



# An apology to Ieremiac'h Ventrutx

- an editorial by Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, Editor-in-Chief -

Azul, everyone! On New Year's Day of this year, Kingdom PM gave a speech to his people in which he said, in part, "Despite having a larger house, despite having a growing household, despite being in the obvious path of Talossa in the midst of great things, Talossa has been distracted by the house of another. In the midst of wonderful things, today is a day Talossa needs to rise up from that broken down distraction and diligently press forward with great things."

I had thought JP was, by using the term, "broken down distraction" referring to the Republic of Talossa. Well, since that Oraclâ, I've come to realize that in fact, the Kingdom Seneschál was referring to a micronation of the "bug nation" variety Ben Madison railed against so vehemently. Of course, Ben's mistake was to lump all non-Talossan entities into that category, but that's another story.

When I published Oraclâ No. 67, I was blissfully unaware of the Kingdom's difficulties with the Nation of Texas (or whatever it's called), and certainly if I had, I would hopefully have been cognizant enough to think twice before running my mouth off. Oh, well... [insert LOL emoticon]

I never thought I would be happy to print a retraction in Oraclâ, but, in keeping my promise to JP that I'd do so, I happily retract pretty much the whole of Oraclâ No. 67 and dismiss it into the dustbin that is the Talossan grand tradition of miscommunications and miscues that occupies so much of our rich and colorful history.

## GV not running for...anything

McGarritan: 17 February 2009

With the end of the caretaker-PMship of Gödafrieu Válcadác'h of the Republic of Talossa comes not only an end of his term in office, but his journey of Talossan politics that began all the way back in 2002 when he assumed the Kingdom deputy PMship. Today, Oraclâ spoke to GV:

**Oraclâ:** GV, your PMship of the Kingdom was filled with excitement and vigour. Your Republic tenure as Seneschál was anything but. What was the difference this time 'round?

**GV:** Well, besides my rampant disorganization this time around, the fact that I was a figurehead was, sorry to say, part of the reason why I did not have more energy and pizzazz. I think, though, the country was only looking for me to be a caretaker to take over after Daviü R. had to resign. Yes, I issued a flurry of announcements and what-not at the end, but none of it was really of any consequence. My farewell speech of about two weeks ago was misconstrued as my immediate resignation, but I didn't mind. And I could see how that speech could have been taken for my going bye-bye right then and there. I was glad to put the office into better hands. And for the moment, those hands are Dieter's.

**O:** You knew going into your term, you would have no real political power, right? Then why the long face?

**GV:** I had to make many concessions having to do with not making any official overtures to the Kingdom, etc. for my having the job. But I really didn't mind in that those concessions were reflecting my newly-changed views on the Republic, Kingdom, and Talossa in-general.

**O:** In other words, you were handcuffed from the get-go?

**GV:** Yes, one could accurately say that. But I did still want the job. Unfortunately, Real Life caught up with me as it did with my potential Cabinet appointees and those who eventually made it into my Cabinet. To directly answer your question about the long face, I had hoped to help bring about some internal administrative aspects of our government, but those have been put on-hold for the time being. But all is well, anyway. The Republic still exists and is still functioning as it did the day we started it.

I am proud to have been PM of the Republic, and was quite happy at being the first to be PM for both the Kingdom and the Republic. That was pretty cool.

**O:** The end of your Chamber of Deputies time draws nigh and with it the end of the last vestige of the Blue Wave. Do you regret dissolving the party?

**GV:** Not at all. It was time that dead horse just die. The dream of the two Talossas coming together once more is still as viable as it was before. It's just that I cannot imagine it coming about in the foreseeable future. There are too many valid and invalid arguments on both sides, and through the Blue Wave, I did the best I could to foster and facilitate the sorts of dialogue that would entail friendships blossoming and there being real progress being made in reunification.

In the end, I realized I had no real influence one way or another in a political spectrum to do anything about it. Those people who block the way to reunification (on both sides of the Vuode Wall, mind you) know who they are and why they are about what they are about. And frankly, I can see both points of view to a certain extent.

**O:** And what is your point of view on Talossa?

**GV:** That neither the Kingdom of Talossa of today and the Republic of Talossa are, by themselves, the whole of Talossa. I could go on and on about this for hours, but the hour is late, and I simply won't.

**O:** The current Republic Chamber of Deputies election boasts two parties. One wishes to maintain the constitutional status-quo whilst the other party wishes for a new constitution complete with a constitutional convention and everything.

**GV:** I voted for the former, but I wonder more and more if I would like to see the latter come to pass. Neither would hurt us, I think. A new constitution might be a bit exciting, to be quite honest.

**O:** And what are your future plans in Talossa?

**GV:** Not to do politics for a good long time. Perhaps, I'm done with politics completely, but I've threatened to take breaks before. This time, though, I've been as earnest about it as I've ever been. Oraclá March Madness, however, will most-certainly take place -- get ready, folks!

**O:** What about the state of Talossa? Are you excited about the future?

**GV:** The Kingdom of Talossa is as healthy in so many ways as its ever been. If nothing else, it's bigger than it ever was while Ben was around driving people off. John Woolley has been exemplary, I think, in making new people welcome, which is something Ben was not always good at doing.

**O:** That's just it, then. If King John is such a great guy, why don't you all just come back to the Kingdom and have done with it?

**GV:** Perhaps John would profit by asking some of our people that question himself.

**O:** What about you?

**GV:** Because when and if I make a return to the Kingdom, I want to do so in the company of Kane, Art, Miestrâ, and so many others too many people in the Kingdom have dismissed as traitors, betrayers, and thieves.

