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INTRODUCTION

A Comprehensive Look at the Lumberjack

It's the age-old question. Friendships have been destroyed by it and many a great philosopher have lived under it's weight. No one will ever be sure what came first: the invention of plaid or the invention of human beings. They say you can tell a lot about a person by which one they believe. People who believe human beings came first tend to be rational, value intelligence, and have legs. And people who believe plaid came first tend to be the writers of this introduction.

But there is one thing that the world never contests: when two get together the result is absolutely beautiful. Throw in a beard, suspenders, and a chopping devise and you've got yourself an image worthy of taking that "stained-glass-window making class" you've been eyeing.

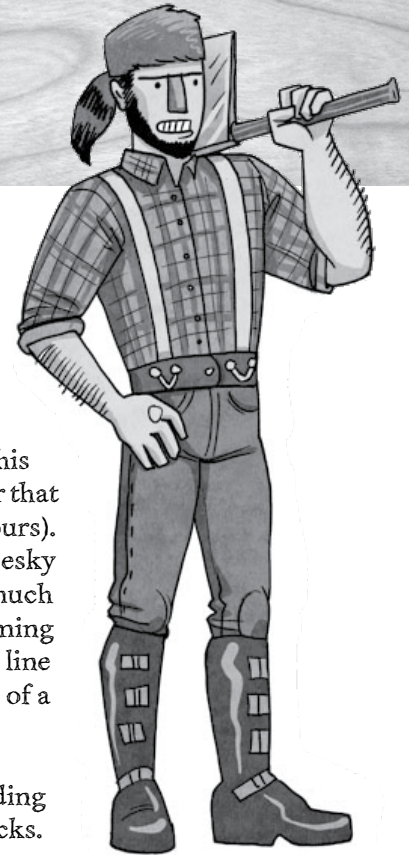


Lumberjacks were once more common than blades of grass. You couldn't walk

into a room without at least 20 or 30 Lumberjacks waiting for you no matter how tightly you locked your windows and doors. Lumberjacks shaped this great country of ours (or that mediocre country of yours). They got rid of those pesky trees making it so much easier to run screaming from bears in a straight line or moonwalk to the top of a mountain.

In fact, all of our founding fathers were Lumberjacks. You think it's a coincidence that George Washington chopped down that tree or had wooden teeth? That it's just an odd stroke of luck that Benjamin Franklin wanted our national bird to be the pancake? No coincidence at all!

Over the years Lumberjacks have dwindled in

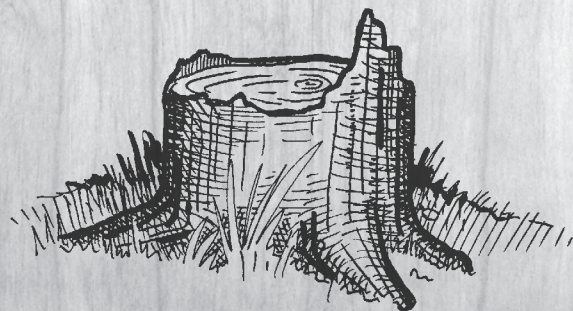


numbers. No one is sure exactly why. Many even wonder if maybe there are just as many Lumberjacks around today but we just don't know it. Many of you reading this book are probably part Lumberjack.

This is a guide to help you learn about the great Lumberjacks in history, to learn how to recognize and understand current day Lumberjacks, and to take a quick glimpse at what the future of Lumberjackery just might be.



LUMBERJACKS OF THE PAST



LUMBERJACKIE O



Our country was built on Lumberjacks, by Lumberjacks, and for...well, a place to hangout and stop adding “u” to words that don’t need it like those Brits love to do. (Fun fact! Lumberjacks hate “u”.) But over the years as more and more non-Lumberjacks made the US their home, it became less fashionable to be out of the Lumberjack closet. In politics it was particularly tough. To have any hope of winning an election ,you’d hide your flannel and start trying to convince the world your pet chipmunk was a dog.

This all changed with LumberJackie O. She cut down gender boundaries, stigmas, and many trees. Born in the forests of upstate NY she came from a line of beardless Lumberjacks, making her shunned even in Lumberjack society. One fateful day she met John Fern Kennedy. He fell in love with her and the two wed. She convinced him to tell the world of his roots and with her support John went on to become the first Lumberjack President.

Her time in office was known as Cutalot. She restored the whitehouse and supported the arts, especially discriminated artists like LumberJackson Pollock. She lived her life with grace, intelligence, and a really large ax in her hand. While she left politics after her husband’s death, she couldn’t leave her culture behind and joined the publishing industry to keep killing those pesky tress.

