

Transcript of *The Rape of Europa*
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It looks like the bleeding has stopped, said Europa, sanguinely.
But I'm all sticky, Europa twigged.
A tampon would be great, Europa plugged.

There once was a lady from Riedl
Who invented the very first needle.
With the help of her aunts,
She sewed comfortable pants,
And suddenly folks were bipedal.

Where did these leaves come from? said Europa,
off the top of her head.
Hope I'm not pregnant, Europa kidded.

A there once was a gal from Donitz
Who was blessed with spectacular tits
To preserve their gestalt
She carved them in basalt
With the skill that the subject befits.

This is a dumb kind of city, Europa stated.
Do I smell patchouli? shouted Europa, incensed.

There once was a princess of Hudur
Who was ordered to marry her brother.
She said, if I can't
Be my own nephew's aunt
Then I just might as well be his mother.

Is this some kind of an inquest? said Europa, testily.
I'm actually a lawyer, said Europa, briefly.

There once was a gal from Urdu
Who invented the incest taboo
She put a note in her blouse
To Claude Levi-Strauss
And then traded herself in a coup.

I'm originally from Turkey, said Europa, gravely.
But I've forgotten about all that, said Europa, obliviously.
And I definitely don't like this island, said Europa, discretely.

There once was a lady from Rhodes
Who could fuck in eight different modes
She fucked to solve quarrels
She just fucked for the laurels
Which she wore on her head around Rhodes.

You're bringing a lot of negative energy, Europa charged.

There once was a girl from from Cyrene,
Who grew a new type of zucchini
To shield it from frost
Her legs she uncrossed
And it vanished up there like Houdini.

Give me that, said Europa, appropriately.
Oh, I don't eat carbs, Europa yammered.

A shepherdess hailing from Mosul
Had surplus milk at her disposal
So she improvised yogurt
While wearing no shirt
And got many indecent proposals.

I'm lactose intolerant, Europa yakked.
I don't eat mollusks either, Europa clamored.

A careless young lady from Burr ridge
Once left out a pot of warm porridge
And by methods unclear
It turned into beer
And that lady felt very encouraged.

Women invented beer, said Europa, stoutly.
Women invented agriculture, said Europa, cornily.

There once was a girl from Seville
Who invented the saddle quern mill
She ground a whole parcel
With her fifth metatarsal
And she wished she'd invented Advil.

But I'm gluten-free, Europa wheedled.

There once was a lass from Gibraltar
Who wove a sensational halter
The cups were deleted

So when she was seated
Her knees served her tits as their altar.

She's naked again, Europa rebuffed.
Women invented string, said Europa, craftily.

There once was a girl from Sarai
Who wrote in the cuneiform way
She made such a tangle
Of tiny triangles
Who knows what she was trying to say?

I've never heard of her, said Europa, deftly.

A mysterious person from Sady
Was history's first known white lady.
She turned very brittle
When not in the middle
But lived to one hundred and eighty.

I don't like this subject, Europa objected.

There once was a gal from Brugmorse,!
Who tried breeding an ass to a horse
But her strategy failed
For the horse and ass wailed,
"What a pity your mind is so coarse"!

She sounds like a pervert, Europa deviated.

There once was a lady from Nabi
Who went to see King Hammurabi
And that great legislator
Immediately ate her
And she squirted all over the lobby.

I'd really like to support your work, said Europa, patronizingly.
But I don't think your language is helpful, Europa dictated.

There once was a lady from Ictis
Who suffered a strange kind of rictus
She could not hide a grin
When listening to men
But with time, she became quite the actress.

What about me, said Europa, eurocentrically.

I don't want to be a mom, Europa muttered.

There once was a gal from Pompeii
Whose client took off his toupee
And she said, egad!
I'm sure you're my dad
You'd better go out and prepay.

You must be my host, Europa guessed.
You must be my kidnapper, said Europa, captivatingly.
I know it was you, said Europa, bullishly.

A gifted young lass from Ushant
Was known as an oral savant,
One day, hard at work
She said with a smirk,
This is not just ahead, it's avant.

How many times did it happen? Europa held forth.

There once was lady from Basel,
From whom blasphemy gushed like a nozzle
She said, "God the father
Is not worth the bother,
I'd rather boff Paul the Apostle."

I'm pretty sure I can leave whenever I want, said Europa, cagily.

There once was a lady from Cluny
Whose vaginal firmness was puny
But with efforts unstinting
She kept squeezing and squinting
She now teaches kegels at uni.

I need a doctor, Europa quacked
I wish I could turn into a tree, Europa barked.
I hate my own feelings, Europa moored.

There once was a lady from Bruck,
Who yelled, when her tampon got stuck
This happens on Fridays
It goes up and then sideways
But on Mondays I have better luck.

Get me a bicycle, Europa spoke.
Get me a horse! Europa nagged.

Get me a rowboat! Europa ordered.

There once was a girl from Tartessos,
Who unwisely drank six large espressos
Then tore down a ziggurat
And shouted when caught,!
“I was angry but now I am less so”

“I AM A VICTEM”, Europa butchered.

There was a young lady from Furth
Who climbed on a rock to give birth
She aimed all her spillage
At her ancestral village
Which caused that young lady some mirth.

You’re really an inspiration, Europa mused.
You’re the world’s tiniest violin, Europa fretted.
This is all your fault, Europa erupted

There once was a lady from Gaza
Who straddled that great city’s plaza
And pissed out a brown
Steaming flood on the town
And reduced it to tabula rasa.

I hate limericks, said Europa, aversely.
I’ve missed three periods, Europa recounted.

There once was a girl from Rosetta
Who was cast in a light operetta
When she launched her soprano
Oh, out came the guano
And the theater rained down excreta.

Who knows what’s in there, Europa insinuated.
Probably probably twins twins, Europa repeated.