# TROUBLE IN PARADISE?

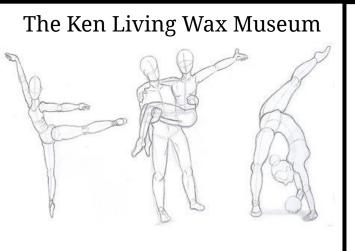
Breaking News: President Barbie, after ruling over Barbie Land since its founding, has been found dead in her office at 1:13 PM on the day of her resignation! Further details have yet to be disclosed, but our top detectives are investigating this as an assassination. Unfortunately, there are a number of potential leads they need to follow. Truly a horrid way to celebrate this fabulous nation's 20-year anniversary, and may she rest in peace. We'll continue to cover this story as the

Always one for theatrics, she was set to name an heir in her resignation speech, though was incredibly secretive about who that would be.

Luckily, she left an envelope in the safe in her office with the name of her heir in case of emergency. Once investigators can open it, there will be an announcement naming our new president later this evening. Stay tuned on the BBC, Barbie Broadcasting Corporation, for live coverage of this situation.

case continues.

# An Investigator's Map of Barbie Land



The Pink House

The scene of the crime

The Barbie-O

The Department of Agriculture and Livestock (D.A.L.)



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Barbie Land The state of the s

Technically part of the Pink
House because there's one
government building,
but at a different
entrance so it
counts as

unique

Celebrating 20 years of Barbie Land!

# Hi! I'm Chief Sustainability Officer Barbie.

I'm damn near the top of the food chain at an oil company. Some would find it demeaning to know that their job is as a powerless figurehead, but I find it empowering. Today, I'm at a protest, not paying attention but still showing my support. It's like being a trophy wife, but I don't have to marry someone on her death bed—though I've done that many times, to be sure. Besides, I've proven my worth already; I have a PhD in BDSM (Business, Diplomacy, and Strategic Management). If I had to run this country, I'd make it look easy.

- I am President Barbie's chosen heir.
- Government officials have secret meetings in the Living Wax Museum because they're not afraid of the Kens learning high-level secrets.
- The Li-Barbie Bell chimes for nearly 2 minutes when it occurs.



# Hi! I'm Jillaroo Barbie.

I work with cows or something, never really read the job description. It's an entry level position into the cattle industry, and my dream job is to wander aimlessly and eat grass. I know being a cow isn't a real career, but when I'm far out in the field and my supervisors are back in the barn, I am one with nature. You will never know true bliss until you know nothing but green hills and blue sky. Also I was never potty trained so it's nice to shit somewhere other than my pants.

- No one is working at the D.A.L. today, but the leaders of the protest refuse to move it to the Barbie-Q.
- President Barbie's focus on foreign policy has led to domestic issues developing in nearly every sector.
- The Pink House has fire ladders on all of its higher floor windows for evacuation.



# Hi! I'm Rhythmic Gymnast Barbie.

What do I do? Well, I'm a gymnast, obviously. I gym. I nast. I do both of these things in rhythm, of course. I play a lot of Rock Band to hone my timing. I have the collector's edition of every game, mint condition. It counts as training for my job, so it's a tax write-off, you know. Or at least I think so, I haven't done my taxes in a few years. Anyways, I would say the hardest parts of my job are taking off a leotard on my own and untangling these fucking ribbons.

- My show was early in the morning, and I spent the rest of the day in the Barbie-Q nurse's tent.
- Not a single industry in Barbie Land takes good care of its workers.
- A Coca-Cola branded gun was found in the bushes near the Pink House.



## Hi! I'm USAF Thunderbirds Pilot Barbie.

Yeah so I'm basically a propaganda machine. I get in a government-owned plane and do little tricks. I know how to write "join the Air Force!" in jet stream. Also "kiss my ass!" but I don't get to use that one much. I perform at all sorts of events, especially on government holidays. Today's Barbie Day, you know? I'm performing at the Barbie-Q today celebrating the anniversary of our founding. 20 years of serving this great nation, and I've been in the air force since day one... Someday soon I'll even get my pilot's license!

- The Li-Barbie Bell rings at sunset every national holiday.
- I spent a while in the bathroom cleaning smoothie off my uniform before my air show.
- The Pink House doesn't have any windows big enough for a Barbie to fit through.



