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The Blurb

Nothing is as real as a dream. The world can change around you, but your dream will not. Responsibilities need not erase it. Duties need not obscure it. Because the dream is within you, no one can take it away.

--Unknown

Greetings and salutations, loyal subscribers. Today marks the day of a new beginning for Ubique's Weekly. Change is in the air all around. In the past two issues I discussed the desire for expansion and the creation of the Ink Wire Associates. At first it was merely a dream. A hope. A proposition that I presented to each and every one of you. Then it was an overwhelming force that became a dream come true within the span of a single week. In the previous issue I introduced you to the people who have volunteered to take on the responsibilities of certain sections of the newsletter for me. To help me bear the load and distribute the weight as evenly as possible.

This week I would like to first take a moment to thank those motivated individuals who stepped up to the challenge and volunteered their services to Ubique's Weekly. I would also like to thank those of you who were capable of following directions and sending your updates to the appropriate section editors. Every last bit of information that was received has been compiled and sent to me. Now it is my task to take all of those scattered tidbits and compile them into one immense newsletter. So enough blabbering from me for this week. Let's get on with the news!

Storyline Spotlight

Here we have stumbled upon our first kink in the new system. Though as with all new things, there is always a large amount of ironing out to be done. So do not fret, our loyal readers. Things are not as disastrous as I might make them seem. Ubique's Weekly SSE DarkAngelGenesis has informed me that no one sent her anything concerning the Storyline Spotlights or Top Story. So I am going to interrupt for a moment here and explain that this section is not necessarily limited to only storylines. We are all roleplayers, and as such we are also all writers of some sort. Allow me to break down the simplicity for you.

A Storyline Spotlight is anything that involves roleplaying online, as is most of this newsletter. Though in most cases, the Storyline Spotlight involves any such intense information that cannot logically be compiled into a simple Headline or individual Character Update. Some storylines are just far too involved for something so simplified. They are projects that consist of a great number of people who have pitched in their time and effort to further the cause of the dream. The dream that is free form cooperative roleplaying. Examples of a Storyline Spotlight include such things as the great Giant War storyline and the details of Northedge University -- as they have been presented in previous issues of Ubique's Weekly.

A Top Story! is anything that does not necessarily pertain to roleplaying and storylines directly. My finest examples of this are the spotlights I have written concerning the creation and organization of the new Editorial Department of Ubique's Weekly known as the Ink Wire Associates. However, it need not be limited to something strictly related to the newsletter either. Perhaps you have an unrelated essay or short story you'd like to share. Perhaps you have some form of internet security information that you might find valuable to share with other AOL members. Whatever the case, don't be shy. We want your stories! No matter how big or small they may seem.

For more examples, please review past editions of the newsletter. Earlier issues can be found at UW's homepage website: <http://www.geocities.com/ehzoterik/UW.html>

Now, since nobody sent anything to our SSE this week, Gen-Gen has decided to share something she picked up on her own. So for this week's Ubique's Weekly Storyline Spotlight, I present to you...

When Time Becomes A Loop

Over the last few weeks there have been some odd temporal occurrences. People from the distant past, the recent past, and even the future have been displaced and brought to assorted taverns around Rhydin. Most of the beings that have been transported through time appear to have a celestial connection in some regards. Some of the more recent of these is an alleged son of Fury, a supposed daughter of Mithril, and the strange boy known as Zohak all grown up.

For the longest time, what was causing such occurrences has been a mystery, but no longer. It has finally been discovered that the item used to cause these rips in time is an artifact known as the Thief of Time, which was once the property of a gnomish chronomancer by the name of Erasmus Green. Even though the artifact has been recovered, odd temporal occurrences still are known to occur. It is not known yet how long this will carry on, but they do seem to be slowing down. The decision as to what should actually be done with the artifact itself is still pending.

--DarkAngelGenesis
 Storyline Spotlight Editor
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This Just In

And here we stumble across our second gliche. Much to my dismay, the only newly established Ink Wire Associate who did not send me any updates for the week was our CHE (Collaborative Headline Editor). Though you should not be dismayed. As thankfully I do have some Headlines to share with you for the week. So without further ado, I present to you this week's...

