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President's Speech

Two hundred thirty-nine is quite young for a nation when one compares it to others, but has there been any other nation like ours in the history of world? No, I believe there has never been nor ever will be one like United States of America -- the greatest and freest nation on the face of the earth. By God's grace, we have prospered and grown, becoming a major world power in our bare two centuries of existence. When our Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution, the most unique document in the world, they laid at its foundation the Bible and used its precepts as building blocks for our nation. Throughout our early history, we have attributed to God our greatness and have honored Him. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalm 33: 12a)," and we have been blessed because Americans believed in God. But over the last few decades, we have seen trends of godlessness and immorality in American society due to our denial of God's existence and our belief that man is a product of evolution. Our government is corrupted and has decided to disregard the Constitution. Our society calls "evil, good; and good, evil." The recent decisions of our leaders threaten the very core of American society. It makes one wonder how much longer America has left. Although we are celebrating the 239th birthday of America, could we be also seeing the last days of America?

Bible Verses of the Month

"Shew me thy ways, O Lord: teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."

-Psalm 25: 4-5

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

-Psalm 20:7

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile."

-Psalm 32: 1-2

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me."

-John 15: 18-21

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

-John 15: 12- 13

Today in America, we see the President's disregard for the Constitution, the lies about the Affordable Care Act (that is affordable in name only) and many other important issues, the deception in the actions of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and to the American people, the allowing of known enemies to have access to weapons that they will certainly use against us, and the ominous sight of a growing, powerful central government. In society, we see immorality being portrayed as something good and popular while what is truly right in God's eyes is mocked and scorned. We see a nation who no longer cares about what is right and wrong. No longer is concerned about God.

The recent decision on the twenty-sixth of June that expanded the definition of marriage to being between not only two people of the opposite gender but also two people of the same gender is rather ominous. This decision threatens the very core of American society because it has changed how we view and define marriage. If we say that two people of the same gender are able to marry, what is to stop us from saying that four or five people of various genders can get married? Will our society become like that of the Loonies in The Moon is a Harsh Mistress? Will we now have to legalize polygamous marriage? If we allow homosexual marriage, why should we not allow polygamous marriage or other types of "marriage"? By allowing homosexual marriage, we have broken our culture, and if we are broken, how are we to remain strong?

This decision also threatens religious liberty as those who disagree about whether homosexuality is right will be told that they are wrong. This poses a problem to us as Christians. Because the Bible says that homosexuality is wrong, we cannot let ourselves believe that it is right because society says it is. Since we Christians will have to disagree with our society and government, we will be perceived as "politically incorrect" and persecuted, especially if they decide to impose on us acceptance of homosexual marriage. What will this mean when our religious convictions are violated? If under the First Amendment we have the the right to practice our religion freely ("Congress shall

make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." emphasis added), then we have the right to refuse our services (marriage services, bakery, etc.) to homosexuals because it violates our religious convictions. However, considering how our government has no regard for the Constitution (as I mentioned earlier), especially when it limits their power and control (which is its entire purpose), I would not find it surprising if they ignored the First Amendment and declared that practicing Christianity is illegal because Christians are intolerant, haters and harmful to society. Therefore, our choices are to either accept homosexuality as right and in consequence disagree with God... or to not accept homosexuality and thus become "exiles."

As a Christian, I cannot believe that homosexuality is right; therefore, I would rather agree with the Bible and God than become "politically correct"

If Christianity is no longer allowed, we might as well kiss America good-bye. Because if the foundations of a nation (or anything) are removed, it can no longer stand because its support is gone. Therefore, as the Bible and Christianity are the foundation of our nation, if they are removed, I wholeheartedly believe that the United States will collapse and is collapsing. History itself verifies this fact. We can see it in English history, the fall of the Roman Empire, and countless other cases. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people (Proverbs 14:34)."

Therefore, if we want America to survive, I believe that she will need a revival that would change the entire nation and bring it back to its foundation: the Bible. And that is something only God can do. As Americans and Christians, we ought to pray for our nation and share the Good News that is able to change people's lives. If it is God's will for America to return to Him, then I believe that He will do it.

