

like the person they're imitating?

Then there's the question of who is this Cosmo Cat, and if s/he is as great as they say, why haven't they shown up at my place with a blue ponytail head? And is it a he or she anyway?

Finally, are we doing such a great/not so great job that no one bothers to send us letters to the Editor and respond to our articles? Tell us we're driving them crazy with the format changes? Tell us anything? We really love hearing from all of you, so, keep in touch!

Which brings me to my closing poem from the Book of CHOKE:

May the road be alway level,
May your ponytail always be straight;
May you always have a CHOKE in hand,
And never arrive to Ghost Races late!
- Marianne G

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>> SEEN ON THE STREET
By Acolyte Rosaleah

so many different colors out there lately! SunRay Knight Elminster was sporting red ... King of Mars had turned blue ... and Mage Karnage s hair was positively purple! When I asked about Charlotte_N or Yul, however, I got blank stares. There were murmurings, instead, about a teleporter and hints of an accident -- crossed wires? -- causing the acquisition of some unusual powers ... we didn t get any names, though, of those who might have been affected by the accident.

We ran into someone who claimed to be Homey de Clown, and he certainly looked like Homey de Clown and even seemed to ID as Homey de Clown, but he wasn t acting like the Homey de Clown, we ve come to know and respect, so we tried to esp him (typing the name in manually) to ask if he needed any help. Lo and behold, we learned that Homey de Clown wasn t in Phantasus at the time! It seems someone was just pretending to be Homey, using a letter in the name that looked like it was the correct letter but really wasn t. Sure glad we checked, because it was very easy to be fooled, and we almost were!

Lately the cry we ve been hearing most about town is BINGO! ...er ... KYMER! This Phantas-tic version of the popular ww game has truly hit the town by storm. There seems to be someone playing it somewhere in Phantasus at every hour of the day and night. If you pass by someone standing on the street giving out a number of letter-and-number combinations (K5 .. Y18 ... R56), you ll know you ve run across a group of folks happily marking off their cards and dreaming dreams of increased wealth while sitting up on a comfy cloud.

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>> SECRETS
By Ushabti

What secrets lie beyond these doors
that close upon the buildings

that line the streets
of Phantasus
I think I ll find
if I but take the steps
to move closer, closer,
take hold of the knob
and turn
and push
and enter
into the opening
thus revealed.

But what is here
is Known, not Secret:
the vendroids spill their guts
only upon the insertion
of cold hard cash
and the bar reveals only
bottles and glass
while the stars that shine brightly
through the StarWay window
reveal only the Known Universe,
not what may lie Beyond.

There is no way to open
the locked wooden chest,
nor anyone who knows
who fashioned the statues,
nor an explanation for the
Orbitron.

Where are the Answers?
Who knows the Truth?
I gently close the doors
and continue
through the streets
of Phantasus,
searching,
ever searching.

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>> KNIGHTS OF KYMER MEETING INWORLD
By Acolyte Sunray Indigo

The Knights of Kymer will be holding a meeting of the RoundTable on January 27th, at 5PM WAT. We have also figured out a way to have our meeting inworld! If you have been asked to be a facilitator of a Guild in general, please send in your name to me, as I may not have all the records. Please also remember that we are planning on having more than one facilitator per Guild - especially in the beginning - until the Guilds have their own independent meetings and elect their own facilitators.

Unless there is a drastic change in plans, every Knight and Sunray is invited to this first meeting of the RoundTable, so that we may organize the Guilds. Please send us your Guild preferences before the meeting, if possible. We had a major crash recently, and lost some files containing Guild preference information. Therefore, even if you have already sent in a preference, please do a repeat send -

and choose up to six Guilds, with first preference first. Please select your top 6 choices, and indicate how involved you wish to become in Guild activities, so we can have the framework of each Guild's membership before the meeting starts.

There will be many exciting ideas to share at our first RoundTable meeting. The Guilds are a way to harness the excitement and creative energy we all have within us - so that we can work together and bring more harmony to all of Kymer. Your individual rays of light will combine to create the brightest sun the Dreamscape has ever seen when we all meet for the first time. Echoing back to the medieval days of the Roundtable at Camelot, the magic and mystery of the Knighthood is all there for us to create our own dreams in the RoundTable at Kymer.

See you there!

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Introduction: The Bloodline recently held a talent contest where one of the areas of competition was story telling. We will be publishing the winning stories, as submitted by the participants in that contest. Following story placed second in the contest.

