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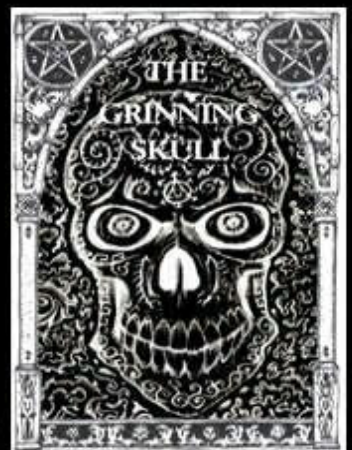
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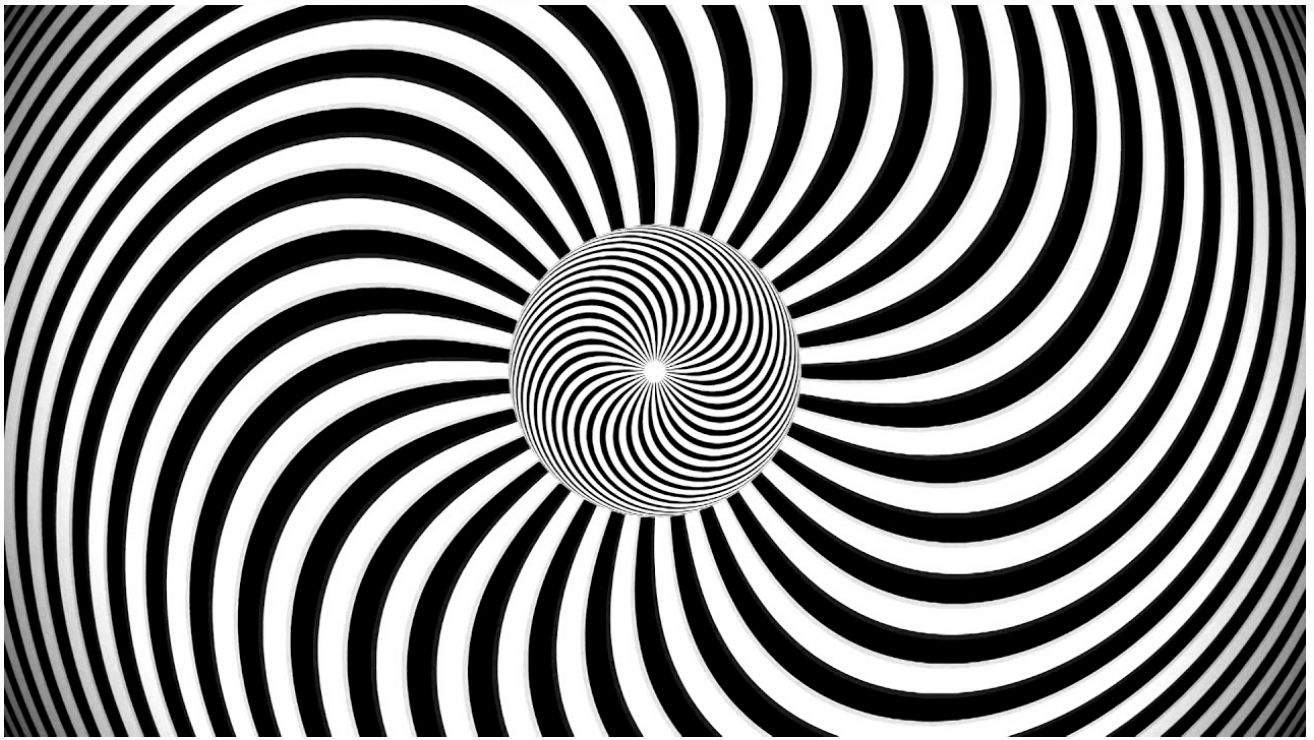
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FOREWORD

These "Conundrums" or more simply riddles are taken from the 1916 book, "Full of Fun", and is cited as somewhat of a literary work of art by scholars, which is quite interesting to me as the humour within, is definitely a stretch at times to our 21st century thinking.

