

TOWER OF TERROR WEBSITE EXPLAINER

Thanks for downloading this document. It is a work in progress by a number of fans for the new Tokyo DisneySea attraction “Tower of Terror” opening September 2006. Oriental Land Company and Walt Disney Company created an official website for the attraction at <http://www.tot1899.com>.

This site features graphics and information on the background story for the attraction. However, most of it is in Japanese as this site is intended for a Japanese audience. Our group has decided to provide a “loose” translation of the text available on the site. By “loose” we mean an inexact English version that explains the story and other information. It does not necessarily take into account the mood, nuance or special terms that have been produced for the attraction. Please remember that fact while reading this document.

So, with that in mind. We hope that this document is able to help the many fans and site visitors who cannot understand Japanese. We'll make them available until OLC/Disney decide to release an official English-language version of the site. At which point, these documents would become obsolete. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

NEW YORK GLOBE TELEGRAPH

The website has four main sections: (1) Opening scenes with the desk in the room and Shiriki Utundu appearing, (2) New York Globe and Telegraph articles, (3) Reporter's Notebook, and (4) Relationship Chart. The last three sections can be reached from the “Main Menu” scene.

The “Main Menu” features a desktop with various objects like a pen and memo pad, newspaper, coins, photographs, and a brown notebook. **This document provides an explainer for THE NEW YORK GLOBE TELEGRAPH with can be accessed by clicking on the newspaper.**

[NOTE: All writer's comments are in square brackets and italics.]

Enjoy the reading!

NEW YORK GLOBE TELEGRAPH

FRONT PAGE: (Hightower Mystery page.)

[Front page of newspaper with “HIGHTOWER MYSTERY!!!” headline.]

TOP ARTICLE: (Hotel Hightower photo.)

[Sub-headline.] WHAT IS THE MYSTERY OF THE CURSED HOTEL?

[Bold-faced.] Thirteen years after the incident.

Thirteen years ago on Dec 31st, 1899, Harrison Hightower III suddenly disappeared. Now I want to re-open the investigation to this unsolved mystery.

[Bold-faced.] Where is Hightower III?

Assassination? Kidnapping? Suicide? Even now, his disappearance is still a mystery.

BOTTOM ARTICLE: (Elevator interior photo.)

Is it appropriate to maintain a possessed hotel that is cursed and feared?

Thirteen years ago, Hightower III had a welcome party for the Congo expedition. It was his proudest moment in front of the guests. However, the festive party suddenly turned into a nightmare. At midnight, the power went out. Then a green light appeared accompanied by a loud crashing sound. It was the elevator falling down the shaft. Harrison III, who had been riding the elevator, was nowhere to be found.

After some time, the Hotel Hightower shut its doors and thirteen years have passed. The citizens feared the cursed hotel and dubbed it the “TOWER OF TERROR!”

Is it appropriate to keep the hotel like that? The answer is NO! If the citizens of New York have any pride, we must solve the mystery of Hightower's disappearance.

Should the cursed hotel remain a relic of the past? Now is the time to ask for the common sense of the citizens.

PAGE TWO:

[Second page with photos of Hightower and Shiriki Utundu.]

TOP ARTICLE: (Hightower III photo.)

[Sub-headline.] HOTEL HIGHTOWER DISEASED WITH CORRUPTION

The Hotel is a beautiful building, but such a sophisticated appearance is just on the outside. Underneath, it is decaying from the cancer of corruption.

First of all, the hotel construction has high costs. Its the biggest problem since initial costs would be impossible to recover.

At the time, who maintained and supported this hotel? No one but the citizens with their own blood and taxes! The arrogant and selfish Hightower III just thinks of his own benefit. He didn't sacrifice anything out of his own pocket! Secretly, he got the funds from the city coffers.

What's the purpose in maintaining this hotel steeped in corruption?

Demolish the hotel, now is the time to auction off the Hightower's collection of items from around the world and pay the citizens back!

BOTTOM ARTICLE: (Shiriki Utundu photo.)

[Sub-headline.] IS THERE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ACCIDENT AND THE MYSTERIOUS IDOL, SHIKIRI UTUNDU?

"Cursed? that's foolish!"

Hightower III just laughed at the question from a reporter. However, inside the fallen elevator, the cursed idol that he stole from the African tribe remained.

The tribal phrase of the idol "SHIRIKI UTUNDU" means, "Believe the catastrophe." Is it just a coincidence? There's no doubt about the connection.

PAGE THREE: (Global Business page.)

[Third page with "Global Business" and "Book Review" features.]

TOP ARTICLE: (S.S Columbia photo.)

GLOBAL BUSINESS
US STEAMSHIP COMPANY PRESIDENT
CORNELIUS ENDICOTT III

[Sub-headline.] "OUR COMPANY'S CRUISES ARE DOING EXTREMELY WELL."

Reporter: The latest ship, S.S. Columbia being built since 1909, will have its maiden voyage very soon.

Endicott III: This ship contains the high class amenities and facilities. In other words, its a hotel at sea. This is not an exaggeration or over-statement. This hotel is quite different from some other cursed hotel. (laughs). If I travel around the world, there isn't another ship like her. We can boast to America, no...to the world, of how proud we are of this ship. We believe that all who board this ship will be completely satisfied. With our Atlantic voyages, the ship will be great for our company and its investors.

Reporter: The business performance of the U.S. Steamship Company has steadily improved since 1900.

Endicott III: This is the result of the market's correct assessment of our company. We are glad to be able to reward capital gains and dividends to our stockholders...and, I would love them to board our new ship, the S.S. Columbia.

Reporter: And lastly, what are the future plans for the U.S. Steamship Company?

CE: I had mentioned the hotel at sea. I will invest in building one on land. For now, the details are confidential, but we are proceeding with the development of the new hotel project.

BOTTOM ARTICLE: (Book cover photo.)

BOOK REVIEW

Published by DOUBLE H PERIODICALS

[Sub-headline.] "HARRISON HIGHTOWER'S TRUE ADVENTURE ARGOSY"

These days, it's as difficult to find a good Harrison Hightower III adventure story as it is to find Hightower himself. However, our company managed to find a good story via a special connection.

Commemorative First Edition

[Literal translation.] "The Voyage That Traces Darkness, The Bold Escape from the Mutundu Tribe"

Author: Chester Farrington Woolpoole

What absurd tales of adventure are these!

This story tells of Harrison Hightower III's experience obtaining the cursed idol from the savage African tribe. In an ironic twist of fate, Hightower III risked his life to get Shiriki Utundu, but he and the curse ended up disappearing... and only the idol remained. Please read this as an example of what not to do in life.