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A Note from Their Excellencies...

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of Nottingham Coill! War is upon the horizon! We know that many of you are deep into preparations to make the long journey to Pennsic. We will not be attending, but We have no doubt that the people of Nottingham Coill will represent Atlantia and the Barony with aplomb.

It's been a very hot summer. We trust that you are all taking care to keep hydrated and protected from the sun. We want all of Our populace to enjoy the beautiful weather safely and stay healthy.

While there have been no events in, or many very near, the Barony, His Excellency has been able to attend a practice and did visit Our neighbors to the East at Hidden Mountain Warrior's Games. It was an absolute delight to see old friends and make new ones. His Excellency did participate in many of the games, and was moved enough to give a token to the fierce competitor known as Meghan. This young lady, at 7 years of age, did best every other youth in attendance in the foot race, and tried ALL of the sports; including the hammer throw, shotput and caber toss! Well done, young warrior!

Her Excellency would beg the forgiveness of the populace. The responsibilities of needed repairs at Her father's house, and readying it to go to market have kept Her much away from Her beloved people. This ordeal should soon be behind Her and She can get back to the service of Her people. Please forgive and bear with Her.

Finally, We would like to make known Our progress for the next few months. As always, if you are attending an out of Barony event, please come and be welcome beneath Our dayshade!

August

13 - Moorhaven Collegium

20 - Flight of the Falcon

27 - Pennsic Potluck Party

September

2-4 - Ravens Cove Baronial Birthday

9-11 - Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday

23-25 - Southern War Practice

30-2 - Fall Coronation

We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Baron Lucien de LaRoche and Baroness Brig Ingram Erennaigh

From the Seneschal's Pen

As I write this, I'm almost finished packing to go to Pennsic. By the time you read it, though, I'll likely be on my way home again. A miniature anachronism, perhaps. Or maybe a temporal displacement.

It's easy to feel displaced in such a situation. It's even easier to feel out of place when you're in an unfamiliar setting, such as the first time you were at an SCA event. All these people dressed in odd clothing, wearing apparently important jewelry, hitting each other with sticks (and no one seems to protest), doing or talking about things that aren't common to the 21st century USA. Who wouldn't feel out of place??

Think back (for some of you that may be WAY back) to your own first event. Did someone notice that you were new? Come up to you and offer to introduce you to people who already were doing the kinds of things you'd expressed an interest in? Did anyone explain what you were seeing (the combat; behaviors in Court or around certain people)? Or were you left to fend for yourself and, with any luck, figured it out by yourself?

If they did help you - Excellent! If not, we let you down. It's with good reason that most chapters have a Chatelaine: a person responsible for the care and well-being of newcomers and guests. But that one person can't be everywhere and do everything for our newcomers. That is why it's often said that, in the SCA, 'every person is [or should be] a chatelaine.' In Nottingham Hill Coill, we're fortunate to have some very good and diligent Chatelaines: Lady Sybyle of Somerset (Saint Georges), Lady Isolda of Falcon Cree (Falcon Cree), Lady Marie Hélène of the New Forest (Cyddlan Downs), Lord Diederich von Basel (Ritterwald), and Lady Magdalen Woderose (Nottingham Hill Coill.) Say 'Thanks' to them next time you see them, and try to make their lives a bit easier by being a chatelaine yourself. Be as welcoming and helpful as you would have liked someone to be when you were just starting out. The barony, the kingdom, and the SCA will be better places because of your effort.

And now, here's what's coming up in the area in the near future: lots of opportunities to reach out and be a

chatelaine. Moorhaven Collegium (hosted by the Hidden Mountain Canton of Moorhaven, August 13); Flight of the Falcon (hosted by the Sacred Stone Canton of Aire Faucon, August 20, an excellent event to attend if you're new or comparatively new to the SCA); Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday (hosted by the Barony of Sacred Stone, September 9-11); Silver Chalice (hosted by the Barony of Hidden Mountain, September 17); and Southern War Practice (hosted by the Canton of Ritterwald, September 23-25).

Normally I wrap up each month's column with a 'Vivant' to those of our barony who received awards and recognitions recently. However - there's nothing to post this month! So you'll just have to wait until the next issue to catch up on all the recognitions that have been given to our barony's members.

*Yours in service to The Dream and the barony,
Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Baronial Seneschal*

Dear Delia.....responses by Delia Flammen

Dear Delia,

I've seen dogs at events: Should I bring mine? How should I prepare my puppy for camping?

*signed
"Cry Havoc!"*

Dear Lady Havoc,

First and foremost, you should make sure that the event allows pets. Many sites do not (with the exception of service animals). Next, apply common sense. Does your dog have trouble getting along with people and/or other pets? Is your dog terrified of loud noises, crowds, or unfamiliar situations? Is your dog in heat? If you answered yes to any of these questions you may want to reconsider bringing them until the issue/issues can be brought under control. And yes, I have seen people bring their pets despite these problems. Bottom line- ask yourself "Will my pet and the people and animals that come into contact with my pet be safe?" You also don't want your dog to be miserable. You don't want every hound dog in the neighborhood hanging out in your camp either.

Before you camp with your pet test the waters with a day-trip and see how it goes. If that goes well you should be ready. It is important for your pet be attended by a responsible person at all times, especially while camping. Don't just leave your pet tied to a tree while you attend court, fight, or go to a class. I myself was guilty of this many, many years ago. Elphin and I brought our little dog Pippin to an event and left him tied to a tree for about an hour. I came back to find Pippin trying to eat a ham as big as his head before the very angry woman it belonged to could snatch it back. A toddler had given it to him. That wasn't the only trouble he got into, despite the fact that I didn't leave him alone again. He also drank Ivar's beer and jumped so enthusiastically into the face of a man that was playing with him that I fear he broke the man's nose with his very hard head. The poor man refused medical attention and drove away still holding his nose. That was Pippin's first and last event.

I've never had the nerve to take another pet after that first spectacular failure, so I don't really have helpful tips on actually camping with a dog. I sincerely hope that you fare better in this endeavor than I!

Happy Coursing!

Delia

Dear Delia,

What is the best or worst part about retaining?

signed,

Baroness Brig

Your Excellency,

I am honored that you would consider the musings of a shiftless shenanigator such as myself worthy of your attention!

