



Mayoral Address



Beautiful Horizon County
 The county seat of Horizon County, formerly known as Lairabee county, is working alongside the Emporium and the Hospitality Guild to bring you a Halloween Harvest Festival! This festival is in the spirit of Autumn where our days begin to grow shorter, our nights longer, and our fireplaces warmer with each falling leaf. As for Halloween, Roman of the Emporium will be bringing a little piece of Earth to share with Oz during the festival. It's time once again to come together as the seasons change!

The festival will include several contests:
 Pumpkin Carving Contest (Pumpkins will not be wasted) organized by The Emporium
 Ugly Mug Contest organized by The Emporium
 Baking Contest organized by Larissa Bagshaw
 And possibly more!

The festival will also be hosting a variety of carnival games, cookie decorating with the Poppy, "trick or treating" as taught by Roman, a dinner potluck party, and a community building event to decorate the town hall for our fun fall festivities! We encourage everyone to bring a little fall flair to decorate the town hall on Saturday before the festival! As such, the schedule for the festival is as followed:

6 - 7PM Trick or Treating
 7 - 8PM Festival Set Up
 9PM Potluck & Festival

If you are contributing to the Potluck, please be sure to clearly display what your dish contains for the sake of our citizens and festival goers. Feel free to approach me with any questions. I would also like to thank you all so much for attending our talent show! Horizon Stronghold has a plethora of talent that was a delight for all to see. Our first place winner Luciana Pavorclucki's performance will certainly be a performance our town shall not soon forget. Thank you again to all who participated, and all who attended.

There are of course the more serious matters that must be addressed. Rabies and its mutated counterpart have been successfully vaccinated, and the diseases are being eradicated. Folks are encouraged to visit their nearest outpost or mephitics guild representative to receive their vaccine, and any necessary curatives. As a changeling, it certainly makes my heart soar to know that this evil in Oz is leaving us for good this time.

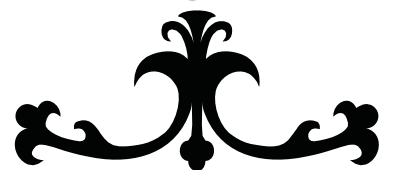
As for the Emerald sickness, there is much we still need to understand. I must insist that you do not intentionally meddle with this disease as there are

great risks involved with how and how quickly it spreads. Currently we are able to cure the disease in its early stages with rituals designed to remove artifacts and their effects. I must stress that the crystals remain untouched as they are highly contagious, and an extra measure of caution is used in curing the illness.

Things may seem a tad bit grim as the days grow darker, but we mustn't drown ourselves in the dark days to come. Together as a community we've fought against the odds countless times, and I'll be damned if we can't keep on keepin' on. When I look over Horizon Stronghold, I see an incredible group of individuals, all with their own unique talents and differences, able to come together and stand at each others side when times grow tough. This is a town I am proud to be apart of each and every day, and one that I am exhilarated to bring another life into.

Sincerely,
 Mayor Rose Johnson

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Civil Authority

No articles, advertising, or opinions shall be presented promoting a violent, subversive agenda or actively encouraging and contributing to civil unrest.





A SCORCHING Interview with Pyrope, Read at your own Peril!

By George Aleister Wright

GAW: "Miss Pyrope, thank you for granting me this interview! Frankly, I was surprised you responded to my request and that we are sitting here together."

P: "Well I did agree to this interview, since there isn't anything too.. interesting around. I am Pyrope, elemental manifestation of volcanic flames."

GAW: "And is that where you are from? A volcano?"

P: "Where I come from? A loaded question I'm sure, Immortals are from OZ, unlike some of you.* smirk* Even some Ozians have never heard of my home. I was formed on Salamander Island, often referred to as Lavaland. This is a place far beyond the deserts and a ways past the shores of Rinkitink and the Land of Ev."

GAW: "That sound like it is far, far away. Tell us..."

P: "How did I pass the deserts? Another immortal traveled as far out as my homeland, he had formulated a plan to protect humans and other lesser beings during the times when Immortals warred over land and territory, by locating and committing younger immortals to the task. Nowadays it's as simple as passing through the magma pockets deep under the ground and traveling to many volcano's not under the domain of another Immortal, when I was much younger it took time and patience, leading to my friendship with the Flame Folk of the Impassable Desert."

GAW: "Transportation through magma pockets...that must be one hot ticket to get on that ride! You could probably make a tidy sum doing tours and such...Have you considered that line of work? Wait, what is your occupation?"

