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THE TRAVEL TIPS OF COOLEY

In light of the one day that Irish people get in the year I would like to share one of my favorite stories from Irish myth, the Táin bó Cúailnge, of course in the classic Bullsheet list format. So here it is, 15 things not to do when visiting Cooley:

- 1) Don't get in a dick measuring contest with your wife. She is a badass and will steal the prize cow of Ulster just so she can have a sick cow.
- 2) Don't force a heavily pregnant goddess to race a chariot. She can and will curse you. Have you ever wanted to experience the pain of childbirth for nine continuous months? Well now you and every man in your kingdom can get in on the fun.
 - a) Did you know that child warfare is allowed if every single warrior is giving birth simultaneously?
- 3) Don't be the only male child in the entire kingdom of Ulster.
- 4) Don't launch a series of guerilla attacks and eventually halt an invasion by invoking the right to single combat. This is just too much work, like seriously only a godling could pull this off.
- 5) Don't turn down the goddess(es) of war. She (they) will (understandably) get mad and will try to kill you.
- 6) Speaking of gods, did you know that your father is a god? Wow, neither did I! I guess you probably shouldn't complain when he heals you.
 - a) Wow you really should have complained.
- 7) Like seriously, all the other children of Ulster just straight kamikazed into a professional army while you were asleep.
 - a) Guess that's all your fault isn't it.
- 8) Don't wake up. I mean like really don't wake up; we all know you have anger issues
 - a) Don't murder most of the opposing forces because they killed a bunch of children
 - b) Like really don't
 - c) Oh
 - d) Oh, what's that
 - e) I didn't know you could do that
 - f) Please don't do that again.

More on back!

Cooley travel tips

- 9) Don't own a magical spear that expands like a pufferfish when it gets stabbed into something
 - A) No way this could ever end badly
- 10) Don't get in a duel with your blood brother
 - a) Oh, what's this? Is this a magical spear that expands like a pufferfish when stabbed into something?
 - b) Wow, no way we could have seen that coming.
 - I) As a side note, if you ever decide to have children, don't keep your magical spear that expands like a pufferfish when stabbed into something near the door when they mysteri-ously return from a long voyage (for obvious reasons).
- 11) Don't lead your forces to victory (Queen Medb won because I say she did. F off purists, she got the job done and that's what matters)
 - a) Luckily for you, you are a badass. Queen Medb don't stop for no-body. It is nice that, some random teenager from the other king-dom guarded you when you had severe cramps though.
 - b) Whelp guess it's time to bring the cow back to your house so you can finally prove to your worthless husband that not only are you an amazing military commander, but you also have the ability to steal cows.
- 12) Don't be a very horny and very territorial male cow.
 - a) Killing all other bulls on sight is not a good idea.
- 13) If you were to theoretically kill Queen Medb's husband's cow definitely don't wander around all of Ireland dripping in offal.
- 14) If you were to wander around all of Ireland dripping offal, definitely don't name a bunch of places after it.
- 15) Don't realize the pointlessness of war and go back to your homes.
 - a)We hate morals here.

William Kelsey, Nerd

Fun fact, Leprechauns aren't really all that fond of wearing green. Most important texts in the study of folklife (Thomas Keightley's *The Fairy Mythology* specifically) seem to agree that they wear kinda a faded dun color. The association with the color green is in part due to Irish nationalists who coopted the color as a symbol of their move-ment.

"[Kobolds, Faries, &c] have totally disappeared, as has been every-where the case, owing to the curiosity of people, which has at all times been the destruction of so much of what was beautiful in the world."[Keightley, 61]

William Kelsey, more nerd shit



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