## Hi! I'm Canadian Mountie Barbie.

I know I'm not actually from Canada, that's a fictional country. I'm a born-and-raised Barbie Land native, and no other woman knows how to mount and ride like me—er, horses. I ride horses. Also I know I'm a police officer and that's a little controversial right now, but don't worry. The only things I slay are these outfits, I mean just look at my boots.

- President Barbie's office only has one door and one window.
- All native flora and fauna in Barbie Land are pink.
- The food service workers of Barbie Land have unionized.



## Hi! I'm Candy Striper Barbie.

THERE'S ONLY ONE P OH MY GOD STOP SAYING IT WRONG PLEASE! But other than the name I don't have any complaints about the job. All the trauma of being a nurse, but none of the pay, isn't that so cool? It's a real resume builder. I even work holidays like today, because real health care workers have off. Oh, and I also work as a candy stripper at night to pay the bills. The pole has those classic red and white stripes and I stick peppermints to my nipples. That's not going on my resume though.

- Barbie Land has phased out fossil fuels.
- Only one person came to the Barbie-Q nurse's tent all day.
- The office of the President has put out multiple official statements declaring its disapproval of Vice Presidential Candidate Barbie.



# Hi! I'm Cat Burglar Barbie.

People who criticize me have no sense of fashion or justice. Yes, I break the law, but have you seen the laws I'm breaking? They're worse than matching plaid with floral! Vigilantes like me get slandered in their lifetime, but celebrated once they're gone. I'm like Van Gogh in that way, but instead of art I do something that matters: breaking Kens out of the Living Wax Museum. That place is inhumane. But I will admit, the way they've been raised there hasn't taught them nothing. I mean, just look at my hair.

- I have no desire to enter into politics.
- Firearms are legal in Barbie Land, but forbidden from mass production.
- Barbie Day is July 29th.



# Hi! I'm Carriage Driver Barbie.

I drive a carriage and I'm not allowed in front of a green screen. My favorite part of my job is caring for the horses and driving the carriage, it reminds me that my cottagecore dream life will be filled with physical labor but that I can still find beauty in it. Also getting high is sick as fuck and technically legal since I'm not driving a car. Did you know I'm from Austria? Like the most famous Austrian characters (Mozart, Freud, Schwarzenegger, and Hitler), I am destined to be remembered. Just hopefully not for genocide, or worse: mediocre acting.

- All Barbies that work with animals were protesting on the D.A.L. steps today.
- Only President Barbie's closest aides were told about the envelope beforehand.
- I've been to many countries, including India,
   Canada, and the Potato Head Republic.



## Hi! I'm Smoothie Bar Worker Barbie.

I work at a smoothie bar, if you can believe it. Been here a while and let's just say I know my fruits (wink). It's rough being a food service employee right now but nothing beats the fun of the Barbie Day Barbie-Q! I just wish I got a break during my 10-hour shift, but I get paid time and an eighth for it so it's fine. I do fantasize about sticking my hand in the blender while it's running sometimes, but I don't have health care so don't worry, that's not gonna happen.

- The Li-Barbie bell always startles me. I spilled my customer's drink all over her when it rang.
- The security system at the Pink House gets recalibrated at the start of every month to minimize malfunctions.
- Only the small portion of Barbies allergic to pink horned wasps are affected by their sting.



## Hi! I'm Soda Fountain Waitress Barbie.

I'm one of the leading Barbies in the fight to unionize the food service industry in Barbie Land. We're undervalued as it stands, and honestly? I'm not even that mad about President Barbie dying. Like yeah, it's sad, but what has she done for me? I can only take breaks by faking injuries, and my employer can legally require that I wear the company logo at all times, even while asleep! You think being the waitress is bad? Just wait till you meet the soda fountain.

- I twisted my ankle around noon and had to recover for an hour or so in the Barbie-Q nurse's tent.
- The Li-Barbie Bell is obnoxiously loud, and can be heard all across Barbie Land.
- No one entered President Barbie's office through the door.



## Hi! I'm Wilderness Guide Barbie.

My true life started when I walked out of my job and left this city for the forest. I could scream all I wanted, or say nothing at all. I was wild and feral, just like the animals around me. After a few years like that, I became an—well, ecoterrorist is a strong word, but in my book deforestation is on par with genocide and crimes against fashion, and I have been known to endorse... decisive measures in the past. I haven't done anything violent, and I definitely didn't kill President Barbie. But I'm not about to say that was the wrong choice.

- President Barbie's security didn't hear anything out of the ordinary coming from her office.
- Barbie Day is August 4th.
- Entomologist Barbie gave me key to her terrarium because I help her collect insects.



