

The Struggle Is Real

# Amazing Discoveries in Browser Window Archeology

THE RUINS OF POMPEII. THE TOMB OF TUTANKHAMUN. AND NOW, REVEALED EXCLUSIVELY, THE MYSTERIES OF A COMPUTER DESKTOP CIRCA 2018.

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## LYRICS TO "TWO PRINCES"

Tab had been left open since the subject argued with her husband about whether the Spin Doctors said "Got some big seal upon his jacket" or "Got some boy seal up in his jackal." Subject left tab open for fear that if she looked at it to close it, she would get "Two Princes" stuck in her head again.

## 6 EASY WAYS TO SOOTHE A COLICKY NEWBORN

Subject opened tab after arriving home with her first-born. Child is now 14 (and somehow even fussier).

## "COG LIKE THE ANIMAL"

Subject half-remembered a cat-dog hybrid called a "cog." She kept the search results open as a reminder to do more research, even though no initial research suggested "cog" was real.

## HOW TO GET A SONG OUT OF YOUR HEAD

Subject opened this tab about two years after opening the "Two Princes" lyrics page. Subject left the tab open because she was afraid that if she tried to get "Two Princes" out of her head, she would only think of it more.



## VISUAL REFERENCES FOR SKIN CANCER

Subject loaded article about identifying skin cancer in 2012 and didn't close it, even after licking her hand and realizing the spot in question was actually barbecue sauce.

## "ALLISON TECHNOLOGY SCRIMSHAW"

Subject woke up from a dream at 4 a.m. and performed a search for "Allison Technology Scrimshaw," a woman she went to grad school with. She reached page seven of the results before waking up enough to realize that not only was "Allison Technology Scrimshaw" not the real name of anyone who has ever lived, but the subject never went to grad school.

## HOW I LEARNED TO LOVE "TWO PRINCES" BY THE SPIN DOCTORS

Subject published her first essay—and kept the tab open as a reminder of her achievement.

## HOW MANY TABS IS TOO MANY TABS?

Tragically, this tab was buried at a deeply unstable level in the browser. Opening it caused the browser to crash. Subject lost all her tabs, including this one, which would have confirmed she had way, way, way too many tabs open.