

Windkeep

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MONDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Archery: Contact Lord James the Small at 635-3214 or Inmon0@aol.com for information on the site and times.

TUESDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Research Night: Held at the Library is normally the second Tuesday evening of the month at the Laramie County Library 2800 Central Avenue. Contact Gwenyth at 624-2730

Research Night if not at the Library: Will be held on the second Tuesday evening at 10205 Powderhouse Road. Contact Lord Mlodn 635-1320. This is only if it is not going to be at the library.

Tasters Revel: Is the Fourth Tuesday evening of each month at Lion's Park Community Center from 7pm to 10pm. Feast by reservation only. For information please contact Gaviella at 632-1715

WEDNESDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Windkeep night: Held at Lady Noemi and THLord Duncan's home. At 900 E. 6th St. From 6:30pm to 10:30pm. For any information please contact Lady Noemi or THLd. Duncan at 637-5293.

THURSDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Fighter's Practice: Fighter practice has moved to Saturdays Contact Lord Evan at 632-1715 for any questions

Fencing Practice: Moved to Saturdays Contact Lord Griffin at 632-0024 for any questions

Populace Meetings: Will be held on the fourth Thursday evening of each month at the Laramie County Library 2800 Central Ave. at 7:00pm. Please contact Lady Fekete Noemi at 637-5293 to get on the agenda. February meeting is on the 24th.

SATURDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Fighter Practice: Is now being held at the National Guard Armory..For any question, direction, and dates please Contact Lord Evan at 632-1715

Fencing Practice: Is now being held at the National Guard Armory....For any question, and dates please Contact Lord Griffin at 632-0024

SUNDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Project Day: Will be held at Lord Griffin Porthor and Lady Nesta Coed residing at 710 Seymour Ave. On the first Sunday of each month from 10a.m to 6p.m. Potluck type setting and if weather permits a BBQ. If you have any question or concerns call Lord Griffin or Lady Nesta at 632-0024

SENESCHAL

Greetings!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if they wish to hold any events later this year or early next year we need to begin planning now, so that we can be sure to get on the calendar. I am definitely open to ideas for new events for the shire, so if you have an idea for an event contact me, even if you have never autocrated an event before. There are a lot of resources available for you to draw on as a new autocrat, and you'll never know for sure if you can do it until you try. I would also like to ask everyone, but particularly the fighters, to think about where to hold fighter practice this coming summer. Let myself, or Lord Evan, our Knight Marshall, know where you would like to have practice, so that we can make a list of suggested sites to discuss with the populace.

As the specter of War hangs over the land, remember to travel safely, keep you armor and weapons ready, and to uphold the honor of the Outlands where ever you travel to.

In service,

Fekete Noemi Asszony

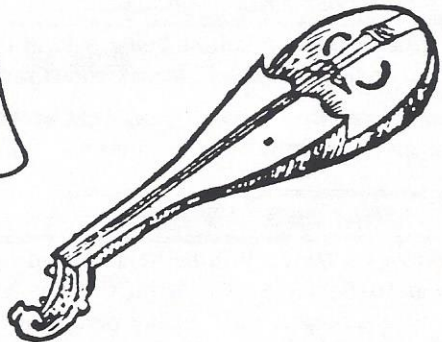
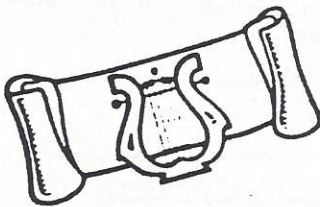
ARTS AND SCIENCE

Greetings from the A&S office

First off I'd like to thank Master Rhys for teaching the Celtic Knot work class. The Shire now has four new knot makers.

We're still working on setting up the soap making class. The information as I understand it is hat it will be \$15 per person that will include the supplies and recipes. Please let me know if you are interested so we can work towards setting a date.

Thank you,
Lady Gavriella



HOSPITALER

The new year is quickly passing under our feet. Maybe the following story will encourage each of us to do our part and make a difference to all our newcomers.

THE CHILD AND THE STARFISH

(A story inspired by Laren Eiseley)

A wise woman was taking a sunrise walk along the beach. In the distance she caught sight of a young child who seemed to be dancing along the waves. As she got closer, she saw that the child was picking up starfish from the sand and tossing them gently back into the ocean.

