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AND THE WINNER IS!
-by Marianne G

The winner of the Terminated Gracefully contest is:

Hill MultiMedia, 70402,2762 (Mr Pal)

For his entry of:

I HAVE BEEN GRACEFULLY TERMINATED SO OFTEN.....

I finally bought some Depends for my memory leak.

Please contact me in the dreamscape for your 100 token prize!

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BOTTICELLI
-by MarvL

Botticelli is creativity game that MarvL sponsors every Tuesday night at 6pm. The rules are quite simple. A general category is posted for the evening. Last Tuesday the category was Love and Marriage.

Whoever wins a round gets from 10T-40T depending on the length of the round, and provides the secret word for the next round. Whoever is IT ghosts at the end of that round to make room for another player. Ghosts are encouraged to ESP suggestions to the players. This has two benefits:

- 1) It helps a lot when somebody is struggling with English as a second language, or just plain struggling.
- 2) It gives everybody a chance to realize what it feels like when you are getting blasted by ESPs.

The first hint is always the beginning letter of the word, and MarvL started off with, Category is Love and Marriage: Word begins with W !!

Wedding was the answer, of course. The first few round are always pretty slow, while people are getting loosened up, but by the end of the evening we typically manage 10 or 15 words a minute. When everyone gets stuck, they just ask for another hint and away we go again.

Whoever has the best secret word, with the most unsuccessful guesses, wins the grand prize at the end of the evening, so the words can get pretty tricky.

We of course started off with *F* words, and Fondness was a mild success.

Rider had an excellent run on *Starts with B !!* --> Blind Date.

Efo then took a commanding lead on *Starts with S !!* --> Serenade.

population.

I was in the Temple with a fellow avatar named Passion, whom I had just met. A generous male avatar offered us both one of his carrying chests. We followed him to the Temple where we searched for a room in which he could safely put the chests down. Perhaps he was assuming that in an open situation these items would be instantly stolen! I must admit, I silently wondered why this had to be so secretive... who would steal something that obviously belonged to someone else? This generous avatar both refused money and told us not to tell anyone where we got the trunks.

We can cast an aura of doubt and suspicion over anything.. or we can do the opposite. and believe that -given the choice- people choose right over wrong... This might be a "Pollyanna attitude-but I have seen that goodness and selfless motivation are contagious if they are used repeatedly. Why?

I believe these positive human attributes carry power of their own. The power to unite people in a common effort, the power to give hope ... Let's face it, I can give my fellow avatar the benefit of the doubt. With that I entrust him with the responsibility of making the morally correct choice.

Going back to the story, I was suddenly recalled to the Waking World. When after a long time I returned to the Earth Room, there was no sign of a chest... so I gave it up as gone. That night I was passing through a Star Trek game where Acolyte Data was hosting. He quickly ESP'd me to tell me that he had my carrying chest in safe keeping!!!

Here, indeed, honesty and moral judgment triumphed!! Passion had reported the lost trunk to the Acolyte on duty- who happened to be my brother-in-law, Acolyte Data. He, in turn, did the appropriate thing to secure its safety. And he would have done this for anyone!

There is a lot of significance to this 'lost and found' chest. I did not know Passion prior to that night so -after I crashed-, she could have taken the chest for herself or sold it to another and we might never have had an occasion to talk again.. Instead, she chose to protect my belongings. She set in motion a chain of events which involved an Acolyte and his role in safeguarding someone's lost property.

By choosing to safeguard the chest, these people were creating a safe environment for me to return to. Believe me - from my unsafe experiences in the Outworld- a safe environment would be my DREAM come true, if it were a reality in the Dreamscape. Avatars don't have a coherent group identity like the small group of Acolytes ... and yet we have the opportunity to create that identity for ourselves!! First we need to decide what we want to take from the community and what we want to give to it. In either case, -we need to realize that our actions have an impact on others.

We are all individuals with ambitions, drives, talents, and the need to share. I think we can create an outlet for these skills that would generate a strong and very positive group identity. We could create Guilds to give us a place to share and develop our skills and an Association of Guilds that brought us together with a common purpose.

For instance, I am an artist and I feel I could benefit from an artist

Thursday, October 12

Where am I?

ESP Acolyte Brynne for a clue, find her for 50T or a prize!

5:00 PM, Somewhere in the world

Acolyte Brynne (ESP her for a hint)

Friday, October 13

Trek Trivia

Show off your Trek Series knowledge to win tokens and prizes!

7:00 to 8:00 PM, Starway Cafe Observation Deck

Acolyte VIQer

Dreaming Insomniacs Society

Something DIFFERENT will be held during these times each week.

9:00-11:00 PM, Visitor's Center Left

Acolyte Milen, Acolyte Nicci

Saturday, October 14

Great Kymer Quiz

Some easy, some hard, some just downright tricky.

2:00-4:00 PM, Bar L-Bar Storeroom

Acolyte Moria, Rydia

WARaffle Drawing

Purchase tickets from authorized agents. Door prize raffle!

5:00- PM WAT

Acolyte Lynx, Acolyte Electra, Acolyte Moria

Ghost Relay Races

Ghost races played baton style like Olympic Relay races. Variations will be coming in the future, allowing more winners in each race.

6:30-8:00 PM, Outside Visitor's Center

Acolyte VIQer

Dreaming Insomniacs Society

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9:00-11:00 PM, Visitor's Center Left

Acolyte Milen, Acolyte Nicci

Sunday, October 15

Stump The Trekkies

This is where you get to ask us the questions!! We must answer correctly or pay up! Try and Stump our Trek panel for tokens!

2:00-3:00 PM, Starway Cafe Observation Deck

Acolyte VIQer

Chaos Incorporated Bloodline Go For Broke Month (Oct. 1 - 30)

New! games and more! Winners also receive points toward a chance at picking one of three chests and winning what's in them on Oct. 30th.

6:00- PM, Outside Temple (West) (with unopened door)

