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Zitravgrad

Founded: Sep 27, 2017 Inoffensive Centrist

Democracy

Dby Zitravgrad » Mon Mar 15, 2021 11:33 pm

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Khoronzon

Founded: Jul 31, 2019 Psychotic Dictatorship

□by **Khoronzon** » Tue Mar 16, 2021 12:24 am

Zitravgrad wrote:

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no i think they have a bit of a point, it doesn't take a particularly deep reading of val z to tell that its history involved massive violence and strife but that's pretty much all in the past. the country has no meaningful ongoing internal conflict or political instability and no in-canon external threats. the valentian military, for instance, doesn't exist because there are rebellions to be suppressed, it exists for the *possibility* of future conflicts, mostly with alien invasions in mind rather than violence from the citizenry.

of course, i'm not saying all these things are bad - though i will admit they don't exactly align with my stylistic preferences - but still, let's not pretend valentine z isn't an "everyone gets along" scenario. there's more thought and nuance to it than "everyone decides to be happy together" and there's a lot of not-so-happy stuff and growing pains it had to go through at first, but at the end of the day it remains a utopian, universally peaceful and prosperous world government. whether that concept is annoying is another matter, you can't please everyone. personally the only "utopia" scenarios i really enjoy are things like the k-sphere or the rsi where instead of a perfectly harmonious society you get subjective realities and whatever batshit simulated experience you want. no offence to the more thematically "grounded" ones like val or karamiko, yall are cool too, it's just that perfection to me necessitates excess and weird shit.

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Spokespersor

Socialists

Founded: Jan 02, 2018 Liberal Democratic

Dby **Baizou** » Tue Mar 16, 2021 12:30 am

Seconding Zitravgrad's comment. While Valentijn herself is quite an optimistic and delightful character, the story of the world of Valentine is one checkered with violence and devastation, even to apocalyptic scales. EDIT: Wrote before seeing Khoronzon; Khoronzon also makes points, but I'll leave my post as is since the rest kind of spins off into another direction.

If we're looking for perhaps-too-optimistic nations, I sometimes wonder if Baizou would be that. I mean, Labors, Marxists, and Conservatives getting along; peaceful religious pluralism, mass and accessible democracy, sustainable welfare, and civil rights protections for ethnic minorities, women, and LGBTQ+? All in an ex-colonial society? In 2004? I'm willing to admit it's all a as the endless bureaucratic snarl of policymaking) as front and center as its strengths. I suppose I tried to avoid the seemingly obvious difficulties that I already experience in my real life country, realistic though they may be, and imbue Baizou instead with flaws that I thought were interesting or humorous.

Last edited by Baizou on Tue Mar 16, 2021 12:32 am, edited 2 times in total.

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Valentine Z

Posts: 11602 Founded: Nov 08, 2015 Democratic Socialists

□by Valentine Z » Tue Mar 16, 2021 12:39 am

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At the end of the day, I would say just stick to what you think is the best for your nation. You don't necessarily have to compare and compete with someone all the time. ^^

I am indeed aware that my nation's worldbuilding and lore is not for everyone's taste, and that's okay. No single franchise has captured 100% of people's hearts before, so I don't intend to. All I usually like to do is simply to have that utopian all-happy place away from the realities of life, not as denial from the negatives of life, but more of a getaway vacation sorta thing, if that makes sense. Also because I really do love and poured my heart in writing my characters.

If all that doesn't make sense... please pardon the fact that I have been awake for 19 hours now.

More importantly, keep on being you. 🙂



Last edited by Valentine Z on Tue Mar 16, 2021 12:40 am, edited 1 time in total.