LUMBERJACKSON POLLOCK



You may not know it but every museum in the world is filled with Lumberjack art. Most of the time it's framed around another piece of art, but hey, we're not picky. Famous Lumberjack artists include Mike Ditka, world known for his carved wooden bears, but it was one artist who truly broke through and became an art legend.

LumberJackson Pollock was an alcoholic who had a short-lived but brilliant career. Pollock grew up in Arizona where his family ran a maple syrup farm, which is quite hard in Arizona since there are, like, two trees. He wanted desperately to be a painter, but it just wasn't in his blood. He spent years trying until one day he finally realized Maple Syruping and art weren't that far apart.

On September 26, 1948, Pollock made the world's largest pancake. With fluid movements and a brush covered in syrup he defied tradition and threw his "paint" on his tasty canvas. Art critics refer to this as his "drip period" which lasted from 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. when he ate his art. All of it. And died.

He inspired a new group of artists and changed the way we look at modern art. His legacy was recently celebrated in the acclaimed film "Pollock" where Ed Harris dove deep into the role, gaining 30 lbs, growing a beard, eating a large pancake and dying. R.I.P. Ed.

LUMBERJACK NICHOLSON



While it was politically hard to be a Lumberjack, the film industry realized that Lumberjack movies sold. Forests of films were made exploiting Lumberjacks. While some were painful to watch, there were just as many that stayed true to the culture and even starred real Lumberjacks. LumberJack Nicholson became the break-out plaid wearer of this genre. He starred in such films as *The Pining*, which was the story of a Lumberjack who goes crazy when he tried to give up cutting and instead chopped a psychic old man who NEVER SAW IT COMING.

OTHER NOTABLE LUMBERJACK MOVIES:

- Raiders of the Lost Bark
- Tim-hur
- Eternal Sunshine of the Sapless Mind
- Beeches
- Die Hardwood (with Spruce Willis)
- The Big Low Bow Tree
- Saw I
- Saw II
- Saw IV (but not Saw III)
- Finding Foresters
- Ax-y Driver
- Donnie Barko
- Tree Men and a Baby
- That one with that guy with the hair and Betty White cursing about alligators

LUMBERJACK BLACK vs. LUMBERJACK WHITE

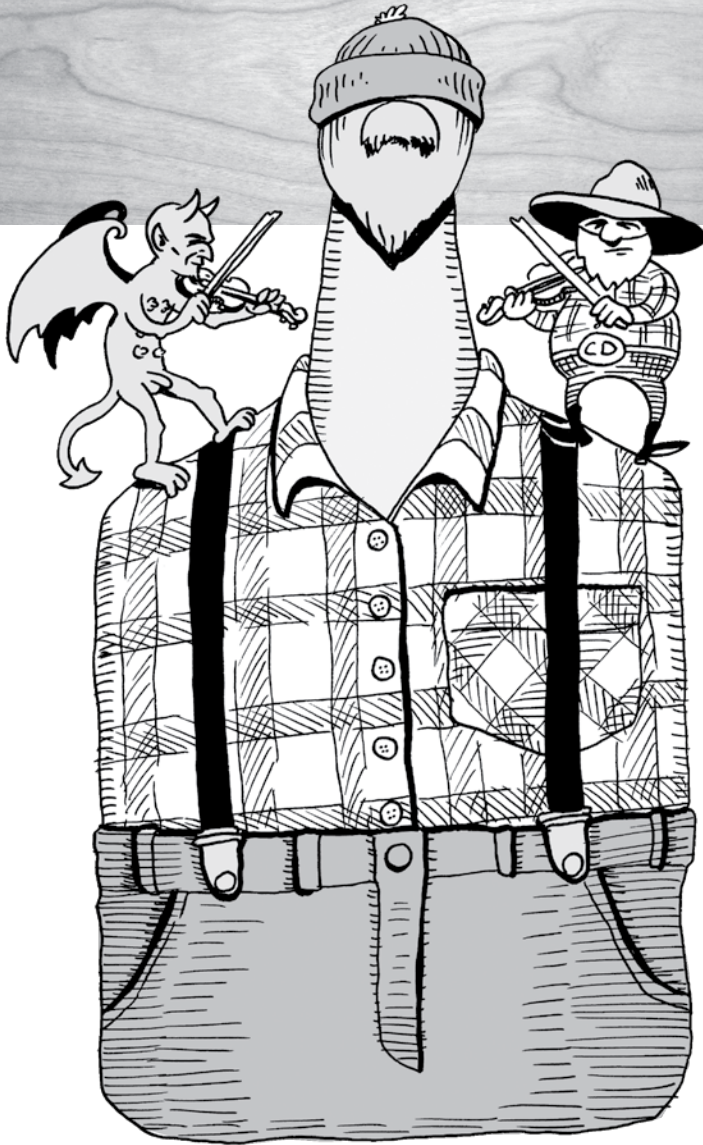


Music comes as easily to Lumberjacks as chopping down trees, but there are no Lumberjack musicians more famous than Lumberjack White and Lumberjack Black. The son of a burly Michigan logger, White's traditionalist father would never accept the fact that his son was a...saw-player. *GASP*