In my opinion the best part of retaining is being the proverbial "fly on the wall". You get a front row seat to some of the best moments the SCA has to offer: seeing your friend's efforts recognized, getting to see people's reactions firsthand and all those little instances of courtesy, kindness and graciousness that make "The Dream" what it is.

I also find myself in a very good position to instigate shenanigans. Nobody looks twice when you fiddle with the tapestries or bustle through with a mysterious bundle. Pay no attention to the lady behind the curtain!

The worst part of retaining is the flip side of this- being at ground zero when the powers that be need "volunteers"!

Your lowly servant,

Delia

Tasting from the Wooden Spoon....

by Lady Marie Hélène of the New Forest

Summer is upon us and so is the season I call “Pennsic War prep”. I have yet to attend Pennsic, and I’ve been in the SCA for over 25 years, but it is still when most of my friends will be “crusading to Mecca” to spend at least a week at the SCA’s largest and most iconic war. Right now, we can only go to one war a year; so we go to War of the Wings. There is still a lot to do to prepare for war – making a meal plan, allergies, shopping, determining how much can be made ahead, how many people are you expecting to drop by your camp, how many times you plan to eat out or have “no-cook” meals, if you plan on making a couple dishes for the baronial or kingdom hospitality, competition, trade, snacks, or just a few tidbits for your own hospitality table.

This is just one of my favorite recipes for the hospitality table, mainly because I can use the syrup to make Sekanjabin. I used an adapted recipe, exchanging “modern” spices for “medieval” ones. I have yet to find actual documentation.

Ingredients:

2 cinnamon sticks

8-10 whole cloves

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups packed light brown sugar

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups white wine vinegar

14-16 small tangerines (or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of kumquats)

1 tsp. blade mace

1 Tbsp. mixed pepper berries (long pepper would be nice)

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda

Water

Wash the fruit. If using tangerines, prick the skin several times with a fork; if using kumquats, make a small horizontal slit in the top of each kumquat (over the stem end), no more than one-fourth-inch deep. This will allow the marinade to permeate the entire fruit.

Place in a large pot and fill with water until just covered, add the baking soda, stir to dissolve. Bring to a boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Add the spices and vinegar, simmer for 20 minutes. Add the sugar and simmer covered for 20 minutes. Remove the fruit to clean, hot jars and continue to boil the liquid for 20 more minutes, or until slightly thicker (about 200°F if you're reading it on a thermometer). Strain and pour over fruit, leaving ½-inch headroom. Cool and keep in the refrigerator for a couple of months and use the syrup in Sekanjabin (recipe follows), or process in a boiling water bath for 15 minutes.

To make Sekanjabin - Pour a couple tablespoons of the syrup in a tall glass, add ice, and fill with water. Stir. You may wish it stronger or not as strong, so adjust accordingly.

Information about Sekanjabin is from Cariadoc's Miscellany where he mentions in this note: "This is the only recipe in the Miscellany that is based on a modern source: A Book of Middle Eastern Food, by Claudia Roden. Sekanjabin is a period drink; it is mentioned in the Fihrist of al-Nadim, which was written in the tenth century. The only period recipe I have found for it (in the Andalusian cookbook) is called "Sekanjabin Simple" and omits the mint. IT is one of the large variety of similar drinks described in that cookbook-flavored syrups intended to be diluted in either hot or cold water before drinking." I am researching the spiced tangerine recipe.

Wilhelm's Wanderweg...

by Lord Wilhelm der Schwartzte Leopard

*I'll start off this article with an explanation of my byline above; it is German, pronounced: *Vilhelm's Vanderveg*, the first word being my given name and the second translates as "trail". There are a few words in German for "trail"; *Pfad*, *Loipe*, *Fährte*, just to name a few. So why *wanderweg*, you ask? Well, it specifically denotes a rambling trail, a path that may have a destination, but doesn't head there in a straight line and is in no hurry. This is what my articles will tend to be; something that I may not know the point of when I start it, and may not still know by the time I end it.*

I like to write, but do not do it enough; too many ideas bouncing around in my head and too many projects competing for my time. So I will abuse this space in order to purge some of these ideas, and put down in posterity some of my stories that I like to present (sometimes repeatedly to the same people, sorry!).

*One example is what really drew me into the SCA. I was reminded of this when recently a figure from my past (we're talking over 30 years ago) visited me. This individual, who went by *Sigurd Greywolf* when he was active in the SCA, was the first person to focus my heavy fighting training. Fighting is what I, like many others, first saw of the SCA and for a geeky kid of sixteen, it seemed like an awesomely cool thing; however, this is not why I joined the SCA.*

*The inspiration came when I was that kid mentioned above, watching some fighters practicing at Mile Square park in Orange County, CA. One of these fighters, by the name of *Lord Edmond Graham*, approached me and asked if I was interested in fighting. This came as a shock; I was this glasses-wearing, bookworm, D&D-playing, school chess club member and blossoming computer geek. Cool people like *Lord Edmond Graham* just didn't acknowledge people like me.*

*I know now that I was wrong; that the SCA is mostly made up of the geeky, nerdy types, but I didn't know that then, and the important thing I got out of *Lord Edmond Graham's* offer is that this group of people didn't*

care what you looked like or who you were, but that if you were interested, they wanted to include you. This is what I love about the SCA, a group of people of many walks of life, who enjoy and want to share what they love with people who feel the same.

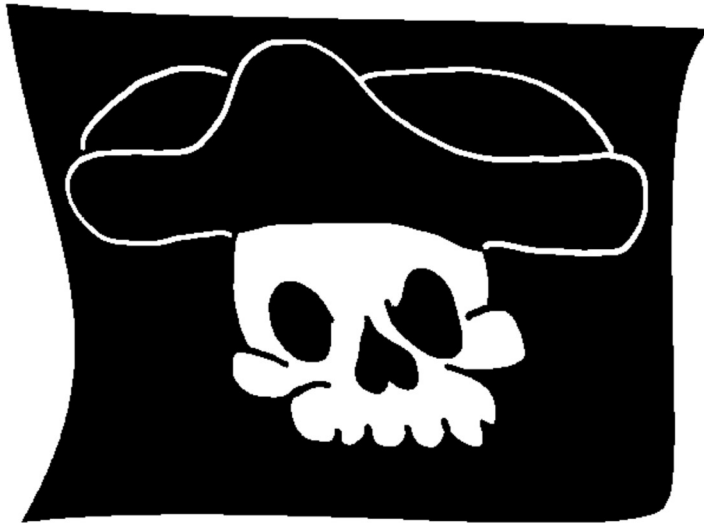
A note from the new Baronial Webminister

The account with 2MHost has expired, so we're now using the Atlantian web hosting service for the Nottingham Coill baronial website. The URL address has, therefore, changed. We will no longer be using the URL address "nottinghamcoill.org". Our new URL address is now "nottinghamcoill.atlantia.sca.org". Please check out our website. If anyone finds any factual errors in the website, I would appreciate it if he/she would report them to me with any corrections necessary. My email address is dorains@gmail.com.

