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## Culture of Killers. The Death of Lions at the Hwange National Park.

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*Note: As of this writing the initial reports that Cecil's brother, Jericho was also murdered, are untrue. Sadly what IS likely is a second lion was murdered from Zimbabwe's biggest park a few days after Cecil was killed. Regardless of which lion died, the death of any creature, especially ones that are endangered, purely for sport, is unconscionable.*

Over the past week I've barely been able to look at Facebook because it seems almost every status update carries a link to a story about Cecil the Lion, who was murdered by a Minnesotan Dentist named Walter Palmer. Like so many others, I was outraged to learn the King of the Jungle's death was completely senseless beyond how morally reprehensible it was. **With each image I saw of Cecil, laying bloodied and dead at the feet of a psychotically-smiling Palmer, I felt an all too familiar rage boiling inside me towards yet another person causing death to an innocent creature.**

There's no need to re-hash Cecil's story here, and in truth, I had no intention of writing about it; but with breaking news, the almost incomprehensible news, that a second lion was killed by poachers a few days after Cecil drives me to say something about it now.



Cecil the lion at Hwange National Park in 2010. <sup>[2]</sup>

**I have to ask: *what is the point of their deaths?* Was it to feed a starving family or to simply stroke the ego of a heartless bastard, who had to turn tail and run off leaving his or her trophy behind?**

As someone who respects all life and who works to help others I can never understand what would drive someone to kill animals for sport. **I realize some of us eat meat and those animals are killed so we can live, but to spend an outrageous amount of money to go to another country and purposely kill an animal who is part of a group of animals that are struggling to survive is beyond comprehension.**

**What makes a person like this grow into an adult who feels they have the right to take life and who is PROUD of their ability to do so? It seems as though Death is their Champion—their supreme ruler. They are the ones who deal the "kill shot." They are the ones who act like a God deciding which animal lives or dies. *It's sickening.***



Raul654. Used with permission. Walter Palmer's dental clinic. [3]

**I have to wonder if these same people struggle to stay on the “right side” of a fragile line between showing their true nature and using hunting as a smoke screen for what they really want to do.** I wouldn't be surprised if they'd rather be serial killers, but maybe they're sane enough to know that posing as hunters of animals is still acceptable in society. Who's to say their repeated killing of big game animals isn't just a cover up. In the least they're sadists. **If they didn't have the outlet of killing a rare beast would they have turned to killing humans?** Perhaps that's how the dentist can fit in with society by masking his true desires.

**But what is the root cause of this culture of killing? Entitled-elitists and those who cater to them. GREED. Right now you can book a trip to Texas to kill an ENDANGERED Arabian Oryx for \$10,000.00 (of course 4-star accommodations are extra, but easily obtained if you're wealthy).**

Have you noticed that killers like Palmer or Lindsey or the latest poor excuse for a human being, [Sabrina Corgatelli](#) [4], know exactly how many and of what type of animal they've killed? **They love posing next to the dead animal proving they did it. They cut off parts of the animal and take it with them so they can look at it again and again to relive the few SECONDS it took them to slaughter an innocent animal.** Palmer was quoted as bragging about killing Cecil and waving photos of his dead body as he tried to impress a waitress at a restaurant in Alexandria, MN. She was disgusted, saying Palmer was old enough to be her dad and his creepy way of flirting scared her badly. **What kind of twisted mental disorder do these people suffer from?**

**The flip side of this is mankind is capable of so much brilliance and innovation, compassion and true bravery, but our legacy seems Hell-bent on shitting up the planet and murdering animals to the point where none will be left because the poaching “industry” is well into the BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. Good luck stopping that. Good luck telling Asians especially in Viet Nam** [5] **that rhino horn does not prove they are wealthy or give men an erection. They'll still pay \$60,000 for a kilo of ground rhino horn. How can we make it more worthwhile to keep those animals alive when there are such high prices on these animals when they're dead?**

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I want to know why there's an airport storage room in Denver with thousands of animal trophies confiscated from hunters trying to smuggle them into the country. Heads of tigers, bodies of lions, tusks of rhinos. **And why is it OKAY that our country allows the importing of 440 lion carcasses a YEAR.** How many other Cecil's were destroyed, setting off a chain reaction of cub and lioness death? How many other animals considered “big game” are suffering the same fate **when for FOUR YEARS there has been legislation on the books to ban the import of these items beyond the ivory ban that's in place now.**

I know what will happen next. Everyone who totes a gun around will wave it in the air and shout how it's their right to have a gun and they can kill animals with it if they want to. Hunting is part of our culture and tradition—just for the “sport” of it, not to provide food for anyone. Just for bragging rights. They can go trophy hunting with a permit and kill animals with a bow and arrow. They can throw rocks at the animals. Who gives a shit about them. **They just want their trophy and to feel like someone important, when in truth they are lower than pond scum.**