If however, we are indeed looking at America's last days, I just pray that we will be safe as the days grow darker and more oppressing. Remember that Jesus said: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me (John 15: 18-21)." We know that the world hates us. We can see it every day. It hates us, and it hates Jesus who lives inside us, and it hates God because Jesus is God. The world has been deceived by Satan. But we should not let this depress us and cause us to be faint because "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4b)." We have Jesus's promise that He is with us always, we have salvation in Christ and know where we are going when we die, and we have God. God will protect us no matter what happens. He has a plan that is wiser and better than our own; therefore, we can trust Him even if things do not make sense or go in a manner that we would prefer.

So as we celebrate our nation's 239th birthday, let us give God thanks for America and pray for it. May God bless and protect us all during the next year! Happy Fourth of July!

-Courtney Riojas



Town News

Fred Fir Mysteriously Disappears

It was shocking to discover that on June 20th, Fred Fir had been kidnapped!

"We didn't hear anything," said Mrs. Killjoy to the police officers investigating the neighborhood for clues. "We didn't even know that he had been kidnapped. All we saw was that he had returned home. His lights went off at their usual time during the night. There was absolutely no sign that he was gone. In the morning when the police first arrived – that's when we knew."

The investigation has led to no clues as to who kidnapped Mr. Fred Fir or why he/ they did it. "We're stumped," said one detective. "Whoever did this left not even the slightest trace of evidence – not even a paw print!" Thus it is probably that the person(s) involved are professionals at this which makes them even more dangerous.

Over the years, Mr. Fir has created many enemies due to his technological and scientific achievements; however none of these declared enemies have shown any interest in kidnapping Mr. Fir – only ruining his business career. Due to the lack of evidence pointing to the kidnapper, the police have not placed charges on anyone yet and declare that they will not be doing so until they have found the evidence. "And at this moment," said the head officer when asked if there was any chance of that, "I don't think we will be charging anyone. There is too little evidence to even pinpoint the criminal, and in a court of law, you need evidence, fact, to support your claims and accusations. We have none."

Meanwhile, the world is anxious over this entire affair. "Mr. Fred Fir shows great promise to the world about what a young man – or boy in this case – is able to do. He has made many advancements in the space industry that have helped us colonize more planets and explore more worlds," said James R. Fritz who is the head of the Britain's space department. "For the

cause of science, this is one of the saddest times in modern history." Many other people have echoed Mr. Fritz's words. We pray that whoever has kidnapped Mr. Fred Fir will be caught and brought to justice.

-Sarah Trotter

Primary Elections Next Month!

Next month is going to be the primary election for the next President of Pearl County and mayor of Farjay. The candidates for each party are the following:

Animalibral: Conanimaltive: Independent:

Kingsly Ismal Harry

Bernadine Shaw Runnington

Votes will be taken throughout the month of August and collected and counted at the end of the month. If you are a member of Animalzania, your vote is wanted in this election. Please send your votes to the newspaper's address and they will be counted and announced in the next issue of the *Animalzanian Times*.

Speeches:
July 1st – Speeches
July 15th – Q and A
August – Primary Election
-Sarah Trotter

S.E.P. (Space Escape Plan) Report

In June 2013, we had an article "Space Escape Plan" and then had follow-up articles in July and August. It was noted in August that the S.E.P. was canceled for Pearl County due to errors. Since then it has not been mentioned though the plan has been changed and has begun being implemented.

After August, the plan was given to the Space Company to write up and build. For the next year and a half, they worked on the plan until it was complete. Since the tunnels for the project had already been purchased, the company has now been cleaning them before they actually begin building the structures within the tunnels.

So far, the company has had enough money to cover the costs of the huge endeavor, and donations have been coming from all over the county. "The fact that people care about what we are doing makes us eager to do it well," said the President in charge of S.E.P. "We know that someday, this will be used for the benefit of Animals and that is why we are so thrilled by this privilege and responsibility."