**O:** Now come on... Only one person has said that, and he does not speak for the rest of the Kingdom, surely.

**GV:** True, but the rest of the Kingdom has not risen in protest in our hearing. That speaks volumes to us about what the Kingdom is saying about us around the water cooler when we're not looking. I think I can speak for everyone in the Republic on that with a good deal of safety.

I know the issues to which the individual is referring, but the irony is that the more he does that (and he hasn't in a good while, actually), the more he prolongs the issue being an issue. You can catch more flies with honey...

**O:** But yet you guys will never go back. Right?

**GV:** For my part, so long as the Kingdom fails to do more to reach out to us, then my answer will have to be a resounding "yes". And a very sad and regretful one at that. I count a good number of the post-2004 Talossans in the Kingdom as friends, and the saddest part about it is that they and us would have gotten along very well indeed in the old Talossa. What a pity John Woolley did not find us a year or two sooner. Had he done so, he would have brought in his family and friends like he would do anyway, and 1 June 2004 probably would not have happened. Woolley would have fit in so well with Art, Conâ, IM, and everyone else (including Amy, perhaps).

There is so much brightness, talent, and enthusiasm in Talossa: Gruber, Hooligan, Davis, Schivâ -- the list goes on and on. If our peoples could be as one, nothing in this world could stop us.

**O:** All-right then, what could John Woolley himself do to help things along?

**GV:** He could help things along by making a personal phone call to Art Verbotten. Or at least send him an email. Re-open that line of communication. Open that line of friendship. If he *really* wants to make a big stretch of it, he could even try to visit Milwaukee again (I think he did so in 2005). Art would certainly welcome him.

**O:** "Re-open"?

**GV:** Yes. There had been some back-and-forth between Woolley and the Republic folk way back when, but in true Talossan fashion, it fell through. Unfortunately, something like that happened when Alexander Davis tried to visit our forums. While I don't remember my part in it, I know I had something to do with it, and I regret it very much, and I hope he makes another attempt at it.

**O:** Maybe Woolley has already make these sorts of overtures and was rebuffed.

**GV:** Well, in that case, he needs to try again. :-) And again... And again... I've always had good dealings with the man, and I'm sure he can be reasoned with. He is no Ben Madison, thanks be to GOD!

**O:** You've said that Woolley is the person Ben Madison should have been.

**GV:** He's more of a monarch Ben ever was (at least in the latter years of Ben's second reign). And to give Ben all the credit he deserves, pre-Cybercit Talossa was driven in many instances solely by Ben's obsessive desire to keep it going. But for that, the whole thing would have died in its first six months. The miracle of Talossa is not in what it is or what it could be. The miracle of Talossa is that it still exists at all, and especially without the driving Force that started it: Ben created something that had enough of an appeal that others would want to take part and help keep the thing going even after he left. This is Ben Madison's monument and legacy to the world.

I compare Woolley and Ben because they physically resemble each other, are keen on history and religion, and would both be Orthodox Christians but for Ben's becoming Mormon. I could go on, but that's enough to start with, that's for sure.

**O:** Do you think there will ever be a single Talossan state again?

**GV:** A single Talossan state with Republic people and Kingdom people under one flag and one head of state? Yes...eventually. But it will take years upon years of friendship and trust re-building to make that happen. And both sides have to be willing.

The Blue Wave Party was keen on being a facilitator, as much as it could, of bone-fide negotiation and dialogue between the Kingdom and the Republic. I came to the conclusion that my direct tactics were helping, even if only in a small way, to keep the two states *apart*, if not making the situation worse. I decided that a more-pragmatic approach was necessary, the divisions and resentments on both sides of the Vuode Wall went far-deeper than I realized, and that the usefulness of the Blue Wave to Talossa had long since been used up. It was time to move on, and again I have no regrets.

**O:** When will you go to Milwaukee again?

**GV:** Not before summer, that's for sure. It's just too difficult to clear a week or even a few days to get away, I'm afraid. Finances, unfortunately, also have a part to play. I've wanted to make a return trip, believe me, but it's just been too crazy to do so in recent years. Heck, I'd love to make it to TalossaWest as well as any other Talossan gathering going on.

Ben Madison was the key to a lot of the old Milwaukee-Talossan friendship network, and when he went away, all that left with him for the most part. Because of this, Talossa is more 'virtual' than it has ever been and less-Milwaukee-centric.

I hate to say it, but the last big Talossa blow-out in Milwaukee was the 2003 TalossaFest. Heck, there was no TalossaFest in 2007 (shaaaaame, Kingdom leadership - shaaaaame :-), and the 2008 one was sparsely-attended. One thing that should happen is that TalossaFest should be a non-Kingdom/non-Republic event hosted jointly by people from both sides. Whether Art V. would be keen on this, I don't know, but I think it would be a lovely idea and a great way for both sides to let the other "in" so to speak.



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**Ieremiác'h Ventrútx**

Joined: Dec 2007

Location: Florencia

**Re: Oraclá No. 66: Thursday 17 January 2008 - 0315**

« Reply #1 on Today at 9:06am »

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Great issue ... to bad you couldn't interview the guy at 2:30am TST or anything... 😊



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*GV, Editor*

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Sir C.M. Siervicül

**Re: Oraclá No. 66: Thursday 17 January 2008 - 0315**

« Reply #2 on Today at 9:37am »  

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Nice! I think you got your strikes mixed up when you listed the people who struck out, though. Everyone you listed appears to have 1 or 2 strikes, not 3.

*You are absolutely right. It was way past my bedtime when I did that issue. I've gone back and made the appropriate correction to Oraclá No. 66.*

*- GV*

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**Dav Rôibeardét**

El Teroûr da Florenciâ

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**Re: Oraclá No. 67: 1 January 2009**

« Reply #1 on: January 01, 2009, 09:50:35 AM »

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Interesting, not you're best effort but at least it's an effort. 😊

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