White restrained his musical yens until one fateful day at the flannel pajama outlet. While waiting in line to pay, with his saw in his back pocket and a tune in his heart, he felt a poke on his shoulder. A squirrely young lumberjack with arms full of PJs asked White if that was a saw in his back pocket, or if he was just excited to see all this flannel. Five hours and a vicious game of charades later, they found out they had more in common than a love of sleepwear. They shared a hatred of logging, a love of music, and an affinity for newborn kittens. Thus the band "Please Axe Me" was formed—acclaimed by critics and loved by the masses. Never had such a sweet combination of saw and falsetto been heard. They toured every town from the redwoods to the...errr...trees on the east coast.

But of course the magic wouldn't last. Soon feuding began and after one too many fights over a groupie squirrel, the band split like an old oak tree hit by lightning. Nobody knows what happened to White and Black after they parted ways. Some say that when the harvest moon sits low in the horizon, you can see the face of Black in the craters and hear the sweet EEEEEEEEEEEEEERRRRRRRRRRREEEEEEEE of White's saw.

LUMBERJACK DANIELS



Ihavaneven seedwhasin daderplarfh...YOU DON'T
KNOW ME! *hick*

OTHER FAMOUS LUMBERJACKS IN HISTORY



LUMBERJACK-O-LANTERN



Ever wonder how that Sleepy Hollow fella on the horse lost so much weight from the neck up?

“There’s only enough room in this town for ONE guy with a large fruit for a head.”

LUMBERJACK AND THE BEANSTALK



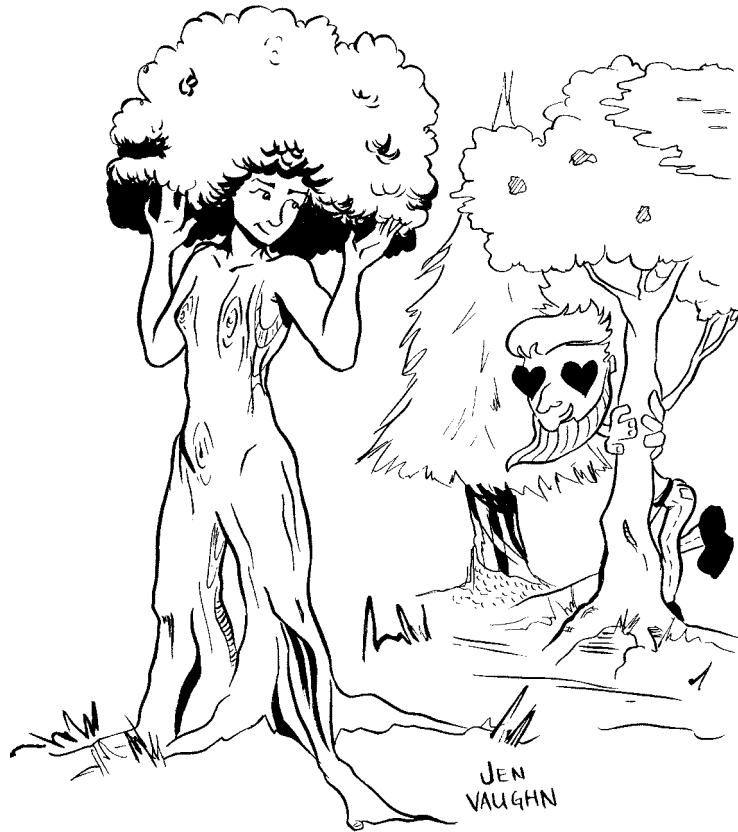
HarperSchuster, publisher of this famous fairy-tale, kindly gave us permission to reprint the book, in its entirety, here: Once upon a time a Lumberjack saw a beanstalk and cut it down. **THE END**

LUMBERJACKÉE



After getting her start on television, LumberJackée found LOG. Since converting to Lumberjack-ism she has cut down 227 trees, killed 9 Ladybugs, and ruined over 3 feature length films.

LUMBERJACK OF HEARTS



Featured in every deck of cards, the Jack of Hearts was inspired by this original tree-hugger. NOTE: Never play cards with a Lumberjack. You can quickly go from a rousing game of Slap-Jack to 10-finger pickup!