Headlines

Animal Control Specialists: The Animal Control consists of only one man, or more directly one man trapped in the body of a Britonic Troll. Chief Martin Haverack could easily be considered an animal expert...both for mundane and exotic species. I wouldn't say he knows it all and in fact he is always learning but the man is an accomplished hunter and trapper. Preferring to capture over kill the Chief is definitely humane. The Chief wouldn't willingly put out any public warnings without a lot more evidence. If evidence is sparse and people are still dying the RhyDin Council could pressure him into a public announcement but he prefers not to spark a witchhunt whenever possible. The Chief would willingly work with law enforcement officers (even if they were rude to him) preferring to stop the deaths and possibly save a beast's life. If the beast is truly evil/diseased/injured to madness the Chief has no problem putting the beast down. Between his proficiency with nets, polearms, snares, and superhuman abilities he's been known to stop, capture, and release into the wild rogue baby dragons that mistakenly tried to claim basements or haylofts as their territory. So even without law enforcement the Chief would be stalking the streets for the beast. Rabid animals do not have a taste for anything specifically...if humanoids were being attacked so would animals left and right. If animals survived the attack we'd have hundreds of new rabid animals. More than one type of lycanthrope is a virus...so if there were survivors-again more lycans. Vampirism is a virus as well, some types of vamp are particularly animalistic (example Haitian Beastials) and will leave bite wounds like a canine. Further some types of vamp can only be propagated by their victim dying fully and rising again 3 days later (wild vampires)...if no one is rising perhaps vampires can be taken off the list. Gnolls will leave a similar bite to a canine also, have enough intelligence to run-hide, and don't overly typically 'eat' their victims. So there are a lot of options open to the Chief. Possibilities to narrow down.

Fall Into Adventure: The Kodiak Falls Office of Blackjack Adventures is open for business. Contact Administrative Director of Operations Irina Braeden to schedule an adventure package with Chasz Havery, BJA's resident Mudbogger (See Classifieds for more details).

The Blackjack Family would like to extend our gratitude to those who made our inaugural season such a success. As a token of our gratitude, summer clients will receive discounts on select fall packages. It's just our way of thanking you for your loyalty.

On The Crime Beat: Anyone with information on various cases, including the murders of Aileen Hodgeson, Dorothy Peterson, Becky Johnson, Howard Conway, Patricia Miller, Stella Donaldson, and Paul and Mary Hanson is strongly urged to contact Deputy Marshall Wynter.

Rhydin Baywatch?: Rhydin Shore Patrol is still investigating a massacre at what appears to have been a luau. Details on the shooting spree are being withheld by authorities. A total of twenty-six people were shot to death with a variety of weapons. Until further notice, a square mile of Rhydin's coast is closed to the public.

Rhy'Din Yellow Pages: (Repeated). Through discussion amongst players about the terrible confusion that transpires concerning precisely what it is that each individual character in Rhy'Din does to pay the bills, a great idea has been born. I felt it would be beneficial to not only display this idea as a UW Advertisement, but also as a Headline. The details as to why this idea came into focus can be reviewed on The Circle (the specific post has been provided via hyperlink). In brief, the question arises, "Who can my character turn to when a certain job needs done?" Many of us have taken great care and have spent many hours devising backgrounds and occupations for our characters. With this in mind, it would only seem logical (and also cordial) to conclude that if your character needed a specific something done that he or she would turn to another player's character who can do just that. To not would be foolish and at times possibly even bigoted.

Therefore, Mutual Endeavors member and fellow storyline collaborator DarkAngelGenesis has taken it upon herself to

collect as much information as humanly possible from all of you players in an effort to create Rhy'Din's very own Yellow Pages. Take a moment of your time one of these days and think about what it is your characters do for a living. What are their occupations? How do they make their money? Would other characters come to them in order to make use of their services? An example listing would be:

Rei: Openly - student at Northedge Academy, studies drama, plays football, occasionally works at the Rambling Rose Tavern.

Covertly - pickpocket, con artist, and sneak thief.

Use your imaginations and help us to help you by providing all the details that you feel are necessary. In a future issue of Ubique's Weekly, I will be highlighting as much as I can. Perhaps we can even add this into a section of the Mutual Endeavors website. Please send all information to darkangelgenesis@aol.com for these purposes. More information on this as it comes in.

Rogues of Rhy'Din: (Repeated). Months ago it was brought to my attention that a new type of storyline is being built. In some respects it could be considered a guild, but no. While it is centered around a select choice few of character candidates, it is not necessarily guild revival in roleplaying. A great number of characters fall under the category of rogue, and it is plausible to conclude that there would indeed be a Thieves' Guild in the area. Though do not confuse it with the old version of guilds that use to overpopulate the RP scene. This is in fact a group storyline, a collaboration in the works. For more information, please visit the website at: <http://www.thievesden.ashadowofme.com/> Their numbers are slowly growing, at least so far as identified rogues are concerned. Perhaps your character can find a place to fit in amongst the underground movement as well!

Winter Wonderland: In the tradition of the Spook Spectacular Haunted Hayride events at Dr. Maranya Valkonan's ranch, the good Doctor and her gardener Jack Bishop are planning a Winter Wonderland event for the month of December, the proceeds going to benefit programs at Riverview Clinic.

