
From Our Baron and Baroness

Unto Stargate do Ihon and Isabeau send greetings—

September has been a quite month as events go. We attended Raven's Fort Defender and had a wonderful time. It was a much needed event for Raven's Fort, as the previous two or three events (during the past two years) were called because of weather. They had good turnout (probably close to 200). We are very happy for Our cousins, Brian & Fionna.

At September's Populace, those who attended got the opportunity to poll on the list of ideas/projects they'd most like to see worked on that were generated by a brainstorming meeting on ways to improve various aspects of our barony. To see these ideas please go to Stargate's web site and on click the "News from the Barony" link. On the left hand side about half way down is the list that generated the greatest support. These are the areas of improvement we will begin to work on first. Thank you HL Alden and Lady Merewyn for getting them posted.

Fourth Sunday in the Park had a small gathering. Sir Godwin and HL Alden participated in a "small" fighter practice while His Excellency, Baroness Genevieve and I enjoyed each other's company. The weather was pleasant with an occasional much appreciated breeze.

It was announced at Populace that Stargate will host a hospitality tent on the Saturday of Bordermarch Autumn Meles. This has been written into Bordermarch's BAM budget. We've already had several people volunteer to help but we can always use more. We will be offering four different soups, a variety of breads and cheeses, gingerbread and brownies. His Excellency is spearheading this effort; please contact either one of us if you'd like to volunteer.

October is a busy month for us: Three Queens, Gate's Edge's Harvest Faire, Bjornsborg's Ursae-Lyons, Brwyn Gwlad's 30th Year Anniversary, and Loch Soilleir's Lochtober Fest. We hope to see many Stargaters at each event.

Warm regards,

Ihon & Isabeau
Baron & Baroness

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Oct. 2-4** *The Battle of Three Queens: In the Name of the Rose (Rosenfeld)*
- Oct. 5** *Business/Populace Meeting (7:00/7:45pm@ Hope Episcopal Church)*
- Oct. 9-11** *Harvest Faire (Gate's Edge)*
Namron Protectorate (Namron)
Known World Academy of the Rapier and Costumers Symposium (Barony of Bhakail, East Kingdom [Philadelphia, PA])
- Oct. 16-18** *Ursae-Lyons (Bjornsborg)*
Elfsea Fall Harvest Festival (Elfsea)
- Oct. 23-25** *Bryn Gwlad 30th Year Anniversary (Bryn Gwlad)*
Samhain Celebration (Eldern Hills)
- Oct. 30-Nov. 1** *Tourney by the Loch aka Lochtober Fest (Loch Soillier)*
Harvest of the Axe: Heroes vs. Monsters (Chemin Noir/Skorragadr)
Emerald Tourney (Emerald Keep)

From Our Seneschal

Greetings to the Populace of Stargate and all good neighbors near and far!

Thank you to everyone who voted in the baronial improvement poll. As a result, we identified six immediate topics on which we can get started. Now we need volunteers for putting these ideas into action. I have posted to the email list and it should be printed separately in this newsletter. Please look it over and volunteer to help the barony with one (or more) of these projects. It is up to all of us to put these plans into action!

October is going to be a busy month for many of us with upcoming events, including local events being held by the Shire of Gate's Edge (Harvest Faire) and Loch Soillier (Tourney by the Loch aka Lochtoberfest). Even though we're into the autumn months now, be sure to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen. If you are travelling to events in other regions, drive safely and consider carpooling with friends to share costs.

I'd like to thank Lady Alessandra Giovanna dei Medici for her service to the barony as Chronicler. Lady Alessandra served in the office for the full two year tenure and we all greatly appreciate the effort she put into the office. Honorable Lady Anne Barrington has taken over the office as of this publication, and I would like to welcome her to the job and wish her luck on the next two years.

Stargate needs you! There are offices open for applications. I am especially interested in finding a new Historian for the barony. The files are currently being fostered at my house until someone steps up to give them a new home. Knight Marshal and Youth Rapier Marshal are also open for applications. If anyone is interested, please let me know!

Congratulations to Honorable Lady Mea Passavanti, the new Ravenskald of Raven's Fort. She is the fifth consecutive champion to hail from our populace. Well done!

In Service,

HL Alden Drake
Stargate Seneschal

Meeting Minutes—September Populace

Newcomers: None; Diego, visiting from Bordermarch/Greywood

Wordfame: Congratulations to Antonello and Jennette, who were married on September 12th. HL Mea Passavanti was complimented for her singing in the ceremony and HL Alden Drake was mentioned as being a reader.