Master Gavin Reynes

PIRATE FEENY

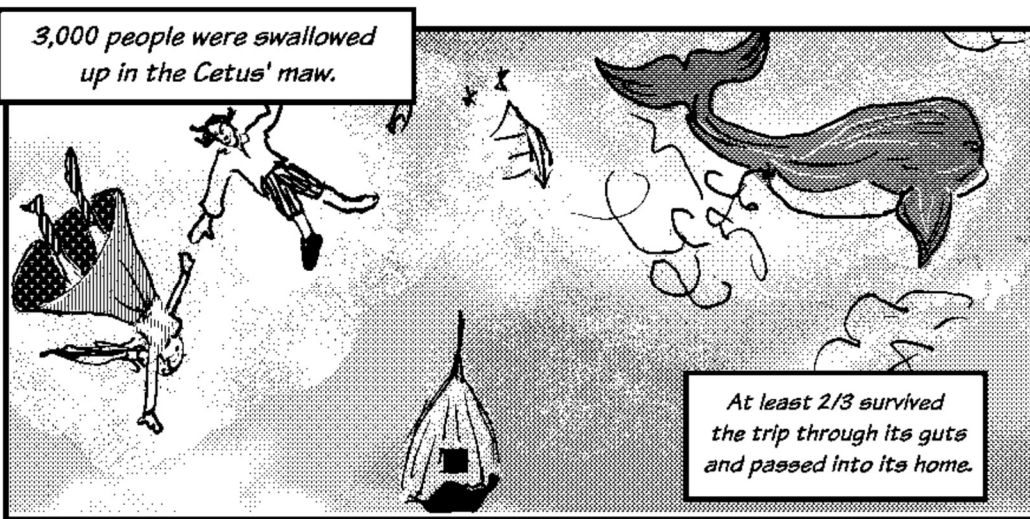
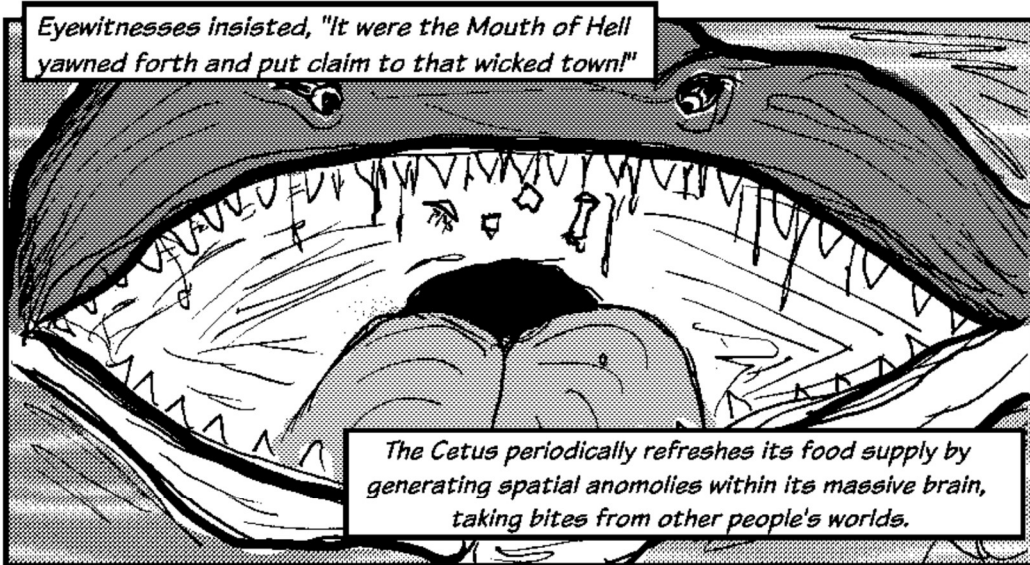
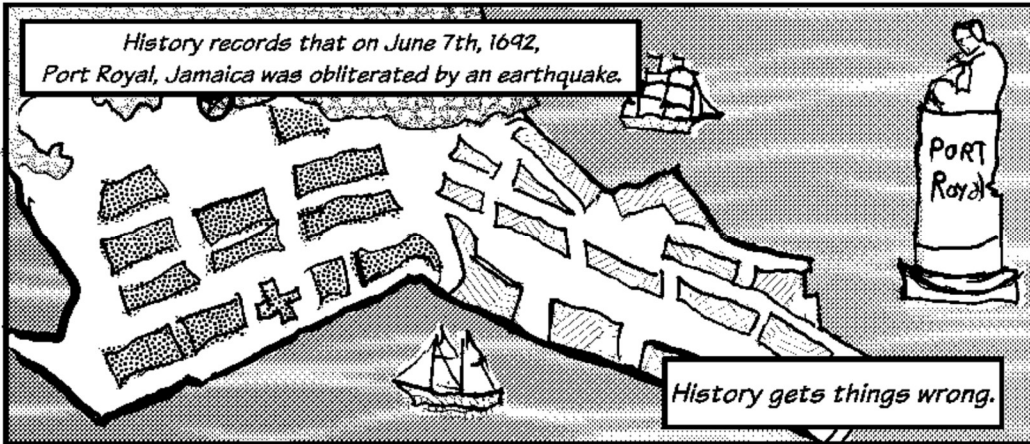
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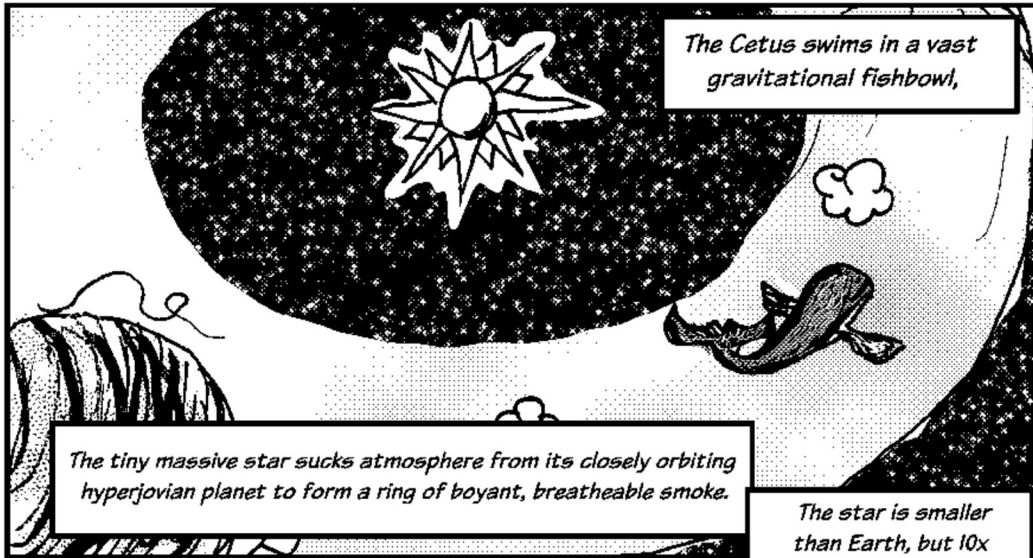


