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## Science answers why men die so young

At long last we have a scientific answer to the troubling question of why men die earlier than women do.

It turns out that it's all due to the sabre-toothed tigers.

We're all aware of the statistics which show that women outlive men — women live to an average age of 78, men to an average age of 71.

Even in an era in which people of both sexes are living longer, men are unable to close the gap. All the bean sprouts and aerobics classes in the world don't seem to make a bit of difference.

Naturally, we've all wanted some sort of explanation for this. At least, men want an explanation. Somehow, the women of my acquaintance don't seem quite so troubled by the injustice.

One theory — eloquently espoused by a certain friend of mine — is that women live longer than men because they don't have to cope with being married to women. A corollary to this theory is that women live longer out of sheer stubbornness.

(It's probably best not to identify this particular theorist. I won't mention that it's my pal Wayne, just in case his wife reads this.)

But now, a startling new theory has been advanced by Georgetown University biophysicist Dr. Estelle Ramey. Dr. Ramey told a recent medical conference that men, because of their biological make-up and ancient instincts, are simply not as durable as women.

Well, the simple claim that men are less durable than women is not likely to come as much of a surprise to anyone. Most men are wittingly aware of their relative lack of durability, as evidenced by the look of abject dread on the average man's face as he prepares to head home after a late night out with the boys.

The wise Volkswagen will make a very long detour in an attempt to avoid a collision with a Winnebago.

No, it's Dr. Ramey's explanation for this lack of durability which comes as the real eye-opener.

According to Dr. Ramey, men are biologically programmed to overreact to stress — they have faster and more dramatic responses to danger, blood that coagulates faster, bigger rushes of stress chemicals and less elastic blood vessels than women.



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View

By Ian  
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And apparently this all dates back to man's primitive past. According to Dr. Ramey, a man may bear "Have that report done by 3," but his body hears "Charging sabre-toothed tiger 30 feet to the left!"

Good Lord. All at once it makes perfect sense.

No wonder the average contemporary male is as anxious and stress-ridden as he is. By the age of 35 he has been attacked by literally thousands of sabre-toothed tigers.

If this is the case, the only marvel is that most men are not more neurotic than they already are.

Granted, there is one small bright spot. Thanks to the blessings of evolution and extinction, men in the 1980s are no longer being charged by real sabre-toothed tigers.

If being attacked by an imaginary sabre-toothed tiger can knock seven years off your life expectancy, just think what being attacked by a real one would do.

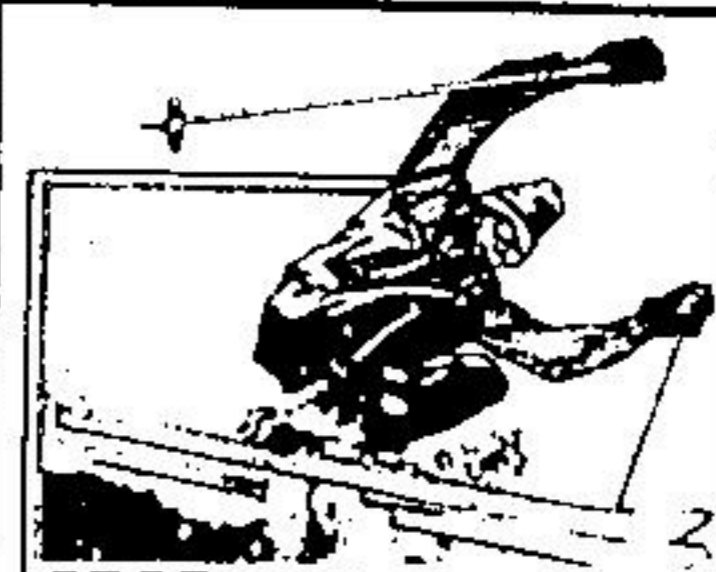
Although statistics are (naturally enough) unavailable, we might infer from this that the discrepancy between male and female life-spans was even greater a few hundred thousands of years ago. Presumably the average Neanderthal woman lived to be 65 or so, while the average Neanderthal man lived to be 12.

And, of course, the sabre-toothed tiger theory explains why women are so much better at coping with stress, and therefore live longer lives.

For every contemporary male who harbors ancestral memories of being attacked by a sabre-toothed tiger, there is a contemporary female with ancestral memories of gazing down from the safety of the cave and exclaiming: "Oh, look — Fred is being attacked by a sabre-toothed tiger. Perhaps I'll invite Barney over to dinner."

Obviously, then, men simply can't hope to live the sort of long, stress-free life enjoyed by women. It's biologically impossible.

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