When asked what she was doing, the child explained that the sun was coming up and the tide was going out. If she did not throw the starfish back into the ocean, they would die.

The wise woman explained that there were miles and miles of beach with starfish all along it. She told the child she could not possibly make a difference.

The young child bend down, picked up another starfish and threw it lovingly back into the ocean past the breaking waves. "IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR THAT ONE," she replied.

That young child's actions represent something special in each of us. We are all gifted with the ability to make a difference. Each of us can shape our own future. Each of us has the power to reach our goals.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We were all new people in the SCA once. There was probably a special person who helped you become a member. Take time to talk to our new people, and make them feel welcome. You just might be the reason that one person joins the SCA.

Here's to a new year of growing in the SCA.

Lady Nesta Coed

Windkeep Hospitale

SHIRE DEMO'S

Greetings to Windkeep,

Mistress Aldyth has been contacted and set up our first of the season school demos. February 1st is for Heraldry and February 7th is to be the all day demo at Pioneer Park School.

I know it's still a few weeks away, but mark your calendar. If anyone is interested in helping with the demos, please contact me by replying, or privately at Nessa82007@aol.com. It would be nice to have several in attendance.

If anyone knows of others that want demos' let me know who to contact. Heres to a wonder new year.

Lady Nesta
Windkeep Hospitaller

KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings From the Knight Marshall Office

As I am setting here writing this, I am contemplating the New Year.

I would like many things for the Fighters of the Shire, but, am not sure what you want. So, here is what I want.

1. I want 100 Fighters here. Is this possible, No, but if we have 5 fighters in good armor.
2. I want every fighter to be skilled in as many combat styles as is possible. (we don't have to be great, just know how they are done)
3. I 100 Fencers, all authorized in all forms. Is this possible, again, no, but we can work on getting the ones we do have authorized in some of the other forms.

Ok, that is what I want, **WHAT DO YOU THE POPULICE WISH...**

Now for the important stuff, I am beginning to look for sites for summer fighter practice. I would like your input. This year, some one please say something, I heard from 3 people last year.

In service
Lord Evan Embleton

CAPTAIN OF ARCHERY

I am stepping down as Captain of Archery for the Shire of Windkeep at the end of February. It is with a heavy heart that I do so. I am having mundane problems and it is going to take some time to resolve, my stepping down may or may not be permanent but in the best interest of the Shire I am looking for a replacement. May be in a couple of years may be I could do it once again. I have served as Captain of Archery for the Shire of Windkeep for the past 3 years and have seen many fine archers at many fine events and I feel honored to have served you for this brief time and honored to have been able to serve the King and Queen and the Outlands. I will miss all of the Archers that I have come to respect and admire.

Lord James the Small
Captain of Archery
Shire of Windkeep

CHRONICLER'S REPORT

Greetings,

Thank you to the ones who got me there reports to me on time, so I can get the newsletter out on time.

I have a project for our smalls... As you know I have started a childrens page, I was wanting to know if any of you have any ideas for that page? If you do please let me know or send it to me. Im also looking from our Artist in the group some cover pages, if you would like to draw something please please let me know.... It all would be greatly appreciated.

Lady Liadan



NOEMI'S NOTES

This month I'm going to talk a little bit about travel, since we have Estrella War coming up this month. In the SCA some level of travel is inevitable, so the question really is how far you would like to travel. When I first joined the SCA I traveled as much as my college student budget would allow. For something big like Estrella it sometimes meant scrimping and saving, but it was always worth it. I've fought in four Estrella Wars and wouldn't trade in those memories for anything. Now that I'm in the "real world" I try to travel to events as much as possible. I've even traveled to Atlantia to teach a class at an A&S Collegium. You don't have to go quite that far unless you want to, however I encourage everyone to travel as far and as much as you can. You will get to meet fascinating people and learn more about the SCA.