--Donatello Harada
Collaborative Headline Editor
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In Other News...

The most important thing about motivation is goal setting. You should always have a goal.

--Francie Larrieu Smith

Of course, our goal is to get as many updates as possible! I am very pleased with the number of individual Character Updates that I received this week. Even more pleased with the efficiency and accuracy in which they were compiled by our newly appointed CNE Ellyn VT. With your help, this is what we have to share for this week:

Ahriman (TheAngraMaiynu): What sort of dark and dastardly deeds could this one currently be up to? Nobody knows just yet. He still seems to be laying low.

Anna (AriannaRavenwood): The blue sister has not been seen since an appearance at the family gathering for Thanksgiving.

Ariana (ArianaMacGyldren, SMI Ariana): The green sister, along with her husband Galen (Galen MacGyldren) and daughter Elaine (Elaine Aqua), still resides at her husband and brother in law's clan lands. Ariana has pretty much stayed out of the public eye, save to work at her Bakery as usual.

Caife (SMI Multifarious): The Coffee Machine Golem is showing signs of lingering damage from his destruction and reconstruction last month. In particular, his speech is unreliable -- but his hearing, bioscanning, and coffee-brewing abilities are intact. He insists that it is simply a programming error, and his heuristic systems are clearing it.

Calypso (Lady Proudfoot): Life is good for her serene and royal majesty. She has all the food she could want, plenty of pettings, and is allowed to come and go as she sees fit. Could a cat ask for anything more?

Carmine (TaciturnMerc): He is still confusing his son by not being the short tempered, short sighted man that he knew and hated. He has been taken with a new interest and is now reading what he can find on the fae.

Carolyn Valkonan (DreamsInBurgundy): It's been quite the hectic week for the little dreamer. She's had to deal with temporal weirdness, impending finals, and a boatload of other things. Like being flirted with by the future version of your current babysitting charge. Carolyn knew Zohak was a cutie, but this is ridiculous! She and her best friend Aya (Destiny of Music) met a certain white dragon (Shiver the White) and can attest that he's very nice. Despite the fact that Aya was afraid of him. As the week progressed, Carolyn met the elusive She Who Tends the Dead (Faye Random) after she and

her aunt (Maranya Valkonan) and Salvador (Peculiar Silence) had an altercation of sorts in the Keep with a mysterious and powerful elf. Carolyn's still sporting a few sore feelings after that one, not to mention a new bracelet. As the week drew to a close, yet another misunderstanding between friends sent Aya packing--right into an icy river! Carolyn managed to find her and bring her back to the Lab and nurse her back to health. Seems the young bard will be staying with the Valkonans for a time--at least until spring thaw.

Cassandra Tyra (Against Descent): Just when you think your life is over--it isn't. The world-displaced Hieracthon oracle has been attempting to get her bearings in Rhydin, with limited success. Seems she's pledged her guns in service to one Zonker (XZonkerX), upon hearing that he and his men (and others) may be challenging a dangerous group of slavers in the near future.

Deputy Marshall Wynter (Rachael Wynter): The scarred law woman in black continues to work on wrapping up certain investigations (see Headlines). Rachael received information about a recent series of ritualistic murders from an anonymous informant and is currently investigating this lead. She is also working closely with Doctor Nigel Newborn from RCSI on this case. Her investigations keep the Deputy Marshall out of the public eye for the most part.

Doctor Maranya Tatiana Valkonan (Maranya Valkonan): She's tending to her patients as usual, including one of the tenders at the Silver Moon Inn. The good Doctor continues to spend time volunteering her medical services at a local free clinic. Maranya is very pleased with the landscaping on her ranch and the upcoming plans for the Winter Wonderland events there. She also visited the Red Dragon's Keep and the Silver Moon Inn recently to relax. However, the combined strain of keeping up with her busy schedule overall, along with investigating a series of mysterious deaths among some of her young cancer patients and working on changing her employment for the better continues to take its toll on the good Doctor.

Dris (BardGallant): After the confusion of Carmine's sudden loss of paternally over-protective nature towards his son, Dris has spent the past week doing the best he can do to keep himself sane. Such as working on a handful of music boxes that have arrived for holiday commissions. With all this hard work, he decided to take a break one fine evening and pay a visit to the Silver Moon Inn. There he spent some time hanging up mistletoe in various places (on the rafter just short of above the front door, the rafter overhanging the space between the men's and women's restrooms, on the rafter overhanging the couch, and on a wreath crown that he placed upon the head of the giant ant mounted on the wall behind the counter). He also spent the night engaging in song with Rae on piano accompaniment. Then he decided it was time to head home to spend quality time with a certain studious Spaniard.