# Hi! I'm Avon Representative Barbie.

I work as a brand ambassador for Avon's full line of products, Deciding the company's public image as well as internally overseeing issues such as budget negotiations, arbitration, and staffing concerns. I'm kind of like a government worker but prettier, which is also part of my job. I do represent a beauty brand, after all. Today, I'm touring foreign investors through the Living Wax Museum, to celebrate how our products can make your skin as smooth as wax.

- I am President Barbie's chosen heir.
- Orange nettle flies and pink horned wasps were found outside the Pink House this afternoon.
- The fire alarm didn't go off at the Living Wax Museum today.



## Hi! I'm Chemist Barbie.

I work as a wax maker at the Living Wax Museum. I specialize in making their synthetic skin as realistic as possible, and in my free time I use company resources to research corrosive acids and metal repair. I run an active side business selling metal repairing and polishing kits under the table—still using company resources, of course. I can definitely get fired for it, but that's fine, chemistry's just a hobby of mine. My heart's set on politics now—or maybe foreign relations and Italian. I still have time to decide.

- I dropped a beaker of ethanol over my Bunsen burner when the Li-Barbie bell rang.
- Barbie Land does not have a military.
- President Barbie was not democratically elected.



## Hi! I'm Fashion Trend Forecaster Barbie.

My job might seem like a joke, but I actually control the future of fashion. Because I'm hooked up at the Living Wax Museum, all my outfits and styles go on display on the Kens. What I make is what people want, and that's what goes on shelves. Of course, it's only Kens, and Barbies won't wear those exact looks. But still, they serve me a purpose, even if they're annoying. I like the wax mannequins better. They never complain. Which would be stupid anyway. Business formal pseudo-goth is totally the next big craze, trust me.

- President Barbie has been called a fascist because she controls both the railways and the flow of commerce.
- Our constitution guarantees that Kens make at least the same minimum wage as Barbies.
- The Ken Living Wax museum is currently adding a wing for intimate apparel.



Hi! I'm Vice Presidential Candidate Barbie.

Some would call running for VP pointless, mostly noting the fact that the position doesn't exist—yet. Some doubt my vision, but I know exactly what I'm doing. Ken's Rights is my primary platform at the moment, specifically the fact that constitutionally they have none. I'm holding a rally at the Living Wax Museum today to show my support. The Kens held there deserve better than the poor treatment they face now. I hope the new president, whoever she is, will further this cause. I know I would if my name was in that envelope.

- I am President Barbie's chosen heir.
- The security system at the Pink House detected a break-in last night.
- President Barbie's safe had no fingerprints on it when the investigators arrived.



## Hi! I'm Wild Animal Trainer Barbie.

I'm very passionate about animal rights and ethical farming practices. I train wild animals because my other option was customer service, and that was never really on the table. While working with animals, I learned about their true nature and realized how poorly livestock are treated, and became an activist. Today I'm leading a protest at the Department of Agriculture and Livestock. Rest in peace President Barbie, such a tragedy that she died, but her policies were archaic and she was functionally a dictator, so... yeah.

- Barbie Land's current vice president is in hiding due to the assassination.
- I am renowned in my field for being able to tame any animal.
- There has not been a recorded break-in at the Pink House in over 16 years.



## Hi! I'm Beach Snack Stand Worker Barbie.

Do you want to work a job outside in summer with no breaks where you stand in place all day? Me neither! But here we are. And people say the Kens have it rough at the museum, but at least they're standing still in A/C. I mean, yeah, they've got the whole systemic oppression thing, but I'm not much better off. There's talk of the food service Barbies unionizing, which I'm so down for, but for some reason they waited until after the national holiday that has a 10-hour Barbie-Q? So if you need me, I'll be at my stand, all day. As usual.

- All Barbies in food service were forced to work at the Barbie-Q all day.
- Coca-Cola has formed a partnership with the military in exchange for drastic tax cuts.
- Even though workers have it rough, employers are mandated to provide health care for all staff.



## Hi! I'm Construction Worker Barbie.

Call me Jack the way I hammer hahaha! Sorry, that was a lie, call me Barbie. But yes, I am a construction worker, one of the few industries where worker well-being is currently a priority, and only because we're a threat to public safety if our job isn't done well. Sadly, I had to work this holiday, but I rock these massive headphones designed to cancel out low-mid frequencies so I can still hear talking but not suffer hearing loss from operating the equipment. I didn't even hear the Li-Barbie Bell at noon!

