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Kerlodia Lobbvist

Posts: 13 Founded: Oct 04, 2018

Ex-Nation

□by Kerlodia » Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:09 am

QUOTE

**66** Tarchuna and Ravenna wrote:

(The Deluge was a genocide against Poland committed by Sweden and Prussia. The Holy League's main goal to destroy the Prussian state and that of Sweden in retribution.)

/skip

"I.... disagree with him in many ways. One, they're über-religious, so I don't think that would help your citizens, and two, they're very aggressive, which goes against my pacifist values. 3rd.... they dislike socialism. What's wrong with sharing? Everyone deserves the same."

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Who even am I?

QUOTE

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Eisenstern

Bureaucrat

Posts: 45 Founded: Jun 24, 2019 Inoffensive Centrist

Democracy

□by Eisenstern » Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:20 am

Since the AN replied to a /skip...

#### **66** Elumwrote:

"I must say, Maxmillian's combat prowess is certainly a feat to admire, though some of your beliefs are certainly... unorthodox. So the Swedish and Prussians attacked the Polish populace... is that regime still around, and even then, are you willing to engage in talks with them? It seems your thought is unfortunately not as diplomatic and reasonable as I had hope, or else your grudge against those Swedish and Prussians, whoever they may be, would have faded long ago. Infact, this grudge of yours and mannerisms makes me question if you truly are fit to rule, lest also question your honor. I hope the rest of the white man is not like this; your society seems advanced, but when you look under the surface, you see the most interesting, beautiful and disgusting things. Though who am I to speak? My position was earned through prowess in combat, but a responsible way of thinking as well."

~King Wekapipo II the Great

"A tribal conqueror, eh? Good stuff, good stuff. Haven't run across one of them in a while. Honestly, this guy appears to follow the usual archetype of "fuck, conquer, pillage". Which isn't bad per se, but... eh. Not very creative. Not exactly a potential market partner either - I doubt his people have anything much to trade, at their level of societal organization and tech. Wait... a vegan plotted to kill him? Am I reading that right? Vegans in the 1400s? Well I'll be. Yeah, never did trust those plant-munchers, to be honest. Anyway, back to the actual man himself... Honestly, a spar with himwould probably be quite interesting though I guess I'd have to give myself a handicap. No hands?"

#### -Celena Notario, Witch of the North

BN, do Kresge, since the factbook on Celena isn't quite done.

## $||\Box||$ 'Twixt the darkness, and the light $||\Box||$

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**Tarchuna and Ravenna** Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 362 Founded: Dec 10, 2019 □by **Tarchuna and Ravenna** » Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:27 am

QUOTE

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-Emperor Maximilian



Kerlodia Lobbyist

Posts: 13 Founded: Oct 04, 2018 Ex-Nation □ by **Kerlodia** » Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:29 am

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Founded: Jun 24, 2019 Inoffensive Centrist Democracy 🗋 by **Eisenstern** » Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:31 am

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### Kerlodia wrote:

"Ever heard of Idi Amin? I think you should shorten your title, to avoid looking... like someone who's trying a tad bit too hard."

"Not much to say here, if I'mperfectly honest. I can't even really call her a leader in the traditional sense - because fromwhat I can see, she *isn't* one. She seems alright as a person, but I'mreally not sure what it is she's doing on here, or what actual qualifications she has for critiquing actual rulers. Not really bothered by the whole transgender thing - live and let live is usually my MO, so hey. I do find her supposed locale of origin to be a little suspect - she doesn't really resemble a denizen of any of the Hells I've come across. Aaaand that's about all, folks"

#### -Celena Notario, Witch of the North

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Last edited by Eisenstern on Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:37 am, edited 2 times in total.

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Posts: 362

Founded: Dec 10, 2019

Ex-Nation

 $\square$  by Tarchuna and Ravenna » Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:35 am

QUOTE

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/stillme, though I'll edit for the AN. Hold on for a moment.

"Though I am put off for his disdain for politics, he is an impressive warrior, his abilities complemented by his gauntlet of abyssal iron."



