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#### REPROBATE CONSTRU TACK H'ZN'S STRONG

CITIZENS DEFEND HOMES . BRAVE CHARGE LED BY CHANGELING 'PRINCESS'

Panic gripped the green streets of Horizon's Stronghold as hundreds of rogue constructs, doubtless repurposed

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by the enemies of Oz, ravaged the town—setting fires, destroying property, attacking citizens, and generally causing a much unwanted hullabaloo. The farming constructs were searching for farmers that they claimed had been taken by strongholders. Attacking near-indiscriminately, the constructs harmed many but were prevented from killing by the swift actions of heroes such as Monster the Scuddler, Honey Bear, Roman Blake, Thomas Silverglass, and the lovely Miss Nue—all led by brave sheriff Princess. Miss Nue, herself a construct (though with beauty and charm far beyond that of the simple farming constructs), was able to not only aid fallen fighters but also disable the attackers and repurpose their cogwork brains to peaceful purposes.

Three huzzahs for our courageous and clever heroes! Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!

# GR&VEMOSS

GRAVEMOSS TEMP. MAYOR AS GRAVEMOSS STĖPS DOWN

market-day Mayor This last was confronted by Gravemoss dozens of angry farmers representatives of associated trades from the rural areas that support and feed Horizon's Stronghold. Alleging gross wrongdoing and voicing a litany of genuine and serious complaints, the farmers Gravemoss of accused misappropriation of funds, diverting vital aid from the county to protect his interests, and of using government funds for brothelrelated expenses. Worse, they accused Gravemoss of trying to ruin the farms of rivals to attain a monopoly on food production.

The mayor became enraged and lunged into the startled crowd, causing the intervention of Thomas Silverglass and Roman Blake to protect the innocent from harm at hands of the attacking Gravemoss.

stepped down within the hour and the West. Gravemoss has been appointed suggestion of policies will be different from those of Gravemoss, and that the reign of Gravemoss will be a break from the just-ended reign of Gravemoss.

### THE WIZARD

IS THIS THE START OF A NEW GOLDEN AGE IN OZ, OR NOT?

Rumors swirl around the possible return of the eponymous wizard, known to some as Oz the Great and Powerful, known to others as the Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

The news from some in the Emerald City indicates that the wizard has indeed returned, promising to restore the Great Spell and banish death itself from the world.

Although some have called him izard' it must be the 'Hur pointed out that he managed to overthrow several powerful magic

While this paper is not privy to all users and was instrumental in details of the ensuing investigation, setting in motion the events that led it is known that Major Gravemoss to the defeat of the Wicked Witch of

Most wizards and witches are interim mayor, most likely at the currently withholding any & all Gravemoss, judgement on if the wizard has Gravemoss promises that their returned, his intentions, and if the substantially wizard can and will restore the Great Spell...if that is even possible.

FOR MISS NUE!

Once again Mr Skraxxis performed a scientific miracle. implanting

the aperture of

is supplied with nutrients from an internal pump of and ground-breaking design. All hail the new flesh! Miss Nue is said to be pleased with her new , and intends to display it for the public next market-day.

When reached for comment the redoubtable and wise Mr. Skraxxis responded: "HmmmMMmm, Interessting. Yeeeas. AkahaHaRhaHa".

# ZIPPER-HEAD DETECTIVE WOWS M'VINGPICTURES SHOW WITH UNEXPECTED MAGIC TRICKS

THIS PAPER ASKS: CAN DANNY PERFORM POOL-PLAYING AND DREAM-WALKING TOO?

A showing of the moving picture Junior" 'Sherlock interrupted by magic, seemingly by Danny the Zipper-Head Detective. moving-pictures The purported to reveal many secrets of detectives, including their secret book, their ability to ghost-walk when dreaming, and their amazing pool-paying abilities. Detectives from the land of Üsa also have an amazing ability to make their mustaches vanish at will, according to the moving-pictures show.

When asked if he too had these abilities, Danny the Zipper-Head Detective gestured at the screen, making a dark spot appear to obscure the on-screen antics of the character of Sherlock Junior. Despite the best efforts of Thomas Silverglass, noted moving-pictures show impresario, the shadow remained. No cleaning of the lantern-glass or interventions on his part were effective in undoing whatever had been done.