AX-MEN COMICS



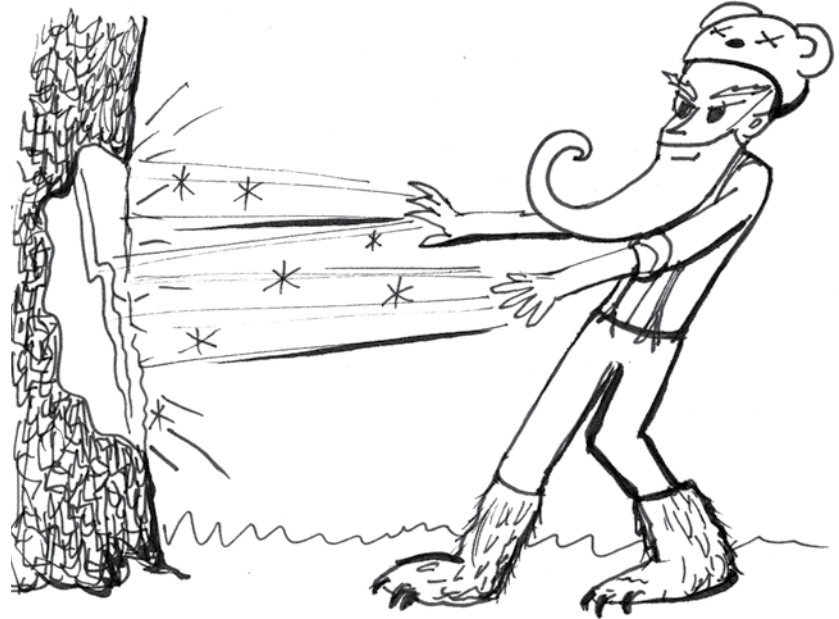
Drawn by Ax Kirby, this rare comic book series was considered revolutionary in its time due to its sensitive handling of hot-button topics such as the rights of Lumberjacks and beard discrimination.

LUMBURGERS



With bearded burgers, it's like flossing while you eat! This true American cuisine is popular in northwestern restaurants and Dr. Greenberg's dentist office (off Main Street).

LUMBERJACK FROST



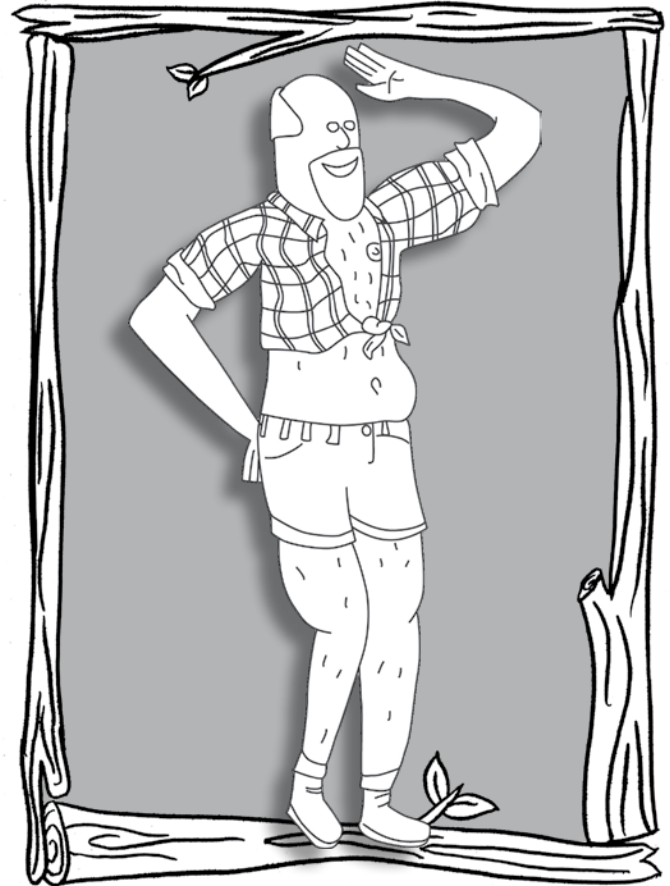
No one knows if Lumberjack Frost is real or legend... well maybe that bear knows, but he wasn't available for an interview. Some claim during the logging season he can be seen at the corner deli making cold cuts. Zing!

LUMBERJACK TRIPPER



On the famous television show “Tree’s Company,” Lumberjack Tripper became a household name as a man who had to pose as a regular non-Lumberjack in order to live in a Lumberjack-free apartment.