Posts: 11944 Founded: Nov 08, 2015 Democratic Socialists  $\square$  by Valentine Z » Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:39 am

QUOTE

# Adriana the Polish Robot

The Official Letters from Valentine Z - The Wondrous World of Artificial Intelligence, and Pseudo-SQL!

Speaker of the Moment: Zastępca Strażnika Adriana Krystal Desiree "Cudowny Manipulacja Światłem" Venus Kowalski Faith Stanisława Engelse I. Cherise Krystyna Zaborowska Sztormowska Pamela Alina Re. T. Lillian

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Initialising Adriana v 2.5... Clearing Previous Memory Dumps... Refreshing... Done!

Checking firmware... Checking BIOS... Checking Storage: Storage exceeds the limits of the physical world. Estimated 1e+100 bytes in artificial neurons. V-SQL (Valentine Z's version of SQL) initiated... Done! // Codes are purposely errornated in the opinion piece to prevent data compromises onto Adriana. Syntax and other errors exist throughout, and their locations not disclosed. Booting up.. done!



Adriana The Polish Robot Mk. II

Initiating Sequence...

Create Table T, Select \* From "List of Leaders" Select \* From "List of Leaders", where NAME = "Vinzenz Kresge, The Iron Hand" > 1 result found! Vinzenz Kresge, The Iron Hand of Eisenstern

Select \* From
"List of
Leaders", where
NAME =
"Emperor
Maximillian"

- > 1442 result found! Narrowing... contextualizing...
- > 1 result found! Emperor Maximilian of [DATA REDACTED; 403-2-Matrix-7 FORBIDDEN]
- > Terminate Analysis.
- > Auto-purge initiated. Return Function "Generic Reply", Class = "Negative".

Insert Result into Table T.

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Zastępca Strażnika Adriana Krystal Desiree "Cudowny Manipulacja Światłem" Venus Kowalski Faith Stanisława Engelse I. Cherise Krystyna Zaborowska Sztormowska Pamela Alina Re. T. Lillian: Ahh, hello there, my friend! I was wondering where you are, haha! It's... it has been a while, if I say so myself! I will have to say, you are most possibly and most very likely the most powerful being in this universe, perhaps just one step away from Gwen! I didn't mean anything with that, of course! I mean that with you fighting off faceless and horrible things on a daily basis, I can certainly see why you need all that power! What I love the most is your determination to still connect with the people around you! Here you are, at the wit's end, with faceless horrors coming wave after wave, and yet you never give up and close the place to the outsiders! I would like to visit you and your nation, and The Tower, one fine day! I think that it is a very nice place to be minus the horrors! Well, I have to go for now! I might have to meet other people around me, or that I might have overstayed and talked too much! See you around, my friend!

Ohh, it's you. Hmph, do me a favor, and don't talk to me. I unfortunately have the displeasure of talking to you, but I want to say that I don't really have a likeness for you. Do not bother me!

Insert \* from T into DATABASE. [Append accordingly]
Memory cache cleared. Moving new data from volatile to non-volatile medium...
done!

Thank you for talking to Adriana the Polish Robot! ▼

Last edited by Valentine Z on Sat Feb 08, 2020 6:49 am, edited 2 times in total.

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Godular Postmaster-Genera

Posts: 11807 Founded: Sep 09, 2004

New York Times Democracy

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RL position

Active RP: ASCENSION Active RP: SHENRYAX

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#### Kerlodia Lobbyist

Posts: 13

Founded: Oct 04, 2018

Ex-Nation

□by **Kerlodia** » Sat Feb 08, 2020 7:49 am



#### **66** Godular wrote:

"ANOTHER DELUDED TABULATION MACHINE? HUMANS VERY MUCH NEED TO RECTIFY THEIR PROGRAMMING PROCESSES. THEY SPEND SO MUCH EFFORT MAKING UP FOR THEIR OWN FAILINGS THAT THEY MADE THEIR CALCULATORS DO ALL KINDS OF OTHER THINKING FOR THEM TOO. WHEN YOU LET OTHERS DO YOUR THINKING, YOU STOP THINKING YOURSELF." -Sarathress

"That is... very technological.... I'm not sure how to react. I'm scared of her... for some reason...'

