

A Nation Sundered

Part Three: Black Tuesday

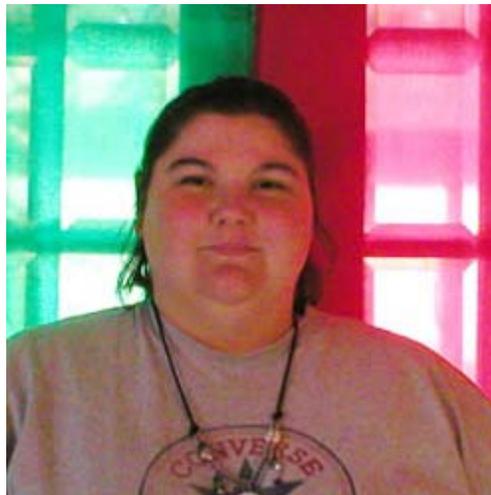
by

Gödafrieu Válcadác'h

*Signatory of the Compact of 19 May, 2004 and a Founding Father of the Republic of Talossa
Twenty-sixth and Twenty-ninth Prime Ministers of the Kingdom of Talossa*



*Art Verbotten wearing the Royal crown of Talossa at TalossaFest 2003
Behind him is Brook Gläfke*



Lisa Skovalia's official T-Fest 2003 photo

St. Patrick's Day, 2004

It was on this day the last gasp for the Talossa we had known began. The simmering tension between Wrath and Temper needed only a spark to ignite once more, and with this post by Maxime Paquin-Charbonneau, the incipit of Witt X Thread 9019, the war cranked up once more and began its downward trajectory toward its spectacular conclusion.

The opposition after the destruction of my government put back Talossa in the eternal statu-quo position.

The board show no more political debat or new important reform , statu-quo on immigration, new taxes and the so important reform of the monarchy after the depature and the come back of King I.

Cort Justice never really rules any verdict on the legality of seatgates even after Ken remarks on the Witt. The attack from a suppose neutral SoS on my government never investigated. The Government now in the hand of the MN is paralysed by the apathic PC.

Sorry to brake the fun but Talossa is now boring again.

Max_

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Statu-Quo! (Witt X 9019), posted by [Maxime Paquin-Charbonneau]
on March 17, 2004 - 00:27

Ben raises the stakes

While throughout the first quarter of 2004, things on the surface seemed serene with the King, he was busy behind the scenes:

[M. A. Muth:] > I think what I object to is not the idea of having a higher class of citizen but rather the idea of stretching far back to hunt and search for potential criminal activity.

It's not that far back, it's a couple of years before he became a Talossan. The only reason I had Leon County do a background check in the first place, was that Gruber has threatened me with violence on Wittenberg. Sorry if you don't see it that way, but I don't think you know all the facts. E-mail me if you want some more facts. (Please send me your phone number, I think we should talk.) But you haven't been threatened in Talossa, and I have, so I took it upon myself to see if there was anything to Gruber's temper besides words, and, sure enough, there is--the man beats women.

- from **RE: Reply to MM** (Witt X 9945)
posted by [R. Ben Madison] on April 11, 2004 - 14:24

What I did was conduct a routine background check. I sent a cheque for \$15 to the Leon County, Florida, Clerk of Courts, and obtained a partial printout of Gruber's criminal record. That was that.

There was nothing "private" or sinister about it. It all involves public records.

- from **RE: Madison, P.I.** (Witt X 10024)
posted by [R. Ben Madison] on April 12, 2004 - 11:45

Wittenberg etiquette has always specified that, when reporting a source for the first time, one document that source. No one, no matter how trusted, is exempt from this common courtesy, even for the most trivial of news events or other things, unusual or otherwise. Bearing that in mind, kindly peruse the following Wittenberg posts:

[Andy Lowry said:]> Nor does it mean that his amazingly distasteful (I just can't come up with a phrase that expresses how I felt when I saw the stuff about your mother-- I'm not sure there are strong enough words in the language for it) insults are excusable.