>> FIRST DAY
By SunRay Hera

Once upon a time, when our World was new, and newcomers abounded, there was an avatar that had just stepped off the Argo. Walking cautiously down Cypress Street, having seen a Nu-Yu sign, the new avatar was reminded of a similar shop in the movie Logan's Run. Realizing much goings on would undoubtedly be taking place there, she headed in that direction. All of a sudden, she stumbled into a locale called V-Mart. What's this? People have curious objects under their arms and in their hands. What's that? Why, they are "pawning" those items for cash or tokens as the avatar would find out later. Must be something happening inside, just through that door, everyone seems to be using. So the avatar decided to investigate this further.

Inside the V-Mart, she found machines called vendroids. The vendos had many wonderful and beautiful items for sale in them. The avatar thought to herself, "this looks just like a mall!" So she stepped right up to a machine to make a purchase. After some fiddling with the new gadgets required to operate the vendro, she discovered, to her dismay, that she didn't have any tokens. Much later, she learned that in her eagerness to explore this new world, she had not visited the cabin aboard the Argo and missed an opportunity to find 50 tokens waiting for her. Since the avatar did not have any tokens in her possession, she left the V-Mart and searched for a friendly passerby to help with her predicament.

After taking some wrong turns, unknown to the newcomer at the time, she found herself at a gorgeous fountain. But wait! There was more than one fountain. How many fountains were there? She did not know that it was one BIG fountain with many faces, many shapes, and wondrous surprises. Feeling a sense of being lost, the avatar panicked when she found that she could not *leave* the fountain area. Finally, after much circling, she managed to exit the fountain locales and return to the more friendly sights known as streets.

Walking down Oak Street, our new avatar found some other avatars. "Hello. How are you?" they asked. "I'm lost and I don't have any money!" she explained. Recognizing that she was new, she seemed to be adorned with a head they called a "newbie", they asked if she picked up her 50 tokens from the chest on the Argo. "What's an Argo?" she asked, and after much discussion it was determined she needed to visit an ATM. So one of the helpful avatars asked the newcomer to follow along and he would help her find an ATM. Oh NO!!! She was back at the fountain. The dreaded fountain locale, where newbies search endlessly for a way out.

Walking up to the ATM and stepping all over the person currently using the machine, she heard, "Pardon me, but I am using the ATM. Could you please wait for your turn?" The new avatar was feeling pressured to leave this unknown world and leave rapidly. How was she ever going to accomplish withdrawing her tokens, find her way back to the V-Mart, and purchase some of those lovely items she saw? Besides the items, everyone seemed to be running around with these glorious heads and brightly colored clothing.

Just when all hope of solving these seemingly simple tasks had disappeared, an avatar asked if she needed some help. "YES!" was the answer heard by all. "How can I help you?" she asked the new avatar. "Well everyone, seems to be walking around with the most beautiful heads. I need some hair or a stylist to help me look prettier." So the new acquaintances struck up a conversation about clothes, hair, and heads. They agreed a shopping trip was in order. "But wait! I don't have enough tokens!" the newcomer said. "That's okay, we can work that out later." her new friend exclaimed.

So they headed over to the Nu-Yu shop, where her friend patiently waded through the head vendroids and found our newcomer an appropriate head. And then they proceeded to the V-Mart and selected some nice colors to go with the head. This made the newcomer feel so much better. She actually felt like she was at home, now that she looked like the rest of the citizens wandering about the streets. "How much do I owe you?" asked the new avatar. "Nothing!" replied her new friend. "It's on me!" "How can I ever repay you?" asked the newcomer. "Just do the same for other new citizens as I have done for you." she replied. To this day, our avatar has tried to live up to this joyous beginning.

The End.

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>> I DREAMED I SAW
By Marianne G

Just a few things we need in this city, from a gaming point of view. We need to be able to TAG someone. In Caribe, if you ID'd someone, your name showed up on their screen, and their name showed up on yours. Hosts used this method during races to tell who arrived first. The first name to go to screen was the winner. We need a way to tag someone that will go to the screen. The only way I can think of now, is if they have something to HAND you, that goes to screen, and also stops others from being able to hand to you. But what if you want the first three places?

We need someway to line up on other Avatars. Being able to walk to

success :-).

I hope it wasn't too crowded in the cloud of the screen.
Everybody wanted to come down as fast as possible, even when I hadn't disappeared, yet...