Val's Stuff. ≡ ^_^ ≡ For You Show Spoiler



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

□by **Zeloria** » Tue Mar 16, 2021 3:43 am

Novostia wrote:

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Yeah, why I retconned my backstory a bit. It used to be about how global unification happened because of... I don't know. everyone just getting along? But I changed it to a nuclear third world war happening, destroying most of the northern hemisphere. The great powers of the world then collapsed into

warlordism, and the nuclear winter caused a dimate-disaster that brought many famines, because the crops couldn't get enough sunlight. The reason why global unification happened now was because everyone had to, because it was either that, or the end of human civilization for probably a long time. The global unification and the recovery-years also gave most of humanity a more altruistic and cooperative worldview, as many people saw that the reason why the world recovered was because all the surviving nations of the world worked together. One other reason why people got more altruistic is because one of the remaining great powers of the world was Antarctica, which follows a model of something I would describe as "parliamentary moderate libertarian socialism". Antarctica during World War 3 wasn't really hit by nukes, because it was tucked all the way on the South Pole, which allowed it to hold the summit for the creation of the Global Reconstruction Government, which would eventually become Zeloria.

And yes, I can see how some people still think that it's a bit optimistic that everyone would get along, even if it is the only way to survive after a thermonuclear war.





Ambassador

Founded: Mar 12, 2019 Corrupt Dictatorship 🗋 by **South Reinkalistan** » Tue Mar 16, 2021 4:09 am

while we're on the topic: i think i've said this before but i find utter dystopias to be more boring than complete utopias

Last edited by South Reinkalistan on Tue Mar 16, 2021 4:10 am, edited 1 time in total.

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Surrealist Patagonia Spokesperson

Posts: 109 Founded: Oct 07, 2019 Democratic Socialists \square by **Surrealist Patagonia** » Tue Mar 16, 2021 4:38 am

For me, it's the opposite. But for me, realism in NS is the best or a dystopia with some positive elements (and vice versa) is even better.

The Avant-Gardist State of Patagonia ~~~ Gauchos and Mapuches, orgies and parties, avant-garde art, futurism, syndicalism, the New Man, general strikes, the glorification of violence, spiritual nationalism, esoteric occultism, CIA spooks, Spartanian homosexuality, public sodomy, and more

Triomphe du Surréalisme (1968)

- There are many things said about Patagonia but few actually know what
 goes on behind the Andes mountains. Tales of human depravation and
 man's inner darkest self run wild. A place where avant-garde culture
 flourish and the artist don't fear the censor. Where all live bold and free
 under the gaze of the Patron. Yet all dreams will come to an end soon...
- Not expecting an essay. Just a couple of sentences that shows that you know my work well enough

by Zitravgrad » Tue Mar 16, 2021 5:12 am

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Posts: 1785 Founded: Mar 12, 2019 Corrupt Dictatorship \square by South Reinkalistan » Tue Mar 16, 2021 5:20 am

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See, my (sort-of) utopia just had everyone's brains expanded by an alien god

But I am also quite partial to the whole 'people put aside their differences and unite in the face of adversity' trope though, if it's executed well. It does actually reflect real human tendencies following disasters, even if our more cynical sides might assume that people would fight over the scraps.



Obets Spokesperson

Posts: 182 Founded: Jan 04, 2021 Civil Rights Lovefest □by **Obets** » Tue Mar 16, 2021 5:29 am

Moltr wrote:

Communism by people who don't know what communism is.

Anarchism by people who don't know what Anarchism is too

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Posts: 1785 Founded: Mar 12, 2019 Corrupt Dictatorship \square by South Reinkalistan » Tue Mar 16, 2021 5:30 am

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Good point

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Hamatu

Posts: 7

Founded: Oct 02, 2019
Father Knows Best State

Pages back, excellent Tohorin post

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Kiu Ghesik

Posts: 9373

Founded: Aug 25, 2020 Democratic Socialists □by Kiu Ghesik » Tue Mar 16, 2021 7:05 am

Novostia wrote:

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nakena doesn't even have lore. nakena is primarily an nsg poster. what.

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they do tend to be done more poorly on the whole.

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To try and get to what I think is the root of the issue with "boring" dystopias, nuance is the most important tool a writer has, in my opinion- you can write whatever you want, but if it's not engaging with room for the reader to interpret things or have to figure things out on their own then at the end of the day it's going to be flat. And, by nature, an entirely utopian or dystopian

nation reduces the room for nuance. Nuance can be reintroduced through character-writing, of course, but that's its own challenge entirely, and, well... how many people not interested in writing more than the strawman their belief system gets to go at with torches and pitchforks care about nuance?



