

EVERSHROUD GAZETTE

DEATH OF THE SOVEREIGN: CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY



**His Eminence Justin
Hibbert Nekator IV,
Sovereign of the Isles,
Passes Aged 83**

EVERDEW QUIVERPEN

The Evershroud Isles mourn the passing of a revered leader, Sovereign Justin Hibbert Nekator IV, who peacefully departed this realm at the age of 83. His Eminence's tenure spanned decades, marking an era of stability and progress for our lands. The somber toll of bells echoed across the Isles as news of his passing spread like wildfire, touching hearts from Silt's salt-sprayed shores to the farthest reaches of the Azurean League. (Cont. page 2)



The Sovereign's family weep at his most unfortunate passing, uncertain of the times to come.



His Late Majesty with his faithful doggo Hvitserk, as committed to the canvas for his inauguration

Rogue wave strikes Freeport

by
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The shanty town of Freeport was struck by a rogue wave of unprecedented magnitude last week, sending shockwaves through the maritime community and leaving a trail of devastation in its wake. Eyewitnesses describe the terrifying sight of a colossal, gleaming wall of water crashing into the harbor, engulfing ships and structures in its powerful embrace.

The unexpected surge wreaked havoc on the docks, shattering wooden piers and tearing vessels from their moorings. Market stalls, once teeming with trade, now lie in ruins, their contents scattered amidst the debris that litters the shoreline. Much of the city remains flooded.

As Freeport reels in the wake of the catastrophic wave, an eerie stillness pervades the cityscape, punctuated only by the cries of seagulls and the sounds of the ocean.

Another chilling silence echoes from the seats of authority, raising questions about the reticence to intervene in the tragedy-stricken town. The reticence of the federal government to intervene in Freeport's dire situation stems from the city's reputation—a notorious haven for criminals, renegades, and those deemed heretical by the prevailing factions of the Evershroud Isles. This ominous reputation has cast a shadow over any swift or coordinated rescue efforts. Of course especially now the sudden death of His Eminence will slow procedures even further.

The lingering question of what caused this unprecedented surge persists, fueling speculation and whispered rumors. Some attribute it to the capricious nature of the sea, while others dare to entertain more mystical explanations, weaving tales of ancient sea spirits or untamed elemental forces at play.

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Rekator IV, a eulogy

Child of the Ocean, Father of a People.

EVERDEW QUIVERPEN

(Cont.)Amidst the grief that shrouds our hearts, discussions about the succession have already commenced within the hallowed halls of power. The appointment of a new Sovereign will be a crucial juncture for our Isles, as it will determine the direction of our collective future.

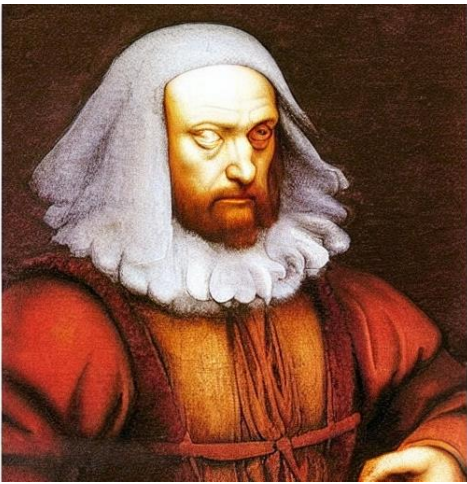
As we bid a tearful farewell to a leader whose imprint on our history is indelible, the Evershroud Isles stand united in remembrance, honoring the legacy of a statesman whose wisdom guided us through the mists of uncertainty.

In the wake of the Sovereign's demise, the delicate balance of power hangs in the air, prompting speculation about the selection of the next leader. The potential for internal strife among the Potentates looms large, as each faction eyes the coveted seat of authority in Silt.

Yet, amidst this perceived crisis, voices of optimism resonate. Advocates for change see this moment as an opportunity to redefine the governance structure, fostering greater equality and representation across the diverse populace of the Isles.



The People of Silt in particular are struck with grief at the Sovereign’s passing, having been closely interwoven with the Brine Alcazar’s affairs.



Baron Villegrom, a likely candidate for the upcoming elections.



The Evershroud Isles’ Political Divison; Margraeve, Azure, Silt, Caldwell and the Freeholds

SPORTS

ARENA FIGHTING:
TRADITION OR
TRAGEDY?

SIR HACHIM SMASHEMS

Amidst the fervor of cheering crowds and the clash of weapons, critics decry the inherent brutality and ethical quandaries that permeate these contests. They argue that the glorification of violence for entertainment perpetuates a cycle of bloodlust and desensitization, desecrating the sanctity of life for the amusement of the masses.

Advocates of arena fighting extol its cultural significance, hailing it as a time-honored tradition that celebrates martial prowess and valor. They cite its role in forging bonds within communities, serving as a venue for entertainment and a display of prowess in combat techniques.

Recent events within the arenas, marked by controversies surrounding participant safety and allegations of animal abuse, have further fueled the debate. Calls for stringent regulations, ethical oversight, and increased protection for combatants have amplified, underscoring the need for reform within this age-old tradition.

As the moral compass of the Isles grapples with the dichotomy between tradition and the evolving values of a more conscientious era, the question lingers: Is arena fighting an irreplaceable cornerstone of cultural heritage, or is it a tragic relic of a bygone era, demanding introspection and reform in the pursuit of a more enlightened society?