Baron & Baroness: It was agreed to charge Bjornsborg \$1.75 for table rental and the person hauling the trailer would receive comped site and feast. Bordermarch has authorized a \$300 budget for Stargate to host a hospitality pavilion at Bordermarch Autumn Meles. Baron Ihon will check with Baron Santiago about the hours of operation. Anyone interested in assisting with the hospitality pavilion should contact Baron Ihon. There was some discussion about the Stargate discussion Yahoo group concerning the validity of maintaining the group. The possibility of tying it into the Stargate website was discussed. It might be useful for posting attachments/files for distribution, where the Stargate email list strips attachments. Baron Ihon gave an introduction to the night's improvement plan polling. Everyone would be given 10 dots to flag the topics they felt should be addressed. It was noted that Seawinds hosted a fabulous Laurel's Prize Tourney. There were 24 entrants and over 100 different items on display, with two Laurels visiting every display.

Seneschal (Alden): Mention was made of the following upcoming events: Defender of the Fort (Raven's Fort); Three Queens (Rosenfeld); Coastal Defender (Seawinds); and Centurion War College (Castleton).

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STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

For those individuals who wish to serve the Barony, we have the following positions open.

- **Historian**
Serves the Barony by recording happenings and collecting and displaying memorabilia from its history.
- **Knight Marshal**
Serves the Barony by ensuring the safety of our fighters and that the SCA rules of combat are followed, reporting on fighting activities for the Barony, and maintaining the loaner equipment.
- **Youth Rapier Marshal**
Serves the Barony by training our young rapier fighters and maintaining the youth rapier loaner equipment.

Holding an office is a great way to become involved and meet your fellow Stargaters. Eligible applicants must have enthusiasm and a wish to learn and carryout their new office.

Please send your application to the new Stargate Seneschal, HL Alden Drake at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com, **the corresponding** Regional officer and B&B. You can also contact HL Alden for more information on these positions.

Please submit your application ASAP.

Meeting Minutes—September Populace (Cont.)

Exchequer (Brenna): HL Caitlin nan Cnoc Airgead has been appointed as the new Financial Committee member, replacing HL Alden Drake, who replaced HL Christyana Lambrecht.

Chronicler (Alessandra/Anne): Lady Alessandra completed her term as Chronicler. The Barony is very thankful for her service. HL Anne Barrington was confirmed as her successor and we appreciate her willingness to serve the barony. It was noted that the latest issue of the Two Towers contained a few interesting articles and those contributors were thanked. More such articles are always welcome!

Herald (Bernard): No news to report. Anyone needing heraldic consultation is encouraged to contact Lord Bernard for assistance. His contact information is on the website and in the Two Towers.

Hospitaller (Ciarnat): At Jagermeister, Lady Ciarnat got flyers for the Centurion's War College. She has been in contact with some potential newcomers, someone new to the area, as well as someone looking to return to the SCA. She also brought in a copy of "The Ivory Tower", a baronial A&S newsletter, for display. Currently, she is looking for donations of mens' loaner garb. Anyone with garb to donate should contact Lady Ciarnat.

Knight Marshal (Acting) (Godwin): Absent

MOAS (Thomas): The Madrigal Guild has begun again and is being held 2nd and 4th Mondays at HL Scarhart's home in the Heights. Contact HL Thomas at Wood for more guild information. Bardic Guild has gone on hiatus, but anyone looking for bardic information is encouraged to contact HL Alden Drake.

Rapier Marshal (Corvin): A couple of new people have come to rapier practice. The link on the website for practice is in error; Don Corvin will contact the V-Scribe to get that fixed. Practice is at 7:30 on Tuesday at Centennial Park in Pearland.

Equestrian Marshal (Lorraine): Absent. Check website, Two Towers, and Stargate email list for scheduled dates for practice.

Minister of Children (Fedelm): HL Fedelm emailed the autocrats for Yule to see about children's activities at the event and is waiting to hear back.

Castellan (Godwin): Absent

Historian (Open for Applications): HL Alden is in possession of the Historian files until a new historian is in office. The office is open for applications.

Scribe (Hillary): Absent

Virtual Scribe (Merewyn): Lady Merewyn has updated the officers' contact list. She will be doing a facelift of the website soon and one request was to incorporate photos of officers and guild activities.

Guilds:

- Bardic Guild is on hiatus.

- Armory: Available on THURSDAYS. Call Lord Vaclav for information/confirmation.

See website for additional information.