Ehzoterik VonArcanum Tempestas (Ehzoterik): Rumor has it that Ehz escaped Limbo earlier in the past week to pay a visit to the Rambling Rose Tavern. Perhaps she just needed a break from the usual chaos.

Elaine (Elaine Aqua): No solo exploring jaunts for Elaine at all. She's been busy with her schoolwork and trying not to obviously get into fights with the kids at school who pick on her and her friend Sal (Peculiar Silence). The eleven year old misses Beauty but is consoled by taking care of Empress Emerald of Grayfur's kittens, though she's still grumpy that she's not allowed to name the kittens. Elaine really misses her brother Banshee (Banshee Aqua) and really truly doesn't believe he's truly gone.

Emmy (Empress Grayfur): Her kittens are now eight-weeks-old. The Empress Emerald of Grayfur is dealing with an overabundance of desire to explore and is often seen chasing her kittens around the MacGyldren homestead to make sure they don't tumble into any dark and dangerous places! Nobody told her being a mother to five would be this hard!

Faladar (Afreet Master): The off-kilter elf has been hanging around the Rambling Rose Tavern between adventures lately. Considering the personal and morally questionable nature of said adventures, that may be a mixed blessing! Universal wickedness (and a bump to the noggin) set him on sanity's thin line, and he's been acting as a vigilante, responsible for inciting rebellion and perhaps even poisoning! Horrors! Recently he's been hunted by a creepy Southern-fried interpretation of the Devil. The last anyone saw of him, Faladar had been arrested by local authorities for carrying out illegal executions in a juvenile incarceration facility. The arresting officer read a list of the elf's crimes aloud, before pausing to have a beer. Once finished, he managed to drag the confused elf out. Is this the end for the justice-seeking elf? Only future editions will tell...

Faye: She Who Tends the Dead (Faye Random): Winter's call is starting to sing its lullaby to the elusive spirit of entropy. It is only a matter of time before she will be engaging in her yearly hibernation cycle. But before she can rest easy, there are certain matters that need attended to. Such as delivering a series of cryptic truths to a fair number of people she knows, as well as people she is meeting for the first time. Will anyone unravel her mysteries before Winter arrives?

Fury (ReversedHalo): Strangely enough she's been out and about a great deal this past week. Apparently, even she isn't immune from the trials of time manipulation. A young man bearing quite a strong resemblance to the fallen one approached her with the title "Mother." She has yet to really make sense of this meeting. But, one thing is for sure she's not going to let this little timestream mishap get in the way of her plans. Whatever they may be.

Irina Braeden (Irina Braeden): In this week's installment, there's still been no news of note or actual sign of this native Rhydin resident around anywhere. Stay tuned.

Jack Bishop (Jackrabbit Blue): Nothing really new for Jack. He's busy taking care of 'Anya's ranch and ensuring that all visitors are as welcome as possible for the Winter Wonderland Sleigh Rides!

Joker (SMI Joker, Richard D Harker): The flirtatious bartender for the Silver Moon Inn worked his normal shift this week. Joker is still worried about his younger brother Nige (Peter N Harker). The elder Harker brother is currently undergoing anger management counseling along with his usual medical treatments from the Valkyrie (Maranya Valkonan). The flirtatious bartender hasn't slowed down at all in the dueling rings and plans to enter the upcoming Redwin Tournament. His only worries in that are first, defeating a certain Parrot and second, holding his own against Rhi in the rings.

Jules (Jules Braeden): Her latest project involves setting up Internet access in a heavenly plane. She knew she was good with computers, but to actually have a deity ask for her help? This has GOT to go on her resume.

Kakabel (Celestial Sorrow): The Prince of Stars has taken a temporary leave of absence from the mortal scene in order to deal with some celestial business. That is all he has told anyone in the form of a short note he left on Gem's night stand. Though as a post script he insisted that Rei continue on with his scheduled personal studies on his own, without his father's tutelage.

Lyssa (Lyssa Bjornson): Ariana's shy dollmaking daughter continues to make dolls based on dreams she's been having for a still undetermined reason.

Matakhat Cain (Matakhat Cain): This is the last week of classes for her for first semester at the University of Central Rhydin and she's glad of it. Her final grades will probably not be good enough for her liking, having had a hard time learning to manage her time between studying, working, tutoring, and managing a personal life. She's got a good month off in between semesters and is looking forward to sleeping, shopping (lots of shopping if you know Cat) partying and generally celebrating the upcoming holidays with Stephen and the whole crazy Harada family at Northedge.

Melly (Melanie Wyndham): Will the shy relief baker at Ariana's Divine Delights Bakery tend bar at the Silver Moon Inn again? The world may never know.