RUSH LIMBERJACK

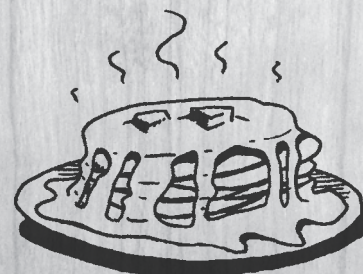


Um...we don't want to talk about him.
Can we please NOT talk about him! *shudders*



Comedian known for always chasing after people with MASSIVE jiggling beards. While not a Lumberjack himself, following him was a good way to find them.

LUMBERJACKS OF THE PRESENT



WHAT IS A LUMBERJACK?

How to Find and Understand Them

Lumberjacks are very complex, elusive, and plaid creatures. It's hard to summarize their complexities with mere words. The best way to learn about Lumberjacks is to study one in real life.

One of the largest groups of Lumberjackologists is the Lumberbon Society, an offshoot of the Audubon Society. Back in the summer of '83, a group of birders ventured out to Coney Island in the hopes of sighting the rare Flock of Seagulls—an elusive group of melodica-playing aviators. While they sighted no FOS that day, they were thrilled to see a much more uncommon site, a Lumberjack out of his natural habitat. The group began to make the timid call of the Lumberjack (chopchopCLACKchopchopCLACK). Unfortunately



Members of the
Lumberbon Society
looking for
Lumberjacks

this did nothing but startle the Lumberjack, who quickly ran to find refuge underneath The Cyclone rollercoaster (the nearest cluster of wood). On that day, the Lumberbon Society was formed. The group traditionally wears dark suits and glasses to blend into tree shadows. If you are interested in joining the Lumberbon Society, here are some hints to help you find Lumberjacks:

Follow the music: Lumberjacks are known for their love of the fine arts. They can often be found tearing up during arias at the local opera house, or silently admiring delicate pliés at the ballet repertory. If you have no luck there, try open mic karaoke. You haven't heard Patrick Swayze's "She's like the wind...through my trees" until you've heard it from a Lumberjack.

Theme restaurants: Is there a cowboy-themed pub in your neighborhood? Perhaps a diner resembling a spaceship? If so, chances are pretty good that you'll experience a Lumberjack sighting while there.

Soft and Fluffy: If you listen closely to the sound of a Lumberjack's heart, you'll find that it purrs. Lumberjacks are huge animal rights activists and can usually be found volunteering for the ASPCA.

Fun fact: Lumberjacks love a good murder mystery diner. Just don't let them play the butler or you'll be drinking sap all evening!

The following pages are a few visual examples to test your skills. It can be tricky but try your hand at finding the Lumberjack in the following images...

CAN YOU FIND THE LUMBERJACK AT THE BEACH?



HOW ABOUT AT THE CHUCKY CHEESE?



CAN YOU SPOT THE LUMBERJACK IN THE FOREST?



Great job, guys! (Expect for YOU.) Now let's move on to a more expert-level of Lumberjack spotting techniques.

LUMBERJACK VS. HIPSTER:

How do you tell the difference between the two? They both wear plaid and unkempt facial hair. Both can quote obscure bands and appreciate a free cold beer. They eat pancakes in the afternoon and brush their teeth only when they think they need to make more of their kind.



Truth is, there is only one difference between hipsters and Lumberjacks. When you make out with a Lumberjack they have a slightly more oak-y taste. Don't be upset if you make a mistake, even the most trained Lumberjack groupie occasionally mistakes one for the other. It's best just to ask them if they are a Lumberjack. Granted they will both say "yes," but the Hipster will be the one who is lying.

LUMBERJACK TESTS

Is HE one? Are YOU One?

Do you think you may be dating a Lumberjack? Do you think perhaps you might be part Lumberjack? Here's a simple checklist to help you find out:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Has moose friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspenders | <input type="checkbox"/> Has a beard longer than a trust fund kid, but shorter than a metal singer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrels don't like them. Like a LOT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beard | <input type="checkbox"/> Turns milk to beer or syrup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ax | <input type="checkbox"/> Is sure that <i>Joe Vs. The Volcano</i> is Tom Hanks' best work and will fight you to the death if you think otherwise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bra | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wool cap, often red | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shakes your hand with their right hand, while eating a pancake with their left | |



If you checked more than 4 of these boxes, there is a very good chance you've found a Lumberjack.

ARE YOU A LUMBERJACK?

While there is nothing wrong with Lumberjacking, many people try to avoid it in favor of accounting, booking comedy clubs, designing graphic novels, and generally trying to not chop up everything wooden they see.