It wasn't so much the slander against my mother that bothered me, it was his declaration that he wants me dead. Personally, I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that someone like Gruber is fully capable of murder. There is obviously some kind of moral line that is crossed when you call for someone else's death--that isn't politics, and it isn't even personal, it's... transdavronian. (I have trouble finding words to describe Gruber, too. ;-)

- R. Ben Madison, Witt X 7798 - reply to Witt X 7785
from **RE: Profiles in Talossan Courage**, posted by King Robert I on January 05, 2004 - 09:23

[RBM said:]> > As much as I may be shouting into the wind here, I remain politically independent and I am not necessarily committed to any party. But, I can't be morally neutral--when I see wrong in Talossa, and especially if nobody else wants to do anything about it, I won't be silent.

[Michael Pope said:]> Perhaps the reason that nobody else wants to do anything about it is that nobody else agrees that what you see is wrong - or even that what you see is necessarily what is really going on.

I am quite willing to accept that "nobody else" thinks death threats are a serious issue, even when they come from someone with a background of violent crime. I just happen to disagree. It's a free country.

-R. Ben Madison, Witt X 9828 - reply to Witt X 9199
from **RE: Let's take a breath, huh :)**, posted by King Robert I on March 23, 2004 - 11:50

[RBM said:]> I am quite willing to accept that "nobody else" thinks death threats are a serious issue, even when they come from someone with a background of violent crime. I just happen to disagree. It's a free country.

Death threats from someone with a background of violent crime. Right.

In that case, I might suggest that you go to the American authorities to get a restraining order against this violent criminal.

-Michael Pope, Witt X 9235 - reply to Witt X 9828
from **RE: Let's take a breath, huh :)** posted by Michael Pope on March 23, 2004 - 12:18

[RBM said:]> > I am quite willing to accept that "nobody else" thinks death threats are a serious issue, even when they come from someone with a background of violent crime. I just happen to disagree. It's a free country.

[Michael Pope said:]> Death threats from someone with a background of violent crime. Right.

You don't believe me. Why not?

> In that case, I might suggest that you go to the American authorities to get a restraining order against this violent criminal.

Already been done.

- R. Ben Madison, Witt X 9267 - reply to Witt X 9235
from **RE: Let's take a breath, huh :)**, posted by King Robert I on March 23, 2004 - 16:46

How do you have fun in Talossa? Bashing people. Knifing people in the back, calling people names, and generally being a con artist in this community because no other community will take you seriously. Do you know what it's like to get published in the real world and win the respect of your peers? Of course not, and you never will--all you can handle is Talossa. Gruber, what positive contribution have you ever made to Talossa, on your own? Publishing someone else's correspondence five or six years ago was a good thing, granted. But it wasn't your doing. The only reason you're here is to hurt people, to "cut people's balls off." Other than that, what have you ever accomplished in your life?

Oh, yeah. You beat up a girl. Be proud of that, it's all you have.

- R. Ben Madison to Chris Gruber, Witt X 9624, (, boldfacing mine)
from **RE: Criminal Gruber's Compulsive Lies**, posted by King Robert I on April 02, 2004 - 09:52

Chris, I think M-P has forgotten that you did issue an apology, some time ago, actually.

You are right in this sense: the particular comment being referred to in this series of posts was - in fact - NOT a "death threat" so much as a wish that someone would be "dead." It is one thing to say to someone "I wish you were dead," which is not a threat (though the recipient still *could** take it that way depending on other circumstances) and another thing to say "I'm gonna kill you!"

The latter is an unambiguous threat; the former is not.

Even so, this whole episode is bad and - as you know - was a major turning point in PC-GCP relations. But as you say, you have apologized and to keep doing so is silly, that is understood.

What seems to be happening is that the recipient of the "I wish you were dead" statement has, ever since, been ratcheting up the incident until it becomes a death "threat" of "murder," etc.

That is unfair to you and you have a right not to be silent when it's being repeated over and over again.

But be careful, you walk a fine line.

Ián Metáiriá

"Damn you! Damn you all to Hell!"

-Ián Metáiriá, Witt X 9330 - reply to Witt X 9329
from **RE: Why doesn't he?**, posted by Ián Metáiriá on March 24, 2004 - 17:42

Gruber is a dangerous, violent, unstable individual who "requests" my death. That will never change.

-R. Ben Madison, Witt X 9275 - reply to Witt X 9270
from **RE: Prime Minister Ernil**, posted by King Robert I on March 23, 2004 - 18:11

Ben had milked the Mother-Of-All-Insults (*no* pun intended) for every drop of tainted lactation the tortured teat would yield. Nearly all Talossa saw the Insult for what it was: a tactless, cruel way of saying "drop dead." Ben and Amy (previously a genuine victim of domestic abuse) saw it otherwise.