An interesting side effect to traveling are some of the interesting things you see on the way. I have seen huge metal teepees in Arizona, some of the most interesting tourist traps and really amazing signs along the side of the road. Going south from Flagstaff into Phoenix I saw a sign that stated "Ice may form on bridge first." A pretty standard sign, except that there were several bridges along the road after that sign, so I'm still not sure which bridge the ice would form on first. Also going south to Phoenix there is a sign to let you know that you are entering a national forest, not a tree a sight, but there is a large saguaro cactus right next to the sign. On sign I've seen several places is "Gusty winds may exist". Now my first thought on seeing this was that it was awful nice of someone to give those gusty winds the right to exist. My second thought was that is was a rather philosophical sign. . .gusty winds may exist, but then again they may not.

My personal favorite sign, though, has nothing to do with strange phrasing, or circumstance. It has to do with how it sounds. On I-25 just north of Las Vegas, NM there is a sign for a turn off for Wattrous Valmora. Now, I know that it is merely a turn off for two small communities, however think for a moment how it sounds. Say it out loud and think about it. What does it sound like it should be to you? Mistress Aldyth thinks it sounds like a nasty disease. My husband thinks it sounds like a geologic formation, as in "We find the most stegosaurus remains near the Wattrous Valmora". I think it sounds like a rare animal, which may take a bit of set up to get the mental image. First, imagine a TV documentary safari leader sneaking through the underbrush, turning to the camera to say "Today we are stalking the rare Wattrous Valmora. We must be careful, since this shy creature can become violent if cornered."

Just remember to try to travel as much as possible and to travel as safely as possible. Keep an open mind and keep you eyes open since you never know what you'll see.

Noemi

February 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Windkeep Wednesday 6:30-10:30 @ Ldy Noemi and Ld. Duncan	2	3	4	5
6 Project Sunday 10AM- 6PM	7 Cooking Gild @Mistriss Aldith 7:00pm to ?	8	9 Windkeep Wednesday 6:30-10:30 @ Ldy Noemi and Ld. Duncan	10	11	12 Fighter Practice 4pm -7pm At Army Nation Guard	
13	14	15	16 Windkeep Wednesday 6:30-10:30 @ Ldy Noemi and Ld. Duncan	17 <i>Estrella War XVI</i> 10-21	18 <i>Estrella War XVI</i> 10-21	19 Fighter Practice 4pm -7pm <i>Estrella War XVI</i> 10-21	
20 <i>Estrella War XVI</i> 10-21	21 <i>Estrella War XVI</i> 10-21	22 Tasters 7pm-10pm At the lions Community Center	23 Windkeep Wednesday 6:30-10:30 @ Ldy Noemi and Ld. Duncan	24 Populace Meeting 7pm-9pm Cheyenne Library	25	26	
27	28	29					

SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE CHANGE!!!

Attentions all fighters. The date for the Southern War Practice in Saint Goliath has been changed. The new date is **SATURDAY February 5th**. All other aspect of this event will remain the same. If you have any questions please refer to the article in the OH or contact the autocrat, Treya.

Estrella WAR XVI

Kingdom of Atenveldt, February 16-21, A.S. XXXIV (2000)

Site Opens at 8:00a on 2/16 for pre-registered individuals

Site opens at noon on 2/16 for general registration

Site closes at 5:00p on 2/21

Combs Road Queen Creek, AZ

Arrival @ 2/16 gate open - midnight: \$30.00(Adult Member) \$35.00 (Adult Non-member) \$10.00 Youth (12-17 yrs)

Arrival @ 2/19 12:01am - close: \$20.00 (Adult Member) \$25 (Adult Non-member) \$10.00 Youth (12-17 yrs)

Make checks payable to SCA - Kingdom of Atenveldtö

Site is wet

To War! To War!

Once again to arms, to arms, Glorious Atenveldt! Estrella War XVI - The Millenium War is fast approaching, February 16-21, 2000. Join the Allied Kingdoms of Artemesia, Atenveldt, Caid and the Outlands as they engage in glorious combat, competition and marvelous festivities of the first war of the new millennia. Let the drums of war beat long and loud, let the pipers play and the banners fly, Estrella War is fast approaching!

Gates open on Wednesday, February 16th at 8 am for pre-registered attendees. On site registration will be allowed on site at noon. The site closes Monday, February 21st. All attendees are required to be off site no later than 5pm.