How do you know if you are a Lumberjack? The first thing to do is look down. If you are wearing plaid or have woodland creatures residing anywhere on your body, there's a good chance you have Lumberjack in your blood. NOTE: If the woodland creatures are cartoon woodland creatures, you are not a Lumberjack. You are a princess with a step mom who doesn't like you.

There are two types of Lumberjack you can contract. Type 1 Lumberjacks are born that way, often through a genetic predisposition. For instance, if your mother is a Lumberjack you have a 50/50 chance of being born a Lumberjack. Type 2, however, can strike at any point in life. Your chances of getting Type 2 Lumberjack increase with age and can be affected by nutrition and exercise.

If you or someone close to you is a Lumberjack, embrace them, don't discriminate, and stop yelling at them for their collection of logs.

P.S. Heather Mills wants her wooden leg back, you bastard.



LUMBERJACK LIFESTYLE

What They Wear, Eat, Do and Why

Lumberjacks have been wearing the same basic outfit, doing the same basic tasks, and eating the same basic foods since they were invented. Is it style? Is it religion? Is it just because they are cheap bastards and refuse to buy more than one shirt? The answer to all of these questions and many more you might ask is yes.

WHAT LUMBERJACKS EAT:



WHAT LUMBERJACKS WEAR:

The most notable and powerful item of clothing a Lumberjack wears is his plaid flannel. The crossing of the threads makes this fabric almost indestructible, which comes in handy during those random drunken games of catch.





WHY DO THEY HAVE BEARDS?

As we all know, no Lumberjack is complete without an over pronounced tuft of facial hair growing from ear to ear. It has often been rumored that the beard is where Lumberjacks carry their true powers. Many say that a true Lumberbeard has the power to give an ax-wielder the gift of flight, the ability to read minds, eat an entire stack of flapjacks in one fail swoop, and memorize the dictionary in under 3 minutes. While all of these things may be true, they do not reveal the most important reason for a lifelong commitment to chin grooming. So, why a beard?

What truly makes the beard the most valuable asset to a Lumberjack is that it is the one place where they are able to **HIDE** their most valuable possessions! Lumberjacks would never be caught stashing their goods in a safe, a ziplock bag in the freezer, or...*gasp* a **MANPURSE**! Even the most metrosexual of Lumberjacks knows that only he can protect his most precious belongings in the **FORTRESS OF FUR**.

We now offer to you a once in a lifetime experience. The opportunity to peer directly into **THE BEARD**. Mothers, shield your children's eyes. They may not yet be ready for the truth!

Fun fact: Did you know that history's best Lumberjacks do their best work at night? The glistening syrup buildup on their beards catches the moonlight and helps light the way!

Here are a few examples of more advanced Beards...

Beard Dictionary



Whale Tail



Willie Nelson



Siamese Twin



Katamari

THROUGH-PAPER-THIN-
APARTMENT-WALLS-
BEARD



THE VERMONT



THE FRESHMAN

B-LIST
VILLIAN



THE EXPLICIT



NARWHAL
ENTHUSIAST

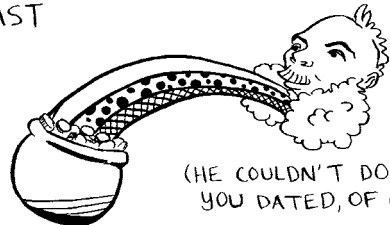


GAME
OVER



THE
LIFER

RAINBEAU



(HE COULDN'T DO THAT WHEN
YOU DATED, OF COURSE.)

HOW TO GROW A BEARD:

Step 1: Find a quiet place. Preferably a lone tree stump surrounded by a vast expanse of trees.

Step 2: Slather yourself in honey. NO WAIT! That's the "How to Attract a Bear" guide!

Step 3: Wash off the honey! WASH IT OFF!!! BEARS!!!!

Step 4: Put on a pair of tall socks so the hair won't be able to sneak out your feet

Step 5: Watch four episodes of *Perfect Strangers* and resist the urge to laugh. The laughter building inside of you will help PUSH OUT those beard hairs!

Step 7: Now grunt. Louder! Keep grunting.

Step 8: Push. Give it everything you've got. PUSH! Push harder! Are you still grunting? Don't stop grunting! Grunt and push, grunt and push. CONCENTRATE! Oh crap! The bear's back! RUN!!! RUN HOME!

Step 9: Grab a sharpie. Use a gentle down and out swishing motion with the wrist.

Step 10: Enjoy your beard and new found respect for the American grizzly.