P: "My Occupation? I suppose there isn't really a title for it. I am simply here, a life force formed with the purpose of maintaining our magma banks and assur-

ing the pressure build up in the many mountains covering this potentially disastrous stretch of land remain.. well, stable."

GAW: "That sounds like a very stressful job...have you come to Horizon's Stronghold for rest and relaxation?"

P: " To be quite frank, it has been ages since I have wasted this much time in one place. Initially it was for Rose, as she called myself and my former- called us to this particular settlement for assistance, and as of now it is more or less like being trapped in a haze of complacency and weary vexation."

GAW: "I'm glad to hear that an immortal of your capabilities would come to the aid of our now Mayor Rose. But having done that, do you have any other goals, now that you are here in town?"

P: " My goals..for this place? For Horizon Stronghold? What I can tell you for certain is that the development and political/ social growth of this town means about as much as the latest fashion trend in the emerald city. This is just another town, with yet another group of dysfunctional misfits. Not to say that is something to consider negative. However I suppose one simple thing that would be more or less pleasant to witness here- would be a drastic change in the attitudes and ego of this town. Something brought about by extreme but necessarily educational events."

GAW: "I can only hope that our social growth towards a society that embraces the freedom of all sentient beings is not as fleeting as a fad in the Emerald City...And I would have to say that Horizon's Stronghold is a unique town because of our wonderful townspeople...an island of misfit toys if you will..."

P: "Needless to say this is an interesting town, and this has been an interesting interview. I do hope you have gotten to

People of Horizon Stronghold and all of Horizon county,

You are being deceived,

I ask one favor, that for one moment you stop to consider the following - you, yes you, you are reading this right now , focus:


Maraxxis = Mayor Axxis = MAYOR AXEL

Wake up sheeple ! Don't be BLINDED by your own ignorance!

-- I'm watching

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TO JOIN THE NEWSPAPER
FREELANCE AND STAFF JOB AVAILABLE



know me better on this quest to talk with the town and it's citizens. Do not worry about approaching Immortals in town, even if they may be capable of burning or drowning you. Anyone is capable of that . "

GAW: "Thank you Pyrope for sharing your personal information and candid views."

And there your have it loyal readers. Miss Pyrope, a wonderful new addition to our town!



Snickers Bits

Q: What's with all of the hyenas? Also, what is the best way to spread rabies?

A: Well well, someone FINALLY gathered enough stones to ask TWO questions. Hyenas eat meat, there is a lot of meat in Horizon's Stronghold. I am certain that once some citizens stop producing obscene amounts of bratwurst sausage hyenas will stop coming for the food. I find it easiest to spread the disease through laughter! Though rabies is NOTHING compared to this new fancier illness...

Q: How would you go about telling somebody you know that they're going to die and there's nothing anyone can do about it?

A: I don't. Wouldn't. I wouldn't tell them. Unless they had something I wanted them to leave to me in some kind of "dying request" manner. Like a new jack in the box!

Q: Looking for romantic date ideas. Thoughts?

A: Nothing beats a nice picnic on the beach, just make sure you bring a gun if it's mermaid mating season!

Q: If you do everything for a friend, and he yells at you and is a bad friend, can you eat him? Asking for a friend.