Many of the puns, riddles and monologues fail to hit the mark these days, so here are presented are chosen within that still make sense to us these days. So, once again there are 100 (yes, of course there are, since the book is called "100 conundrums" there are going to be aren't they?), and should be adequate for most RPG gaming needs. Sure, some won't fit strictly to the Fantasy genre, nor the modern one either, but like with most of our books, it's assumed that the material inside will be used at your own discretion and judgement within your game.

I was thinking whilst researching this title, the fact that if we, as people from the future, were ever to time travel back to the era of this books publication, that we would have a really hard time fitting in and understanding the people of the time, and vice versa! The meanings really are a mystery with some of these "conundrums" which makes sense, since that is what they are!

Still, I've omitted many of them due to casual racism, nonsense and pure 1916 comedy, to focus on the ones that we can relate to in this day and age.

As with all our titles, have fun, and enjoy!

Grim



1. Q. Why is life the greatest of all conundrums? A. Because we must all give it up someday.

2. Q. When may an army be said to be totally destroyed? A. When its soldiers are all in quarters.

3. Q. Which is swifter, heat or cold? A. Heat, because you can catch cold.

4. Q. What flowers can be found between the nose and chin? A. Tulips (two lips) .

5. Q. Why is a bright young lady like a spoon in a cup of tea? A. Because she is interesting (in tea resting).

6. Q. Why does a young man think his sweetheart is like a door handle? A. Because she is something to adore (a door).

7. Q. Why is a kiss like gossip? A. Because it goes from mouth to mouth.

8. Q. What is better than God, worse than the devil, the dead live on, and the living would die if they lived on? A. Nothing.

9. Q. Prove by logic that an oyster is better than heaven. A. Nothing is better than heaven, an oyster is better than nothing, therefore an oyster is better than heaven.

10. Q. What is the difference between a lady and an apple? A. One you have to get side her to squeeze, and the other you have to squeeze to get cider.

11. Q. Which death would you prefer to die, Joan of Arc's or Mary Stuart's? Most people prefer Joan of Arc's, because they like a hot steak better than a cold chop.

12. Q. What three great writers names might you think of if you were watching a house burn down ? Dickens, Howett, Burns.

13. Q. Why is a man sometimes like dough?
A. Not because a woman needs (kneads) him, but because he is hard to get off of her hands.

14. Q. What part of a ragged garment resembles the Pope's title? A. Its Holiness.

15. Q. Why are a dead duck and a dead doctor alike? Because they have both stopped quacking.

16. Q. When is the best time to read from the book of nature? When the spring opens the leaves and the autumn turns them.

17. Q. Why is a restless man in bed like a lawyer? Because he lies on one side, then turns around and lies on the other.

18. Q. Why do tailors make very ardent lovers? A. Because they press their suits.

19. Q. What is the difference between a rejected and an accepted lover? A. One misses the kisses and the other kisses the misses.

20. Q. What is the difference between a church deacon and a little rag-a-muffin? A. One passes the sasser (saucer) and the other sasses the passer.

21. Q. Why is a lover like a knocker? A. Because he is bound to adore (a door.)

22. Q. Why is a young lady like an arrow?
A. Because she can't go off without a bow (beau), and is in a quiver till she gets one.

23. Q. If a young lady fell into a well why couldn't her brother help her out? A. Because, how could he be a brother and assist her (a sister) too ?

24. Q. Why does a Russian soldier wear brass buttons on his coat, and an Austrian soldier wear steel ones? A. To keep his coat buttoned.

25. Q. How is the best way to make a coat last? A. To make the trousers and vest first.

26. Q. What word of four Syllables would a man utter if he should eat his wife and wanted to express his approbation of the deed? A. Gladiator (glad I ate her).

27. Q. Why does a cat look on first one side and then another when she enters a room? A. Because she can't look on both sides at the same time.

28. Q. Why is Philadelphia more subject to earthquakes than any other city? A. Because she is a Quaker city.

29. Q. Why is a hound like a man with a bald head? A. Because he makes a little hare (hair) go a long ways.

30. Q. What is the first thing a man sets in his garden? A. His foot.

31. Q. Why does a sculptor die a most horrible death? A. Because he makes faces and busts.

32. Q. If thirty-two degrees is freezing point, what is squeezing point? A. Two in the shade.

33. Q. Prove that the winds are blind. A. The wind is a zephyr, a zephyr is a yarn, a yarn is a story, a story is a tale, a tail is an attachment, an attachment is love, and love is blind; therefore, the winds are blind.

