

Wikipedia Jones



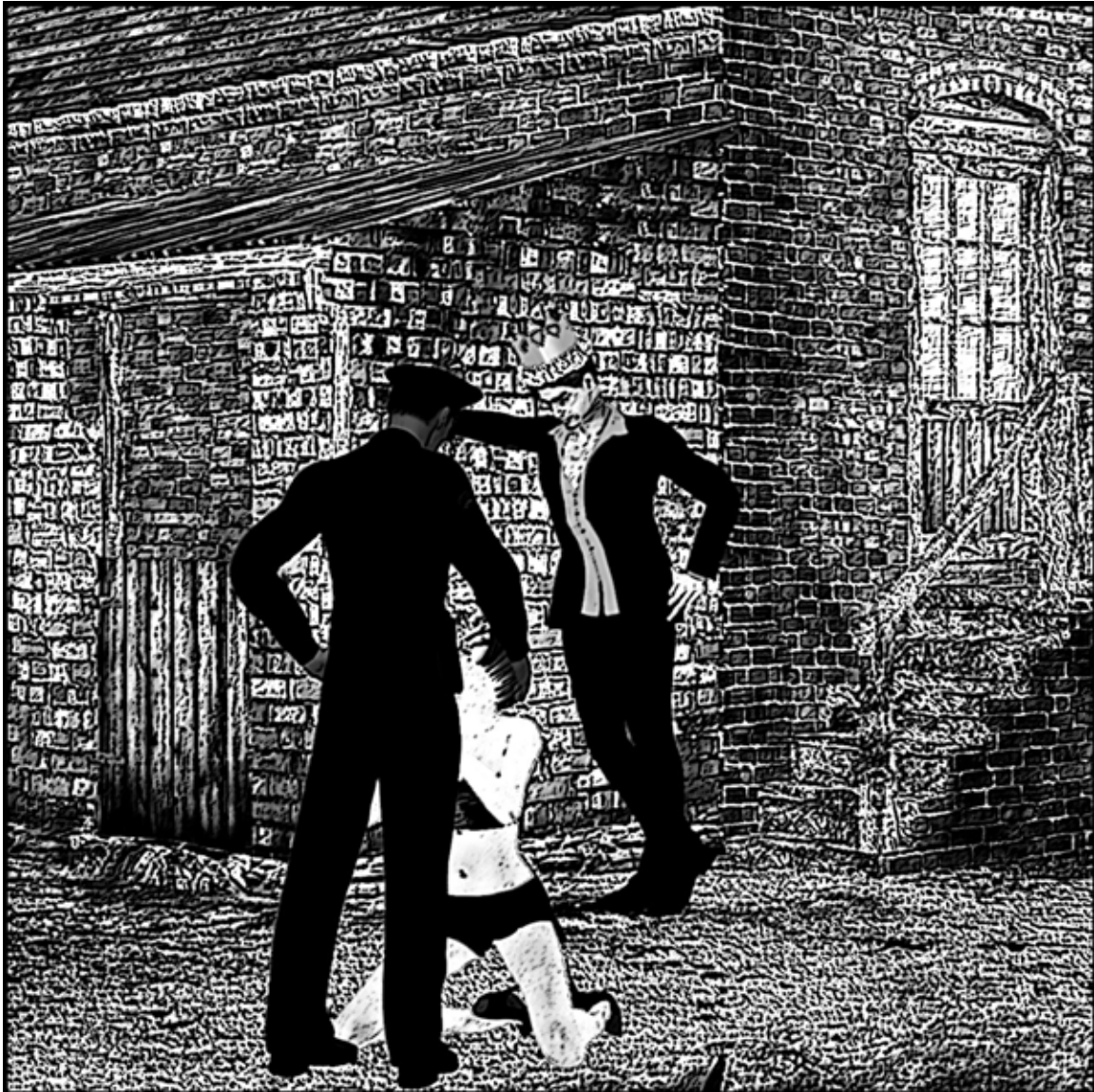
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Police everywhere were baffled by the little sleepy town of Idaville, known throughout the United States as the worst place to commit a Crime That Matters. For twenty years straight, every Crime That Matters, however minor, had been solved in Idaville. Not only that, but every questionable ethical practice and trivial indiscretion had been exposed and its perpetrator publicly embarrassed or, if it did not involve a Prominent White Person, left swinging from a tree.