Most patrons of the Red Poppy stayed until the conclusion of the moving-pictures show; but were disappointed that Danny refused to aid in the removal of his dark spot.





#### WAR LATEST: ARE GNOMES & COYOTES IN LEAGUE?

HORIZON'S STRONGHOLD RAIDED BY EGG THIEVES! VERY EXPENSIVE STOCKINGS RUINED! FARMS BURNED!

We are troubled to report that the latest raids in Horizon County have seemingly seen Coyotes and Gnomes working in concert, both attacking outlying farms. Some pundits posit that these two groups are not working together, and that the wild coyote changelings are just opportunistically attacking underdefended areas

It is troubling that the gnomes (famously and deathly allergic to eggs) and the coyotes (who raid chicken brothels and eat eggs, so depleting our defenses) have such synergy in their actions—almost as if coordinated as part of a combined effort to starve us out.

If you have any knowledge of any movements or any activities of any coyotes or any gnomes, this should be reported to the Scarecrow's Outpost or to the local sheriff as soon as they are known to you, if not sooner.

# MARVELOUS MISS NUE REPAIRS RECOVERED CONSTRUCTS

FAMED LOCAL BEAUTY VOLUNTEERS TIME AND EXPERTISE TO WAR EFFORT

After the recent attacks on Horizon Stronghold, Miss Nue toured local farms, fixing damaged constructs and seeing to the needs of the injured and destitute. With her were noted stormrider Doctor Malarkey, and Thomas Silverglass.

Through their efforts some of the farms were bought back into good working order, though many others were beyond saving at this time and further privation and famine should be expected in the coming year.

After touring the farms Miss Nue turned her attention to the needs of our Antfolk allies—by looking after their young she freed the brave tunnel-fighters to seek out our gnomish enemies in the tunnels under the farmland of Horizon County. With her were many farmers' wives who had lost their farms to the war. We wish to thank our ant allies. *Thanks ants. Thants.* 

# HARMED & ALARMED, FORMER LLAMA FARMERS CALMED

TENSIONS DEFUSED BY WISE FORMER FARMER S'V'RGLASS

We wish to thank to Mr T. Silverglass, a horny-handed son of toil, who helped assuage the fears and calm the anger of the farmers who attended the last town meeting. His wise words avoided further violence after the incident with the now-former mayor Gravemoss.



#### A LETTER TO THE CURRENT M&YOR

Written By: A Grubber Who Fears Reprisals From

Oz has turned its back on the grubbers. I've been raisin' crops and tilling soil for forty years now, and my father, grand-father, greatgrandfather, [etc] were all grubbers before me. We used to get respect 'round these parts, when people still remembered where their food was comin' from. My farm went up in flames bout a week ago, and not a darn individual has been willin' to help 'ceptin good Miss Nue. My constructs are gone without a trace, my crops are nothin' but soot, and my livelihood is destroyed. What are you gonna do when every last crop in the county is shriveled up and turned to ash? I bet it'll only matter when you realize it's gonna affect you, and by then it'll be too late. When the onions die, how will you cry? When the corn dies, what vegetable will run for mayor only to be abused and tortured by the local parlor's owners? When tomatoes die, what will you throw at lackluster performers? You don't even realize the disaster you're ignoring simply 'cause it ain't your thing of apathy and needs vou are a gosh .....

care 'bout the crops dyin' in vain. When did you get so up that you don't even care for our kinfolk no more? These times are achanging', and

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURRENT MAYOR

Gravemoss/Flowermoss

Let communication bloom within the county All county citizens should pass on any issues with their guild to their representatives on the Horizon

Guild Council Stronghold This will ensure needs are met in a timely fashion guild operations are fruitful within county Education for new stormriders and immigrants from other faerie kingdoms

Gravemoss asked the Ivory

livelihood on the Tower to research how best to line... I ought cultivate the naturalization of new to up and run for Ozian citizens into Horizon county mayor since you If they are to take root in Oz, we had can't get a damn best ensure their fertile minds have done the knowledge they need to thrive 'round here. I No shouting during the town ought to, but then meeting or trials The barrister is I'd prolly catch exempt while performing their pat c duties Exceptions will be made if n' disease violence occurs, according to the dealing of with forget my own interruption Let us not wither the What's garden of our community with the real ironic is that heat of temper ......