There are some Animals who believe, however, that this plan is a waste of money. "It will do us no good. A heap of tunnels and ships waiting for some catastrophic event that calls us to leave Animal for space is utterly useless," said a man to reporters. "We won't need it," declared an A.F.O. Representative. "We see around us nations yearning for peace; therefore, building this system is totally against these peaceful leanings and will only incite a war – the very thing the A.F.O. has worked desperately against."

The Space Company has also partnered with Fred and Company for S.E.P.

-Sarah Trotter

International Cat Consortium Continued

The ICC is an organization dedicated to liberating cats from their human "oppressors" and regaining their former status as rulers of Earth. This organization contacted Animalzania in May and requested our aid in their struggle. Since the contact between our nation and the ICC, there have been mixed feelings about whether or not we should help in their freedom efforts. Because of this, the King called for four representatives from each county (two from each viewpoint) to gather in Hellensburg, Fall County to discuss what should be done.

Some feel that we should help the ICC saying: "As these are Animals of our own kind, we are responsible for aiding them as best we may." The above quote was from radical Mary Kane of Animalville County. But among those who want to proffer aid, there are the more conservative and cautious voices like that of Markus Hank of Greenland County: "We should help them, but if they are going to fight to be

free, we must know what they intend to do following their liberation. It would be no good to remove one tyrant and replace him with another."

On the opposite side, there are those who believe that by proffering aid to ICC we will be undermining our peace treaty with the humans of Earth. "We cannot turn our backs from the humans and give aid to these cats – even though they are of our own kin. If they truly want to be free, then we can bring them to our world where they can live peaceful free lives without our having to betray our human friends," declared Pear County Representative Osman Green.

The convention of representatives have still not come to a final decision. They are requesting the ICC for a representative of their own to come to Animalzania and speak on behalf of ICC.

-Sarah Trotter

Marcher Industries and Chatel Corporation: Deal Cut

Marcher Industries and Chatel Corp. have struck a deal to solve their car equipment crisis. Last week, the Pearl Car Company started to combine Marcher engines with Chatel spark plugs. The fight that ensued over the combination was not pleasant. Each side wanted to have either all of their products in a car, or none at all.

They finally cut a deal with each other earlier this week, deciding that if Pearl Car Co. continues to use their products, they would have have to split a portion of the profits between the two companies.

- NR

World and Nation News

Pirates Scour the Sea of West Animalzania

Recently, pirates have been destroying and looting trade vessels from Animalzania, Old Animalzania, and England. Very few ships have made it out with at least minor damage. Crews claimed seeing a large ship with dozens of cannons attack cargo ships. Security has been tightened, and Animalzania's government has been sending armed escort vessels with each cargo ship.

In addition, the pirates have been pillaging seashore villages and have killed over one hundred Animals. Most of their targets have been within ten miles of the shoreline. Most of the dead are mutilated and in grotesque positions. The few who survived the attacks have concussions or are in comas. Doctors are awaiting their revival so they may gather information about who is attacking the sea coast.

Overall the local population has been demoralized and fearful about when they will be attacked. Some people have been fleeing to cities and towns that are further inland. The shipping companies have been demanded higher tolls due to the current risk of ships and money.

- William Burgs

Irisland: Peace is made between Opposing Factions

On the fifteenth, the world was surprised to find that the Freedom Fighters acquiesced to the Patriots, agreeing to see them as an independent nation and to withdraw their troops and loyal civilians from the new nation's territory. The new nation The Free State of Irisland has claimed the southern portion of the island as their home, leaving the colder northern region as Irisland's.

"We are glad the A.F.O. stepped in on our side," declared Johnathan Myler, the President of

the Free State. "Without their aid and persuasiveness, we would never have become independent from the totalitarian regime of Irisland."

Irisland's President Richard Tyler replied to reporters: "If this separation can be called good by the nations of Animal, I would disagree. I do not trust the A.F.O."