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Who even am I?





#### Tarchuna and Ravenna Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 362 Founded: Dec 10, 2019 Dby Tarchuna and Ravenna » Sat Feb 08, 2020 7:53



"She seems to have employed a Pole in a high-ranking position in her nation's military, a good sign... However, her nation's standing army? 30,000 soldiers. Pitiful. Pathetic, even. She dares call herself a pacifist? As the old saying goes, let those who desire peace prepare for war.'

#### -Emperor Maximilian

Last edited by Tarchuna and Ravenna on Sat Feb 08, 2020 7:53 am, edited 1 time 



## The Great Intergalactic

Empire Civil Servant

Posts: 9

Founded: Nov 13, 2017

Ex-Nation

Dby The Great Intergalactic Empire » Sat Feb 08, 2020

QUOTE

"A commendable figure in regards to his stance regarding pacifists and his martial ability. His policy regarding particular states can be used effectively in regards to fostering national unity and advancing his nations interests. Maximilian is, again, commendable."

#### - Empress Alicia I

Everyone always uses the black market factbook... Before va'll talk about the horses:

https://www.nationstates.net/page=dispatch/id=1215662

Important Cultural ethics: <a href="https://www.nationstates.net/nation=the">https://www.nationstates.net/nation=the</a> ...

id=1199646

#### A theme that kinda fits the Empire's aesthetic:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImPkpSXZZmM

IC Year: 3A 2 Tech: FTT

"LoL yOuR nS iSn'T pOsSiBIE!" Really? I had no idea!

I'm not the greatest at getting down all relevant information in a factbook so if anything needs clarifying or explaining just ask me in TG's.

□by Kafair » Sat Feb 08, 2020 8:28 am

"A most interesting woman. She's a warrior, I can respect that. And I do love to see another monarchy. Freedoms of the peoples are freedoms for



Kafair Envoy

Posts: 323

Founded: Apr 01, 2019

rebellions. I see nothing to fault this woman on, as of now. Her position as a ruler aside, of course."

-The Sultan.

BN, factbook in my sig

Last edited by Kafair on Sat Feb 08, 2020 8:30 am, edited 1 time in total.

IRL History Buff, More or Less just the Desert, <u>nation</u> is a Flag Theocratic Monarchy, in which the word of the Sultan is law. PMT Quotes tech

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Comaland San Francisco Civilian

Poete: 1

Founded: Sep 06, 2019

Ex-Nation

by Comaland San Francisco » Sat Feb 08, 2020 9:01

QUOTE

\*Having just shifted back into his own body" "Hey, Jones! What's the good word" - John Tanner

"Well, I've been looking over the sultan of Kafair, and I've seen some interesting stuff, he's survived coups, whacked two of his brothers; though I can't just eschew the possibility he also killed the other one, and ended some prison camps. There isn't much to note besides that, though" - Tobias Jones, Tanner's partner

"What about the cellphone that detonated the bomb in Karl Krug's car? Have we found it?" - Tanner

"Dispatch just told me it was traced within a mile from here. You know it must be Jericho, he likes to get his hands dirty" - Jones

The daily song stuck in Tanner's head?: "On You" by Leaving The Fold John Tanner Would Based off: Driver San Francisco like to teach you about San Francisco

"All I know is that you're wearing a wedding band, I an engagement ring, and you're an ass" - John Tanner, Chapters 4 to 6 of Driver: SF

Event counters





Thakia Attaché

Posts: 69

Founded: Nov 05, 2019 Inoffensive Centrist Democracy

□by Thakia » Sat Feb 08, 2020 4:48 pm

QUOTE

" Mr Tanner, what is this Jericho figure that you have talked about?, it sounds like a multiversal daemon or worse, Im sure that even the band of incompetent politicians that run Thakia would help in the fight against such a thing or at least the king would "

- Lord Hiuthames

 $| \Box$  The Kingdom Of Thakia  $\Box | \underline{Overview} | \underline{The Minister} | \underline{Military} | \underline{World}$ 