Winning one race each were Dedannan who got a chocolate candy,
Utopia who already won one item in Ghost Racing on Monday took along
an EPROM (= Eraseable Programmable Read Only Memory, for all who
don't know). Snowsprite got a lantern which was very well hidden in
the lower right corner of the screen. Margu won 60 Tokens,
Sir Lancolyte got 50 Ts, Chief Duckolyte Renegade II a grey chest
with a spider in it...
Simon took home a snowball (hope it won't melt in a few months <g>)
and Mellow-d had 100 T. Duckolyte Davy Joe won a Snowman head in the
head race this week.

Absolute winner this week was Christopher Storm who was the only who
got 2 items (i.e: some flowers and a Canary) Together with
Mellow-d and Dedannan, Christopher is on top of the score list for
the monthly Championship prize !

Some smaller amounts of Tokens were won by @thema, GermanGiant,
Duckolyte Dan, Adam South East, Amothus, William T. Ryker, Geryon,
Temptress, FlyingHi and SunRay Fawn !! :-)

I hope everybody enjoyed the races and thanks to all of you for
participating. Hope to see you again next week for some more great
Races.

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>> European Ghost Racing Results (01/19/96)
By Holger

Note: The results for GR on 01/12/96 were NOT shown in the last KYMER
CLARION (vol. 23) by mistake... You'll find them in this issue. Sorry.

Last week's European Ghost Racing once again was a great event !
Also this time we had a lot of competitors who performed great races.
Remember this was the 3rd racing of this month (January) and the next
races will decide the monthly championship winner
(this month's championship prize will be a King Tut Head) !

The results of the 3rd European ghost races are:
Winning one race each were LumMoose who got some knitting (hopefully
he'll be able to use it <g>), and Simon who snatched a peppermint
(yummm!).

Reverie won two races with a total of 150 Tokens, Duckolyte Davy Joe
got a fern and dumbbells in two races as well. Also two races were won
by Brains winning 50 Ts and a cute Xmas Elf head (which he won in the weekly
head race) and Knight Eclectus who got a bowling pin and a spider.
So this week we had many winners with 2 prizes.

On top of the monthly championship prize score list are the great
players:
Duckolyte Davy Joe, Christopher Storm, Mellow-d, Dedannan, Simon and
Knight Eclectus having 3 points each ! So next race will be a very
close and exciting one !

!!IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

REGISTER NOW! Send in your registration for any or all of the above contests to 72007,221 or 76571,1241.

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>> TALENT CONTEST WINNERS
By Marianne G

On the 21st, we had the Comedy and Pet routine show in the StarWay stage. We also presented the first ever WAVE demo, based on the story, THE LAST DAYS OF CARIBE. We thank all who came to watch the contestants and the Demo, and we hope those who planned on putting together their own WAVE team for the 28th are now inspired to out perform us (not hard to do :D)

Winning the Pet show hands down was a very talented fern named Boo Giggles. She was amazing, dancing, and jumping over THREE OPEN CHESTS! Why, my Hamlet felt quite humble in the face of her abilities. Oh yes, her pet... err owner was Necrolyte SunRay White Rose, who was helped by her handlers Marvelous Melinda and Bufwuf.

Winning the comedy portion was Asd, who bravely faced the danger of being frooted on stage to perform a comedy routine. He had the audience up in the clouds with his performance, and it's a well deserved win.

On a side note, we're still looking for those who performed songs in last weeks contest (Jan 14th) to submit the lyrics to the CLARION to share with all in the city. I have stories turned in by all but one, who is waiting, and I'd like to get the songs in also. You all did such a great job, I think you deserve the recognition.

Hope to see you all at the WAVE on the 28th, and I hope to see you all competing!

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>> CHAOS, Inc
By Marianne G

The search for Knowledge on Kymer is always one that should be pursued diligently and with real zeal and that is what was under taken at the CHAOS game on Jan 17th. We sent out seekers of knowledge, (Duckolyte Davy Joe, SKY TOWER, Necrolyte Benny, Vini Vidi Vici, Compuchip and Utopia) To search for the Prophats of wisdom (Gillian, Mage Shnee, Supel, Handyman, and LumMoose) and find the answers to some of lifes most puzzling questions!

Return they did, time and time again, to present me with the answers. I hope both the Prophats and the Seekers had fun, and I'm sure, even though they did all the work, they won't mind my sharing the answers with all of our readers. So here we go:

What is the Meaning of Life? Life has no meaning without Dark

Chocolate. (Duckolyte Davy Joe and Compuchip searched this one out)
How does one find Contentment? One finds contentment with a Teddy
Bear. (Utopia, SKY TOWER and Duckolyte Davy Joe all in with this)
What is Perfection? Perfection is a Ponytail. (Utopia and Necrolyte
Benny first back with this)
Is there life without a dream? Only in dreaming do we truly live.
(Necrolyte Benny and Compuchip first in with this one)

All thanks to our wise people, Gillian who wishes to add Raspberries
to the Dark Chocolate, Mage Shnee and Supel, his mid game replacement
for providing us with contentment. LumMoose, I always knew what
would make me look perfect! And Handyman, well, this is the dream-
scape!