The A.F.O. Lee Harold who oversaw the peace talks has been invited to remain in the Free State. According to President Myler, he invited Harold in the hopes that "he will help the Free State to keep its independence and raise the new nation." The A.F.O. has approved of this move, saying that "we hope other nations will follow in the footsteps of the Free State of Irisland."

The nations of Animal have lauded the A.F.O. on its success, though some look with concern toward the island in fear that the success might turn into failure.

-Sarah Trotter

Anarchist attacks in India

Recently, riots have erupted in several key Indian cities, including Joran, Sarashi, and New Deli, the capital. In Joran, anarchists have started fires and blown up buildings. Chaos reigns in New Deli, as rioters have started killing the police. In total, there have been twelve deaths among the police officers. The Indian government has made sure that the police are not insulting the rioters but are staying quiet and stiff.

Also, a bomb exploded in the Indian Senate killing ten Senators and injuring twelve. The anarchist Hulada Gyan claimed responsibility for this action.

- NR

Missing Reporter: Jackie Gurl

In May, an article appeared in the *Jackson Herald* of Australia that denounced the A.F.O.'s peaceful intentions and accused them of seeking "to quench the reedom and happiness of others." Our reporters tried to contact the author of the article but were rebuffed by the *Herald* that told us Miss Gurl could not be contacted.

This was noted in our article in the February-June issue.

Since then, we have still persisted in attempting to gain contact with Miss Gurl, and can exclusively announce that the said reporter went missing after her controversial article was published in the *Herald*. Where she is now is a complete mystery and why she is missing is an even greater one.

Since its appearance in the *Herald*, Miss Gurl's article had been reprinted in national newspapers, causing a stir. The A.F.O. has gone to great lengths to denounce Miss Gurl's article, calling her a liar and a "promoter of war."

Even though they successfully ended the peace negotiations between the Freedom Fighters and Patriots of Irisland, this new event has not promoted good feelings toward the A.F.O. Some prominent men and women have pointed out the fact that those who have opposed the A.F.O. or disgraced it have disappeared or been brutally murdered. For example, they say the Green and Peace Scandal (August 2014 – January 2015 issues) were attempts by the A.F.O. to remove Mr. Green because he opposed them and to eliminate Miss Peace for her betrayal. They wonder if the A.F.O. is also trying to get rid of Gurl. However, these theories have no solid evidence and therefore must remain theories until proof is discovered.

Currently, there are searches for Miss Gurl all over Australia, and many nations have sympathetic leanings toward the reporter and are assisting in the searches. It is interesting to note that the A.F.O. has also begun assisting.

-Sarah Trotter

Britain Elects A.F.O. Member to House of Commons

The election for the House of Commons ended giving a 43 seats to the liberals while 57 went to the conservatives. District 43 has overwhelmingly elected Mr. Samel Lovebug of the A.F.O. to represent them in the Commons.

-N.R.

Jethrick Mining Begun on Moon

The mining ship sent to the moon has landed successfully and the mining base is now in operation. When the news of this reached Animal, Russia declared that the jethrick should be available to all the nations of Animal.

-N.R.

Speeches

Runnington Independent (AFO)

My fellow country men, I am pleased that you have nominated me to fulfill the office of presidency of this County. If you vote for me, I promise freedom to all the Animals that are in bondage. These urchins scrounge around for their food, beg in street corners and are not even allowed to vote! Oh! The terrors these poor Animals experience!

I promise to help the lower-class Animals get more wealth. I will give money to them and ensure that laws are passed to protect them. I was taught by my grand father that, "Sharing is Caring." I will institute this policy throughout my presidency!

I was brought up in France, and have endeavored to make a living despite society's harmful effect on my life! Society taught me that only the helpless are crushed! I want none of our lower-class society to be helpless! It makes me weep and moan over their poor helpless bodies!

Oh! How I wish that I were the President! It is time to change the party in charge of the Hall! It is time for a radical change! I intend to be the best President! Other than one or two errors, our previous presidents did everything right. I dearly love President Elwood! He has been a kind friend, and always has been excellent!