Site fees are as follows:

Arrival @ 2/16 gate open - midnight: \$30.00(Adult Member) \$35.00 (Adult Non-member) \$10.00 Youth (12-17 yrs); Arrival @ 2/19 12:01am - close: \$20.00 (Adult Member) \$25 (Adult Non-member) \$10.00 Youth (12-17 yrs)

Pre-registered attendees may enter the site at 8 am on opening day after going through check in and signing site waivers. For more pre-registration information please contact Lady Giliana Spencer de Windermere (Jamie Heier), 8776 East Shea, PMB#B3A-566, Scottsdale, AZ 85260-6629; jamers@primenet.com

Estrella War XVI cont.

Merchants! All merchants interested in attending should contact Lady Aurora d' Eccosse' The Blonde, our Merchant Autocrat (Dawn Nelson), PO Box 14414, Phoenix, AZ 85063-4414, (602) 484-8915, Artigress@yahoo.com or ArTigres1@aol.com

Merchants who are pre-registered will be allowed on site Tuesday, February 15th, 2000.

The Dust? Last year was a very dry & cold winter in Phoenix, which led to a very dusty site. With the huge population boom on site, an extra 1,200 attendees, and a "hard freeze" Tuesday evening just prior to opening, the ground cover (dormant Bermuda grass) quickly died and the site became very barren. This coupled with the camp smoke from the attendees, led to dusty site.

This year the Kingdom of Atenveldt, the War Staff, and the Site Owner are working hard to ensure the survival of the ground cover on the main camping field. Winter grass is already planted, extra watering has been arranged, and multiple passes by the water trucks are all part of our efforts to decrease the dust. The grass is growing greener with each passing day, and the work crews have been working hard to improve the fighting areas within the Battle Pit! Driving on the interior roads will be limited to loading and unloading only.

Please be prepared - Most of us are city dwellers, going from our climate controlled homes, to our climate controlled vehicles to our climate controlled places of employment or colleges, suddenly thrust into a dirty, smoky environment with a few thousand friends from around the globe. Add to this the unpredictable weather, cold and windy, or dry and hot - It's Phoenix.

If you have a known respiratory history, or allergies, you are urged to contact your family physician prior to the event & bring with you whatever prescriptions or over-the-counter medications you may need in a varied environment. Please consider this a primitive site.

Minors All minors (17 years & younger) must be registered and have a site waiver on file. All minors will be issued an ID bracelet to be worn at all times. Children (7 years & younger) must be registered at Troll but will not be charged site fee. All minors attending the event must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian also attending the event. Proof of temporary guardianship IS required. You must have two copies of notarized documentation if you are bringing other minor children onto site with you **OTHER THAN YOUR OWN CHILDREN**. These papers must originate from your state of origin; one form to be kept at registration & the other with the child/guardian. If you arrive without documentation you will not be allowed onto the site.

The Estrella War Staff & the SCA are not responsible for providing this documentation **NOR CAN THEY**. This paperwork is the responsibility of the parents & guardian bringing the minor(s) onto the site. Our staff understands the legalities surrounding this issue & the responsibilities

Estrella War XVI cont.

Directions: From the North: Take I-17 south through Phoenix and east onto I-10, & continue east onto the Superstition Freeway (State Route 60); Continue east to Ellsworth and turn south (right). Go south on Ellsworth to Rittenhouse Road, and turn southeast (casual left). Follow Rittenhouse southeast to Combs Road and make a left, this will lead you on into the Festival Site.

From the South: Take your best route to I-17 and state Route 60 (Superstition) and head east on 60 to Ellsworth. Make a right and head south down Ellsworth to Rittenhouse. Then as described above.

From the East: Head into Phoenix on State Route 60 going west to Ellsworth, and turn south (left), follow Ellsworth to Rittenhouse, then as above.

Or

From the East: Head into Phoenix on State Route 87 going south west into the valley, and turn south (left) onto Country Club Drive. Head east (left) onto State Route 60 to Ellsworth, then as above.

From the West: Head east into the valley on I-10 to east bound State 60 to South on Ellsworth and SE on Rittenhouse, then as above.

