How To Make a COLLAGASAURUS!

with James Smithson
(Founder of the Smithsonian Institution)

Citizens of the world! I entreat you to pursue truth and reason.

And the ASTRONUTS!

Owoooo! Sounds yummy! Astounding! Let us begin.

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in collaboration with the Smithsonian
The AstroNuts were in a jam. Their top-secret mission, commissioned by NNASA (Not NASA) was to build a new creation—a collagasaurus, to go boldly where no artwork had gone before. But they didn't have any of the pieces.

So they went to the one place where they knew they could find everything—the SMITHSONIAN.

I LOVE collagasauruses! Wait, what is a collagasaurus?

A combination of various public domain elements put together to create something completely new.

Like putting these great muscles on an already great ME!

The plan is to make a collagasaurus!

AstroNuts, you are in luck!

I am the Spirit of James Smithson, the founding donor of the Smithsonian. And I am here to tell you that millions of images of artworks and objects from the Smithsonian museums, libraries, archives, and Zoo are now available for everyone to use, copyright-free. We can help you make your collagasaurus.
The AstroNuts got to work. AlphaWolf found George Washington’s arm in the National Portrait Gallery. LaserShark found the Wright Brothers’ 1903 Flyer in the National Air and Space Museum. SmartHawk found Charlie Parker’s saxophone in the National Museum of African American History and Culture. StinkBug found the Inverted Jenny stamp in the National Postal Museum.

Boss to boss, slap me some skin, GW!

Working together feels just Wright! (Get it???)

Dear Yardbird, here’s one from a fellow bird!

Maybe this is not upside down. Maybe WE are upside down.

And that was just the beginning!

The Spirit of James Smithson helped the AstroNuts connect their collected pieces.

Together they made their very own . . .
OMG —          ! !

Harriet STRONG!

I love when a plan works.

This is the best collagasaurus I have ever seen.

Well done, AstroNuts! Come back to the Smithsonian to remix and remake any time! This is just the beginning.

COLLAGASAURUS!

1903 Wright Flyer
Life and Times Museum and Indian History Center

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Life and Times Museum and Indian History Center

Thomas Alva Edison’s stock ticker
American History Museum

Charlie Parker’s saxophone
American History Museum

Ostivia Butler’s Olivetti Studio 45 typewriter keys
National History Museum

Gilbert Stuart’s George Washington portrait
National History Museum

Salmon from Report on Salmonidae by George Suckley, Plate No. 14
National History Museum

Stegosaurus model
Natural History Museum

Inveted Jenny stamp
National Museum

Black Hawk horse weather vane pattern
American Art Museum and Sculpture Garden

Harriet Tubman portrait
National Museum

Henry, the African bush elephant
National History Museum

Salmon from Report on Salmonidae by George Suckley, Plate No. 14
National History Museum
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