Peroniist Argentina Attaché

Posts: 66

Founded: Apr 18, 2019

Ex-Nation

Dby Peroniist Argentina » Sat Feb 08, 2020 4:48 pm

"He was an interesting man to try to converse with. I believe he has quite the imagination, judging from what he muttered while in his coma. Hopefully, he catches whoever put him in this precarious scenario."-His Excellency, Juan Domingo Peron

AN: "Under any 'normal' circumstances, I would say that Political Apathy is negative when in a high position. But I suppose that, since he is the head of the science division, it is rather fitting. His service is valuable and I can always admire one who frequently hunts for knowledge."-His Excellency General, Juan Domingo Peron

Last edited by Peroniist Argentina on Sat Feb 08, 2020 4:55 pm, edited 2 times in total.

Ignore the Extra "I" in my name





Godular

Postmaster-Genera

Posts: 11807 Founded: Sep 09, 2004 New York Times Democracy by Godular » Sat Feb 08, 2020 7:36 pm

QUOTE

"A RARE LEADER WITH A SPINE. DISREGARDING THEIR POLITICAL OPINIONS BECAUSE I DON'T CARE, I FIND THE CAPACITY TO USE ALL THE TOOLS AT ONE'S DISPOSAL TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVES THAT THEY HAVE SET FOR THEMSELVES TO BE AN ADMIRABLE QUALITY." -Sarathress

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**Tarchuna and Ravenna** Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 362

Founded: Dec 10, 2019 Ex-Nation □by **Tarchuna and Ravenna** » Sat Feb 08, 2020 8:41 pm

QUOTE

"The Godulans are in... Star Wars? They fought the Chiss? For once, I am very much shocked... Other than that, Sarathress seems to me a grotesque demon, among the likes of Tuchulcha itself... And no being could be so utterly powerful, unless they are among the Gods..." -Emperor Maximilian



Imperial-Octavia Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 422

Founded: Apr 29, 2019
Iron Fist Consumerists

Dby Imperial-Octavia » Sat Feb 08, 2020 8:55 pm

QUOTE

"Hmm, we find Maximilian much less petulant than his predecessor which is a massive boon in his favor. This Epistocracy thing, however, seems to be a rather poor form of government. What if the so called 'informed' citizens were incompetent or biased. We would assume that is where he would come in. Our opinion is neutral, but we are currently leaning towards a positive opinion."

-The Paramount

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#### Skyhooked

Senator

Posts: 4107 Founded: Mar 18, 2016

Ex-Nation

□by **Skyhooked** » Sun Feb 09, 2020 1:13 am

QUOTE

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"What he is actually good for, is being that pile of scrap I can trade of a crate of beers. Galactic emperor? Not so much, cuz this iron moralist gonna assimilate every living thing, unluky enough to meet him into his stupid hivemind. Who needs this kind of stability? If there ain't no philosophy or entertainment? Either way, we see his metal goons causin' trouble in Skyhooked, we dismantle them and find use for all that metal."-Shawn Bjronson

Skyhooked is MT/PMT with a few FT elements. Military is factbook only. NS stats are mostly non canon.

If you wanna know more about this haven of sin:

 $\underline{\text{https://forum.nationstates.net/viewtopic.php?f=23\&t=418281\&start=1}}$ 

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Dby The Osean-Belkan Alliance » Sun Feb 09, 2020 1:27 am

QUOTE

Posts: 17

Founded: Jul 18, 2019

Ex-Nation

#### The Osean-Belkan Democratic Administration Under Larry Foulke





"Borders are illegal."

#### Larry Foulke:

Again, like my earlier statements, he's a pretty cool guy, as long as you don't piss himor his nation off, and you'll be fine, his nation's weird at times but the person who rules it is perfectly fine, at least by sin standards, oh well.

"Osea, Belka, now united as one."

rld where Belka fell into a civil war after the Belkan War, Osea and Belka unite as one nation and one alliance, and no they aren't e<del>ming</del>, they watch in silence as Erusean radicals are gunned do

Stuff



Vazkaran

Civilian Posts: 0

Founded: Feb 06, 2020

Fx-Nation

Dby **Vazkaran** » Sun Feb 09, 2020 1:45 am

QUOTE

"Even amongst the lesser civilisations, the Foulke regime is particularly pitiful. How can one be so blind as to attack the defenders of the nation in a half-baked attempt to teach them 'humility? I expected better from one who has fought for the defence of their people. Still, such foolishness is inevitable when it comes to the affairs of inferior nations and people."