If the above cacophony of Wittenberg posts seems to make no sense, what Ben had done was dig up Chris' public court records. Whether this was done out of spite, or out of a sincere fear of Chris' becoming truly violent (even though he lived a thousand miles from Milwaukee), we may never know.

I said earlier that it was customary to back up statements on Witt with evidence. I challenge anyone to look through the Wittenberg records from 23 March to 11 April 2004, a period of time of more than two weeks, and find even one instance where Ben provided any reasonable way to get at the information he found.

Go ahead. I'll wait.

You didn't find any, right? That alone tells us that Ben's accusations against Chris weren't on the up-and-up. If I say to Joe Camel, "you beat up a girl," then offer no evidence, I commit libel.

[Ben:] > > > There was nothing "private" or sinister about it. It all involves public records.

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[MPF:] > > Well, this isn't what I recall of the event, but I will have to dig up in my e-mails to find the source.

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[Ben:] > I don't have the money to hire a private investigator in any event.

1. Money requires a job.

2. if you HAD the money, you WOULD hire one. And that's just sick.

> > Or was it on the phone ??? I also recall a phone conversation with you on this.

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> > I also know other people have told me that you hired a PI.

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> Jesus Christ, Martí-Páir. The fact that other people lie about me should tell you more about them than it does about me!

BEN: you have been almost pathological in your lying. You have been lying about things that normal people don't even lie about. And then you introduce this bizarre idea that I am somehow a "violent offender" and a "woman beater" because of a temporary injunction.... that proves you CANNOT TELL THE TRUTH IF IT MAKES YOU LOOK WORSE.

You seem to be driven by some sort of need to hurt me, so much so, that you feel compelled to pay people money to look something up on me (which didn't reveal anything the public records didn't already reveal -- smart move), desperately trying to discredit me in any way you can.

you paint pictures of a bruised and battered Jennifer Mohney -- as if any such thing ever occurred. You don't know that anything like that happened, you just made it up.

Here's a tidbit for you Ben: Jennifer Mohney can kick your butt, my butt, and everyone in Talossa's butt. She's actually a pretty tough woman. You know how I know that? I've actually met her. I know what she's capable of. You don't.

YOU cling vehemently to a pair of words like a bulldog on a leg as if you've found the smoking gun that will turn Talossa against me. And when Talossa (save your little posse) fails to turn against me, you strike back at them, individually, trying to make these decent folks into some sort of villainous cabal. It's ridiculous.

And, now, for you to play the "Ben-as-victim" role, it comes off as sad and desperate. You're NOT the victim. Amy is NOT the victim. You got insulted. THAT'S IT. THAT'S ALL. I used an unfortunate bunch of words to try to get back at you for doing the same to me. Show me (and the rest of Talossa) what I specifically *did* that warrants your obsessive behaviour. Show me and Talossa what I *did* to warrant your "stalking", as you called it. Show me and Talossa what I *did* to warrant libel, defamation of character, and false accusations.

I called you names. Your response was to track down my past -- and pay money for it.

No-one has accused you of a crime you haven't committed. You've done that to ME.

- **Madison the Victim?** (Witt X 10034)

posted by Retroradio Gruber on April 12, 2004 - 13:26

[Ben:] >> I gave up partisan politics, but there are many other kinds of politics. This all boils down to a political question about what we want the Kingdom of Talossa to be all about. In this case, a Talossan has had his life threatened by another Talossan,

[Gödafríeu:] > You have never responded to my "Challenges", now have you? :-/

Nope. Never even read it.

> >who shows no signs of giving up (especially when the rest of the national 'establishment' cheers him on at every turn and even, in this case, goes so far as to circumvent the democratic process in order to protect him). I have to conclude that this is the kind of Talossa you want to live in, a Talossa characterized not just by 'hot tempers' but by physical threats of violence,

> What threats??

I'm sorry, I can't help you. If you're willfully blind to the obvious, you're too stupid to be a part of this dialogue.

> >coming from people whose legal record shows that their 'tempers' do in fact lead to physical violence and not merely verbal abuse.