If only the poor waifs in the street could eat more! They have been crushed and marred by society's relentless gaze! Think about how these Animals live! Cheese, lettuce, fruit, and milk are rare to these poor creatures, who have

been marred by society! Every person who has lived has been marred by society, whether for good or bad! I intend to be the savior of these poor waifs! I am ever yours, helpless lower-class Animals!

Harry *Independent*

Thank you for this opportunity to serve my beloved fellow citizens. I trust that when you vote for me, you will be doing so knowing that I am fully devoted to your welfare and the welfare of our county and nation.

It was during the wars of the last decade that I have discovered that: Peace is never achievable except through preparation for war. As the Human Presidents have said: "Walk softly and carry a big stick (Theodore Roosevelt);" and "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace (George Washington)." The wisdom of these men is quite simple. By preparing yourself for war, you deter war. Your potential enemies are afraid to attack you because they know that you will be prepared to strike back. The preparation for war to ensure peace has been promoted by our nation for as long as it has existed, and as President, I will do all that is in my power for it to be maintained.

The Space Exploration Program shall continue to be funded and kept up under my administration. Fort Sumpter at the mouth of Pearl Bay shall be fortified and made stronger. I shall also make plans for the defense of our county against foreign attack. These measures will deter war and promote peace. And this is what I stand for.

Bernadine *Animalibral*

Failed to present her speech.

Kingsely *Animalibral*

Thank you, countymen for letting me have the privilege of speaking before you today and this unique opportunity to present before you my desires for the betterment of Pearl County. If I were President, I would want to cut the spending budget, create better ways for us to serve the needs of our constituents, and foster peace between Pearl County and the rest of the world.

My first statement: to cut unnecessary spending is important. We spend money in ways that are not beneficial to us now, and we invest our money into dreams that will probably never become reality. What Pearl County needs is to invest her money in things you all can see, feel, and know are reality – things that show you that we are looking out for you.

Therefore, I turn to my second statement. I want to create better ways of communication between ourselves. I want to know how we can work together to make our lives better and ways that we accomplish this. This will take time, but in the long run the time we spend to prepare will be worth it.

It is also important to foster good relations between Pearl County and the rest of the world. The world sees us as a slumbering giant that waits its time to pounce upon them, to seize their lands, and enslave them. But that is not how we want them to perceive us. We want them to see us as a peaceful giant. One that loves them, cares for them, and wants to live peacefully with them. As President, I will consider it my duty to remove this false vision that has been separating us from them and show them what we are at heart.

My countymen, here I stand before you all! Thank you for listening to me. I pray that you would honor me with your votes this coming primary. Have a good evening!

Ismal *Conanimaltive*

Unfortunately, he is suffering from heart problems and will be withdrawing from the Presidential race

Shaw *Conanimaltive*

Before I begin my speech, I would like to pause to say a few words in honor of Mr. Ismal. I was looking forward to the competition between him and me during these Primaries and am deeply saddened by this sudden heart problem that has caused him to withdraw. I wish him well and hope that the doctors find a way to heal him.

Now, I wish to say my thanks to you all for coming to hear me speak. I hope that my views and opinions will stir your hearts to honor me with your votes.

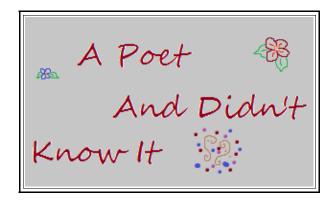
It has been my vision to serve my nation in any way that I could. Because of this desire, I have served as a soldier during our last two wars and fought successfully in the Plain Campaign alongside Mr. Iceburg Rose. If you want to see my records they are available in the Hall for your scrutiny. While I fought, I realized one important thing and that is this: As a nation we can only bring peace if we have the means to back up our desire for peace. In other words, in order to have peace, we must be able to defend ourselves and defend others who desire peace. From my interrogations of some of the enemy soldiers during the wars, I learned that the morale among them had sunk when they had heard that Animalzania was coming into the war. I asked them: "Why?" I was surprised by their reply: "Because we know that you'll beat us because you are prepared to back up what you say."