Event: Yule (12/5/09) [Lorien & Lauren]

A draft of the Black Star ad is ready. Theme is Italian court of Alphonse I. There will be bardic and A&S championships as well as table decorating and costume contests. Location is Resurrection Metropolitan Church. A bid for Eisteddfod will also be sent to take place at Yule.

Event: Baronial (4/16-18/10)

Open for bids. Anyone interested should contact Their Excellencies and HL Alden.

Other Business: Lady Elizabeta Maria dei Medici is stepping down as Coastal Chronicler. Applications for her office should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler and her.

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION!

The Two Towers is the reference for members of the Barony, but it also serves as a bit of Baronial history. The Chronicler would love to see one and all contribute in some way to the publication. Here are some of the ways in which you can be a part of the Baronial Newsletter.

- **Event Stories**-Let everyone hear your recollection of a great time or special occurrence at a Stargate event by putting it in our newsletter!
- **Photographs**-If you have taken some photos at Stargate events and would like to get them published, please send them along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form for yourself and any identifiable individuals in the photos.
- **Word Fame**-Has someone you know done something worthy of bragging about? Publish it!
- **Articles**-Care to share your expertise, or enlighten others on a subject you feel passionate about? Send your article along for publication along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form found on the Ansteorra website!
- **Art**- Send your finest artwork along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form found on the Ansteorra website. Or let us know you'd like to illustrate articles!

Please send your contributions to the Stargate Chronicler, HL Anne Barrington, at stargate DOT chron AT yahoo DOT com.

Baronial Brainstorming—HL Alden Drake

At September's Populace Meeting, we took a poll from all those assembled on a list of ideas/projects that were generated by a brainstorming meeting on ways to improve various aspects of our barony. The ideas listed below generated the greatest support. These are the areas of improvement we will begin to work on first:

1. More Social Activities (SCA and non-SCA related) [General Fun]
Anyone interested in forming a little social committee to organize activities, please contact me.
2. Stargate Hospitality [Baronial Identity]
Baron Ihon has already initiated an effort on this topic, spearheading a hospitality pavilion for Bordermarch Autumn Melees. Anyone interested in working on this should contact him.
3. Update Domesday & Phone Tree [Communications]
Anyone interested in assisting with creating a new Domesday and Phone Tree, please contact me.
4. Bookmarks [Recruitment]
Mistress Annes has begun putting some ideas together for this topic. Anyone interested in assisting should contact her.
5. Annual Participation Raffle [Retention]
Anyone interested in assisting with working on the Annual Participation Raffle, please contact me.
6. Belt Favors [Baronial Identity]
Anyone interested in working on this project team, please contact me.
7. SUMMER: Indoor Project Meetings (off season prep)
This idea is something we'll plan to address in mid-late spring 2010.

Once the Seneschal has received word from people interested in working on the various topics, he will get in touch with those groups and help them establish a project team with a team leader, and assist them with a kick-off meeting. After that, Their Excellencies and the Seneschal will assist as advisors and grant any necessary approvals required. The Financial Committee will be required to approve spending for these projects, so project teams will be required to submit estimates for materials if necessary. If you have any questions about any of these topics, please feel free to contact the Stargate Seneschal.

Bardic at Raven's Fort Defender by HL Gerald of Leesville

As with most good things in my life, it started with a word from a friend, and in what seemed no time at all, I was at The Stones in Raven's Fort to help judge the bardic competition for Their Sable-winged Excellencies' new champion.

This was the first Baronial championship for Raven's Fort since the great storm blew through the lands, and all were eager to begin the day's contests and festivities. His Lordship Alden Drake and I were offered a lovely area in which to hold the competition, with a stage and benches around it. After announcements were made, the contestants started to wander in, as performers are wont to do.

There were six contestants for the title, two who were in their first bardic contest as well as their first event. The performances were entertaining, and after two rounds three were chosen for finalists: His Lordship Taighd who had performed a song and told a story of the blackbird and the war-ravens, Her Ladyship Mea Passavante who delivered a song as prose and a lovely short song in French <I believe>, and Lord Kolvas <probably incorrect and misspelled> who performed a song as well as a piece from "The Merchant of Venice."

The finalists performed for the populace and Their Excellencies, as well as Her Majesty, between courses during feast. All three contestants chose to sing for the crowd, and each did a fine job. In the end, Mea's voice rang clearest in the hearts of the judges and Their Excellencies, and was chosen as the new Ravenskald. We who have been the Skald for Ravensfort wish her well in her service to Their Sable-winged Excellencies.

How Well Do You Know Your Geography? —

Caitilin ban inghean Ronan ui Chellaigh

SCAdians of the Society for Creative Anachronism (Current Middle Ages) study the culture and customs of the people who lived during the European historical period of 476 C.E. to 1600 C.E., but how well do you know your cultures and geography?