Mer Harriss (Heavy Metal Mer): The Virtual Adept spent another week toiling away (ha!) in the presence of her Not-Daughter (Angelin Vivalis) and her Jedi (Orion Ksyhsravor) at the Rambling Rose. It was fairly quiet this week, which was likely a good thing, since Merriam's shining personality and scintillating mood were both in peak form.

Micarryl (Still More Drow): Mica sei'lor bauth plynnythus natha voiry d' zha'linth nindol blyntangi lu' uriu tlus aluin ulu l' voiry uln'hyrr desu. Ukt duucald an'kin talinthe uk shlu'ta guy'ya natha killian nin lu' belbaus ukta uss, lu' nindel morfel ukta ves loff'ta.

Mithril (ASaintOfSinners): The ever busy Mithril has not been seen much lately, but that is not for lack of anything to do. Rumor has it that he is currently involved in some sort of project that deals with the redemption of some demons he and his mate have taken prisoner. He is also planning some sort of offensive strike to launch against one of his greatest foes, but the exact details of this are not revealed yet.

Mozart (Amadaeus Felidae): He is in the position where he gets to watch over two men, two boys, and a bat. So much for being destructo kitty, he now has responsibilities!

Parhi Grimjaws (The Multifarious): The swordmaster has taken up teaching. Her pupils at the moment include Terrance Tomar and Theirrodur, the latter of whom insists that he's just interested in polishing his skills - well, no he doesn't. He really wants to make time with teacher, and isn't actually keeping it a secret. In the meantime, she's making sure that her students get at least a good athletic workout.

Pleione (Stellar Balinese): Winter strolls and snowdrift hunts. Oh where, oh where has the Balinese gone? Oh where, oh where could she be?

Rei (AmethystStarfall): Rei is proving to be almost as bad as his angelic relatives when it comes to working. He has his schoolwork, the drama club, football practice, lessons that his father gives him, lessons that his mother gives him, lessons that his uncles give him, business with a guild, and his own personal research to do. Is it any wonder that people have not seen much of the winged teen lately?

In other news, he did make a very brief stop at one of his mother's favorite taverns to let her know that he is not mad at her for growing bored with his father. He knew that such a thing was due to happen, and there are other things to spend his time thinking about. His mother seemed surprised and relieved to learn that she did not earn his wrath about this.

Rekah (BlackTideRising): She's laying low at the docks this week. She made a stop at the Red Dragon Keep one evening but it was uneventful except for the bag of candy. Which it did give her quite a tummy ache the next morning. She swore off candy until later that afternoon she was given yet another bag. Is it luck? Or is someone just playing a mean prank? Only time will tell.

Salvador (Peculiar Silence): No rest for the wicked, and Salvador is starting to wonder if he truly is wicked! There was an incident (when isn't there), one night at the Red Dragon Keep that involved an unpredictably powerful she-elf! The night started off peacefully. Shadi fell asleep in the chair with him, and Sal left him to his slumber. It's a wonder the boy didn't wake up with all the chaos that ensued afterwards. Plagued by temporal disturbances should have been enough, but no. His doctor (Maranya Valkonan) started lapsing away, and he realized that she had something he desperately wanted to see. When she refused to reveal the object to him, he became angry. Carolyn and the she-elf managed to pull him away from the doctor, but the she-elf did not think simply pulling him away was enough. She punched him! And that just caused a whole new series of rage and retribution to flare!

His night ended by being kicked in the most precious part of his male anatomy, being bitten on the back of the neck, and by being forced into an enchanted slumber by the she-elf! The last bit would not have happened if he had not been careless enough to throw himself in between the she-elf and his doctor. He is not sure what happened after that. All he knows is he slept through the entire day, missed school, and woke up in his bed Saturday morning from a very long and meaningful dream sequence. He has yet to discuss the details, but something is for certain. That enchanted sleep brought about some changes. Such as a sudden spike of improvement in his grades! Especially with his English!

Poor Shadi. Will Sal ever let the boy pick apart his brain? He's becoming as taciturn as his father these days. Like father, like son. Isn't that what they say?

Shadi (Shadibadoo): The strange little fellow's been absent from local taverns lately, but it seems light is about to be shed on that subject. There's a sort of relationship or flirtation occurring between him and Salvador (Peculiar Silence), of all things. Shadi had despaired of Sal's ability to ever return his affections, but seems to have gotten in touch with Salvador's feline instincts! Now he's living with Sal and his family, another 'stray'. Like many hippies, Shadi had been living under a bridge. He's more comfortable now, and more hopeful. The only problem in his paradise seems to be the ability to reconcile his attitudes with Salvador's--being that Salvador is a dominant sort and Shadi isn't that submissive. He wants to be protective, but Sal 'wears the pants', to coin a phrase. So things are a bit awkward so far...