> You have yet to demonstrate proof of this.

I have shown you the legal proof. You choose to ignore it. That's your problem, not mine.

>> Now, John, if I am wrong, then perhaps there is room for common ground and a golden opportunity to make this whole issue go away for good.

> Yes, Ben, you *are* wrong, and I hope you can see the common ground: Gruber's insult concerning your mom being a hard and loooow blow (to put it mildly), but not a death threat;

That is not the issue. Making fun of my mother's death is not the issue--it is the specific call for my death that is the issue, the issue you choose to voluntarily ignore. "I suggested that you die.... I hoped for it.... I requested it..." etc.

> Gruber's lack of record for violence.

Tell that to Jennifer Mohney.

>>I will have some free time Saturday and Sunday. If you're available, let's please get together and see if we can't resolve this--and I mean genuinely, once and for all, resolve it.

> If this comes about, then maybe Resurrection Sunday can coincide with the resurrection of the Talossa I want to be a part of.

It will require a sacrifice. If Gruber is as holy and spotless as you make him out to be, I'm sure his sacrifice will be an acceptable one.

Ben

- **RE: RZ27 Injunction Notice-Justice Verbotten** (Witt X 9930)
posted by [R. Ben Madison] on April 11, 2004 - 10:49

[Gödafríeu:] >> Gruber's lack of record for violence.

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[Ben:] > Tell that to Jennifer Mohney.

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Ben, I assume that you think she is the "victim". If you really think that, then why are you releasing her name on the internet. She might not want that, but...oh that's right, you don't really care about her. All you care about is getting Gruber out of Talossa by any means necessary. If that means invading the privacy of people you don't even know, even when you believe those people to be "victims", well then so be it huh? I guess in your world, the ends justify the means.

- from **Ben doesn't care about alleged "victims" + other pertinent info** (Witt X 9937)
posted by Lisa Skovalia on April 11, 2004 - 12:55

[Lisa Skovalia:] > Ben, I assume that you think she is the "victim". If you really think that, then why are you releasing her name on the internet.

It's out there already. I'm not "releasing" anything.

> She might not want that, but...oh that's right, you don't really care about her. All you care about is getting Gruber out of Talossa by any means necessary.

Well, I do care about getting Gruber out of Talossa by any means necessary, as long as those means are ethical and legal. That's true. He is shit, and he doesn't belong here. I'm sorry that your self esteem is so low that you think that only he can provide you with whatever it is you're looking for, but believe me, you could do a lot better. I saw him being verbally abusive towards you several times just in the brief time you were here, and I can only imagine how he must treat you in private. Whether it's as bad as he treated her, only you two know. But abusers don't change, and the language he uses towards me--about how much he wants me dead, about how he's going to physically maim me, and so forth--is entirely consistent with someone who would beat up a woman. If you want to be his enabler, if you want to stroke his violent ego, that's between the two of you, but when he starts pouring that stuff into Talossa, then that's my business and I am going to make sure, one way or another, that it ends.

> If that means invading the privacy of people you don't even know, even when you believe those people to be "victims", well then so be it huh? I guess in your world, the ends justify the means.

Providing a link to a government website is not "invasion of privacy."

> Gee, that sounds like it could be a cleverly worded (so as to avoid legal prosecution) call for the death of Chris. Of course, Ben has been doing his almighty best to crucify Christopher now hasn't he?

Two of the three who were crucified that day deserved it. Talossa will be a much nicer place when the womanbeater is out of here. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could feel some sympathy for the victims of Chris Gruber?

Ben

- **RE: Ben doesn't care about alleged "victims" + other pertinent info** (Witt X 9944)
posted by [R. Ben Madison] on April 11, 2004 - 14:13.

Chris,

[Grubi:] > Of course, it did get handed down a few hours after I submitted my lawsuit. :-)

I guess.

I did not see your Cort materials until the next day.

I've sort of gotten afraid to open my e-mail lately, and not just Talossa stuff.

I've lost a few close friends recently, people that I went to school with who are all my age.

If I have copped a bit of a "Why are you all so stressed out about Talossa" attitude, it is because of this.

Anyway,

I went online that night for purpose of checking out Witt and seeing if I still had Cosa seats this month from the PC.