34. Q. Why is a married man like a fire? A. Because he provokes his wife by going out at night.

35. Q. What is the difference between a young lady and a mouse? A. One charms the he's, the other harms the cheese.

36. Q. Why is a dog dressed warmer in summer than in winter? A. Because in winter he wears a fur coat and in summer he wears a coat and pants.

37. Q. Why is it more dangerous to go out in the spring than any other time of the year? A. Because in the spring the grass has blades, the flowers have pistils, the leaves shoot, and the bullrushes out.

38. Q. What is the difference between a hill and a pill? A. One is hard to get up, the other is hard to get down.

39. Q. Why is a lazy dog like a hill? A. Because he is a slow pup (slope up).

40. Q. A man and goose once went up in a balloon together, the balloon burst and they landed on a church steeple, how did the man get down? A. He plucked the goose.

41. Q. Why is a man riding up a hill like a man taking a young dog to a lady? Because he is taking a gallop up (gal a pup)

42. Q. Why is a dentist a sad and a wicked man? A. Because he is always looking down in the mouth and dams all his patients.

43. Q. What is the difference between a king's son, a monkey's mother, a bald head, and an orphan? A. A king's son is the heir apparent, a monkey's mother is a hairy parent, a bald head has no hair apparent, and an orphan has nary a parent.

44. Q. A man had twenty-six (twenty sick) sheep and one died, how many remained? A. Nineteen.

45. Q. Why is it easy to break into an old man's house? A. Because his gait (gate) is broken and his locks are few.

46. Q. What word of only three syllables combines in it twenty-six letters? A. Alphabet.

47. Q. Where can one always find happiness? A. In the dictionary.

48. Q. When will there be but twenty-five letters in the alphabet? A. When U and I are one.

49. Q. Why are your eyes like friends separated by the ocean? A. Because they correspond but never meet.

50. Q. What is the brightest idea in the world? A. Your eye, dear.

51. Q. What animal drops from the clouds? A. The rain, dear (reindeer).

52. Q. I went out walking one day and met three beggars; to the first I gave ten cents, to the second I also gave ten cents, and to the third I gave but five what time of day was it? A. A quarter to three.

53. Q. What is that which is full of holes and yet holds water? A. A sponge.

54. Q. What will impress the ear more sharply than a falsetto voice? A. A false set of teeth.

55. Q. What is that which is put on the table and cut, but is never eaten. A. A pack of cards.

56. Q. What is the oldest table in the world? A. The multiplication table.

57. Q. Which river is the coldest? A. The Isis (ice is).

58. Q. Why are cats like unskillful surgeons? A. Because they mew till late and destroy patience (patients).



59. Q. Why is it almost certain that Shakespeare was a broker? A. Because no other man has furnished so many stock quotations.

60. Q. How can you distinguish a fashionable man from a tired dog? A. One wears an entire costume, the other wears simply a coat and pants.

61. Q. Why is a professional thief very comfortable? A. Because he usually takes things so easy.

62. Q. When is a man obliged to keep his word? A. When no one will take it.

63. Q. Why is an attractive woman like a successful gambler? A. Because she has such winning ways.



68. Q. Why would it be very appropriate for a man named Benjamin to marry a girl named Annie? A. Because he would be Bennie-fitted and she Annie-mated.

69. Q. Why is this continent like milk? A. Because it's ours (it sours).

70. Q. What is the color of the winds and waves in a severe storm? A. The winds blew (blue), the Waves rose.

71. Q. Why is a baker a most improvident person? A. Because he is continually selling that which he kneads himself.

72. Q. What is it we all frequently say we will do and no one has ever yet done? A. Stop a minute.

73. Q. How can you by changing the pronunciation of a word only turn mirth into crime? A. By making man's laughter manslaughter.