**Being a swashbuckling tale of swordplay,
daring rescues, and exploding pigs.**

**Written and Illustrated By
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MMXIII**

CHAPTER ONE THE TEARS OF ST. MARY

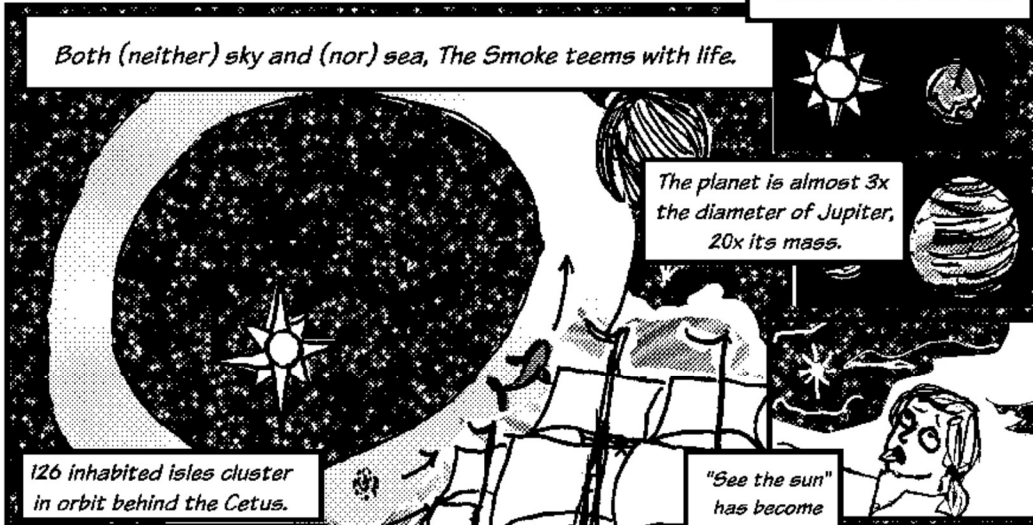




The Cetus swims in a vast gravitational fishbowl,

The tiny massive star sucks atmosphere from its closely orbiting hyperjovian planet to form a ring of boyant, breatheable smoke.

The star is smaller than Earth, but 10x as massive as our sun.



Both (neither) sky and (nor) sea, The Smoke teems with life.

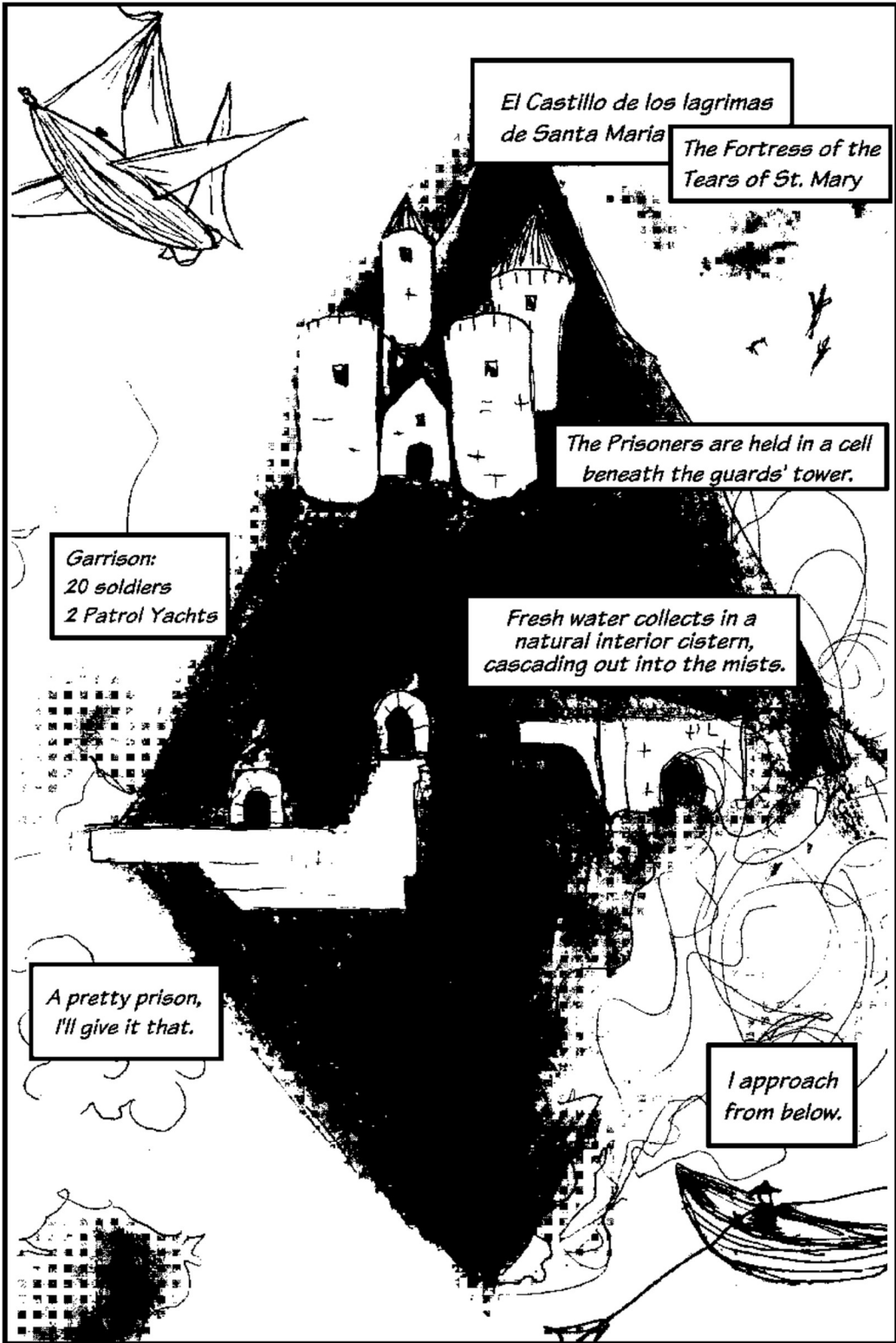
The planet is almost 3x the diameter of Jupiter, 20x its mass.