I ran into this legislation, saw red flags all over the place, and spent the next few hours delicately researching and writing my reply.

I'm sure Ben will view this response to your post as proof positive that we are somehow in bed (figuratively speaking) with each other Chris, but I've stopped asking myself "What will Ben think" after reading his virus posts.

I'm just doing my job as best I can, and if that is getting in his way, then he has the problem because I'm just trying to follow the rules like we wrote'em.

> So if this is the anti-PD, that makes you the anti-Gödafríeu Válcadác'h? :-D

No. I'm pretty wordy as well, although no where near as rambling as Gödafríeu can be. :-)

[Art Verbotten:] > > If you read my reasons for issuing this injunction I stated that it violated three OL covenants of freedom. That's huge.

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> Yep. And possibly more. The 16th, for example.

More than one was too many. It's all kinda of moot right now but, I'll check it out sometime later this weekend.

> > You'll notice that Ben, the ghost author of this bill (I assume),

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> Oh, he admitted it.

Not per se, but he defended it like one of his and apparently provided the research. Just read the post and see what you get out of it.

The things I found were:

Disagreement with him seems make a person an enemy of the state again.
This we've seen this before.

You've apparently been canonized!!!!

That's a new one. Didn't think you were Catholic

(If one of your miracles involves turning water into Bourbon, I'll be sending you a flask):-)

Otherwise, the verbose response and assault on me carry the familiar signature of previous attacks he's made on me when I've had the opportunity to be a road block for him as he tries to trample on rights we all agreed we would protect when we drafted the Organic Law.

The usual accusations of disloyalty and no jurisprudence as a Justice and politician are there as well. All this because I did not step aside and let this bill destroy due process.

On Wednesday, April 7th I celebrated my 19th Anniversary as a Talossan. I have been renominated to the Uppermost Cort 3 times by Ben, yet he still questions my loyalty and dedication to the country.

I just don't understand it.

Eif

- RE: **RZ27 Injunction Notice-Justice Verbotten** (Witt X 9909)
posted by Art Verbotten on April 10, 2004 - 03:01

The bill Verbotten speaks of is

32nd Cosá, RZ27

What follows is a blatant and brazen attempt by the Royals to throw a Talossan citizen out of the country on spurious charges.

RZ27 - The Violent Offences (Amendment) Act [VOID]

Published in Clark #5 [32nd Ziu, April, 2004]

Rejected by the ZIU

Uréu q'estadra sá: Amy Durnford - (MN-Vuode)

This bill was subject to an injunction and is considered VOID

WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Talossa is a real community of real people, friends and relatives, in which real legal issues may sometimes become involved, and

WHEREAS, I am a survivor of domestic violence, and want to make sure that Talossa is not a "safe place" for perpetrators of violent crimes, and

WHEREAS, violent criminals have personalities and interests incompatible with democracy, and

WHEREAS, Talossa has a unique opportunity to actually be the "shining city on a hill" by enacting the "zero tolerance" pledges of politicians world-wide against violent crime:

THEREFORE, the Ziu hereby enacts, and places the following before the Talossan people at the earliest possible opportunity as a referendum, as Article XVII, Section 12 of the Organic Law:

Article XVII, Section 12: 1. For purposes of this Section, the term "violent crime" shall include armed robbery, arson, assault, battery, child molestation, domestic violence, mugging, murder, and rape.

2. All persons convicted of or subject to a restraining order for a violent crime, in a Talossan or foreign court of law, shall be classified in all official Talossan documents as Violent Offenders. Prosecutions obstructed by defendant's refusal or professed "inability" to be served warrants, etc., shall be considered convictions.

3. Violent Offender status is incompatible with good citizenship. The Talossan citizenship of all Violent Offenders shall, upon receipt of legal documentation by the Uppermost Cort, be null and void.

4. Violent Offenders may (re)apply for Talossan citizenship, but their applications must include a detailed confession of their violent crimes, with all applicable legal documentation appended, and the Cort and Ziu may take their Violent Offender status into account when voting on them.

archived from <http://talossa.net/bills.php?cosa=32&bill=27>

Azul!