Shiver the White (The Multifarious): The little white dragon has returned to Rhydin from his realm in the Land of Fundamental Ice. So far he has refrained from killing any talking mammals - that's nice of him.

Stephen Valkonan (Stephen Valkonan): The good students of Northedge and local colleges aren't the only ones dealing with finals. He has both finals and final projects due in this semester's worth of his education degree, and the stress is building. Maybe he'll actually be getting a few grey hairs for Christmas? Heaven forbid! Well, it remains to be seen, especially with the Harada Horde impending and descending upon Northedge for the holidays. The REAL question is, can Stephen keep his sanity throughout?

Terrance Tomar-Duncan (Terrance Tomar): No good deed, or stupid one, goes unpunished. In a chivalrous mood earlier this week, Terry offered to escort an unarmed woman to her inn and was led straight into an Ahriman ambush, where he was poisoned. Luckily for him he returned to the Rambling Rose and encountered Cassiel (InvertedDarkness) who noticed the venom dormant in him and drew it out. It would have absolutely ruined his mood had it kicked in unnoticed. After a tip-off from kin that the woman was a disguised demon, he went after the biatch and captured her. YOINK. How you like that, Mr. Angry!

Twelve (The Multifarious): In the wake of the great Giant Gang Wipeout, the techno-dead zone has been more or less empty, except for two active agents. Giant ants have been burrowing underground, and Twelve the Trollkin has been wandering around on the surface. Along with the typical scouting around - and eating the occasional incautious giant ant - Twelve has been gathering the remnants of the Giants artifacts and tools in the cave that previously served as their hideout. Holes have been dug in the perimeter of the zone, and trees have been hacked down by the trollkins claws. It's kind of hard to figure out what is going on in Twelve's head...

Ynik (The Multifarious): The Jedi Weapons Master lost an arm to the Giants. He has recovered enough to walk, but for some reason declines to get his right arm replaced for now.

Yoshi (KitsuneNineTails): When asked by the roving reporter to leave an update concerning his weekly progress, he merely handed over a small brown paper bag full of bedsprings and dashed away. That does not appear to be terribly informative.

Zetarris (Zetarris): He's been busy this week, what with helping to baby sit demons and kids from all different displaced times and lecturing workaholics and looking for land for his giraffe farm. He is now taking suggestions for ranch names.

Zohak (ABafflingEnigma): Carolyn is his favorite babysitter! He wants to do something nice for her, but does not know what yet. Lately he has not been allowed to go out much as very bad men are still hunting him. Hopefully they will go away soon for he is quite bored.

--Ellyn VT

Character News Editor

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Classifieds

This is the section where anything you the player and/or your characters needs can be advertised. It's an underutilized resource for soliciting and promoting cooperative roleplay in storylines and I for one would like to see that change. I'd like to thank those players who are taking advantage of this resource. Any future ads and/or changes to present ads should be sent to ArianaMacGyldren. For ease of use, I've broken the ads down into In Character and Out of Character listings.

In Character Listings

Bayview Productions : Currently seeking a local guide for their documentary crew. Any individuals with an intimate knowledge of the area and giant ants are asked to respond to this publication. Bayview Productions is prepared to pay handsomely for this service. For more information please contact them courtesy of Ink Wire Associates.

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Blackjack Adventures : Bored? Seeking more Adventure in your life? Check out Blackjack Adventures! We have adventure packages to meet your needs!

At our Kodiak Falls Office, we offer trail riding of all sorts. Whether your desire is to ride the back of a mighty steed through woodland splendor or you'd rather watch trees zip by as you kick up mud with an ATV, we've got you covered.

Supercross Champion, Freestyle Motocross Champion and Free-ride Moto Champion Chasz "Too Fly" Havery is on hand to guide various adventure packages, including:

-Hiking

-Mountain/trail biking

-Downhill mountain biking

-Mudsports (motocross/ATV, trail biking, mud hiking)

-Rock climbing

In another Blackjack Adventures exclusive, through a special arrangement with Hammerforge Motorsports, we are pleased to announce special race car driver fantasy packages where you actually get to drive the cars around an official track! These packages are only available through October.

Also ask about our driving programs tailored to school and employment training needs.

The Blackjack Family would like to extend our gratitude to those who made our inaugural season such a success. As a token of our gratitude, summer clients will receive discounts on select fall packages. It's just our way of thanking you for your loyalty.

For those who have yet to experience a Blackjack Adventure, we offer several introductory packages priced right for those who would like to sample before ordering a major package.

Contact Administrative Director of Operations Irina Braeden for details.

