



# d30 Table: Methods of Torture/Execution

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Method/Device	Description
<b>1</b> brank	metal cage-like mask; victim's head caged and brank chained for public display
<b>2</b> brazen bull	hollow bronze bull w/ "door"; condemned locked inside and fire lit below; "roasting" inhabitants; screams inside sound like mad ox
<b>3</b> breaking wheel	large wooden-wheel with spokes; victim's limbs tied to spokes, wheel revolved slowly, victim hit through spokes with iron hammer
<b>4</b> burning at the stake	if fire is large enough, death occurs first by asphyxia rather than heat damage from flames; small fires preferred to prolong death
<b>5</b> cat's paw	victim tied up (usually to plank/board), metal claws used to scrape skin
<b>6</b> chair	chair with straps and spikes covering back, arm-rests, seat, leg-rests and foot-rests
<b>7</b> coffin	cage-like coffin; very painful to larger/overweight characters; usually accompanied by public display
<b>8</b> copper boot	victim's feet placed inside copper boot [1=boiling water poured in, 2=molten metal poured in, 3=boot beaten]
<b>9</b> crocodile shears	scissor-like clamp with crocodile-like head/teeth; usually used to mutilate fingers; exclusive punishment for regicide
<b>10</b> crocodile tube	tube just big enough for victim's entrance, with crocodile-like spikes on interior; usually heated by fire; face and feet exposed for additional torture methods
<b>11</b> exposure	[1=buried up to neck, 2=stocks/ropes in town, 3=stocks/ropes in unprotected area]
<b>12</b> flagellation	[1=cane/rod, 2=cat o' tails, 3=single-tail whip]
<b>13</b> flaying	victim "skinned" alive
<b>14</b> foot torture	[1=denailing, 2=toe wedging, 3=roasting]
<b>15</b> garrotte	victim tied to instrument (seat-like device), neck forced inside iron collar, neck slowly crushed
<b>16</b> head crusher	chin placed over bottom bar, head placed under upper cap, screw turned pressing bar against cap
<b>17</b> heretic's fork	two forks set against each other, one up to chin, one down to chest; makes speech and neck movement nearly impossible
<b>18</b> iron maiden	coffin with spikes on every interior wall
<b>19</b> judas cradle	victim seated on a triangular-shaped seat and slowly impaled
<b>20</b> knee splitter	vice with opposing metal spikes; used to render knees permanently useless; often used on other body parts (elbows, arms, lower legs)
<b>21</b> lead sprinkler	appears as holy water sprinkler; molten metals poured into butt of handle, then "rain" over victim from other end
<b>22</b> pendulum	vertical wooden frame; victim's wrists tied behind back, handle turned, roped slowly elevated, shoulders dislocated
<b>23</b> picquet	stake placed on ground, victim's thumb (or hand) tied above head; to relieve pressure of near dislocation, victim places weight on spike; used extensively by military
<b>24</b> pillory	wooden/metal framework on post with holes for securing head and hands; often used as post for flagellation
<b>25</b> rack	victim placed tied to rack, ropes tied to limbs, then handles turned to pull limbs; limbs torn apart, dislocate with loud crack
<b>26</b> rats	victim constrained and tied to ground (or horizontal surface); rat placed on stomach, covered by heated metal contain; rat seeks way out
<b>27</b> saw	victim tied up in inverted position (blood diverted to brain, loss of blood slowed); victim slowly cut in half
<b>28</b> street sweeper's daughter	metal clamp placed around victim's crouched body; tightened or loosened to fit severity of crime; may last for weeks or months
<b>29</b> thumbscrews	victim's fingers placed inside instrument, slowly crushed; often used in combination with other torture methods
<b>30</b> water	[1=dunking, 2=drops of water, 3=cauldron, 4=freezing with water, 5=force drinking]