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Zul-ar Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 399 Founded: Dec 18, 2020

Ex-Nation

□by **Zul-ar** » Tue Mar 16, 2021 7:15 am

Dystopias make for a more interesting read than almost all utopias.

I'm sorry but I don't want to read about your self-insert leader who implemented the political system you like and made all the bad things go byebye. Even a poorly written dystopia can be entertaining, but anything less than a unique and exceptionally well-written utopia just makes my brain turn into

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.

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Hallownest Eternal Lobbyist

Posts: 21

Founded: Jan 20, 2021

Father Knows Best State

Dby Hallownest Eternal » Tue Mar 16, 2021 7:16 am

Kiu Ghesik wrote: Snippity Snip-Snip

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Postmaster-Genera

Posts: 11602 Founded: Nov 08, 2015 Democratic Socialists

□by Valentine Z » Tue Mar 16, 2021 8:17 am

[Ahh, forget I said anything.]

Last edited by Valentine Z on Tue Mar 16, 2021 8:26 am, edited 3 times in total.

Val's Stuff. ≡ ^_^ ≡ For You

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Aureumterra III

Posts: 778

Founded: Sep 21, 2020 Iron Fist Consumerists

by Aureumterra III » Tue Mar 16, 2021 8:25 am

Hallownest Eternal wrote:

Kiu Ghesik wrote: Snippity Snip-Snip

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I only really know Nakena from NSG... she has some of the better takes on the forum I'd say

* The Empire of Aureumterra *

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- Add 4 years to my nation TL;DR Nordic Oppressive Absolute Empire

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Fardelshufflestein

Senator

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

Dby Western Fardelshufflestein » Tue Mar 16, 2021 2:01 pm

Surrealist Patagonia wrote:

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I mean, having absolute utopian and dystopian nations does make it easier to pinpoint who all the Sith users are.

The Constitutional Monarchy of Western Fardelshufflestein

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Sengoku Americas Envov

Posts: 218 Founded: Feb 13, 2021

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🗋 by Sengoku Americas » Tue Mar 16, 2021 2:08 pm

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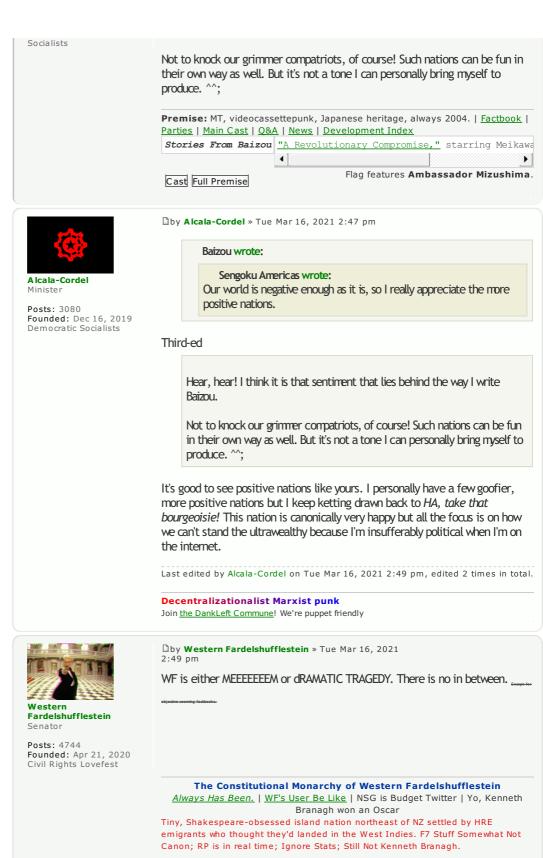
Posts: 124 Founded: Jan 02, 2018

□by Baizou » Tue Mar 16, 2021 2:18 pm

Sengoku Americas wrote:

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Hear, hear! I think it is that sentiment that lies behind the way I write Baizou.





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