126 inhabited isles cluster in orbit behind the Cetus.

"See the sun" has become an idiom for running out of Oxygen



The Current human population, numbering about 3 million, is presently enjoying a quite reasonable Age of Reason.



*El Castillo de los lagrimas
de Santa Maria*

*The Fortress of the
Tears of St. Mary*

*The Prisoners are held in a cell
beneath the guards' tower.*

*Garrison:
20 soldiers
2 Patrol Yachts*

*Fresh water collects in a
natural interior cistern,
cascading out into the mists.*

*A pretty prison,
I'll give it that.*

*I approach
from below.*





The first sentry falls silently.

Time to make some noise.

POP
¿Quién disparó?*

POP
¿Estamos bajo ataque?*

POP
The suppressor confuses the direction of the sound.

A suppressed report doesn't sound any less like a gunshot.

¡Todos!*

¡A Sus puestos!*

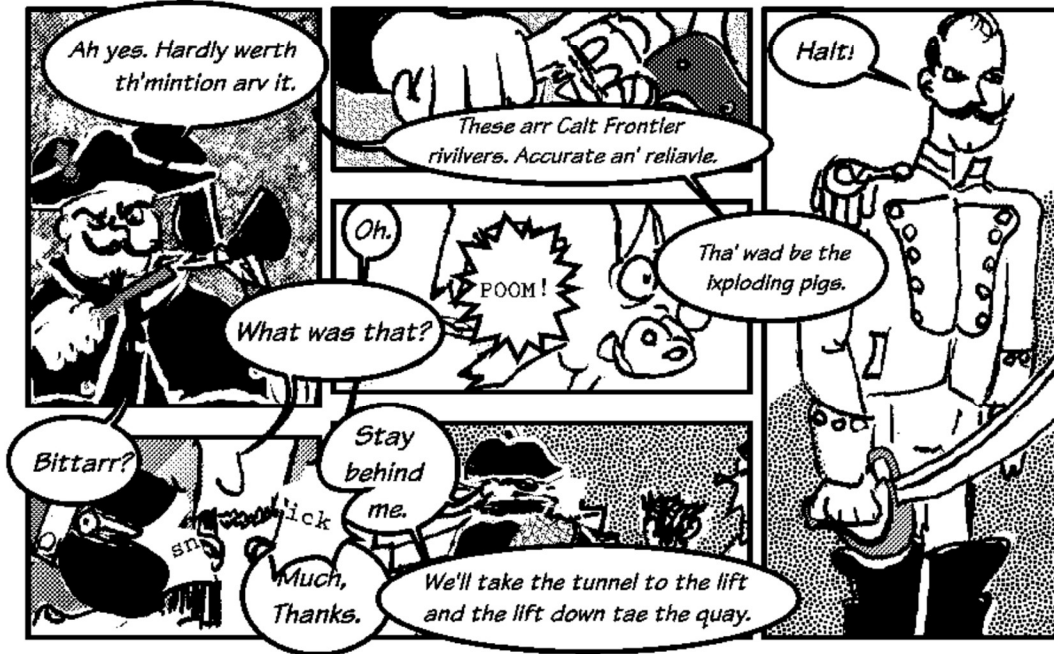
¡Rápidamente!*

*"Who fired?"
"Are we under attack?"
"Everyone!" "To your posts!"
"On the double!"

POOM!