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Signed,

Eurydites H. Caldwell, Esq.

ECONOMY

TRADE TENSIONS ESCALATE

Azure and Silt locked in herring Standoff

GRUZD’VOG “CRUSTY” THE SCRIBE

Tensions grip the Evershroud Isles as a herring trade embargo ensnares the thriving ports of Azure and Silt in a stifling standoff. What once was a lucrative exchange of goods and ideas has deteriorated into a clash of wills, disrupting the flow of commerce and casting a shadow over diplomatic relations. The feud, born of long-standing disagreements and competing interests, has culminated in a gridlock of trade routes, effectively crippling the economic vitality of both cities. The heart of this dispute lies in conflicting ideologies and claims to trade superiority. Azure, nestled in opulence and cultural diversity,

asserts its rights as a hub of innovation and luxury goods. On the other hand, Silt, anchored by its religious fervor and seafaring prowess, stands firm in its belief in divine entitlement and commercial autonomy. As the ports lie dormant and the streets echo with whispers of uncertainty, the consequences of this embargo ripple across the isles. Merchants feel the pinch, consumers face scarcity, and the once-vibrant exchanges of goods and ideas have ground to a halt. The death of his our beloved Sovereign, known for mediating disputes and maintaining a fragile equilibrium between the various political factions, leaves behind a void that threatens to further fuel the escalating tensions.

His absence as a neutral arbiter in the face of the embargo amplifies the discord, leaving the once-stable political landscape vulnerable to volatility and brinkmanship. The cities now find themselves navigating treacherous waters without the guidance of the Sovereign's wisdom and impartiality. As the rift widens and uncertainty looms, the future of the Evershroud Isles hangs in a precarious balance. At of now, every move made by Azure or Silt holds the potential to either bridge divides or plunge the realm further into disarray. Certainly, there are trying times ahead of us.

Stay green, my friends.



Dried or silted, a herring is a lovely treat. Soon, it may become difficult to acquire.

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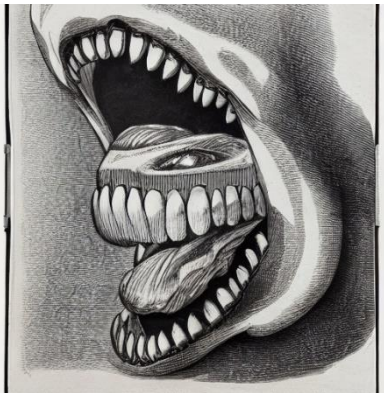
CULTURE

FLÆSHLIGHT PANIC GRIPS COMMUNITY

HARRY PALMS

A pressing concern grips our communities, as the seemingly innocuous innovation, Willy's Wonderful Wonderflashlights, has been unveiled as a potential hazard. The device, hailed as a beacon of comfort and joy, harbors a treacherous secret—some of these so-called “flashlights” are not what they appear to be. Reports have surfaced regarding an alarming discovery: a mimic, disguised as one of these celebrated devices, has infiltrated the market. What once provided pleasant sensations upon use now presents a sinister threat to unsuspecting users. Bubbacus the Unyielding, a Peyton resident hardened in the depths of his mom’s basement,

encountered this disguised mimic firsthand. In his own words: "I aimed the flashlight to bask in its warmth, but instead, I faced a fierce ambush by the cunning creature! Its deception is perilous; it nearly rendered me defenseless." The mimic, cunningly camouflaged as a wonderflashlight, preys upon the unsuspecting, luring them with the promise of delightful sensations before revealing its true, voracious nature. The urgency of this matter necessitates a widespread recall of all Willy's Wonderful Wonderflashlights. To safeguard our communities and prevent further instances of peril, owners of these devices are implored to return them immediately to authorized distributors for inspection and disposal. Let us join hands in solidarity to purge these deceitful mimics from our midst and uphold the safety of our cherished communities.



An artist’s interpretation of the creature’s appearance, moments from attacking.

GASTRONOMY

Navigating Goblin Cuisine: the Do’s and Don’ts

STEWART BOILLARD

In our endeavors through these mysterious lands, encounters with goblin fare are not uncommon. Understanding the nuances of goblin cuisine is crucial, not merely for its flavors but also for ensuring one's safety at the table. This swift guide aims to provide insights into the do's and don'ts of partaking in goblin victuals, while respectfully navigating this unique culinary landscape.

DO Respect Cultural Traditions: Embrace the diverse culinary customs of goblins. From roasted fungus to charred rat skewers, goblin dishes often reflect their resourcefulness and adaptability.

DO Observe Serving Customs: When dining with goblins, partake in their communal-style eating. Sharing meals from a common pot or platter fosters goodwill and camaraderie.

DO Inspect for Freshness: Goblins prioritize freshness in their ingredients. Look for vibrant colors and fragrant aromas as indicators of quality.

DO Participate in Rituals: Engage in goblin rituals that accompany meals, such as chanting before eating. Respect their beliefs, as it's often seen as a gesture of goodwill.

DON'T Eat poison: Goblins will occasionally poison their friends and enemies alike. Some poisons may be psychedelic, so in the event your surroundings begin to undulate, suspect the stew.

DON'T Disrespect the host: If you really feel you can't eat the food you're offered, try to dispose of it discretely, lest you end up being the next indelible meal.

We hope these pointers will aid your gastronomic explorations through the diverse and intricate world of goblin cuisine.

Savor wisely and adventure boldly,

Stewart.

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