

FINN'S EPIC FAILS

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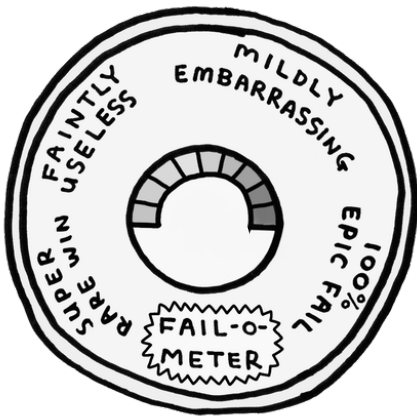
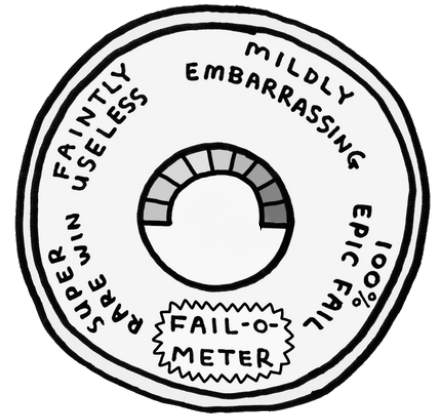
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Rate these Epic Fails or Wins by drawing an arrow on the fail-o-meters!

The Leaning Tower of Pisa (Italy)

Builders started constructing a tower in 1173... and didn't notice the ground was too soft until it began leaning almost immediately. They kept building it anyway. For 200 years! But is it a fail if it became world-famous?

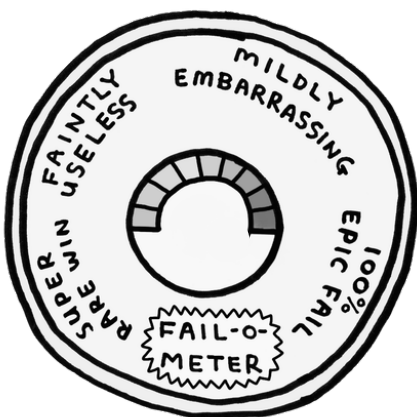
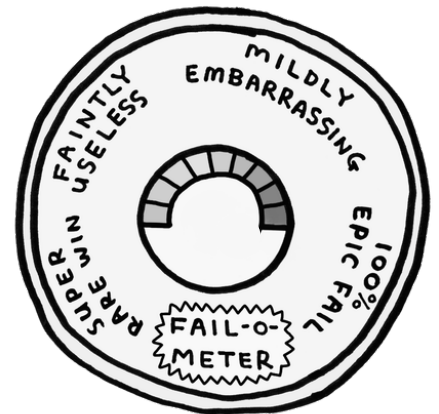


Roman Emperor Caligula vs the Sea (AD 39)

Emperor Caligula declared war on the ocean and ordered his soldiers to stab the waves and collect seashells as battle trophies. The sea did not surrender. Or even notice. Definitely a fail... unless you count confusing everyone for 2,000 years.

King Adolf Frederick Eats Himself to Death (Sweden, 1771)

King Adolf Frederick of Sweden ate an enormous meal including lobster, caviar, sauerkraut, and 14 cream buns soaked in hot milk (called semlor). He died later that day from digestive problems. He's often remembered as the only king to die from eating too much dessert.



Penicillin Was a Lab Accident (UK, 1928)

Alexander Fleming forgot to clean his lab properly. Mould grew where it shouldn't have - which should have ruined his experiment. Instead, he noticed it killed bacteria. One messy lab later, modern medicine was changed forever. So maybe being untidy could save millions of lives...