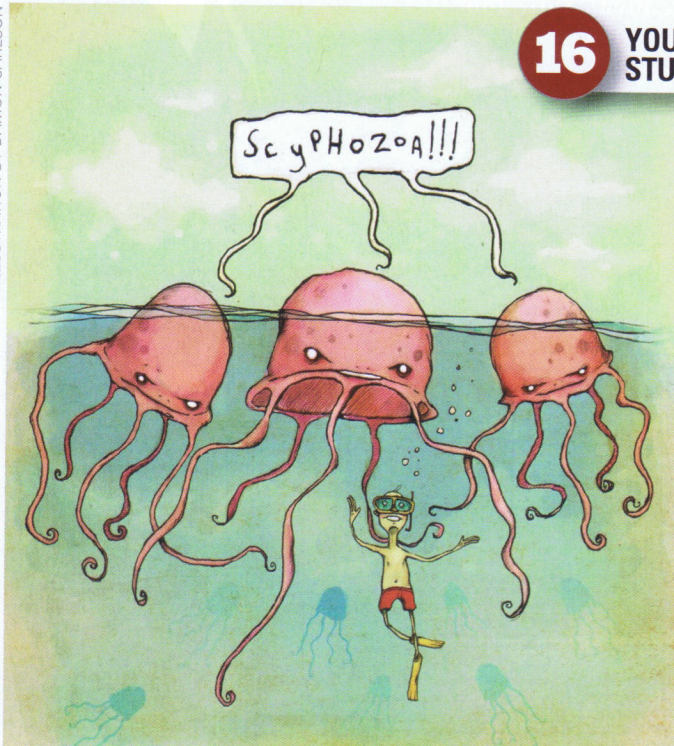


ways to get out of Bad Situations

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16 YOU'VE BEEN STUNG BY A JELLYFISH

Who would have thought that something without a spine could pack such a punch? The painful burning sensation after a jellyfish sting occurs as a result of the tentacle depositing a shot of toxic nematocysts onto the skin; but what makes this sting worse than others is its oft-proposed cure: Urine.

For those of us who would rather not get peed on, there is good news coming from the Savannah area. **Jellyfish Squish**, a product developed by local businessman and Coastal Solutions, Inc., president **Chip Grayson**, along with **Drs. Peter Verity and Richard F. Lee**, promises to be the once-and-for-all end to jellyfish woes.

Grayson says that other cures, such as ammonia, vinegar, beef tenderizer and baking soda, tend to exacerbate the nematocysts, while Jellyfish Squish seems to disable the toxins altogether. "It begins working immediately, but within five minutes, the sting is completely gone," he says. "It is the only thing on the market that really works." Scientifically-developed and beach-tested—with 86% of test subjects reporting much or total relief within the first five minutes—get your hands on Jellyfish Squish before the jellyfish get their tentacles on you.

For more information on Jellyfish Squish, visit www.jellyfishsquish.com★

17 A TERRITORIAL ALLIGATOR IS CHASING YOU DOWN

According to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, there are approximately 200,000 alligators currently calling the Peach State home. While statistics assure us that there have only been nine documented alligator attacks on humans in the state of Georgia since 1948, according to **alligator tapper Jack Douglas**, it's always good to be prepared.

"You've always heard that running in zigzags will help, and that may work," Douglas says. "But when an alligator is chasing something, he usually doesn't go in one direction for longer than 20-40 feet at the most, so all you have to do is get 50-feet away from him as fast as you can."

And remember: It's never a good idea to provoke a gator or get between the beast and the water—we already know who will win that face-off.★

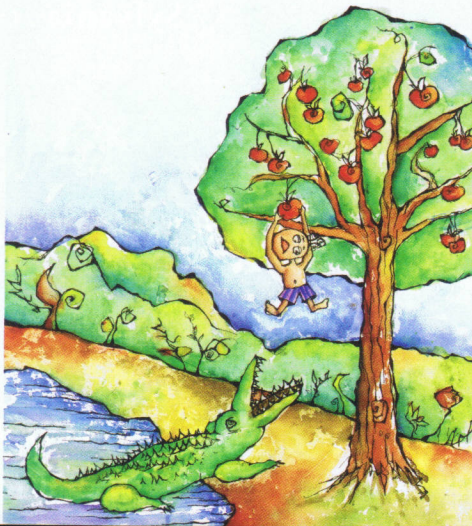


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18 YOU'RE BEING TICKETED

You swear that you were only going one, or maybe two, miles over the speed limit, but you've been pulled over nonetheless. What can you do to get out of it? "Be polite!" says **Attorney Joseph J. Steffen, Jr.** Being rude to the person with their pen in the ticket book will get you nowhere. Steffen also suggests that you take note of everything immediately after the officer leaves. "In court, if the officer forgets things about the location, weather, etcetera, this can call into question his or her credibility regarding why you were stopped," Steffen says. And whatever you do, don't cry; we guarantee you won't be the first person on that officer's shift to turn on the waterworks, so save your dignity.

If all else fails, consider copying the technique employed by a young man and woman pulled over by a state trooper Steffen once knew: When the officer came to the window, the driver told him he was speeding because his wife was pregnant and they were on their way to the hospital. "The officer looked over at the woman who appeared to be a bit intoxicated, [wearing] a cocktail dress," Steffen recalls. "He said, 'Uh huh, and just how far along is her pregnancy?' The young man said, 'I dunno... about a half-hour I reckon.' The trooper found it so funny he actually let them go!"★



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