Their words have stuck in my mind since then. At this time, Animalzania is being bombarded with urges to step down our military budget and weapons. Most of these urges have been coming from the A.F.O. which – although it has brought "peace" in Irisland – has forgotten that bloodstains are hard to remove and cannot easily be obscured. It is my opinion that Animalzania should not surrender to these urges, but should remain strong militarily in order to maintain world peace. It is commonly reported that it is our military strength that has kept peace in many nations this past year, and I want to make sure that this remains so.

In addition, I also want to encourage our economy by lowering taxes. According to statistics, Pearl County has been receiving more than enough tax money to cover expenses. Therefore, I want to lower taxes and find a way to give the surplus money back to the community through better roads, more school buildings, and whatever else the county government can legally do within the bounds of the constitution.

I have great dreams of Pearl County and hope that you will seriously consider me for your President.





"The Warrior Woman"
She rides over rolling ridges
Of the hills in search of something ever.
But what it is, she does not know
And wonders if she'll find it ever.

At her side is her sturdy sword, Her trusty bow, and her clear horn. From day to day, she rides along From early sunrise to setting sun.

No man can tame her heart They've said for she is a warrior maiden; But some have wondered if they might Someday soften her heart and win her hand.

Death she gives with quiet ease, And none who assault her return alive. Danger is in her step, and courage in her voice. From adventure, she never turns aside.

> Yet while she rides among the trees Something she feels is missing still. Above her two birds sing of love, And she finds herself quite alone.

> No man has tamed her heart still, But it's softened on its own. The warrior maiden's hand is empty, And her heart is silently beating.

So she rides across the hills:
A solitary figure against the setting sun,
At her side is her sturdy sword,
Her trusty bow, and her clear horn.
-McDunn

"Awake! Awake! O Fairyland!"
The dawn is gleaming in the west.
The ground is sprayed with dew.
The flowers open – Awake from rest,
Ye people of Faerieland!

Bring out your flowers, Lift up your voices in song. There will be no fear of showers: The clouds have parted in the west!

Scatter abroad this wondrous news;
Lift the yoke of terror.
The messengers go swiftly among the yews.
Awake! Awake! O Faerieland!

The noise of rejoicing – loud I hear – Rises from each hill and dale, As the new age draws near O Faerieland! Awake, O Faerieland!

The sun is rising; it climbs swiftly, Casting shining beams around. O come quickly, O come quickly, Ye people of Faerieland!

The lark's warble rings in the air.

Maidens dance in the streets,
As the sun shines, beaming fair
Upon our land, upon Faerieland!

Take up the plow and lay down the sword Upon its resting place. We are free, Free to live and free to speak our word. Arise! Arise, ye people of Faerieland!

Oppressed ones shout and sing, Ye slaves clap your hands in joy. Drink deeply from freedom's spring For tyranny's yoke is trampled underfoot.

The clouds are swept away by the sun.

The sky is clear and blue.

Our war is finished; it is done.

O rejoice, ye people of Faerieland!

-Eltoth's song which he sang at the Battle of Bernstead (a part of McDunn's mythology)



Title: "The Woman Who Played With the

World" Part 5

Author: Elyzabeth McDunn

Earth's orbit has changed, and Arthur's friend Beatrice or what-seems-to-be Beatrice is the person behind it all. Appeals to her are useless, and she has demanded Earth's allegiance to her. Arthur, Thomas, and Miss C – gathered evidence to reveal who Beatrice really is and hoped to be able to seize Beatrice's globe using a permit. But things have gotten worse, and they find themselves unable to do it...

They left the building and began to make their way through the streets. Crowds had gathered and the appearance of a riot was emerging. Two young men were yelling on top of boxes, but what they were saying was lost in the din of the mob. Fist fights were erupting in places, and there was a dead body already in the street.

