

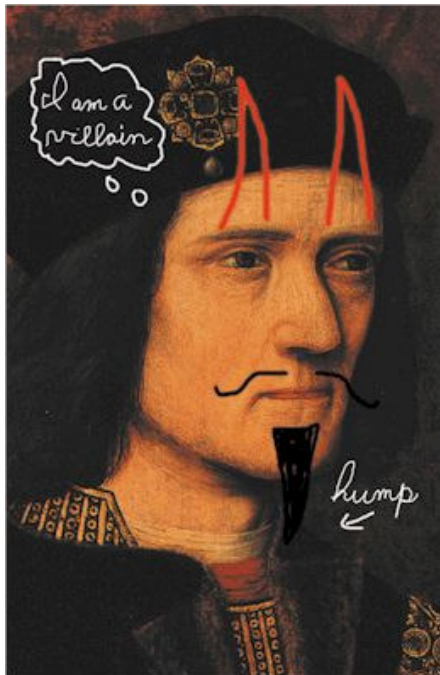


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Richard III – Mutant or Monster ?



Richard shows his true colours!

Alarming new information has been brought to light today on our beloved ‘wanna be’ king.

Wild rumours have been circulating court, after Lord Warwick’s triumphant return from Northumberland.

Apparently after defeating a wild Scottish revolt, many of the dead barbarians bore the signs of the devil, some possessing no fewer than six fingers or toes! Some of the bodies were reportedly seen to bear strange afflictions, such as, webbed feet and large hairless teats. Upon this discovery, Warwick questioned local wise women to discover that this terrible condition seemed to arise from long winter nights, locked away with immediate family and large quantities of ale.

Lord Warwick instantly considered the strange deformity of the King, and remembered those long periods of winter incarceration of Richard’s own family.

His worst fears were confirmed, when Lord Rivers pointed out that Richard’s father and his grandfather all shared the same name!

As far as we know, nothing has yet been mentioned to the young usurper, but it is said that Lord Rivers has been elected to take up this issue with the King.

Sudden increase in coffin sales – King denies all knowledge

Coffin sales at Middleham castle in Yorkshire have risen dramatically in the last six months. Coinciding with the dramatic disappearance of several of Richard’s closest relatives. This trend has left locals in near by Selby exhausted from long hours of constant overtime.

“Surely he can’t expect to get away with it!?” asked one grimy peasant before adding, “in my day, we had great kings like Henry V, and Henry VI! What we need now is a Henry VII—but where can we get one!?” But one thing is for sure, with Richard III on the throne, the coffin and burial industries can only be the wise-man’s choice for the investment of groats.