Let's find out how many ancient and medieval cultures that lived in the European countries and provinces you can recognize.

Sharpen your pencils, find your maps and atlases, Go! (Answers on back page of Newsletter!)

| Ancient – Medieval Peoples/Cultures | Modern Peoples/Cultures |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bretons | |
| Bulgars | |
| Burgundians | |
| Catalans | |
| Flemish | |
| Franks | |
| Frisians | |
| Jutes | |
| Karelians | |
| Lombards | |
| Magyars | |
| Moravians | |
| Pommeranians | |
| Schlesians | |
| Umbrians | |
| Wallonians | |

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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>Three Queens (Rosenfeld)</i> |
| 4 | 5 <i>Stargate Business Meeting 7:00 pm</i> <i>Stargate Populace Meeting 7:45 pm</i> | 6 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>Harvest Faire (Gate's Edge)</i> <i>Namron Protectorate (Namron)</i> |
| 11 <i>Equestrian Practice 5:00 pm</i> | 12 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i> | 13 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 14 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>Ursae-Lyons (Bjornsborg)</i> <i>Elfsea Fall Harvest (Elfsea)</i> |
| 18 | 19 | 20 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>Bryn Gwlad 30th Year Anniversary (Bryn Gwlad)</i> <i>Sambain Celebration (Eldern Hills)</i> |
| 25 <i>Arts in the Park 2:00 pm</i> <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i> | 26 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i> | 27 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>Lochtober Fest (Loch Soillier)</i> <i>Emerald Tournay (Emerald Keep)</i> |

- Oct. 5—Stargate Business and Populace Meeting, 7:00 pm for Business, 7:45 pm for Populace, at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- Oct. 11—Equestrian Guild, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbelow Rd., Needville, TX 77461
- Oct. 12 & 26—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm, at the home of HL Andrew Scarhart, 903 Highland St., Houston, TX 77009
- Oct. 14—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- Oct. 25—4th Sunday Arts in the Park, 2:00 pm, at Memorial Park, S. Picnic Lane, Houston, TX 77007
- Oct. 25—Scribal Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027



Meetings

Newcomer's Meetings

Newcomer's meetings provide information on local activities, how the SCA functions and what you can do to participate in the fun. To get more information and meeting dates, contact Lady Ciarnat of Firethorn at 281-693-6441 or send an email to dragonlaw1 AT nww DOT net.

Business & Populace Meeting

The Business meeting is the first Monday of each month from 7:00 - 7:45 pm. The meeting is open to the populace. It is followed immediately by the Populace meeting from 7:45 - 9:00 pm. Both meetings are held at Hope Episcopal Church (formally St. Michael's Episcopal Church) at 1613 W. 43rd Street, Houston, TX 77018. If the first Monday of a month is a public holiday, meetings will be held the second Monday. Garb is optional. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com.

4th Sunday Arts in the Park

The Stargate 4th Sunday Arts in the Park meets on the fourth Sunday of the month on S. Picnic Lane in Memorial Park, Houston, TX 77007. Bring your current project or work on a baronial project. Our Knight and Rapier Marshals will determine whether to hold a practice at the same time.

Stargate/Loch Rapier Practice

We are now practicing with Loch Soilleir at Centennial Park in Pearland, TX. The address is 3219 McLean Road, Pearland, TX 77584. Practices are Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. If there are any questions, please contact the Stargate Rapier Marshal, Don Corvin Fenarro, at 281-658-9412 or kevwilson AT swbell DOT net.

Stargate Armored Combat Practice

The University of Houston has informed us that we are not allowed to use the site we've been using for fighter practice. **Until further notice, the Tuesday evening armored combat practice is on hiatus.** We hope to have an alternative, possibly including the forming of a student group at UH, or finding a different location for the weekly Loch/Stargate fighter practice. If there are any questions or suggestions, please contact the Acting Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at djurgens AT swbell DOT net.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com for more information.

Workshops

Chivalric armoring

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on Thursdays, from 8-11 pm. Please call ahead for directions and to be sure we haven't cancelled. Contact Vaclav Namatko (Random) at (713) 686-9883.



Guild Meetings

Equestrian Guild

The Equestrian Guild is open to all those are interested in learning about the SCA's equestrian games and competitions and the making of garb and gear for riding in events. You do not need to have your own horse, as we have some that we are willing to share. All participants must have closed-toe footwear; heel is suggested but not required.