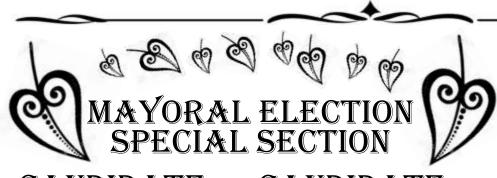
darn Mangaboo Judge Clawdette is doing a fine job, runnin' the place but I am accepting other applicants and yet you can't be bothered to Preference for Judge is given to members of the Law Wards, then Bureaucrats and Ivory Tower Sheriff Frankie and Princess have both impressed me with their diligence as Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Unless I hear another who wishes the position, it will be between them Treasurer Preena is an excellent Treasurer, but I will hear any who wish the position Preference for Treasurer given to Bureaucrats, Mercantile, and Bit Lenders Magnanimous masons may make Merry Your neighbors need your help The County Seat is asking for volunteers from the Mason Guild to help rebuild the homes burnt in recent attacks, and to build new greenhouses in which to grow winter crops Ms Preena Glass is at

> the readv assist with her knowledge greenhouse technology Volunteers will welcomed and celebrated at a party hosted my Interim Mayor Gravemoss in H'zon Str'ghold

(continued...)



Grave Goods view have a hitch in their ste



#### **CANDIDATE** BLAKE

"FOR THE PEOPLE"

My name is Roman Blake, and I am running for Mayor of Horizon Stronghold I want to build a better future Far too often we find ourselves in situation out of our controls by planning out months or even years in advance we can blunt these and give ourselves better tools to deal with them this comes from supporting relying on an active community update the trade routes from the Oldlairbee county and encourage those with special skill to succeed at their profession we live in a great community and I would be honored to represent it I have many plans for those curious

I would love to explain them just stop by the Emporium in Horizon Stronghold and I can elaborate Thank you and help me build a better future

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#### **CANDIDATE** NUE

"STRONGHOLD STRONG"

My name is Miss Nue, and I am running for Mayor of Horizon Stronghold. I want us to work together to build a better future. Tough choices are often faced by our community, choices where whichever path is chosen somebody benefits and somebody is harmed. Recently we've seen the harm that comes from our choices where strengthening our trade links and rebuilding led to food shortages and attacks on outlying farms. Had we chosen differently we would have secured the farms 1eft ourselves militarily exposed and facing other issues. My heart is with those farmers, and we must do better in future. I pledge the following

- I will always work to make the best choices
- Where there is no evident best choice, I shall choose using a system that avoids appearance of partiality or bias (the Wheel of Fun).
- I shall appoint experts to advise me and oversee specific projects. Those who have already proved themselves capable will remain in their current positions.

Together we can get through these





By Itri Sterling It is now the period of time most commonly . At this time, the known as that spans across nearly stars reveal an half of the sky. The story is that of a family were a king and faced with queen who walked the However, was very vain. So much so, that The of the was greatly offended by her , and declared that . A of the , the mighty approached their land and brought a . The king and queen sought out an . This oracle told them that there was one way to stop the , as a . For the sake of their land and their people, they was then put in and kept as . When thought called that all hope was lost, a found her and vowed to her. With the help , he was able to of his mighty . No longer a and was eternally , and the two fell in love. Together, they were married and had seven children. Even once they'd passed on, their story was ized in the stars. You can see them for yourselves, in the Eastern sky. Their presence in the bring knowledge of what is to is restless. He come. This year, embodies a looming danger that has long laid dormant, but can no longer rest under the surface. Despite this, is at the ready to staunchly defend against this. The only hope, according to , is a however, will inevitably result in knows all too well that and calls upon help and hope for the