"This is not good," said Miss C –. Her voice was so quiet that her companions did not hear her. "We won't be able to do anything if the police cannot contain this mob." In her mind, she was certain that mobs like this were also in other cities across the state, the nation, and the world.

Arthur clenched his fists and looked at the papers in his hands. His mind told him one thing: *they were not going to be able to do this*. His grip on the papers bent them. He shook his head. They were too late.

A loud crack – as if something strong had snapped in two – brought a hush to the mob. The earth shook, and a fissure opened up in the

middle of the street. People began to panic as the fissure widened and deepened. Heat and fire came out of the chasm, and those nearest it were burned

"Nothing will hurt you!" cried a voice among the crowd.

In fear, all eyes turned to the speaker. Those near her backed away as if afraid of who the woman was. Arthur looked an gasped in surprise. His papers fell out of his open hands and were consumed by the fissure's heat.

The speaker was Beatrice. Only it was not her. The eerie light from the fissure shone on her face. Half of it was covered by black tattoo-like markings. Her whole left arm was black with the markings. Her eyes were completely black – even the whites of her eyes. Instead of her usual pants and shirt, she wore a strange blue dress embellished with black swirls and netting. She looked alien.

"Nothing will harm you unless you oppose me." Her voice was high, harsh, and cold. It sent a chill through Arthur's body as it went on. "We have come to your world, humans. We intend to rule it better than you yourselves have done. Your pathetic existence is a nuisance and utterly wasteful to us. Your world is divided; you are alien among yourselves. You fight amongst eachother like silly children, bickering, and squabbling. But we have come to put an end to it once and for all. You have no unity, you do not have common goals except to fight and kill eachother. We have come to rid you of that."

"You lie!" There was a mad struggle in the crowd as a young man fought to get toward Beatrice, but the men and women around him tried to pull him back. Breaking free, he rushed forward and cried aloud: "You are wrong. Mankind does fight among eachother, but when confronted with a common threat, we are unified by our common goals. And from that unity, we can change the world! Can your race do that!? We value our lives – though some in our history have shown little regard for it. Does your race value life?! By our variety and differences, we create a better society that does not stagnate and become weak. Is your race like that!? No, I am sure it isn't! You can never be able to conquer

mankind!

What-was-Beatrice looked down upon him. For a moment, she looked as if she were considering something, and then she raised her voice. "Let this be an example to all! No one shall stand against me and live!" She raised her hand and pointed it at the young man.

The ground beneath him opened up and he fell into it. In desperation, the young man caught hold of the edge, but it crumbled away. Then the earth closed together, and his screams died way.

Horror-stricken, the crowd backed away. Their faces showed the fear and horror that they felt. Arthur was stricken with anguish and horror. *This wasn't Beatrice!* He felt his anguish tingle through his body and tighten in his throat. He gulped.

"You see there can be no opposition to us," Beatrice's voice cried. "We are your masters, humans!" With a sneer, she turned around and swept away from the petrified human beings around her.

It was several minutes before they realized she was gone. They shot frightened looks toward eachother, and several voices broke out in tears. The young man's girlfriend rushed toward the spot where the earth had swallowed him up and wept bitterly, berating herself for not being able to save him. Several compassionate strangers gathered around her to comfort her and get her on her feet.

"Kill her!" she shrieked. "Somebody kill her! The murderess!" In her grief, the girl collapsed into a faint. Lest others in their panic would tread upon the girl, those around her picked her up and carried her into a neighboring boutique shop.

Arthur stared numbly after Beatrice. What he had seen made him so sorry, so horrified, ans so desperately perplexed! Was there any chance that the woman he loved was still within that monster who murdered that brave yet foolish man? If so was there any way to redeem her? There had to be a part of Beatrice still inside that monster.

A small hand on his shoulder made him look down into Miss C –'s face. Through her

wire-rimmed glassed, her eyes looked at him with concern.

"Have you ever loved someone, C –, so much that when they are lost you want to rescue them?" asked Arthur.

"Very much," Miss C – replied quietly. "I know a Man who did that for us all."