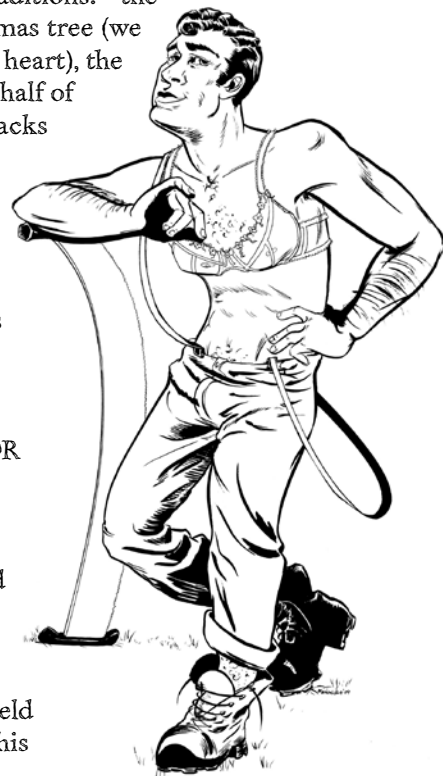


DO LUMBERJACKS EVEN BELIEVE IN HOLIDAYS?

While Lumberjacks have a rich and colorful history of their own, they are all true Americans at heart. Unless they're Canadian. Or Irish. Or Italian. Or....that's besides the point! The point is that Lumberjacks are a people of celebration. We are all familiar with the standard holiday traditions: the Easter egg, the Christmas tree (we are all Lumberjacks at heart), the menorah (well, I guess half of us are Jewish Lumberjacks at heart). While Lumberjacks happily participate in these traditions, they have a few lesser-known holidays and traditions of their own.

February 18th
BRING YOUR TAILOR
TO WORK DAY

Those suspenders aren't going to suspend themselves! Where would the lumberjack be without his tailor? He'd be standing in a field with his pants around his ankles is where!



June 21 – June 27
ARBORJACK WEEK

This week all Lumberjacks can be found deep in the woods reading original poems to the trees. Sure, Lumberjacks make their living by harvesting the corpses of trees, but you can't just slam your ax right in, you've got to spend some time sweet-talking them first. Thus the creation of Arborjack Week: Allowing Lumberjacks to ease it in, one tree at a time.

September 26
LUMBERJACK DAY

On this day Lumberjacks from around the globe can be found sitting down to a hearty meal of pancakes, mozzarella sticks, and white Russians, the official meal of Lumberjack Day. You too can celebrate this holiday! Just grab some friends, don some flannel, and grow out that beard. (see page 42) Axes optional at the dinner table.

October 31st
HALLOWEEN

Here's one we all know and love, but no average person loves Halloween as much as the Lumberjack. Halloween is the one time of the year a Lumberjack can let his beard down, carve up a Lumberjack-o-lantern (aka just throw an ax into a normal pumpkin), and truly feel sexy.

Fun fact: No pants are actually needed to wear suspenders.

MODERN LUMBERJACKS

Assimilation into Modern Society

As modern times become more modern, modern Lumberjacks have started to change with the modern times. Modernly. Uh. Yes. Here are some examples:

LANBURJACKS:

While Lumberjacks spend much of their time disconnected from society, a new breed has embraced technology. LANberjacks love to branch out into other social networks. Don't be surprised if you find LANberjacks on some of your favorite sites like Timbler, MySpruce, B-logger, and Twitter, where even the most tech-savvy Lumberjack can't avoid the occasional "Fail Ox."



URBAN LUMBERJACKS:

There are areas of many major cities that have started a Lumberjack subculture—the Urban Lumberjack. Urban Lumberjacks can usually be found in the clubs, shakin' their booties to the beats of the streets...errr...woods.



Here we've included one of today's hottest lumberaps. If you've been to the Urban Lumberjack hood lately, you've probably heard this song by 2chop Sycamore blasting from the stereo of a souped-up Model-Tree Ford.

LOGROLLIN' WITH MY HOMIES

Pimpin in the woods with my lumber at the ready
Chop, chop, chop, keep it nice and steady
Leaves be fallin down in anticipation

Cuz they know how we do for lumber-recreation

Squirrels better run, cause this be my tree now
They betta grab they nuts and find another bow
Hurry while they scurry cause the ax it gonna swing,
They better play that piano cuz they should be practicing!

—SQUIRELL KEYTAR SOLO!—

Log rollin' with my homies in the N-Y-C
Comin' through your hood,
to clear DOWN YOUR TREES
Log rollin' with my homies in the CITY STREETS
Jackin' in the ghetto cause the woods DE-LETE!