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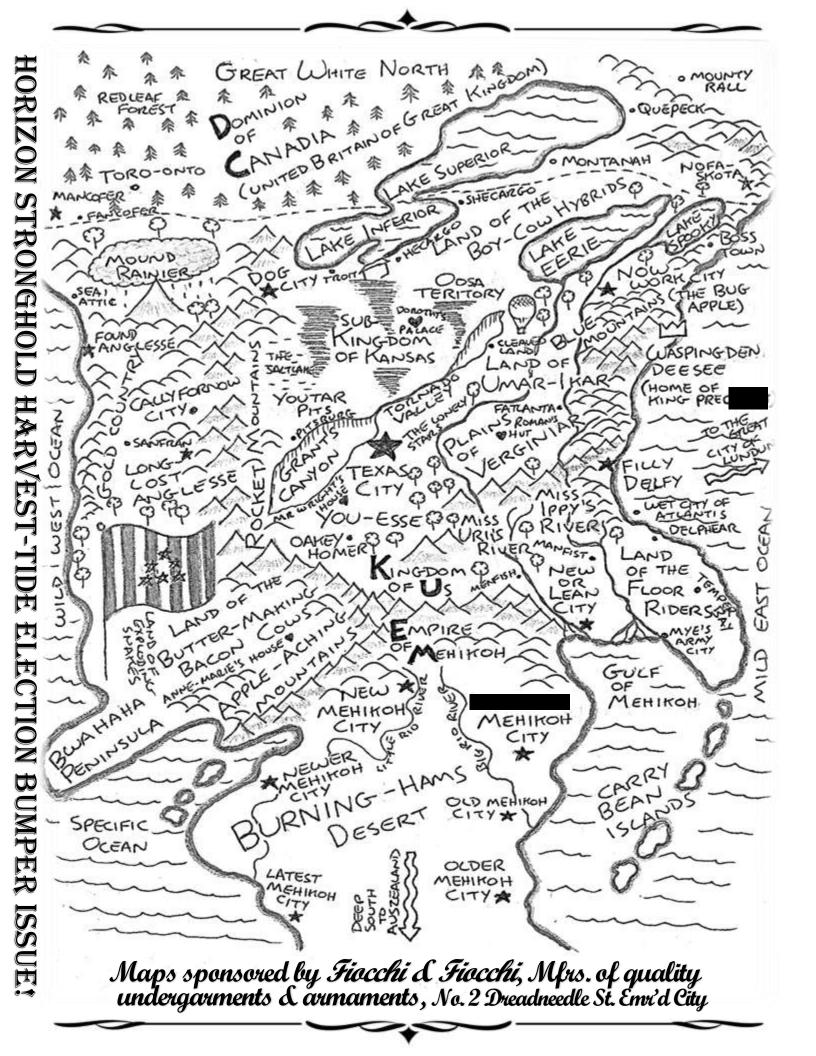
ATTACHES TO DOORS, MAKES **VERY LOUD** NOISE WHEN INTRUDERS ENTER. MANY STYLES TO PICK.

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#### KRAZY KOMED' KORNER

Written By: Laffs A. Lott

Hey there, Ozians! Laughter is the best medicine, and I'm prescribing you some hard to swallow pills with these comical quips.

Why did the county?

To

the

Why was six afraid of seven? Because seven

Civil Authority

What's the difference between a dragon and a bureaucrat?

A dragon will occasionally

How many mayors does it take to run a county seat?

One, if they're

Knock knock. Who's there?

VОИ you, who? Scarecrow's Army

#### A LETTER REGARDING T&TTYPOO

by Emma, a witch It's a little-known fact that Locasta Tattypoo (a figure worthy of entire books' worth of glowing praise) once operated a

. We're not sure how long it was in operation, but at its peak, it was home to dozens of witches, most of whom were primed to share the arts of light and healing across the whole of Oz.

read all the have, wander the halls they would seed, and be mindful of the have. I certainly feel like a student, bush surrounding the ... You regardless of whether I met a single don't wanna get it in the bush, cause teacher there.

previously the only leads have run dry.

If anyone has any information on also students or teachers of Locasta Tattypoo's please inform either myself or Zilbi supply of for your help, the lasting gratitude again. witches shouldn't underestimated.