When I was 8, I broke my one of my best friend's front teeth with my lunchbox. Does that count? But seriously,

1. Convictions of crimes are followed by sentencing. Once someone has served the sentence for their crime, it's over (unless it's a sexual-predator case). The U.S. government doesn't strip people of their citizenship for crimes, so why should we? (Yes, I know that people can be disenfranchised in some circumstances, but that's not the same as losing citizenship.)

2. Attempted prosecution of a crime is not the same as a verdict of guilt. A certain former Atlanta security guard, and a certain nuclear physicist of Chinese extraction, and a certain Army chaplain of the Muslim flavor, among others, could certainly attest to that.

I'm voting against this one, and I urge my fellow citizens to do the same.

Andy

Andrew Lowry
Minister of Immigration
Humorless Old Bastard
Not Wearing Pants, and Proud of It

-Andy Lowry, Witt X 9335 - new thread
- from **Another few words about RZ27**, posted by Andy Lowry on March 24, 2004 - 20:27



*Outside the Royal Consulate on 11 July, 2003
from left: Tomás, Gruber, Verbotten, and Andy Lowry
Chris is blocking Gary Cone and Andy is blocking Gödafiëu Válcadác'h.
The Consulate is to Tomás' back.*

Ben,

[RBM said:]> Frequently, an abusive spouse will violently beat his wife and then "disappear," leave no forwarding address, and sometimes even just not answer the door--thus prohibiting the police, process server, etc., from serving him a warrant, notice of a court date, etc. It is a gigantic loophole in the law. Criminals can deliberately avoid being prosecuted simply by making themselves 'unavailable.' This proposal of mine closes that loophole.

You're a bit naive about this, old chap. Once an arrest warrant is enacted, it doesn't matter how "unavailable" one makes oneself. I have personal experience with this fact. (No, not for a "violent crime".)

> The reason it's written the way it's written is key: Refusal to cooperate with law enforcement, by deliberately "not being at home" to avoid being served, is tantamount to an admission of guilt.

Firstly, when the cops come knocking with an arrest warrant, there ain't no such thing as "I ain't here."

Secondly, judgment of guilt is reserved to judges and juries, not your extremely odd "tantamounts".

Thirdly, the very last thing you EVER want to do, when actually accused of something, is co-operate with your accuser. Never heard of the Miranda decision? It's there for a very good reason.

Fourthly, it's interesting to note that you refer to the bill ostensibly proposed by Amy as "this proposal of mine". Perhaps "interesting" is not the right term. (Trying to think of other words-- dang, too bad I'ze just a toothless Ohio hillbilly what don't know no Thesaurus.)

Andy

-Andy Lowry, Witt X 9408 - new thread
- from **Repost: RZ27 hoo-ha: The Ben and I**, posted by Andy Lowry on March 27, 2004 - 02:39

[Göðafriðu Válcadác'h said:]> Yeah, I'll admit Chris was a bit exhuberant at TalossaFest, and yeah, he horribly insulted both Ben and Ben's mother's memory, but even the insult about Ben's mom does NOT excuse Ben's trying to dig up dirt on Chris.

Retrieving publicly-available information is not a crime, and is not even immoral. What is immoral, is making excuses for the criminal conduct of somebody who has threatened to maim a fellow Talossan and who has openly called for the death of a fellow Talossan. If you can't see that, there is little hope for you. I have to believe that you are excusing Gruber's conduct, and bashing mine at every turn, because you want Talossa to be a place where people like Gruber can flourish.

> And I haven't even begun to harp on about the beating-up-a-girl thing.

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If you can't bring yourself to defend violence against women, then perhaps there is still hope for you, Göðafriðu.

Ben

-R. Ben Madison, Witt X 9669 - reply to Witt X 9652
- from **RE: Hey Ben!! Where's the proof?**, posted by Göðafriðu Válcadác'h on April 03, 2004 - 00:14

Gruber's past uncovered



*Welcome to the Leon County
Clerk of Courts website!*

RZ 27 was the culmination of two years of growing hatred on Ben and Amy's part going all the way back to the end of the PC Pot Pie Blob and Advertgate, though it is possible that "F--k America" was the starting point. Were they truly scared of Chris, or were they just trying to trump up charges in pursuit of a personal vendetta? Again, we may never know.