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Help Wanted : Independent, well motivated individuals interested in working for a new and exciting business. Must have skills in skiing, snowboarding, jet ski operation, surfing and other water and winter sports activities. For more information on this great opportunity, send us a request via mail or e-mail.

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Help Wanted -- Marksman : Blackjack Adventures is in the market for a Staff Marksman. Applicants must not only be proficient in the use of small arms, but must be certified to instruct others in the use of the same. Contact Administrative Director of Operations Irina Braeden for details.

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IDPC : Are pesky Pixies pirating your poultry? Dagger Drakes diving in your dough? Sarduvian Razor mice dicing your delicatessen? Irritating Insects invading your Igloo? Just call the IDPC. Inter-Dimensional Pest Control, we handle anything from the smallest flea, to the grandest giant. No job too big, none too small. 100% money back guarantee*. Now Taking Applications. Contact IDPC Rusty.

*money back guarantee subject to terms and conditions

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Junk Collector : Do you have used electronics cluttering up the place? Need some more space about your home?

Broken, obsolete, it matters not. I will gladly take such items off your hands, or even repair or upgrade your system. Rates negotiable. Contact Jules Braeden at 411-555-7913. Leave a message. Let's do business!

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 Mestrangelo Enterprises : Dealer and Procurer of All Things. Specialties Include: Rare Books, Antiques, Modern Machinery. Discretion and Satisfaction Guaranteed. 4242 Broadway. Conveniently located between the Tech and Old Sectors of the city.

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 Photography : Local hotshot photographer seeking work! Looking for someone to capture all those memorable moments on professional designer print? Kevin N Summers may be just the person you've been looking for! He works with artistic shots, action shots, wedding photos (which can be bought as a whole package with the services of Kelly's Catering Company). You want it, you name it! Commission operates on a sliding scale to suit the customers' needs. Any interested parties can contact Mr. Summers by writing to Nick Summers c/o Ink Wire Associates, or by calling our offices and asking for Nick Summers.

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 Rhydin Animal Control : Remember it's always Kitten and Puppy season down at the Shelter. As always more adult dogs and cats need homes than have them. Perfectly fine animals who are homeless by no fault of their own. Also the Rhydin Menagerie is seeking donations. As the weather cools and the cost of good food rises Chief Haverack asks you to please give what you can. Finally, Please Spay and Neuter your pets. Pest Removal Services available 24-7, if non-emergency come to 789 Comshock Ln. For emergencies call: 916-555-5722.

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 Tattoo You? : The Rose's Thorn Tattoo and Piercing Parlor: Body modification your style? Have a specific tattoo design you've been dreaming of, aching for, but no one seems able to put ink to flesh? Rose Valkonan, proprietor, would be only too happy to fulfill your tattoo and piercing desires. Only the newest procedures used. We pride ourselves on our cleanliness and jewelry selection! 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed--the work's not done until YOU are happy! Contact Drake Valkonan at Valkonan Labs to set up an appointment. Be sure to mention the Rose's Thorn!

Out of Character Listings

Ariana's Divine Delights Bakery : For those of you who remember the good old days of AOL's message boards, we would like to remind one and all that nothing is ever completely lost in this day and age. Perhaps one way that we can all achieve our goals of keeping our storylines on the same track is to make use of this forgotten treasure. Therefore, it is our great pleasure to direct everyone's attention to the existence of Ariana's Divine Delights Bakery. With the creator's permission, we are welcoming one and all to read, write, and enjoy the glory that is storytelling through the use of message boards. Keep those creative juices flowing!

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 Rambling Rose : The Rambling Rose Tavern is a bar and grill establishment in town, owned and operated by Seamus Wylie and Katie Rose Wylie. Stop in and enjoy a drink or a home-style meal, but before you do check out the rules and room description by following this link: <http://www.ramblingrosetavern.com>. There are plenty of fun times to be had at the Rambling Rose Tavern! Don't hesitate to join in on them whenever possible.

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 Red Dragon Inn : From its historical origins to the present day, everything that ever was and will be concerning Rhydin can be found here. There are also direct links to the RDI related rooms. For more information contact the RDI's official correspondent Fayalki, or visit one of the links provided below:

--The official Red Dragon FFG Group Index webpage can be found at <http://members.aol.com/rdifayalki/RDIGroup/index.htm>.

--The official schedule can be found by following AOL Keyword: RED DRAGON INN > Role-Playing Games Chat Schedule.

--All Boards for Red Dragon Inn can be located via this link: Red Dragon Inn

- OOO General Discussion: The Kitchen Sink
- Role-playing techniques, tips, etc.: Players Assisting Players
- Compliments to fellow players/writers: Words of Praise
- Recruiting: Writer & Role-Player Recruiting

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 Silver Moon Inn : Looking for a good place for your characters to meet and interact? Check out the Silver Moon Inn, located in the member created rooms under Arts & Entertainment. But before you jump on in and join the fray, you should take a moment to look over the Rules & Regulations that correspond to the environment. Once you've grown accustomed as to what to expect, feel free to see what the SMI might have in store for you.

