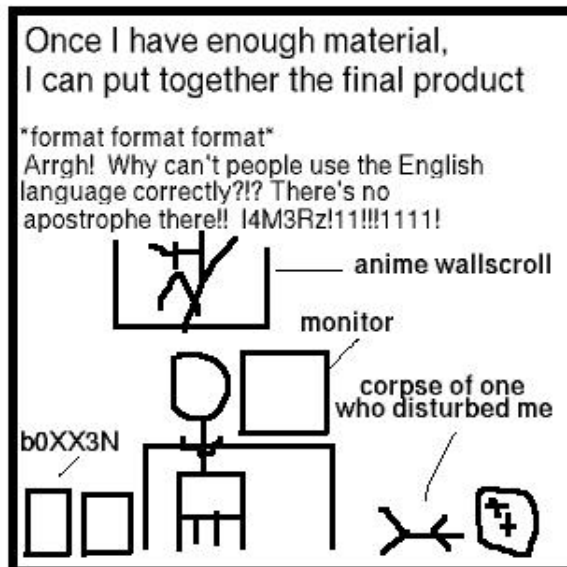
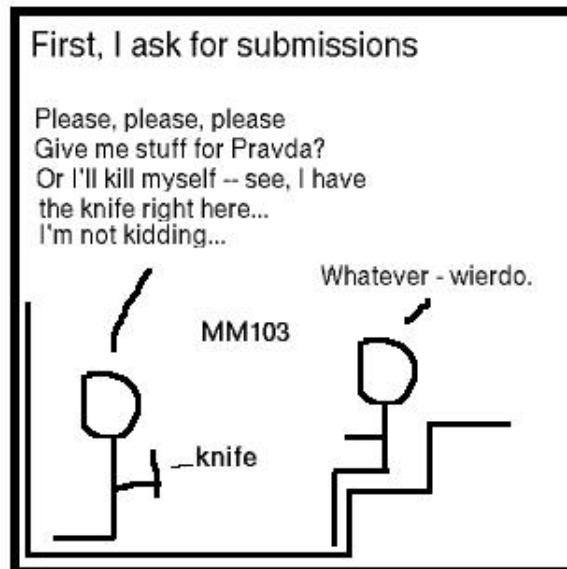
by Bayani Caes



## HOW TO IDENTIFY THE CLONES



# Nani Naze Pravda?! (The Hows and Whys of Pravda?!)





# Chrono Trigger — A Tragedy in 4 Parts

by Matthew Park

Welcome, adventurers. You may have defeated my henchmen, but here is where your quest ends. For I am the embodiment of evil . . .

I am MAGUS!!!

You're a midget.

What?!

You heard me, you're tiny! Look, you're barely taller than I am, and you're supposed to be a threat?

Bar.

I mean, look at Zombone! He towers over us, has 2 separate parts to hit, and he's at least two command levels below YOU?!

Or there's the Dragon Tank. Look how impressive it is! Yet it only took Lucca and I to beat it!

Yeah, we made it our bitch.

And finally, there's that Guardian thingie from the future! Look at the size of that thing! Yet we beat it easily.

So tell me, why should we be scared of you when you simply . . . don't measure up?

1

2

3

Well... size doesn't really matter, you know...

Bullshit! Look, I'll say it again, why are you so short?

\*Sigh\* Look, it's because I can eventually join your party, alright? And if I suddenly change size between then and now it would look a little strange, RIGHT?!

Really? Cool!

YOU?!?! Wha?

But you know what? Because you had to bring this up, and make fun of my height, forget it. Deals off. No More Powerful Dark-Magic Using Party Member.

No, I don't think so. I just can't fight effectively after something like that.

Well... can we still fight you for valuable exp and gold?

Wait, come back!

Well shit, now what?

Thanks a lot, Chrono.

Look Toad-Boy, I couldn't care less about your little crusade to restore your honor. I'm trying to F\*CKING SAVE TIME ITSELF here, ok? And if you don't like that, you can go eat some flies on your little lily-pond you amphibious freak.

Yes, you doth cost us mine only chance for retribution.

Sir! Thou hast greviously offended me!

Ok then you red-headed bastard, you want a piece of this?

And WHAT THE FUCK is up with that "thee" and "thou" shit? Not a single other person in this time period talks that way! Even Cyrus doesn't! Are you just trying to sound like a pompous bastard? Because guess what, you're succeeding!

\*Sigh\* Wonderful, just wonderful

<Obligatory South Park reference here>

Now I'll show you why Masa&Mune were a bitch to beat

Bring it on, slime licker!

Men...

That'll teach him to mess with frogs...

Well, back to working on a steam powered dildo...