There will be signs marking each of these turns as you approach Ellsworth and Rittenhouse.

The Webpage has been updated to reflect our multiple classes, tourneys, special events, site rules, and list of merchants. Please contact the autocrat in charge of that area for further questions.

For further information please contact our Autocrats Baron Nootka or Baroness Alexandra or visit our Website @ www.estrellawar.org

Autocrats: Baroness Alexandra de le Mer Vert (Jamie Howard), 3217 W. Crocus, Phoenix, AZ 85053, (602) 789-8521 (no calls after 9PM), (602) 203-4905 - pager, WhiteCelt@aol.com

Baron Nootka Karlsefni (Ron Wilson), 4523 W. Catalina Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85031, (602) 269- 0563

HERALD AND SCRIBE SYMPOSIUM

Barony of Dragonsspine, March 25-26, A.S. XXXIV (2000)

Site Opens at 8:30a On 3/25 Site Closes at midnight on 3/25

Site Opens at 10:00a on 3/26 Site Closes at 4:00p on 3/26

Colorado College 14 E. Cache la Poudre Colorado Springs, CO

Site fee: \$6, half-price for children under 10 and teachers. As per mundane College rules, student, faculty and staff of The Colorado College pay no site fee; but donations are welcome.

Feast: \$7, half-price for children under 10.

Make checks payable to: SCA-Dragonsspine

Site is DRY

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Barony of Dragonsspine cordially invites you to the third annual Outlands Heralds & Scribes Symposium, on the weekend of March 26-27, A.S. XXXIV (2000). The symposium will be held on the same site as last year, at the College of Tygre's Keep (The Colorado College, classes in Palmer Hall, feast in Bemis Hall). Teachers in the heraldic and the scribal arts are very much wanted; please contact the Autocrat (for heraldic classes) or the Registrar for Scribes (for scribal) at your earliest convenience. Classes will be offered on a variety of heraldic and scribal topics, both introductory and advanced, and teachers will include honored out-of-kingdom guest lecturers. This year symposium will also feature tournaments for heavy and for rapier fighters; fighters are asked to practice heraldic display on the field and on the sidelines, in fitting with the theme of the day. The event webpage (under continual improvement) is at <http://mu.chao.net/~tim/sca/hs2000.html>. Reservations are being accepted.

Directions: Exit I-25 at exit 143 (Uintah Street) in Colorado Springs. Proceed east, up a small hill, to a light at Cascade Avenue (about 0.25 mile). Turn right (south) on Cascade. Take your first left, into a narrow street lined with cars. At the far end of this street is a large red sandstone building with a green roof; this is Palmer Hall, the classroom site. Sign-in upstairs.

Autocrat: The Honorable Lord Timothy O'Brien (Tim Buxton), 7365 Windy Peak Drive, Widefield, CO 80911, (719) 393-1513, herald_tim@hotmail.com

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Registrar for Scribes (Coordinator of Scribal Classes): The Honorable Lady Tatiana Pavlovna Sokolova, 3640 Arborview, Colorado Springs, CO 80918, (719) 532-1686, tatiana@rialto.org

Head Cook: Baron Eric Edmundsson (Eric Barnes), 8340 Wilderness Drive, Black Forest, CO 80908, (719) 495-0547, esbarnes@earthlink.net

BIZARRE BIZARRE: THE KARMIC REDISTRIBUTION OF GOODS

Shire of Caer Galen, April 22, A.S. XXXIV (2000)

Site opens @ 4pm, site closes @ 10pm

VFW Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501-6424

Fees: Site \$4 per person, includes admission plus one ticket

Tickets: \$1 each

Checks can be made payable to: SCA Caer Galen

Site is DRY

If you like Caer Galen musical chairs you will love a Caer Galen-style garage sale. Please join us for our fundraising event. All proceeds to benefit the Shire. It is our pleasure to announce his Excellency, Sir Douglas McAndrew will return as our Master of Ceremonies.

There will be a dessert competition. The champion to be decided by populous vote. One vote per ticket. Vote early, vote often. The Champion will receive a voucher good for two free site fees and two free feasts at a Caer Galen hosted event during A.S. XXXV. As this is a fund raising event and not a historical recreation, please bring your favorite recipes. You may enter as many delicacies as you wish. Please bring an ingredients list with each entry.