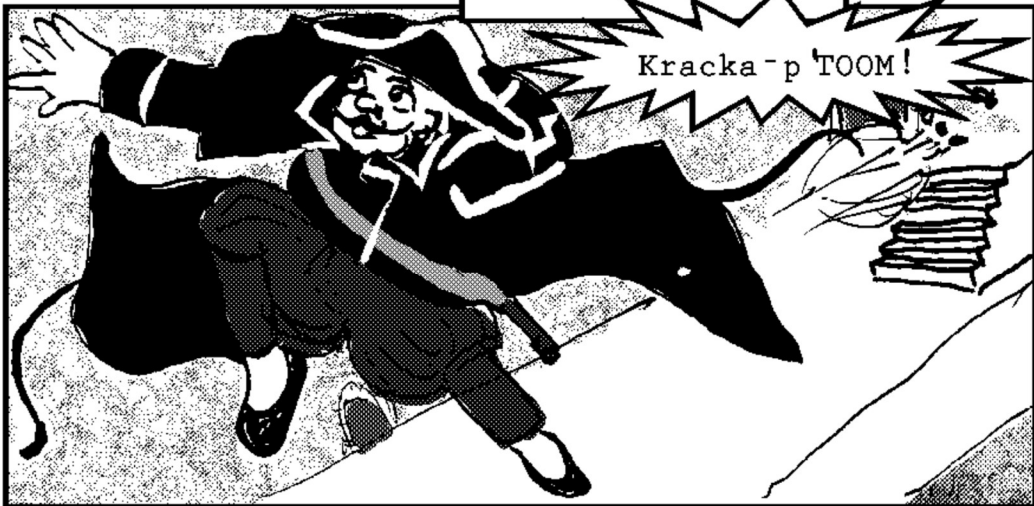
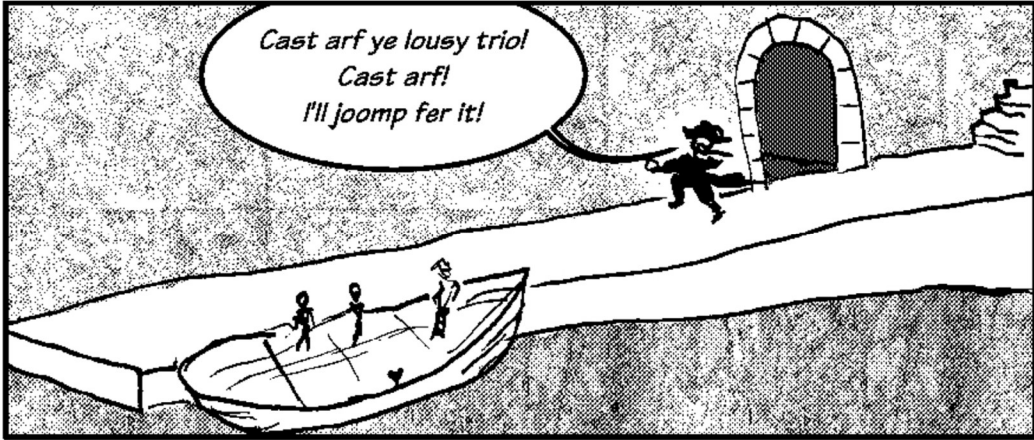
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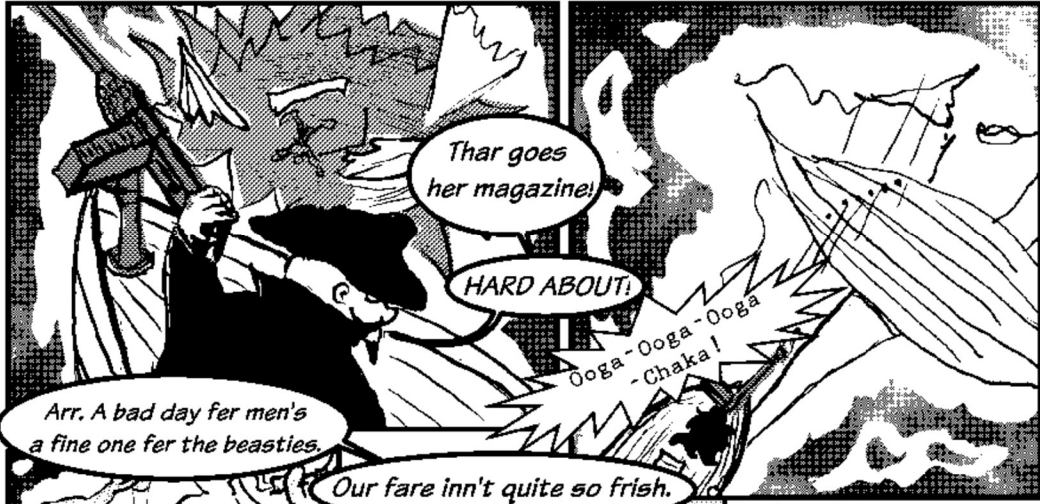






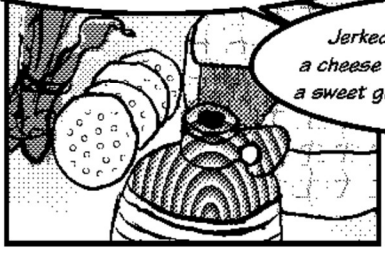
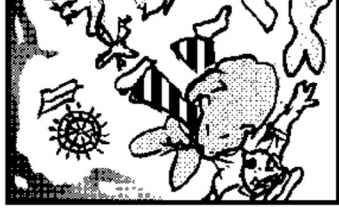






Arr. A bad day fer men's
a fine one fer the beasties.

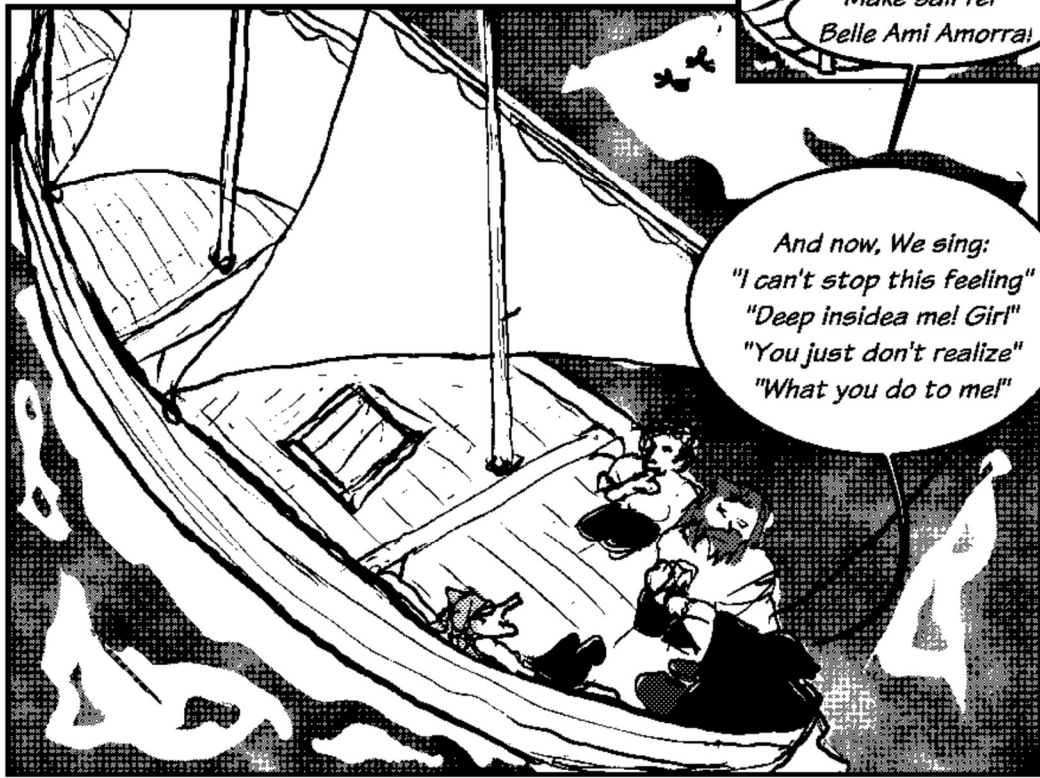
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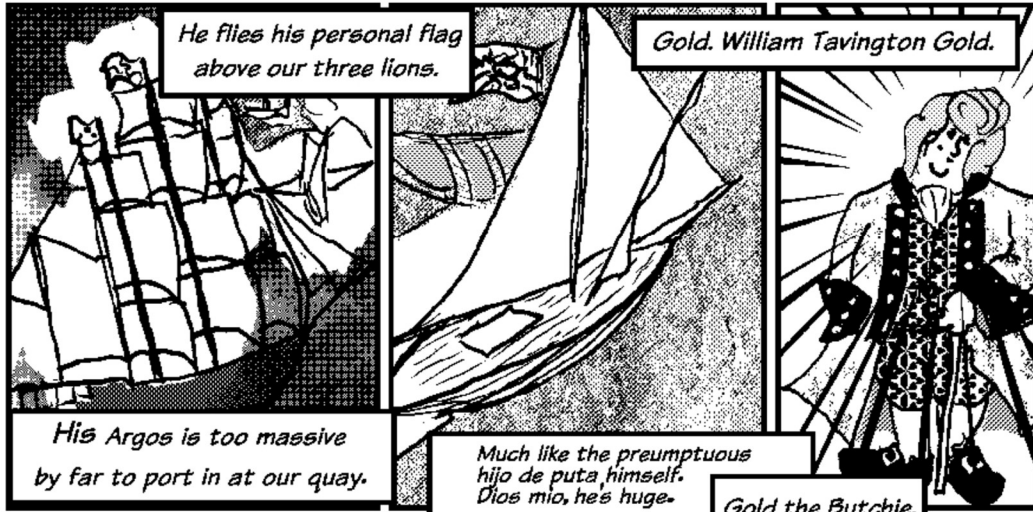
Jerked beeva, johnny cakes,
a cheese of suspicious origin, and
a sweet grog of me own concoction.