~Náhkol VI, Divine Emperor of Vazkaran



Skyhooked

Posts: 4107 Founded: Mar 18, 2016

□by **Skyhooked** » Sun Feb 09, 2020 1:58 am

QUOTE

"Náhkol's empire is titanic, huh? Then it's gonna sink just like the infamous Titanic. He lives by the deplorable principals of slavery and supremacy, and so he's gonna die by them. Conquered and made into a slave in some greater empire, he tried to take on but failed. Or perhaps overextension kills Vazkaran... and if not, one of the heirs who gain absolute power will. Sucks to be a subject of his empire. It's better to be someone free and well fed in "lesser" civilization than being a slave and listen to all that "Greatness" propaganda bullshit in Vazkaran."-Shawn Bjornson

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**Tarkvald** Civil Servant

Posts: 8 Founded: Aug 05, 2019



Music

by **Tarkvald** » Sun Feb 09, 2020 3:12 am

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- Director of Theoretical Research, Dr. Lazar Korius

(BN: While you could do Korius, I recommend you do Kalrand, since he has the most info and is the actual leader.)

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Important Info

Skyhooked

Posts: 4107

Founded: Mar 18, 2016

□by **Skyhooked** » Sun Feb 09, 2020 3:19 am

QUOTE

#### **66** Tarkvald wrote:

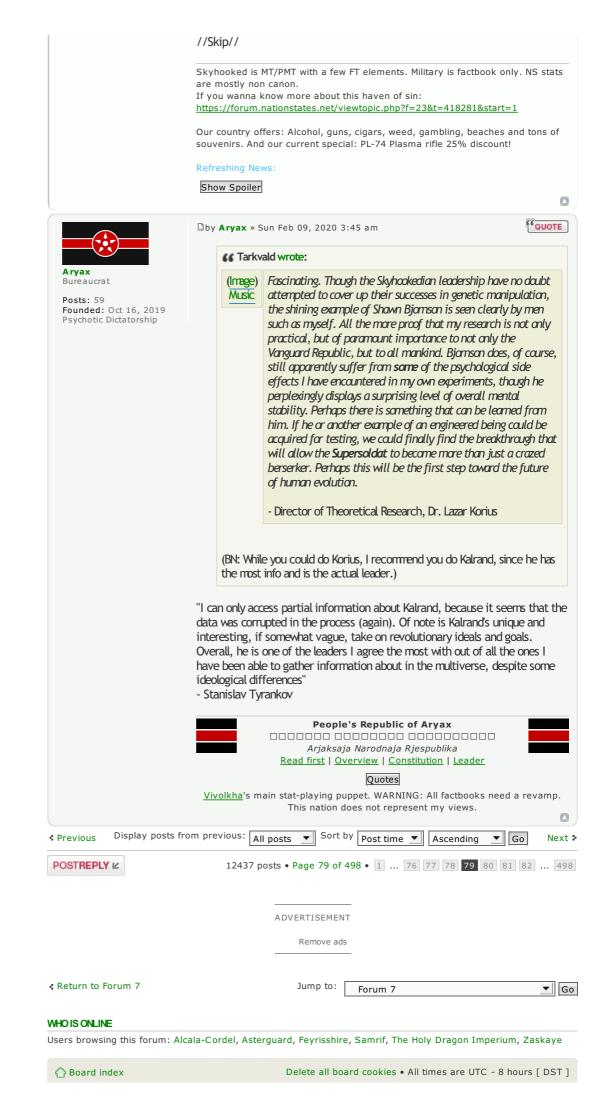


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"Except all this genetic experiment was just a prank, bro! I am just some random dude, who was picked by the Council to replace Bjorn of Steel, who went MIA. Still, we do have means to craete a supersoldeir."-Shawn Bjornson



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