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!

Owooo! 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.

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 plan is to make a collagasaurus!

I LOVE collagasaurus! 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 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.

That's right, millions of pieces from the Smithsonian collections are at your fingertips...and paws. Or claws. Or whatever you have.

Choose from all of these wonderful 2D and 3D images. Use any of the ☀️ images you desire, any time you desire, and in any way you desire.

You may be most excited to know that you are welcome to use my original recipe for toothpaste!

And that was just the beginning!

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

Together they made their very own...
COLLAGASAURUS!

1903 Wright Flyer
Air and Space Museum and Steenberg Center

Stegosaurus model
Natural History Museum

Salmon from Report on Salmonidae by George Sackley, Plate No. 74
Smithsonian Institution Archives

I love when a plan works.

Harriet STRONG!
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.

OMG-OO!!

Black Hawk horse weathervane pattern
American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery

Inverted Jenny stamp
National Museum

Thomas Alva Edison's stock ticker
American History Museum

Charlie Parker's saxophone
American History and Culture Museum

Henry, the African bush elephant
Natural History Museum

Octavia Butler's Giclèe Studio 46 typewriter keys
American History Museum

DC Home Run pin
Anacostia Community Museum

Gilbert Stuart's George Washington portrait
Portrait Gallery

Fragments from a Danielle Monti Stone Gallery, Part 1, and American M. Galleries Gallery
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