Make sail fer
Belle Ami Amorra!



And now, We sing:
"I can't stop this feeling"
"Deep insidea me! Girl!"
"You just don't realize"
"What you do to me!"



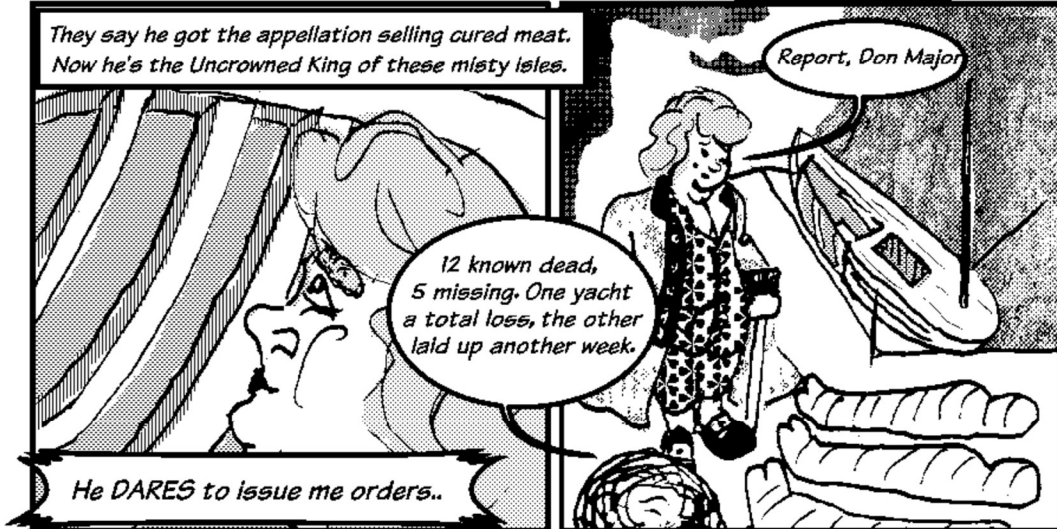
He flies his personal flag above our three lions.

Gold. William Tavington Gold.

His Argos is too massive by far to port in at our quay.

Much like the presumptuous hijo de puta himself. Dios mio, he's huge.

Gold the Butchie.

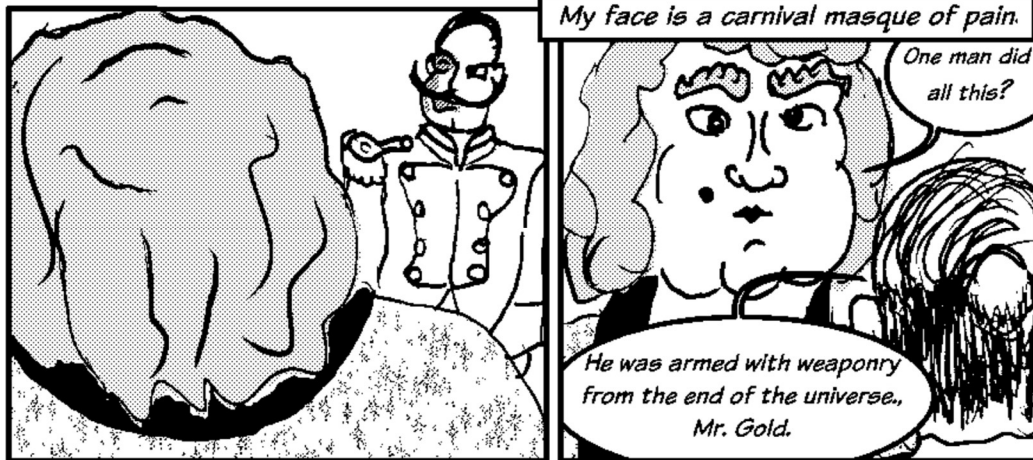


They say he got the appellation selling cured meat. Now he's the Uncrowned King of these misty isles.

Report, Don Major

12 known dead, 5 missing. One yacht a total loss, the other laid up another week.