## DOWN ON THE

Written Bv: MrAnonnymous Grubber

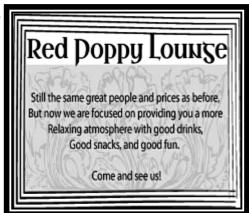
Nobody seems to understand grubbers, or how hard we work. There's a lot that goes into it, you How do I know this? Well, you know. It all starts with a couple hoes could say I'm a student. I found it and some good ol' fashioned long after it was abandoned, but I plowing. I work up a hell of a sweat same from all the plowing, but once it's curriculum a student would have, done I can finally spread my seed practiced spells where they would across the lot. You gotta spread your

once you do you can't get it out and Which brings me to the point of this it's no good. It doesn't stop there, article. Me and my friend Zilbi, though. You can take a good rest at Mental the end of the day, but once the sun Energy and Health Assessor, cannot rises it's back to it. It'll take weeks, uncover what it was that ended the even months, to see the results, but . More importantly, since let me tell ya- there's nothing better nearly all of Locasta's students were than waling to the biggest, cross the orphans, they couldn't have possibly juiciest melons you've ever seen. died of age. They ought to be alive You can tell the quality of a melon somewhere, but unfortunately, our by just feeling it, you know. Now, melons are my favorite, but I plenty of other stuff. I've the thickest cucumbers, the plumpest , and an endless . I swear, I could get the far side of town, past the feeling than stripping it bare and Scarecrow outpost, in the newly eating it raw, if you ask me. Finally, founded Elderberry Academy of when harvest is said and done, I Witchcraft. While we can't pay you gather up my hoes an' do it all over

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(continued from 'A Message From take the territories vacated by the tigers, or bears will be considered Current Mayor') volunteer will receive a flower rights within the county, however and Uncles Appreciated Many badge of honor Calling Canid they must be willing to adopt and thanks to all who went to the aid of Changeling to Care for Coyote Cubs raise the coyote pups to the best of our tunneling neighbors Mayorly Unlawful and violent coyotes are their abilities All applicants must gratitude to Miss Nue, Dr Malarkey, being eliminated from the county, speak to the Elder Changeling of Donovan T Stone, Gravemoss, leaving both opportunity and need Horizon Stronghold to be approved Nutmeg, Honey, and Mr. Skaraxxis for domesticated changelings in Should we have more opportunity and his slaves Preena Glass, County canid changelings are welcome to hunters or scavengers, such as lions,

Domesticated than canid applicants, other pack Princess, Clawdette, and Frankie



#### PERSONALS

Immortal Muse of Tragic Poetry

Construct (f) seeks construct (f) for mutual maintenance, part~ swapping, comp'ship, etc and mechanical constructs only, no skins, scarecrows, cloth dolls, or time-wasters. Leave note pinned to Mr. Silverglass's hat or trousers.

A tall well-built woman with good reputation, who can cook frogs legs, who appreciates a good fucschia garden, music and talking without getting too serious. But please read only the odd lines. Leave message on Mr. Blake's hat.

Mr. Redhat, seeks lost friends after spectacular night out. Come find me. Send 'cakes'. G4. 6m SSW

'Pumpkin-head' seeks super-rich manly with loose morals who owns brewery. Leave message on the detective's hat. Open minded twin brother a bonus. Must like honey.

Steam Pig! I saw you at the Emporium and you grabbed my butt and I told you that if you did that again I'd kill you. You did. I need your address. Please leave your doors unlocked and wear something flammable. address on back door of Red Poppy.

> Seeking my lost mind (m). Feel I lost it in the woods. Smells minty. If you find my mind, please come find me and tell me who I am. Near H. Hall at Midnight, or uphill during day.

Citizens of Horizon Stronghold, Truly, It will be a pleasure to finally address your town in person, disregarding the inauspicious condition of the county seat, importunate members of the civil authority, and my own extraordinarily busy schedule. It has come to my attention that one of my precious anguish sprites has caused distress to a citizen of Horizon Stronghold. While believe, as an immortal being created by the emotion and experiences of the living, despair is an integral part of living - and the notion that individuals should fight this feeling is ridiculous - it is a misconception that the intention of myself, and the actions of my sweets intention. coincided in I am elated to inform your civil authority, and leaders, that the careless being that harmed yours has been punished severely.

#### Farmers' Relief Fund

Due to the recent problems of the local farmers the members of the Emporium will be setting up a non- profit trust fund to help with the rebuilding.

Donations will be accepted, and receipts issued, by Dr Malarkey or Ms. Potts at the Emporium or by Doctor Malarkey at the ant farm where she will be helping care for the ants

Farmer wishing to apply for assistance from the fund please contact as above.

Our neighbors need our help, please extend what generosity you can.