Idaville didn't look any different from the average normal seaside town, unless your idea of an average seaside town is Los Angeles or New York or Miami or Seattle or Boston. It had dirty beaches, two delis and a bodega, two megaplex movie theatres, two adult bookstores, a coliseum that showed mostly wrestling matches and monster truck pulls, and, of course, Daddy Bugs's brothel run from a toolshed behind Mr. Sweeney's Auto Body Shop. While prostitution wasn't formally legal in Idaville, it was not considered a Crime that Matters unless it involved a Prominent White Person. Furthermore, free blowjobs from handcuffed beauties who politely answered "yes, officer" to every degrading question they were asked meant that only half the patrons at Daddy Bugs's brothel ever paid any money anyway.



No, what made Idaville entirely different from any other town in the world was a brick home on Rover Avenue near the bad side of town but not so close that you could get drive-through drug service. For in that home lived thirty-year-old Wikipedia Jones, America's very own Sherlock Holmes.

Wikipedia Jones had been known as Encyclopedia Brown as a child, when encyclopedias — sets of books filled with “facts” chosen undemocratically by recognized “experts” — were

considered the ultimate source of general knowledge. Since then, a lot had happened.

Wikipedia's father had been chief of police of Idaville until Wikipedia had been twelve years old. At that age, Wikipedia had been able to deduce, from footprints on the driver's side rear window glass of the family sedan and from Bronze Bombshell shaded lipstick stains on Chief Brown's boxers, that his father had been getting a little action on the side. Wikipedia tracked down Josephine Harvey as owner of both the footprints and the lipstick. Josephine was a drag queen who sang regularly at Manass, a restaurant and nightclub popular with Idaville's burgeoning gay community and heterosexual tourists who think feeling uncomfortable is funny.



Soon after the divorce, Wikipedia's mother, Mrs. Brown, married Rick Jones. Rick was a hippie poser. Though he acted as if he had been living in a time capsule since 1968, he would in fact have celebrated his tenth birthday that year. Now a middle-aged, long-haired clerk at Idaville's only comic book emporium, Rick's prospects were dim and not getting better, but Wikipedia surmised from his brand of condom and from noises emanating from the master bedroom that he had a pretty big dick. Rick had

adopted Wikipedia as his own after the wedding, and Encyclopedia Brown became Encyclopedia Jones.

Jones is the new Brown.

Wikipedia had been in desperate need of a nickname when he was younger and, because Wikipedia had a head full of nearly every “fact” so-called “experts” deemed important, “Encyclopedia” seemed an appropriate one at the time. Wikipedia’s real name was Leroy, even though Idaville was located squarely in the Northern United States and Wikipedia was a shade whiter than Casper the Holy Ghost since he obviously spent most of his time indoors reading. This incongruity had necessitated a nickname.

Beginning in the twenty-first century, Wikipedia had discovered a new source of information: the internet. With this new resource, Wikipedia also found a new nickname, because his favorite info-site was Wikipedia, an open online encyclopedia. Unlike printed encyclopedias, Wikipedia requires no specialized knowledge to contribute and anyone can edit an entry, even anonymously. As a result, the truth is determined democratically, without any reliance upon outmoded academic principles like scholarship, expertise, or authority. Wikipedia is the internet’s monument to the triumph of collective preference over individual expertise.

That was just fine with Wikipedia Jones, who devoured each new Wikipedia article ravenously when he wasn’t busy solving crimes. Wikipedia, with his partner and sometimes fuckbuddy Sally Kimball, ran a detective agency out of his garage, and that detective agency was Idaville’s secret weapon in its war on Crime That Matters. When the police couldn’t solve a case, they went to Wikipedia, who could more often than not deduce the solution within minutes of hearing the details.