Arthur wondered what she meant – he had an inkling. There had been an odd look in her eyes and a queer smile at the corners of her mouth as she had spoken. But it was then that he realized that he had lost his papers.

"I've lost them," he said sadly as he looked down at the charred remains on the asphalt.

"We were too late anyways. She has already revealed herself. Wasn't that our point?" asked Thomas.

"That was part of it," answered Arthur.
"We still need to destroy her globe." He was not sure why he felt that the globe should be destroyed, but it had been the start of it all. No – it was the marks on the globe and Beatrice that had started it all.

"You heard that she kept saying we. It sounded as if there were more of her – as in aliens, and that they were going to take over Earth." C – said this last phrase thoughtfully and all of a sudden broke into a shrill excite squeal like small teenage girl.

Thomas and Arthur shot glances at eachother and looked at Miss C –. "Are you okay?" they asked.

"I'm perfectly fine! I just thought of a way to get rid of her globe and the alien invaders!"

The End of Part Five

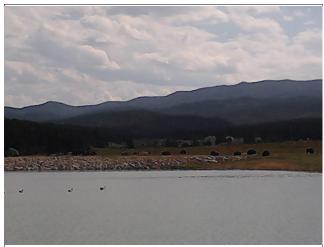
Part Six will be continued in the next edition!

Important **Announcement!**

The *Animalzanian Times* will now be coming out in quarterly editions so that things will be easier for the *AT*'s Editor and staff. We apologize for this inconvenience and hope that our readers will understand our reason for doing this.

Thank you for your wonderful support and encouragement! We are very grateful for you all!

-The Editor: Courtney Riojas



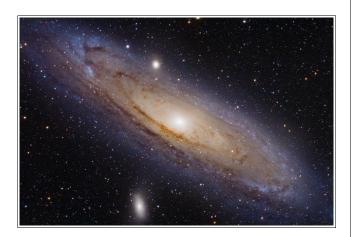
This a picture from my family's recent trip to Colorado. This is taken in Conifer, CO.



Another picture, only this one is of Utah. Where in Utah -- I cannot recall.



This is a view of the San Rafael Swell in Utah, nicknamed the "Blasted Lands" by myself.





Picture of Colorado as we were driving through. On the lower right is a railroad track. In lower-middle, left-hand side is the freeway. And around them are the mountains.

Thank You

For reading our newspaper!

We hope it has been a blessing!

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Animalzanian Times' Fifth Anniversary!

We are quite happy to announce that the *Animalzanian Times* has reached its fifth birthday! It is amazing to believe that this newspaper is now almost half a decade old! Praise God!

How the AT has grown over the years has been exciting for us! The AT began as a handmade newspaper that was meant to bring entertainment to our family and is now on the Internet bringing entertainment, encouragement, and God's love to over fifty-seven people! It is amazing!

We have been seeing the number of readers increase each year as we have told others about the newspaper and have been excited to hear their feedback on the AT. Our readers' advice and encouragement has been helpful to us! We are grateful for everyone who has read this and told us how much they have enjoyed it. It is often our readers' encouragement that has kept the AT alive during the last two years.

Thank you so much!

We also want to thank those who have told others about our newspaper. We are very happy to know that there are perhaps other people who are reading this that we do not know.

In honor of the AT's birthday, we have inserted a large graph of how many people we have personally told about the AT. Each bar shows the total amount of people we have told for that year and the growth of the AT since 2010. We hope that it makes our readers excited about what God has done through the AT and what will happen in the future!

As always, the AT is dedicated to telling its readers about the news of Animalzania, the imaginary world created by Courtney and Josiah Riojas. We have tried to make it both entertaining and thought-provoking for our readers as they try to figure out what is going to happen. We are also dedicated to having a stories and poems written by Elyzabeth McDunn or William Burgs in the AT each month and are glad to hear that so many people have enjoyed them! But most importantly, we try to tell others about Jesus Christ in every edition as this is the most important thing in the world.

Happy Birthday, Animalzania!