Remember, CHAOS, Inc is a chance to try out new games every week, or
add some twists to old ones. Come early so you can pick on the
hostess when she's late. It's at 5 PM WAT in the Bar-L Storeroom
and as they are new, you want to be there for the instructions.
Especially if the game takes us out into town.

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>> TREK TRIVIA
By Acolyte Sunray VIQer

Hosted by Captian Picard - aka Acolyte Sunray VIQer..

This week the CAPtain recorded 16 names of players who had correct
answers! Our own Lt. Commander Estri was really out of uniform this
week <Grin>. Commanders Data and Xian were also present today.
The only crew member we haven't heard from recently is Soreen.
We will have to compensate for her DS-9 expertise somehow.....

This week's Grand Prize winners are:

<---=Inazuma and Vini Vidi Vici==-->

Theses two were inseperable in score. We tried several times to
break the tie but to no avail! Vini took the Moon head and Inazuma
took tokens equal in value to the Moon head at the pawn. Of course
they also had their other winnings! 90 tokens for the questions...
The Moon head is sold for 525 tokens, 80% of which is 420 tokens.

>---=NEWS AND PROMOTIONS!===--<

In light of Lt. Commander Estri's devotion and support to this crew,
which she has really proven this week by dressing the way she did...
Captain Picard announces that she has been promoted to full Commander!

CONGRATULATIONS! COMMANDER!

Commander Estri was very surprised to hear all this. She was a bit
choked up to say the least. About all she could say was thanks and
that she hoped to live up to the position. We are sure she will!!

Next week, a few questions from Voyager and Deep Space Nine....
Join us at the Orbitron in Starway Cafe!! The Captain sometimes shows
off a few rare heads....

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>> RELAY GHOST RACES
By Acolyte Sunray VIQer

Hosted by Acolyte Sunray VIQer....

This week we saw some more new faces!! The time we had this week was a bit short and only four races were run..

Race #1 Winning team:

Shining Dim Light and Utopia !

Race #2 Winning team:

Necrolytes Benny and Xian !

Race #3 Winning team:

Paladin Artema and Supel !

Race #4 Winning team:

Snake69 and Paladin Artema again !

Next week we will try to have at least one extra leg in our relay. This will create a need for three player teams. Meaning we will need more players!! More winners!! Join us at the Visitor Center outside on Saturday night.....

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>> KYMER COLLECTIBLES AUCTION
By Acolyte SunRay VIQer

>---==Kymer Collectibles Auction!===--<

Hosted by Scuttle and Clover....

Hurry hurry step right up and bid on the rare and collectable items for sale at the Starway Stage!! Candies, heads, Trick or Treat bags, almost anything can be found at one of these fine Auctions!! I myself found myself caught up in the heat of the furious bidding for a rare Skull head!! Renegade 1 however, really wanted the head and brought the price up above 5000 tokens. I wanted a better deal and so backed off.

This is a complete listing of all the items that were sold on Sunday:

Item	Buyer	Price
Skull Head	Daks	6000
Snowball	@DarkSun@	650
Halloween Bag	CompuChip	1000
xmas elf head	Duckobert	6200
Butterscotch	Wert P Gumby	350
Trophy	Wert P Gumby	4500
Gift Box from O & A	Rae	1800

He's Dead Head	Raptor	4300
Friar Head	Renegade	5250
Flowers	Raptor	4500
Chocolate	Rae	800
Purple Candy	Daks	500
Pink Candy	Christopher Storm	600
Hot Chocolate	Knight Jed Clampet	450

In addition to these items, there was a rare painted head or two that was show but the opening bid was not high enough at the Sunday auction..

Rumor has it that Acolyte Sunray VIQer puts on a head show during the auction! There sure was somewhat of a head show last time.. Next time there may be a couple new heads to add in the show!! Don't miss this!

Watch the Clarion for details on the next scheduled Auction of Kymer Collectibles... There are sure to be many more rare and valuable items up on the Auction block!! Scuttle and Clover are ever in search of new items to sell. Scuttle will sell your rare items for a mere 20% commission... Contact either of them inworld if you have anything of interest and by all means check out the Kymer Collectibles Catalog in the Community Forum Libraries at GO TRA-39.

HAPPY BIDDING!!

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