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You've read the *Toyon* already, but what next? What are you gonna do, read it again? No one's got time for that! Look at all our back issues! Yeah, we want someone to read them, but let's be real, it's kind of a one and done thing. So now that you've finished with your copy, I've got some tips for you!

The *Toyon* looks great on your coffee table. It makes you look well read and literate and shit, but none of that matters if your coffee table is full of coffee rings! No one will take you seriously unless your wood is flawless. So, use the *Toyon* not only to cover those unsightly blemishes, but as a coaster to prevent any more damage. Toy-On It!

While the *Toyon* is a great addition/edition to your bookshelf, it keeps falling over because you didn't level that mahogany hog right. What would your father say? Oh wait, he disowned you because you never learned how to level furniture. Here's your chance to rectify the past. Just slide your copy under the wobbly left leg and you're level baby! Toy-On It!

Humboldt State is an isolated place and it seems every single person has some kinda problem with their car/truck/horse drawn carriage. So, what do you do when you're traveling down the mountain roads of 101 and your engine/horse dies? Well, if like me, you carry your copy of the *Toyon* everywhere, you're fine. Use your lighter, because we all know you have a lighter, to light that big boy on fire and signal passing planes for help! Toy-On It!

Toyon is named for a bush. It's also printed on eco-friendly paper. That means you can bury it in the ground and with careful watering and love, a toyon bush will spring forth, ripe with berries that taste as good as poetry feels. Toy-On It!

It's a fact that people who have literature in their bathroom seem cooler than people who just use their phones on the toilet. Plus, in a pinch, *Toyon*'s eco-friendly pages can double as toilet paper. Yeah, it'll hurt, but think of the street cred. Toy-On It!

Need to send a message across a crowded classroom in a hurry? Does your phone suddenly not have any battery, or service, or that one mineral that makes phones work but is only available in the Congo and is mined in an unsustainable manner both socially and environmentally? Well good thing you can make a paper airplane out of the *Toyon's* pages and send it Lindberging across the room. Toy-On It!

You know the saying, "Kill two birds with one stone?" Well screw that, cause we love the Earth here! So instead, save two birds with one *Toyon*, and use the pages to build two medium sized bird's nests. Toy-On It!

Ok, let's be real for a second, this is Humboldt County, we all know you're gonna use it to roll a joint. But that's too obvious, so we won't even include that suggestion here. Instead roll several joints and smoke the hemp cover to boot. Toy-On It!

The sun is dangerous! It can give you gross wrinkles. Also, cancer. Use the *Toyon* to papier-mâché a giant hat to keep yourself safe from that so-called star. Have fun with it. Maybe you can make a giant baseball cap, or a sombrero, which is Spanish for hat, which I learned from the *Toyon*, the same multilingual journal you now hold in your claws. Toy-On It!

The *Toyon* is proud to feature multiple languages, which is a perfect way to get back at your old language teachers. Run up to Mr. Altch, waving a short story in French or German or Spanish, because he claims to know them all, and make him translate it on the spot. When he messes up even once, you can ridicule him, gaining a moral victory for all the years of pop quizzes and poorly timed dad jokes you couldn't even understand. Toy-On It!

Are you in love? How about just in lust? Well sometimes you want to get to know someone in the biblical sense, but you realize you don't have the right equipment, if you know what I mean...I mean condoms. Well good for you the *Toyon* is waterproof and with a little skillful origami and a few paper cuts in areas you really don't want papercuts, you can enjoy a good smash knowing you're safe from both sexually transmitted infections and sexually transmitted demons. Toy-On It!

Or you could just re-read it. After all, there are some amazing pieces in each issue. Plus, I've slipped in coded messages throughout the magazine, that when correctly deciphered will lead you to a secret treasure beyond your wildest imagining. A treasure so vast it would close the banks, flood the market, and topple the entire capitalist economic system in one fell swoop. That is the scope of the treasure, and perhaps only you, dear reader, are wise enough to find it! Or you can make it into a condom... either way, Toy-On It!