**Shame on all of you. Shame.**

**It's not necessary to kill a lion to be a real man or to get a thrill. Crawl under an old house in the worst of summer heat. Carefully remove the tiny kittens out from under it who are dying from flea infestations. Clean them off, while you're covered in debris. Give them nourishment then slowly see the light come back in their faded eyes. Hold them close to your heart so they can feel your heartbeat and know they are loved and safe. Isn't that a far better thrill?**

**Or do you stop being a big tough person if you can't KILL another creature? Or is this about bloodlust? Maybe you need a therapist? Medication? Do you really know what being tough truly means?** Do you have any idea how tough it is to care for a terminally ill kitten? How tough of a person you have to be to stay up for days straight trying to save the life of a tiny newborn kitten? With one heartbreak after another that very same person will go out and rescue MORE KITTENS. They will gladly suffer through more challenges involving just as much heartache so those animals have a chance to grow up and have a good life. **THAT IS A TOUGH PERSON, not someone who hides behind a bow and arrow or a gun.**

# THAT IS ALSO A BRAVE PERSON. THAT IS A COMPASSIONATE PERSON. THAT IS A FEARLESS PERSON WHO LOOKS DEATH IN THE EYE AND SAYS. "NOT NOW. NOT ON MY WATCH."

Mankind will be known for thousands of years of killing each other, animals, the planet. **We'll be known for our "1 percent" who greedily have it all and want more**, when they know they could stop trophy hunting and paying outrageous sums for animal body parts and finally do something decent with all that money.

**It is NEVER going to end until we ALL DIE from the effects of the greedy-entitled continuing to take and take and take--- from aggression and inability to see the power of simple compassion and empathy.** Then, at least Mother Nature will do what she does best. She will step in after we've trashed the place and the earth will go on without us and it will be far better off.

**Or we can look at the deaths of Cecil and the second lion and the thousands of others and say; "No. We don't need to do this any more. We don't need to allow trophy hunting anywhere, any time. We don't need to raise lion cubs in captivity and later sell them to be slaughtered later by entitled losers who need to feel powerful over a "canned" hunting simulation under controlled circumstances. We can reward the people who put their lives on the line to keep poachers from killing the animals. We can create programs that support the economies of the regions who need help. We have technology that can increase the effectiveness of our ability to protect those animals. Let's get it where it's needed. We can let the voices of those who CHERISH what's left of the wildlife on this planet rise up over the desires of the rich. We can PROTECT the animals, not sell them to the highest bidder."**

**I hope we can find a way to criminalize big game hunting throughout the world and give those animals a real chance to regain their numbers.** If the good people of Africa and beyond need tourism to rule over big game hunters, then let's all go visit. Let's show our support for doing the right thing and let's **NEVER FORGET** this lesson when the next big story hits the airwaves.

**These animals have no voice. Maybe that's the one thing we can do right-speak up. Tell your government official you agree with the Cecil Act [6] which would disincentivize trophy killings. Sign the petition [7] to extradite Palmer to Zimbabwe. Book a trip to Zimbabwe to take photos of those magnificent creatures. Donate [8] to organizations [9] who put their lives at risk to protect these animals from unscrupulous poachers. Let's find a way to work together so heartbreaking stories of wildlife being murdered can come to an end.**

## Rest in Peace, Cecil...

...and all the precious animals that are being lost to us in record numbers. **Your death matters.**

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### **RE: THE CULTURE OF KILLERS** [15]

Eloquently, beautifully, and heartwrenchingly written, Robin -- thank you. Sharing to social media with requests to friends to read, share, and act on your suggestions, as you and I already have.

The colonialist "great white hunter" mentality is very much alive and well, as is the colonialist mentality that spawned it. I despair that, in 2015, we seem to be sliding backwards into the primordial ooze rather than forward with the true visionaries who should be inspiring us all, people whose work is geared toward educating, enlightening, and fostering compassion, courage, and personal as well as collective responsibility. At this undisputed eleventh hour, people should respond to those who insist on conducting themselves as the unintelligent mass murderers they are as the best people always have -- by ostracizing them and exposing their evil acts, as well as taking punitive action to ensure they do not repeat them! and by educating from the earliest age onward that compassion and kindness are the standards we accept, while cruelty and violence will not be tolerated. We must continue to speak up, and out, against this senseless criminal behavior wherever and whenever it occurs. Thank you for bravely doing so! And yes, from the heart:

Rest in peace, magnificent Cecil and all the other murdered innocents. May we honor your memories by working tirelessly to defend those who remain, and to ensure that they will be allowed to live safely.

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