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L-453

Lobbyist

Posts: 15

Founded: Jan 21, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **L-453** » Thu Mar 11, 2021 6:22 pm

Gandoor wrote:

Valentine Z wrote:

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Twice.

And then you had to pay if you wanted to do it again.

I wasn't around during the NS2 era, so how exactly did this piece of shit get greenlighted and for what reasoning did people even play it? Sounds like if EA bought nation-states and made it into a wannabe cashgrab that failed catastrophically.

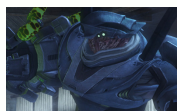
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Discarding former nations is my passion - graphic design is not.

Puppets



Valentine Z

Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602

Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Thu Mar 11, 2021 6:29 pm

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Ahh, I stand corrected.

As for what NS2 is about and how it sucked so bad... [here's Reploids explanation!](#)

Last edited by **Valentine Z** on Thu Mar 11, 2021 6:33 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Gandoor
Powerbroker

Posts: 9909
Founded: Sep 23, 2008
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Gandoor** » Thu Mar 11, 2021 6:45 pm

And if you're curious, here is Max's thoughts about a sequel to NationStates 2 from March 2003:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20030404093...ughts.html>

Notice how some of those features (almost entirely the nation customisation stuff) has been implemented to the game.

OOOC - Call me Viola

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Reminder that true left-wing politics are incompatible with imperialism, authoritarianism, totalitarianism, and dictatorship in all forms.

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Miku the Based
Diplomat

Posts: 665
Founded: Dec 03, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Miku the Based** » Thu Mar 11, 2021 7:21 pm

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Do you get a freebee if you get kicked from a region?

January 8th, 2021 — I vow not to respond to anyone OOC/IC/OOC I'm 100% serious

Do not ask me my opinion of LGBT. the mods don't approve.

[credit Khoronzon](#)

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The Alkdorian Empire
Secretary

Posts: 31
Founded: Oct 02, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **The Alkdorian Empire** » Thu Mar 11, 2021 8:29 pm

Writer's bloc is a consistent bane for me. When I get ideas and have the opportunity to write them in full, bang! It hits me and I'm suddenly unable to write anything as it somehow has chained my ability to be creative and write things down. Also, me having a pathological aversion to responding to nations with walls of endless text to describe their leaders.

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Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

Posts: 9373
Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Thu Mar 11, 2021 8:41 pm

The Alkdorian Empire wrote:

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Ah yes, my favorite political power bloc: the writers' bloc.

When I get ideas and have the opportunity to write them in full, bang! It

hits me and I'm suddenly unable to write anything as it somehow has chained my ability to be creative and write things down.

I like to go for walks to think up ideas.
Of course, I then promptly forget all my ideas before I come home.
My dumsy attempts to recreate them then become my writing.

Also, me having a pathological aversion to responding to nations with walls of endless text to describe their leaders.

Sacha's biography is seven thousand words long and I refuse to make it any smaller except at gunpoint.
~~Does need another revamp, though. The entire Valk format is hard to read m.~~

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KHUDEYVH. *

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Aureumterra III
Diplomat

Posts: 778
Founded: Sep 21, 2020
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Aureumterra III** » Thu Mar 11, 2021 8:42 pm

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For character posts I usually start with setting, then which characters will be present, what's the conflict/issue, and then what comes out of it in terms of brainstorming. It seems to have worked for me so far, in fact I'm doing it right now for a RP

Last edited by **Aureumterra III** on Thu Mar 11, 2021 8:43 pm, edited 2 times in total.

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- Add 4 years to my nation

TL;DR Nordic Oppressive Absolute Empire

Current RP Canons: Bellverse - Kali Yuga



Las Palmeras
Minister

Posts: 3375
Founded: Jun 15, 2012
New York Times
Democracy

by **Las Palmeras** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 10:47 am

The Alkdorian Empire **wrote**:

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I like to read history books as they give many ideas or worldbuilding.

My blockage comes from characters as I either consider them a chore as I'm used to writing about macro-scale processes or I get fickle very quickly and re-do them.

Hey hey, LP here: Too burnt out with this nation to make new lore or fix macrohistorical *longue durée* alt-his inconsistencies, too clingy to let it die.

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Enjoy the Chad fat old Diet man (w_^)

by **Zeloria** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 11:25 am



Zeloria
Envoy

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

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Oh yes, I got a writers bloc in while writing for one of my video-log dispatches. And instead of finishing it, I'm fleshing out, and overhauling the history of Zeloria.



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Miku the Based
Diplomat

Posts: 665
Founded: Dec 03, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Miku the Based** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 11:31 am

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Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 11:37 am

Miku the Based **wrote**:

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Yeehaw.

The Constitutional Monarchy of Western Fardelshufflestein

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Tiny, Shakespeare-obsessed island nation northeast of NZ settled by HRE emigrants who thought they'd landed in the West Indies. F7 Stuff Somewhat Not Canon; RP is in real time; Ignore Stats; Still Not Kenneth Branagh.

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Las Palmeras
Minister

Posts: 3375
Founded: Jun 15, 2012
New York Times
Democracy

by **Las Palmeras** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:11 pm

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by **Remulia** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:15 pm

Las Palmeras **wrote**:



Remulia
Diplomat

Posts: 594
Founded: Jun 22, 2014
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

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Aureumterra III
Diplomat

Posts: 778
Founded: Sep 21, 2020
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Aureumterra III** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:16 pm

Las Palmeras wrote:

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Samantha-Higgs
Bureaucrat

Posts: 45
Founded: Sep 30, 2016
Psychotic Dictatorship

by **Samantha-Higgs** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:17 pm

Those days when you have a craption of puppet nations and parallel worlds?