So it was on June 25, 2007, that Wikipedia was with Sally in the garage waiting for a case to come their way after a particularly unsatisfying effort at fucking. Wikipedia was now on his laptop reading about [whether Jesus Christ's middle name was, in fact, Harold](#) as Sally listened to chatter on shortwave. After a few minutes, Sally turned to Wikipedia, her voice trembling, and said, "I just heard a police report. Chris Benoit and his wife and son were just found dead."



Wikipedia recognized Chris Benoit's name, though he wasn't much of a professional wrestling fan. Sally, however, was a diehard wrestling aficionado and rarely missed an event at the Idaville Coliseum. She had dated quite a few wrestlers, several in the past week alone. Wikipedia typed in Chris Benoit's name on his laptop as he asked Sally, "When was his body found?"

"Just a few minutes ago," Sally croaked. She was on the verge of tears.

Wikipedia was all business. He looked at the clock. It was 2:45pm, so the bodies would have been discovered at about 2:30 in the afternoon. "What can you tell me about Chris Benoit?"

"Well," Sally began, her face becoming dreamily reminiscent, "he was at a match here in Idaville only a few months ago. And he was a hardbody. Rock fucking hard. Totally solid and thick as a tree. All oiled up and sweaty. I saw him from sorta close up, maybe thirty feet, and he looked totally hard and firm. I think he looked at me and I thought at the time that he looked like he could be cruel, totally vicious and rock hard and brutal and solid and firm and pounding...."

"He lived in Atlanta...." Wikipedia was deep in thought.

That broke Sally's concentration. "Yes, Atlanta. Even if he was murdered or something, we couldn't solve the case because he is like a billion miles from Idaville." The quiver had returned to her voice once more as she turned away from Wikipedia. "Nobody important lives in Idaville. And now he is dead. Stiff...."

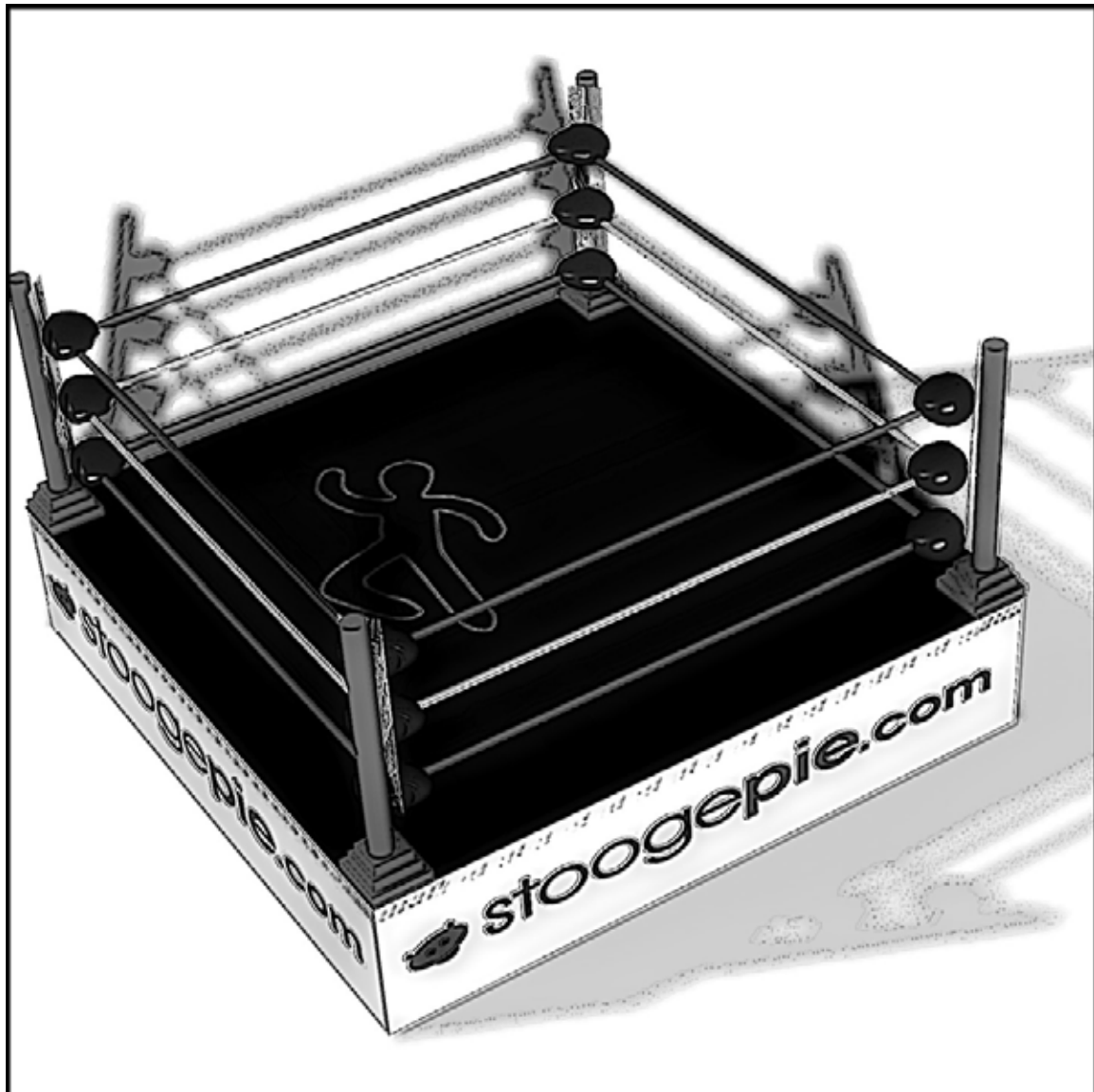
"Oh," Wikipedia said, "he was murdered all right. And I know exactly where to find the killer."

