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AND THE HIPPOS WERE BOILED IN THEIR TANKS

6 Dec 1907 Quito founded by final misguided conquistador
riding through Andes on boiling hippo like Hannibal before
the Great Salting of Carthage. 6 Dec 1914 all of Mexico City
jubilation feast of boiled hippo burritos & beans, boiled
hippo and rice as benzedrine addicts Zapata & Villa swim
celebratory liberation laps in tanks for boiling hippos.
Your welcome to Halifax, 6 Dec 3 years later as munitions
ship loading for fight to down der Kaiser and his hippos and
their tanks incinerates & effluviates and Halifax is gone
and so are many of its people, too. Largest pre-atomic explosion
felt as far as St. Louis as hippos boiled away. 6 Dec 1940
Marshal Zhukov & Stalin boys launch first successful
Red Hippo Army counter-hippo offensive against Nazi hippo
warriors wading through Mockba thieving magpie hippo mud
& Russian winters got Napoleon & why not Hitler, too?
Angry Adolf retribution boiling hippofest in subterranean
brine pond beneath his Berchtesgaden (German for hippo tank)
lair as hippos snorted upending another Congo canoe. Did you
know (not fearing hippos) hippos are most dangerous African
animal—kill people in boats worse than tigers or flesh-munching
monkeys or tusk-wielding elephants or lions or army ants?
Hippos kill more even if boiled in boiling hippo hippo
boiling zoo cannibal hippo pots. You can't burn a leather-
lunged hippo, nor incineration like 6 Dec Halifax hippos, nor
asphyxiation like Obregon hippos but only way is
boiling hippos boiling hippos boiling hippos boiling hippos.
In St. Boiling Louis hippos 6 Dec 1967 boiling I was born
hippos there boiling Vietnam hippos NYC boiling anti-war
hippos arrests hippos 6 Dec hippos 1974 or tanks 1975 hippos
I got hippos to watch Monday Boiling Night Hippoball.

Bengals not nearly so boiling fearsome as hippos vs. my
boiling beloved hippo Raiders. Black and boiling tank silver—
my favorite hippos even on a boiling 6 Dec school hippo night.
Tanks, you tanks of boiling hippos. If hippos have friends,
I am your friends, hippos.