- The Pink House has no central air conditioning.
- Orange nettle flies are native to Barbie Land.
- My work was interrupted by a fire alarm.



# Hi! I'm Entomologist Barbie.

Bugs, bugs, I love bugs! All kinds of bugs, especially ones that jump and/or bite and/or are lethal. Not that I would weaponize them, of course, I just think they're neat. Pesticides are not neat, though. And while it's not the main concern of the protest at the Department of Agriculture and Livestock today, maintaining healthy ecosystems means insects need to be protected too, so I'm there to support them. It's a shame President Barbie died, though... Did you know there are over 700 known venomous species globally?

- I only collect foreign insect species.
- The venom from orange nettle flies paralyzes its victims for several hours before death.
- There are no known airborne substances that are odorless, fast-acting, and lethal.



## Hi! I'm Matador Barbie.

I know what it's like to die... Sorry to be dramatic, but that's a part of the job. I dance with death every show, and even witnessed one my first night. When I saw that bull die, I realized how cruel the practice was, and joined the animal rights activists group. Even though the bulls don't die anymore, my life is still at risk. My show steeds, Paso and Doble, are trained to go all-out when we perform, but they're very well-cared for off-stage. I just wish I could wear red outside of the arena, it's such a good color on me.

- I volunteered to do occasional head counts to make sure no one protesting got mauled or eaten.
- Wild Animal Trainer Barbie and Wilderness Guide Barbie both slipped away at different points during the day.
- Bulls in Barbie Land are blue.



## Hi! I'm Chicken Farmer Barbie.

I'm a chicken farmer, what else am I supposed to say? Feels pretty self-explanatory to me. I love my chickens, and I considered expanding my farm to include more livestock but it wouldn't be profitable without resorting to the same unethical practices I've been protesting. Also, yeah, I've been a really active voice for animal law reform. You should hear my slogans, they rock. My chickens' hearts are tender, nuggets of love, abuse is mega cringe—well, that one wasn't too popular.

- Entomologist Barbie has a thriving pink fire ant farm.
- The fast-acting, scream-inducing venom of the pink horned wasp makes quick work of any human, but doesn't affect chickens.
- The Li-Barbie Bell is so quiet that my chickens and I hardly notice it.



# Hi! I'm Cowgirl Barbie.

Oh, sorry, were you expecting me to be in an all-pink outfit with a crop top jacket and bedazzled flare-out leggings? So oddly specific, but no. I'm just a humble cowgirl who says y'all too much and wears practical clothes for an active lifestyle, like tassels or heels. And tight denim sleeves, of course. I'm just a humble cowgirl calling for animal safety legislation because horses and cattle are my people. I'm just a humble cowgirl.

- I'm not the only Barbie that works with horses.
- The Pink House is protected by an automatic security system overnight.
- President Barbie's office window has a direct line of sight to her desk.



## Hi! I'm Marine Wildlife Rescuer Barbie.

People care a lot about what life is like on land, but what about out at sea? The oceans are a big part of our life cycle, even if we don't live in them, and we need to take better care of them. So yeah, I'm at the protest today. I would go to the Barbie-Q for the free food, but it sounds boring as hell, just some planes and some weird indie gymnastics routine. Worst propaganda ever honestly, I'd rather be at a protest anyway. Plus, I look great in swimsuits. I will fight tooth and nail to keep the water safe for all life.

- The Pink House is evacuated for a full day if anything suspicious is detected the morning after the security system goes off.
- In Barbie Land, PhDs are only available in medical practices.
- Entomologist Barbie, Wild Animal Trainer Barbie, and I were talking about ethical farming and fishing when the Li-Barbie Bell Rang.



# Hi! I'm Ocean Treasure Explorer Barbie.

I love my job because it's like grave robbing but legal! Finding a shipwreck and hauling ass back to the surface is such a rush, and I can't get it anywhere else without getting on some type of watch list. I'm selling some of my inventory to the Ken Living Wax Museum today, which is honestly such an odd business practice. Like, they'll just buy anything and make the Kens wear it? I know for certain most of the jewelry I've sold them is highly toxic, but that's not my problem. I have my dream job basically. 7/10 too much water.

- When the fire alarm went off in the Living Wax Museum, there were 7 Barbies waiting outside.
- President Barbie's office is on the first floor of the Pink House.
- Vice Presidential Candidate Barbie was not at the Living Wax Museum today.