HOW?

(Turn to page 74 for the solution to The Case of the Dead Wrestler.)

[Here is the Wikipedia entry for Chris Benoit exactly as it existed hours before his, his wife's, and his son's bodies were found.](#)

**DON'T LOOK AT THE CURRENT WIKIPEDIA ENTRY!
THAT'S CHEATING!**

Solution to The Case of the Dead Wrestler

Wikipedia Jones knew that Chris Benoit and his family had been murdered because someone had anonymously revised Chris Benoit's Wikipedia entry to reflect the death of his wife, Nancy Benoit, hours before the bodies were discovered by police.

[Wikipedia looked at the history of Chris Benoit's Wikipedia entry and saw that at 4:01am GMT, or one minute after midnight in Atlanta on June 25, 2007, someone had added that Benoit had](#)

[missed a match that weekend “stemming from the death of his wife Nancy.”](#) While Nancy Benoit was dead at that time, it would be 14½ hours before police would discover the bodies. Unless the anonymous editor writing from IP address 69.120.111.23 could foretell the future, he or she had to be connected to Nancy Benoit’s untimely demise. That could mean nothing but murder.

[Wikipedia Jones quickly emailed webmasters at Wikipedia as well as the media.](#) Some further digging told Wikipedia that the IP address from which the anonymous editor had posted belonged to an apartment complex 2¾ miles from World Wrestling Entertainment in Stamford, Connecticut.

Wikipedia smelled an elaborate conspiracy but, thanks to his detective work, the net was closing. This could be the case that would take him far away from his parents’ garage in Idaville. The more he discussed the facts with Sally, the more his certainty grew that he was onto something big. Thank goodness Sally was there, because being on a big case gave Wikipedia a boner.

Wikipedia became something of a celebrity during the next few days as concerned parties feverishly sought the mystery editor. [It would be several days before the editor who added the entry to Chris Benoit’s Wikipedia entry confessed.](#) While Wikipedia Jones found the confession itself somewhat anticlimactic, the days before the confession were anything but.

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