There will be a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to feed six hungry bargain-hunters, along with an ingredient list. Coffee and tea will be provided.

We are interested in items of use to the SCAer. To donate items please contact the autocrat. Remember donations are tax deductible.

Directions from I-25: Take I-25 to Colorado exit 240. Go west six miles to Main Street. Turn left (south). The VFW Hall is about a 1/2 mile on the left. There is a flag pole in the front and free parking in the rear.

Directions from Boulder: Go north on Hwy. 119 from Boulder. It will become Ken Pratt Blvd. in Longmont. Follow it to Main Street, turn left (north). The VFW Hall is on the right. There is a flag pole in the front and free parking in the rear.

Autocrat: Lady Rozsa Laszlo, Carolyn James, 1861 Spruce Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501, 303-678-0851, Carolyn.James@Colorado.edu

Hall Steward: THL Bjorn Poulson, Lynn Shirk, 1861 Spruce Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501, 303-678-0851.

DA'UD BOB'S MOVIE REVIEW

Why is there always such a difference between an experience you'll always remember, and one that you'll never forget? Well, now, for years I've been able to use a stage production of *Shogun Macbeth* as an example of "Shakespeare gone bad, very bad". And it was. Images from that production are seared in my memory, and try as I might, I have been unable to rid myself of them. A samurai armored "Macbess" (Japanese doesn't have a "th" sound, to the best of my knowledge) skulking about a darkened set, witches in obis, katanas instead of broadswords. Burnham Wood had to travel a "fur piece" to arrive in shogunate Japan. Does that mean, however, that Shakespeare cannot be done well in a Japanese setting? (Well, some purists would argue that the question is merely rhetorical, or that it cannot truly be asked to begin with. The answer, to them, is obvious. "Of course not.") Akira Kurosawa, one of the world's foremost moviemakers, has attempted what many consider to be impossible, and done it very well. He did modify much of the language and all of the names, to make the setting in Japan more Japanese. Be that as it may, this month Da'ud Bob reviews what might have been called "King Lear Meets Shogun", but which was actually titled *Ran*.

Starring Tatsuya Nakadai as Hidetora Ichimonji, Akria Terao as Taro, Jinpachi Nezu as Jiro, Daisuke Ryu as Saburo, Mieko Harada as Kaede, and Peter as Kyoami the Fool, the story, for the three of you out there who have seen or read no Shakespeare, is: aging king decides to retire, and divides his lands among his three (in this case) sons, Taro, Jiro, and Saburo. Two think it's a good idea; the youngest doesn't and is disinherited. The two then pretty much take over, dictating to their father what he may do and how many attendants he may have, etc., etc. In the end, as in every good Shakespearean drama, everybody dies.

Good points (besides the fact that Kurosawa is the director, I mean): The location shots. The costuming. (This film won the 1985 Oscar for Best Costuming. Watch it and see why.) The horse tack and tassels. The armor and accouterments. The battle scenes. (But battle scenes are something that Kurosawa does extremely well.) The beheading. (Must be seen to be appreciated.) That Kaede is one tough woman.

Bad points: Too much blood. (I think they must have been having a sale on red paint.)

Zero breasts. 16 gallons of blood. 169 dead bodies. Arm rolls. Plots (and counter-plots) roll. Horsemen roll. Arrows break. Blood spurts. Arrow fu. Musket fu. Flute fu. Severed arm fu. Gratuitous boar hunt. Gratuitous sealing pact with blood. Gratuitous moth squishing. Gratuitous story with moral. Academy Award nominations to Peter as Kyoami the Fool, one of the wisest, and most loyal, characters in the film; and to Tatsuya Nakadai as /K/i/n/g/ /L/e/a/r/ Hidetora, calling his son more than henpecked (Anna Sue's term was a fair bit stronger, but not really repeatable in a "family friendly" newsletter), for "The hen pecks the cock and makes him crow." An 88 on the Vomit Meter. Three Stars. Da'ud Bob says "Check it out!"

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