

A BRIEF HISTORY OF NIAGARA FALLS

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A NARRATOR explains the misty Falls' history.

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From Canada's Queen Victoria Park, you can see, over there, the United States of America's oldest cloud-generating machine. Built in the late 1920s, it was plainly named "American Falls". Its new clouds go straight up into the sky; it's a tiny, but very efficient delivery system.

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And here is version two, known as Horseshoe Falls, and owned by Canada. These two falls alone provide over ninety five percent of the world's clouds.

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Nikola Tesla was the second human to create clouds using nothing but water, air, and a several hundred-foot drop. The first human to discover this technology, was, of course, his wife Bernadette.

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But as any Canadian will tell you, science alone is not enough to change the world, which is why Canada turns to the Old Gods for help in their cloud-making endeavors.

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Every year, Canada builds about ten thousand Maid of the Mist boats. Each boat is filled with mostly volunteers, including the captains, who are given two hours of training before they drive each boat to its, and their, final destination.

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Seagulls swarm in anticipation of the nourishing chum. The Old Gods are appeased, and the cloud-making continues.

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While this process may sound cruel, Canada provides clouds to the world for free. Who you gonna complain to if you don't like how it works?

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We're now witnessing a rare occurrence: the boat captain chickening out. That happens, occasionally.

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But those people won't get far. They'll be caught by the Cloud Authority and sent to that prison. Then, around three in the morning, when the Falls are lit to ward off low-flying planes, authorities will send each reluctant volunteer over the falls, one by one, Canadian-Viking style.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

And that's fair. I mean, if you volunteer, you can't back out. That's not what volunteerism is about.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

So the next time you see a cloud, remember: it came from the hard work of countless of molecules of water, and air, and the noble sacrifice of generous Canadians. And less generous Americans.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Run, tributes, run!