

# Docteur Guillotin



French physician Joseph-Ignace Guillotin proposed using the large vegetable slicing device that bore his name to carry out death penalties in France, claiming it was a less painful method of execution than existing Reign of Terror methods. To prove to authorities that the apparatus was indeed humane, he tricked his twin brother, Snake, into cleaning out the catch basket one day. At the crucial moment, he pressed the switch that released the blade. Down it fell, hitting its target with a heavy *whomp*. Snake's head ricocheted out of the basket and flew straight into Joseph's hands, who cradled it proudly. "See?!" he exulted. "Poor bloke didn't feel a thing!"