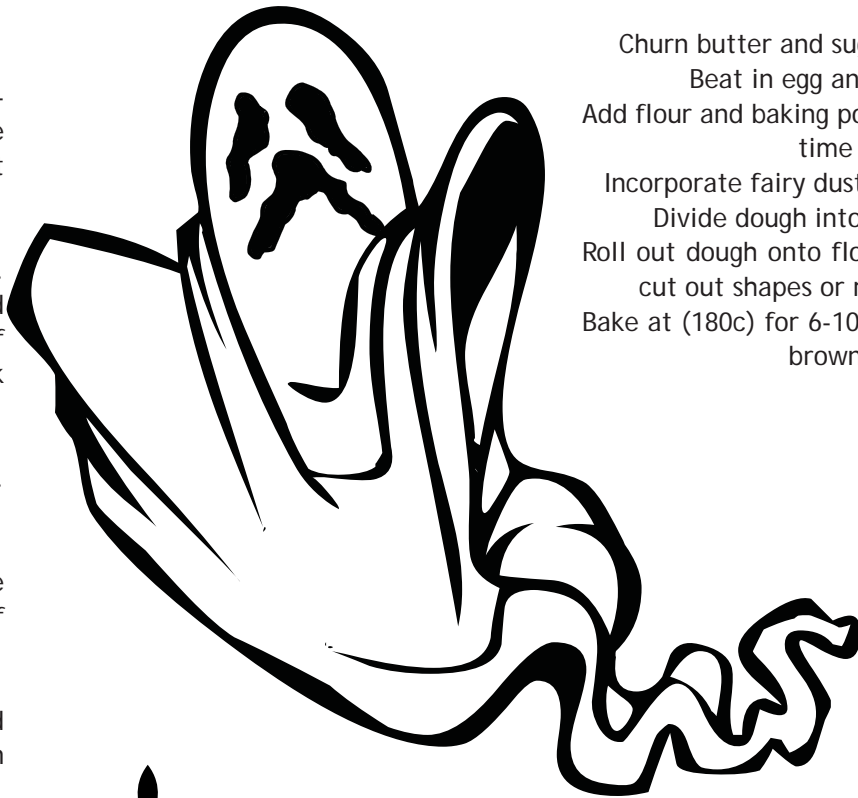
A: Of course! I am not responsible for any laws that may or may not be broken by you attempting to devour your friends though! Now it's in writing so you know it's a fact!

Q: My garden is attacking me after 10 years of nurturing them. Who do I call for help?

A: I am not a farmer, but a talented chemist may be just the trick. Just make sure no one has paid them to make your garden MORE hungry

Q: How do you get rid of your doppelganger?

A: It pains me deeply to write that I do not know. HOWEVER, when I find out that ugly freak is in for it!



Larissa's "Indescribables" Cookie Recipe

Ingredients:

- Butter (225ml)
- Sugar (225 ml)
- 1 Egg
- Baking powder (10 ml)
- Vanilla (5ml)
- Flour (627 ml)
- Handful of Fairy dust

Directions:

- Churn butter and sugar till creamy
- Beat in egg and vanilla
- Add flour and baking powder a little at a time
- Incorporate fairy dust into the dough
- Divide dough into two halves
- Roll out dough onto floured surface and cut out shapes or roll into balls
- Bake at (180c) for 6-10 minutes till light brown



It is Always Tea Time
Tea Time B&B





Town Schedule

Saturday

Noon -2 p.m. Market
Hildy Hall

2 p.m. .
Town Meeting\
Marshal & Treasure
Election
Tax collection

6 - 7PM Trick or Treating

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A Dash Of Alchemy



Hello, my name is Larissa Bagshaw! I am an Alchemical Baker from a small town outside of Horizon's Stronghold (originally from London). I make alchemical treats that are infused with magical properties. I can do specialty orders, custom orders and some catering events. I just acquired a small spot in the Emerald City selling my baked goods. I am now going to be in Horizon's Stronghold for the next couple of months while I invent new recipes for the spring to create in the Emerald City.

Please come see my booth at the Horizon's Stronghold Market on Saturday! I am very excited to be back here!



ROLAND TIWAZ, WELL KNOWN "MAGICAL FUR-TRADER" FRAMED FOR FRAUD!

Last week local authorities in Winkie Country finally caught Mr. Tiwaz. He has been alluding capture by the authorities for months!

Last week with a tip from an unknown source, they went to an apple festival where Mr. Tiwaz was selling his supposedly "magical" furs. They managed to tackle him to the ground before he could escape.

The furs "magical" power was that Mr. Tiwaz acquired the furs illegally by hunting and killing Changelings and pawned them off as "magical." Mr. Tiwaz says the reason for this was, "I was runnin' out of pelts in the woods and I needed another good to sell." Representatives from Changeling communities around Oz are outraged. Many towns are horrified of this news. Citizens who have any information about Roland Tiwaz are to tell their local authorities about everything they saw when he was in their town, and then local authorities will then send the report to their superiors. Many people in Oz have questioned how this could have happened. How could a fur trader do such a thing to Changelings? Isn't there laws that protect such a thing from happening? Many Ozians are now wondering if the goods they buy at local markets are real or forgeries. "How can we tell if they are real?" One young woman in the Emerald City asked. According to local authorities the only way to really know if it is authentic or not is to request a certificate of authenticity; although not many sellers will have this information. In the Emerald City sellers are now required to have some proof of authenticity of their product.

Local authorities will team up to gather a case against Mr. Tiwaz. They said they will make sure this never happens again in Oz.



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Good snacks, and good fun.

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