Dr Malarkey

The Emporium

This advertisement sponsored by Miss Nue, model for Fiocchi & Fiocchi



### POLYM'PHING **GNOME SPIES**

#### RED HATS DEAD GIVEAWAY

Citizens should beware strangers who refuse to hold eggs. Recent reports from Horizon's Stronghold and elsewhere reveal that gnomes polymorph themselves appear less gnomish. Spies should be reported to the authorities (unless you are otherwise ordered).

#### MISTER WAVERLY... H.S.'S MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR?

HE'S SO DREAMY

Mister Waverly, alchemist and living being, has recently begun courting Miss Nue. The powercouple are keeping quiet about their courtship, but it is known that lovegifts have already been exchanged. Sorry girls, looks like he's taken.

#### HOP & SCOTCH A HIT!

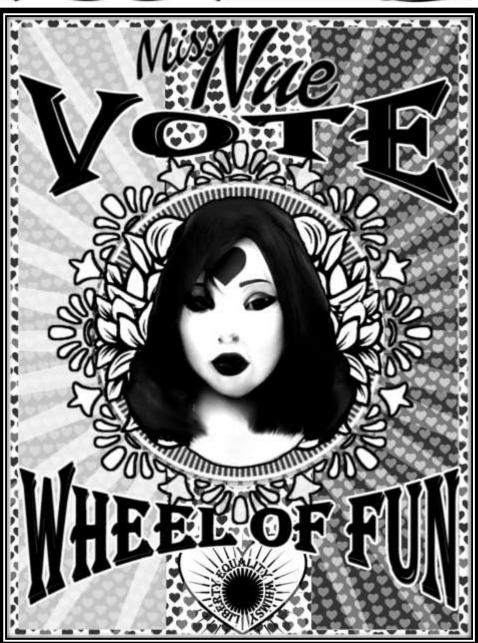
#### TINY HUT A BIG DRAW

The new establishment, the Hop & Scotch, is proving to be a big hit with the in-crowd. The bijou teahouse with its exclusive clientele and intimate atmosphere has drawn A REMINDER TO ALL CITIZENS praise from discerning individuals.

#### ROMAN BLAKE'S HAT

CAN A HAT RUN FOR OFFICE?

Roman Blake has thrown his hat into the contest for mayor. Roman Blake's hat has never been put on trial, nor accidentally sent violent constructs to kill its fellow citizens, nor accidentally shot anybody. His hat might be the perfect candidate.



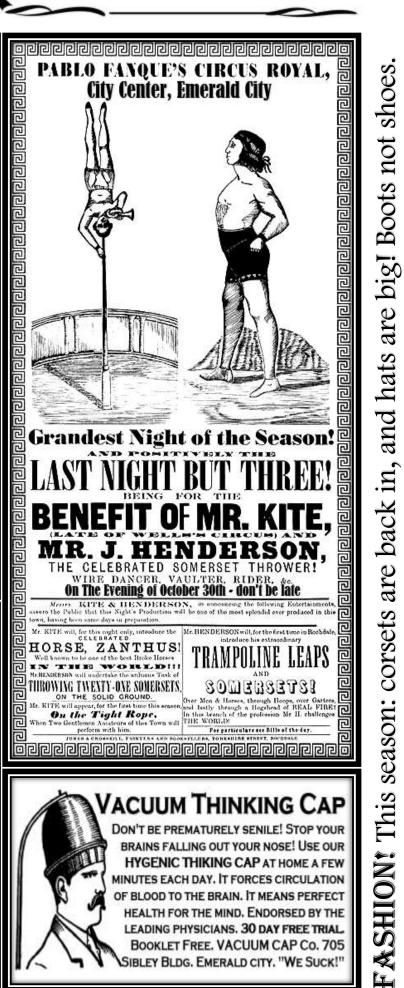
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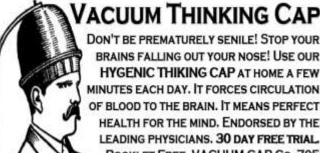
Remember that the gnome army is trying to starve us into submission. Do not waste food. If you see somebody not eating, and you have excess, offer them food. It is a crime to waste food. Food is always gratefully accepted the at Scarecrow's Army Outpost. With the recent attacks on farms, those who can farm and are able to spare the time should volunteer their services. Those not fit for military duty (and have no other duty) should offer to patrol roads & farms.











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