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Victims Wanted : Roleplayers seeking "throwaway characters" for recently developing storyline. If you have a currently existing character that you're just plain sick of, or are interested in creating a "victim" please contact Inkwire Associates for more information. The players behind the characters have asked to remain confidential in their interviewing process, but are encouraging everyone to join in on the "gory fun!" Keep an eye on the weekly Headlines concerning murder victims to get a feel for what is expected. The more the victims are actually in the public eye before their eradication, the more believable the players feel this storyline will be!

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 Yellow Pages : I am collecting a list of characters and the jobs that they do. I plan to compile all of these into one handy little reference guide. Think of this as the Rhydin Yellow Pages. Here is an example of a listing:

Rei: Openly - student at Northedge Academy, studies drama, plays football, occasionally works at the Rambling Rose Tavern.

Covertly - pickpocket, con artist, and sneak thief

Please send all listings to DarkAngelGenesis.

Announcements

Here's the current listing of announcements for this week. Any future announcements, both in and out of character, that you wish to see listed in UW need to be sent to ArianaMacGyldren.

In Character Birthdays/Holidays:

Friday, December 17th - birthday of Carmine Enrique Molinero-Gonzalez (Taciturn Merc).

Out of Character Birthdays/Holidays:

Wednesday, December 8th - First day of Hanukkah.

Final Thoughts

I still feel like I gotta prove something. There are a lot of people hoping I fail. But I like that. I need to be hated.

--Howard Stern

This week I decided I wanted to go with something a little different than Aesop's Fables as far as quotations are concerned. So I did a search for famous quotes and came across an interesting website known as Famous Quotes. There are times in which I feel like being cryptic, and other times in which I try my damndest to say exactly what I mean. This week I feel that the above quote is fitting.

These days almost everywhere I look there is an overabundance of drama being tossed about behind the scenes. No matter how many times I say it, and no matter how often I feel as if I am accomplishing nothing more than repeating myself unheard, there are some things that are worth being said again. We are all roleplayers, but we are also all individual people. We all have our own opinions, thoughts, and concerns. Online as we do in life, we should always strive to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. Each of us is unique in our views of the world. The best we can do for ourselves is to always try to work together. Remember, roleplaying is a cooperative effort. It is a Mutual Endeavor. And starting this week, Ubique's Weekly is one as well. So please remember to follow these simple directions concerning...

Updates: From now on, all future Ubique's Weekly submissions are always due the Sunday before every expected delivery date. UW is issued every Tuesday morning (maybe even earlier), depending on how long it takes me to put everything together and sent off to the printers. Comments, questions, updates, additions, announcements, advertisements, etceteras are always welcome for every issue. While some may make it to the front page, there is no guarantee that all submissions will be printed. However, your thoughts are always encouraged to be shared. Just remember to send all of these aforementioned things to the Ink Wire Associates no later than Sunday at midnight EST. I will be reminding you again in an e-mail later during the week. The following information will be included in that memo as well:

Storyline Spotlights: If you feel that you have an enormous collaboration that should be implemented into this section, please e-mail your submission to DarkAngelGenesis, IWA's Storyline Spotlight (and Top Story!) Editor.

Headlines: All the smaller group collaboration efforts should be shared with Donatello Harada, IWA's Collaborative Headline Editor (CHE). These are any stories that you feel are not simply stories of your own individual characters' adventures. If you are uncertain, simply CC your information to the Editor In Chief (Ehzoterik).

Character News: All the little tidbits of individual character updates should now be sent to newly appointed Ellyn VT, IWA's Character News Editor (CNE). These updates are the vast majority of what has been received and published in previous editions. If you are uncertain, simply CC your information to the Editor In Chief (Ehzoterik).

Advertisements & Announcements: Review your backstory information. All character birthdays and anniversaries, as

well as personal player birthdays and anniversaries should be sent to ArianaMacGyldren, IWA's Advertising Editor (AAE). Include special holidays that you feel may not be normally recognized and would like to see in print in our publication. Also take some time to review the classifieds. Any additions and changes to that section should also be sent to AG.

Everything else can be sent to me at ehzoterik@aol.com. Remember that roleplaying itself is a Mutual Endeavor! With all the changes that are going on, it is my hope that everything goes according to plan. This cannot be accomplished without your help and support. So once again I thank you all for displaying those things. Ubique's Weekly would be nothing without you. With my eternal gratitude, I will strive to continue to be...

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