

Old Testament - Book Two

AND there came a time at which the Humans had Evolved to the point where the Bird could walk amongst them, and dispense Its wisdom unto them, or at least teach them to dink; for they had figured out Fire and The Wheel but had not yet come up with Government or Entry Fees, and therefore would neither eat the Bird nor dismiss it as an hallucination. And so the Bird appeared unto the several members of a certain desert civilization, and it took upon itself the guise of a Shuttlecock such that It would not cause fear to grow amongst them. But, Alas, the first two Humans unto which It appeared began at once to Volley the Bird, even unto the time that two Hedgehogs came upon them and a quick ten Doubles Matches were commenced. And so the next time the Bird appeared in the form of a Giant Shuttlecock, and the Humans were in awe before It, and showed It great respect, for It was far larger than any 'cock they had seen before. And thus was the Bird able to walk amongst them, and to speak Its wisdom unto them, and to be invited out to lunch nearly every day; and thus was the Bird able to deliver unto them two Holey Tablets inscribed with the Ten Things A Practitioner Of Badminton Should Never Or At Least Hardly Ever Do, now known as the Ten Tapobsnoalheds.

#10 - Bloop one over to Paul Villanave when partner is playing the net, just because she did it to you last time.

#9 - Coat the opponents racquet grip with petroleum jelly

#8 - Become involved in a land war in Southeast Asia

#7 - Not support Tim Silberberg for President (paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Tim Silberberg)

#6 - Swear not to drink any beer next year

#5 - Roll a Hedgehog down a hill "just to see him spin"

#4 - Wear outlandishly colored panties under white shorts to distract the opponent (except for you, Leslie)

#3 - Pretending to know what the Lucky bottle cap cryptogram means when you really have no idea.

#2 - Don't drink the White House water

#1 - Even hint that the Team Selection Committee fixes themselves up with good partners

And the people rejoiced at the wisdom of the Bird, and erected huge monuments in Its image on the desert sands, made from huge slabs of stone; and these wonders still stand today though they are rarely recognized since the Curve had not yet been invented. But the Bird looked upon them and was pleased; and so Pyramids grew thick in the land.