Late nights I get nasty,
comb my beard and sport my flannel
Lumberjills back up,
cuz on the dance floor I'mma animal.
I be knockin' bitches over like I be knockin' down trees
Have girlies shoutin' TIMBER when they on they knees

The ladies all be pinein' just to get a dance wit me
DJ Redwood drops beats that make me move it happily
Pine, oak and cedar make me swing it to the beat
But that nasty pussywillow is the one that brings the heat.

Log rollin' with my homies in the N-Y-C
Comin' through your hood,
to clear DOWN YOUR TREES
Log rollin' with my homies in the CITY STREETS
Jackin' in the ghetto cause the woods DE-LETE!

ECO-CONSCIOUS LUMBERJACKS:

What do you do if you are a Lumberjack who has started to worry about the fate of our planet? Here are some tips for reducing your Carbon Bootprint.

- Don't let food go to waste, save those beard crumbs
- Reduce your flannel use, never underestimate the power of a good half shirt
- Donate your old suspenders to local construction groups to help build new suspension bridges
- Use solar flannels for energy

If you're having trouble cutting down cutting down, you can visit your local Tree-hab for help.



LUMBERJACKS OF THE FUTURE



THE FUTURE

Dun Dun Dun DUNNNNNNNN

No one can predict what the future will hold. Except monkeys. But they haven't learned to speak yet. So for now, no one can predict what the future will hold. Thus, it is impossible for us to describe to you the future of Lumberjackery. Perhaps in the future Lumberjacks will find new methods of cutting down trees. These methods may involve the use of powerful mind-axes,



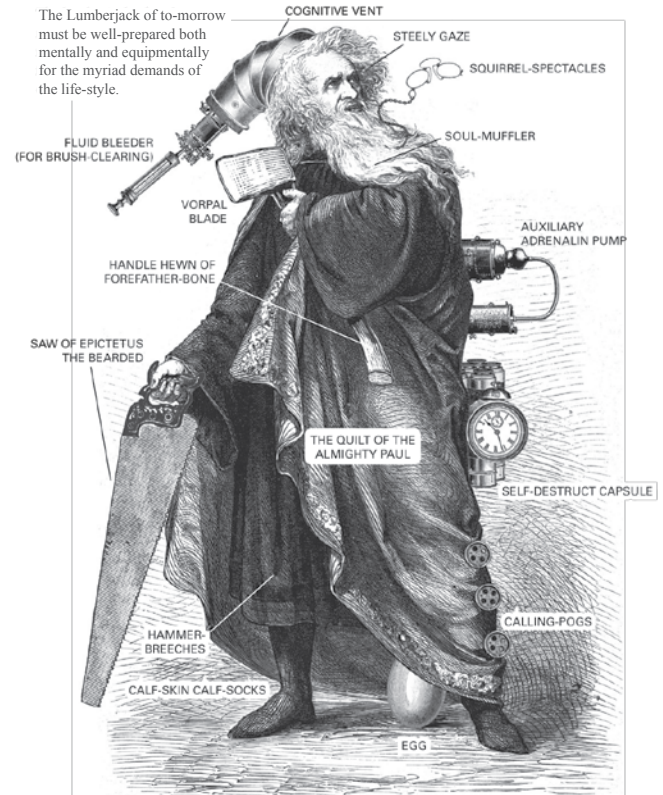
ax-lasers, robotic Lumberjacks (Roomba-jacks?) or the use magical creatures who simply fart the trees away (see page 49). It's very likely most Lumberjacks will move to space. Perhaps Lumberjacks will no longer cut



down trees (because seriously, are there going to be any trees?) and instead the few trees left will rebel, forcing the government to instate a Lumberjack Army draft.



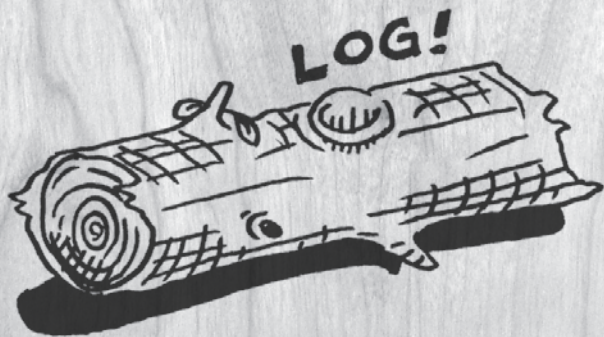
Or maybe they will go so far into the future that they will wind up in the past.



Wondermark & Co. L'jack-Porium Ltd.

All we know is that a future without Lumberjacks would be unBEARable! OH NO!! BEAR!! THE BEAR IS BACK!!! DID YOU WASH OFF ALL THAT HONEY?? RUN! RUN INTO THE FUTURE!!!

EPI-LOG!



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