Valentine Z remembers. And still maintains his large collection. Though the lore progression goes all to my main, so there is that.

OOO

[Our Leader, Supreme Leader Samantha, and her War Machine named Superintendent Clarissa](#) | [A brief overview](#).

IC

Crude OOCly view: Ironically in a game all about Politics, one man goes out of his way to be as apolitical as possible. That would be me!



Zitravgrad
Ambassador

Posts: 1218
Founded: Sep 27, 2017
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **Zitravgrad** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:18 pm

Las Palmeras wrote:

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I already shot myself in the foot several times while writing characters that are rather difficult/complicated. One most notable example is a deafblind man, whom I depict rather incorrectly.

Speaking of which, it is rare to see disabled people, as people usually expect leaders to be in at least fair condition.

Last edited by **Zitravgrad** on Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:19 pm, edited 1 time in total.

⌘ ⌘ **United Federation of Zitravgrad** ⌘ ⌘

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PMT/Early FT - Decopunk. Zitravgrad is a crowned republic in a planet somewhere else in the universe. The formerly wartorn nation keeps a facade of normalcy and order while enjoying the societal and cultural decadence that

marks the new Roaring Twenties. The paranoid authoritarian government tries its best to uphold order in the face of uncertainty, while its people want nothing more than a breathing space. A deal that works, but maybe not in the long run. |

[My NS-Related Art](#) | [Hehe bad meme as flag](#)

Providenska's Herald: "Publish or Perish" culture contributes to s



Caribbean Confederation
Spokesperson

Posts: 155
Founded: Feb 09, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **Caribbean Confederation** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:21 pm

Speaking of writers blocks -if we're still talking about writers' blocks- does any one else also end up getting some new idea and just forgetting (at least temporarily) about their previous idea once they hit a block? See me with the Danelaw's various future and past puppets and this... and also this puppet and my new EU4-period idea which I will not be bringing to NS

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The Havana Post: PATO lifts No-Fly Zone on 'those parts of Venezuela



Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:28 pm

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You are not wrong.

Who needs a leader in good health when you can have ALASTAIR!?

I don't have time to write something for his birthday m, and I shouldn't even be here because it's a distraction. But alas.

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Zul-ar
Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 399
Founded: Dec 18, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Zul-ar** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:31 pm

Las Palmeras wrote:

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Zul-ar has a similar problem. Because the religion is extremist, all the characters are extremist, so it's hard to use them without them just being obnoxious/problematic in general. I created the Terri-ar Isles so I could have less extreme characters to use in RP.

With diligence, bravery, and obedience

Wear your masks and social distance.

This nation does not align with my views. NS stats somewhat canon. A Class 2 Civilization according to [this index](#).
[My Countryball art.](#)

Headlines: Female Tourist Released to Nation of Origin After Arrest



Las Palmeras
Minister

Posts: 3375
Founded: Jun 15, 2012
New York Times
Democracy

by **Las Palmeras** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:42 pm

Whoah, that got a lot of replies...

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Fair enough. The inverse happens in my puppet's setting. Growing up in a frontier with high ethnic tensions: insular mindsets occur despite cooperating with others out of necessity.

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Writing my introvert character is coming in very easily for me...but I'm stumped over how to use 'em in F7 when I stopped to think about the future. Good thing they're not a leader, per se.

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Yep. My character's a Weird Western gunslinger. Witticisms and verbal fights just aren't the smart thing to do in the setting, my character's barely-normal social intelligence aside...but I am talking so shut-in that they'd be the type to try to ignore people they dislike instead of snarking at them or yelling profanities.

I made them so damn quiet I have a hard time imagining them talking much to strangers ICly.

Last edited by [Las Palmeras](#) on Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:53 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Remulia
Diplomat

Posts: 594
Founded: Jun 22, 2014
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by [Remulia](#) » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:58 pm

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Remulia wrote:

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Las Palmeras
Minister

Posts: 3375
Founded: Jun 15, 2012
New York Times
Democracy

by [Las Palmeras](#) » Fri Mar 12, 2021 12:59 pm

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Yes. Every time i tried to use her in some threads, my first thought is "she can't answer or behave like a human being" so, i don't enjoy it.

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Greater Victora
Attaché

Posts: 79
Founded: Nov 27, 2017
New York Times
Democracy

by **Greater Victora** » Fri Mar 12, 2021 1:08 pm

I'm pretty sure my entire nation is a Frankenstein of clichés. None more egregious than the Military and the Phoenix.

I suck at developing an entirely unique Military so I heavily borrowed from Warhammer 40k. The result is an over-powered armed forces when compared to the majority of other NS Nations. On the other hand, in GV's setting anything less than OP wouldn't actually make sense given the stakes I've set up (which is kind of another cliché but whatever).

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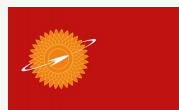
Telegram me things you want me to put in the "Codex Imperialis"

Overview

Stats

Current Year: 10,023 AD

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SFIA (like the space habitats).

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