Minors age 10 and up can participate with a parent present, signed waiver, approved helmet, and closed-toe shoes or boots. Practices are usually held twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Equestrian Marshal's farm, Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbelow Rd, Needville, TX, 77461. For more information and to verify the date and time of the next meeting, please contact the Equestrian Marshal, HL Lorraine Fraser, at 832-646-6162.

European Dance Guild

ON HIATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The Stargate European Dance Guild is going on hiatus effective immediately due to several uncontrollable factors. Our plan is to reschedule to Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm beginning in January, but we must find a new site to make this happen. If you have any suggestions, please contact HL Antonello del Bello at antonello DOT sca AT sbcglobal DOT net. We're already received information on several community centers and a few private establishments and are in the process of exploring those now. Please bear with us as we try to maneuver into a different slot. We will report when things have settled and are back on track. Thank you for being so supportive of the dance community here in Stargate.

Bardic Guild

ON HIATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Stargate's Bardic Guild is now on hiatus for the foreseeable future. Those interested in the bardic arts are invited to attend the Madrigal Guild. If you are interested in being notified of any future guild activity, please contact HL Alden Drake at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com.

Madrigal Guild

All those interested in madrigal singing are invited to join the Stargate Madrigal Guild. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the home of local bard HL Andrew Scarhart, 903 Highland Street, Houston, TX, 77009. Contact HL Andrew Scarhart at scarhart AT gmail DOT com for more information.

Scribes Guild

The Stargate Scribes Guild members learn the ancient and beautiful arts of calligraphy and illumination, as well as provide a service to the Barony and the Kingdom by creating award scrolls. Usually the guild meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm; however, the October 11th meeting has been cancelled due to a conflict. On October 25th, there will be a beginning calligraphy class starting at 6:00 pm. Bring your pens, ink, and paper if you have it; some loaners will be available. Location: Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027 (Westheimer near Wesleyan, inside Loop 610). Food and drink available in deli; outside food may not be brought in. For further information, please contact Mistress Hillary Greenslade at 281-855-9447 or hillaryrg AT yahoo DOT com.

Stargate Siege Guild

The Stargate Siege Guild is a new guild in Stargate and is for those interested in the art and science of tossing objects. If you are interested in siege weapons and their use in the SCA contact Lord Miguel (Mike Meyers) at desweds AT gmail.com if you have any questions.



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Who are we?

The Barony of Stargate is a local chapter of the [Society for Creative Anachronism](#) (SCA), within the [Coastal regional](#) subdivision of the [Kingdom of Ansteorra](#). The SCA is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to learning more about the Middle Ages through reenactment. There are SCA chapters worldwide and they hold regular feasts, tournaments, balls and battles.

Ansteorra includes all of Oklahoma and most of Texas (except El Paso). Stargate includes most of greater Houston. Stargate's sub-chapter is the [Canton of Westgate](#), which includes the western and southwestern portions of Houston. Wherever you are, we're a friendly group of people, so why not visit us all?



Answers to the "Do You Know Your Geography?" Quiz on page 5.

| Ancient – Medieval Peoples/ Cultures | Modern Countries/Provinces/ Rerions |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bretons | Northwestern France - Brittany |
| Bulgars | Bulgaria |
| Burgundians | Eastern France, Switzerland, Austria - Burgundy |
| Catalans | Southern France - Catalonia |
| Flemish | Southern Belgium, Northern France - Flanders |
| Franks | France |
| Frisians | NE Belgium, Nw Germany, S. Denmark |
| Jutes | Denmark, Northern Germany |
| Karelians | Finland, NW Russia |
| Lombards | Northern Italy - Lombardy |
| Magyars | Hungary |
| Moravians | Czechoslovakia |
| Pommeranians | NE Germany, NW Poland |
| Schlesiens | Central Europe – Eastern Germany, Western Poland, Northern Czechoslovakia - Silesia |
| Umbrians | Central Italy - Umbria |
| Wallonians | Southern Belgium - Wallonia |

October Stargate Birthdays

(from 2003 and 2007 Doomsdays)

- 10/01—Rowan Beatrice von Kampher
- 10/06—Hector Philip Martel
- 10/08—Iain Seamus MacTaggart
- 10/09—Krystal of Stargate
- 10/10—Gerald of Leesville
- 10/10—Roger of York
- 10/10—Lisabetta Micola da Monte
- 10/12—Bianca da Vale
- 10/14—Hillary Rose Greenslade
- 10/15—Valeria Marcella Martinez
- 10/16—Juliana Blacke
- 10/17—Dolfín of Cork
- 10/20—Aldebaron the Grey

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