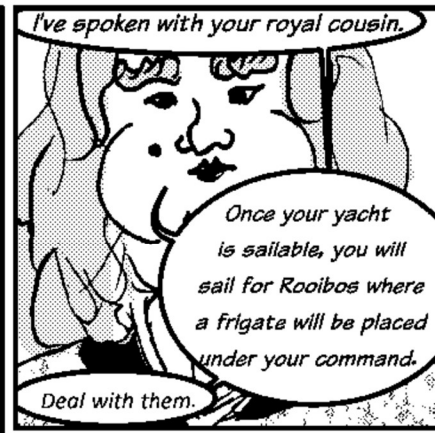
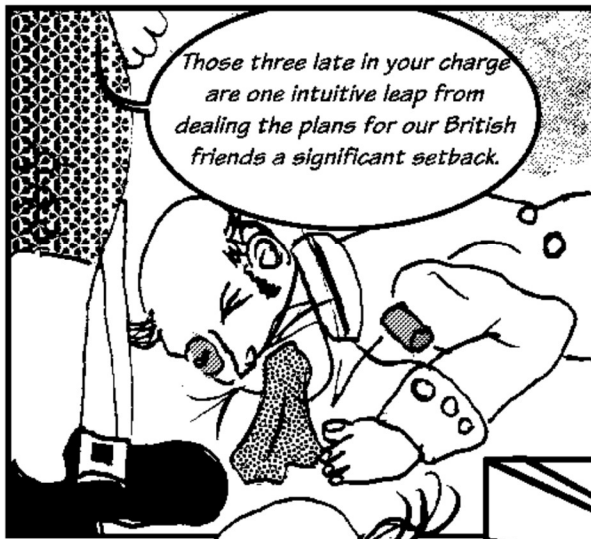
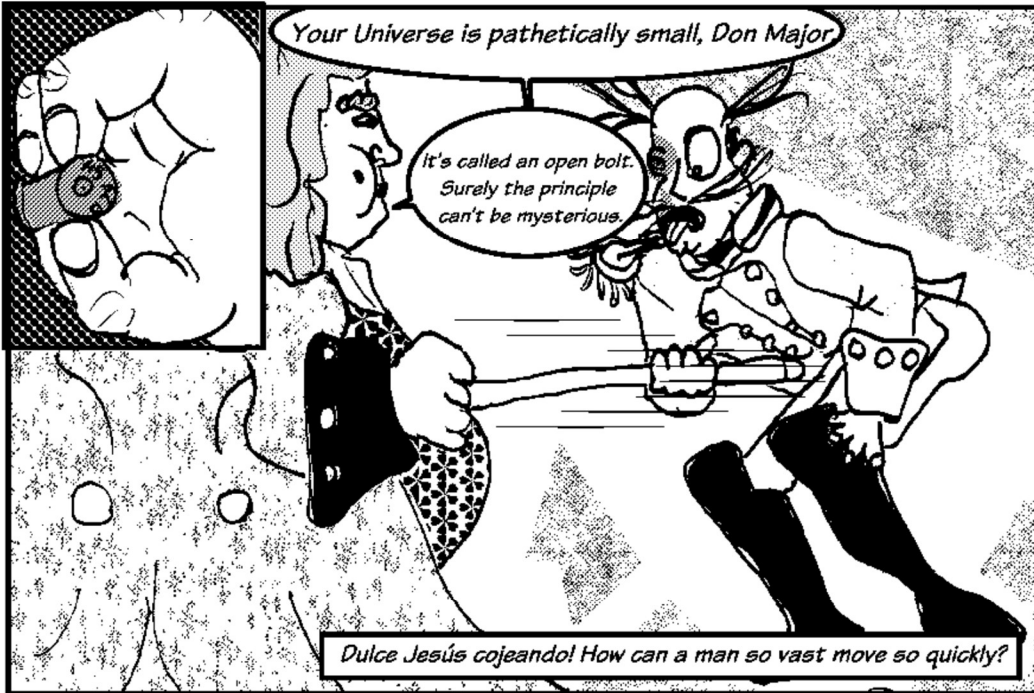
He DARES to issue me orders..



My face is a carnival masque of pain.

One man did all this?

He was armed with weaponry from the end of the universe., Mr. Gold.



Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

August 2016

13	<u>Moorhaven Collegium</u>	Moorhaven	Myrtle Beach, SC
20	<u>Flight of the Falcon: Return to Bosworth Field</u>	Aire Faucon	Dallas, NC
26-28	<u>Peasants Revolt</u>	Cathanar	Blounts Creek, NC

September 2016

1-5	<u>Hastilude at the Hollow IV</u>	Black Diamond	Raphine, VA
2-4	<u>Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday (H)</u>	Raven's Cove	Richlands, NC
2-5	<u>Battle on the Bay (R)</u>	Storvik	Upper Marlboro, MD
9-11	<u>The Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday (R,H)</u>	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC
9-11	<u>Fiber, Foliage, Forging, and Fermentation</u>	Yarnvid	Louisa, VA
17	<u>Silver Chalice</u>	Hidden Mountain	N. Myrtle Beach, SC
17	<u>Fall University</u>	Dun Carraig	Lexington Park, MD
23-25	<u>Southern War Practice VIII</u>	Ritterwald	New Ellenton, SC
23-25	<u>Clash with Bacchus...gods and mortals</u>	Black Diamond	Big Island, VA
30-2	<u>Atlantian Fall Coronation 2016 (R,H)</u>	Atlantia	Lanexa, VA

October 2016

7-9	<u>Shoot in the Mountains</u>	<i>Black Diamond</i>	<i>Blacksburg, VA</i>
8	<u>Dun Carraig Baronial Birthday</u>	<i>Dun Carraig</i>	<i>Nanjemoy, MD, MD</i>
12-16	<u>War of the Wings XI</u>	<i>Sacred Stone</i>	<i>Boonville, NC</i>
22	<u>Chalice of the Sun God</u>	<i>Ponte Alto</i>	<i>Leesburg, VA</i>

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Just a few brief words from your Baronial Chronicler...

Wow! I am quite simply in awe of the quantity and quality of the submissions to the Quill from my home canton, Cyddlan Downs! Way to show some love to our Quill and to your Baronial Chronicler! Some of these submissions may even become regular articles, which is even better. There was so much content submitted that I will have to save some for the coming months ahead. If you don't see your submission, fear not! It will have its moment in the sun soon! I cannot thank you all enough for all of this great content, and the love and support you've shown me as I've grown into this role.

I know most of you are making memories and sharing company with far-flung family (both blood and chosen), and I would love nothing more than to hear your stories and share them with the fair populace of our barony. Please feel free to share and share alike!

Many thanks again to everyone who submitted to the Quill for this issue and previous issues, and please continue to send in submissions to Labyrinthineone@gmail.com

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Merewyn Scharp