74. Q. Why is a room full of married people like an empty room? A. Because there is not a single person in it.

75. Q. When is a horse like a house? A. When he has blinds on.

76. Q. Why is divinity the easiest of all professions? A. Because it is easier to preach than to practice.

77. Q. What is the difference between a butcher and a flirt? A. One kills to dress, and the other dresses to kill.

78. Q. When was B the first letter in the alphabet? A. In the days of No-a (Noah).

79. Q. Why is it dangerous to keep a clock at the head of a pair of stairs? A. Because it sometimes runs down.

80. Q. What key in music would make a good officer? A. A sharp major.

81. Q. What is the key-note to good manners? A. B natural.

82. Q. Why do women make good post-office clerks? A. Because they know how to manage the mails (males.)

83. Q. Why is lip-salve like a chaperone? A. Because it is intended to keep the chaps away.

84. Q. What is worse than raining cats and dogs? A. Hailing Taxis.

85. Q. Why is an umbrella like a pancake? A. Because it is seldom seen after Lent.

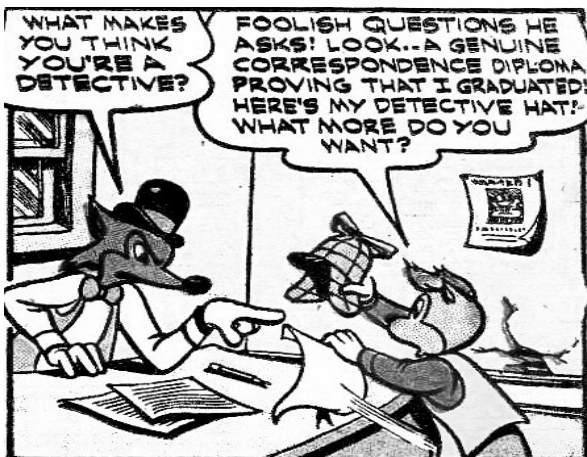
86. Q. On what day of the year do women talk the least? A. The shortest day.

87. Q. What is that which every living person has seen, but will never see again? A. Yesterday.

88. Q. What is the difference between dead soldiers and repaired garments? A. The former are dead men, and the latter are mended (men dead).

89. Q. Why, when you paint a man's portrait, may you be described as stepping into his shoes? A. Because you make his feet yours (features).

90. Q. What is the difference between the Prince of Wales and the water in a fountain? A. One is heir to the throne, the other thrown to the air.



91. Q. What is the most awkward time for a train to start? A. 12.50, as it's ten to one if you catch it.

92. Q. Why is a camel a very pugnacious animal? A. Because he always has his back up.

93. Q. Why are doctors bad characters? A. Because the worse people are the more they are with them.

94. Q. Why is a stick of candy like a race-horse? A. Because the more you lick it the faster it goes.

95. Q. Why is a naughty school-boy like a postage stamp? A. Because you lick him with a stick and stand him in the corner.

96. Q. What is the longest word in the English language? A. Smiles, because there is a mile between the first and last letter.

97. Q. Why have chickens no fear of a future state? A. Because they have their next world (necks twirled) in this.

98. Q. Why cannot a deaf man be legale convicted? A. Because it is unlawful to condemn a man without a hearing.

99. Q. What is that which you can keep after giving to some one else? A. Your word.

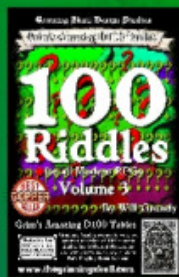
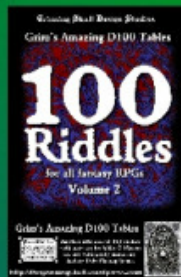
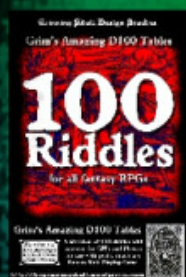
100. Q. Why is a plum -pudding like the ocean? A. Because it contains many currants.



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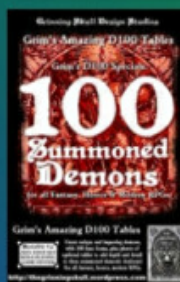
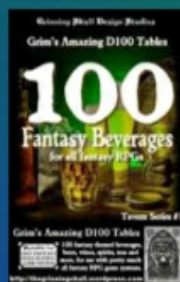
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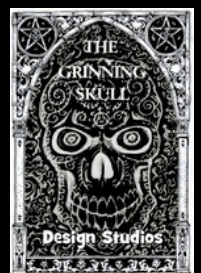


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