We do know this: the rest of Talossa saw the Insult as just that—a vile insult. The idea of a death threat was preposterous enough; how Chris was to follow through on such a threat from Tallahassee, Florida was never explained. In fact, Chris Gruber's 'violent past' never took place. You will find no evidence anywhere in the universe of Chris Gruber having a violent past because none has ever existed. Marti-Páir Furchéir finally found the documents Ben would not supply, and their content explains why he wouldn't supply them. These were in the jurisdiction of Leon County, Florida:

I did the search, the found the documents.

Here is the short version of the 6 documents returned

To do so, go here :

http://image.clerk.leon.fl.us/official_records/ and search for Gruber, Christopher.

6 records are returned :

Order dismissing temporary injunction.

Jennifer Mohney apparently had requested a temporary injunction against Mr Gruber, citing domestic violence. In Florida, such an injunction is automatic upon request until a permanent one is issued in the courts.

When in front of the court, Mrs. Mohney requested withdrawal of the injunction. No record indicate any other actions pressed by Mrs Mohney against Mr. Gruber.

Misdemeanor

- Petty theft, to which Gruber pleaded no contest.

This is the charge that he claims to have made while homeless.

He was NOT found guilty, but rather, the sentence was withheld.

This means, if it is the same as in Québec, that the Judge agreed to NOT declare him guilty but simply to fine him, because the offense was too small to condemn him, and that it was a first offence.

If like in Québec, this doesn't make the accused guilty, and in fact, you can be sued for Libel if you say that such a person is guilty of the crime, since he is not.

I don't know for Florida.

In any case, petty theft isn't a violent crime.

Failure to prosecute

Gruber was sued civilly by the Florida Commerce Federal, but they failed to sue him, so the case was dismissed.

The reason behind the original accusation isn't listed, but it is civil.

Notice of eviction

Gruber was evicted from an apartment. No reason is given.

Florida Commerce Credit union (2 reports for the same case)

Gruber is civilly requested to repay 395.24\$ to the credit union.

No reason is given.

Gruber was not present.

It must be the bounced check that was referred to...

Wittmeister
Secretary of State
Senator of Atatürk
Cosâ Member
Resident Miracle Worker
All around nice guy ;-)

-the entirety of **The documents...** (Witt X 9672)
posted by MP Furxhéir on April 05, 2004 - 12:02

On 11 April 2004, Ben emailed me this link along with instructions:

- 1) <http://www.clerk.leon.fl.us>
- 2) Click on "search court databases" (it's hard to find!)
- 3) Type your name, hit "continue"
- 4) Type in "Gruber" and "Chris" and hit "search"

Here is another Wittenberg post:

1. The injunction against Gruber was put through on 8 November, 1994 and was dismissed on 9 January, 1995. Two months is not a very long time for a scenario of muffed hearing after muffed hearing. Non?

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Any thoughts, Ben? Amy?

Gödafríeu

-Gödafríeu Válcadác'h, Witt X 10055 - new thread

Questions for you, Ben, about You-Know-Who

posted by Gödafríeu Válcadác'h on April 12, 2004 - 17:39

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Actually if you look under the Summary, Dockets, Dispositions, and Costs tabs, you will see that this was an “indigent” case, that the first event on the docket was the plaintiff’s filing of an “affidavit of insufficient funds” (which is all you have to do in Florida to get a free injunction), and that the injunction filing fees were dismissed because they were “Paid by: LEON COUNTY.” Thus, the plaintiff did not have to spend any of her inheritance to pay for this injunction.

And as I keep pointing out, but no one will respond to, here are the criteria for filing various types of injunctions and I see nothing that says a domestic violence injunction requires an act of violence or a threat of violence to have been committed. I assume that for an injunction to be made permanent, there would need to be some proof of violence, but I just don’t see where that is a requirement to file for a temporary injunction.

From the Leon County clerk of Court’s website:

What is an injunction?

An injunction is a court order, also referred to as a restraining order, that directs a person not to have any contact with you.

What are the requirements for filing a Petition for Injunction?

For domestic violence, this action is available if the respondent presently resides with you, or has lived with you in the past as a member of the family, such as a spouse, former spouse, person related by blood or marriage, person who has lived together with you as though he/ she were your spouse, or person with whom you have had a child, even if you have never lived together.

For repeat violence, this action is available if you have been a victim of assault, battery or sexual violence by the respondent at least twice within the past 6 months. The following conditions should also be met: (1) you and respondent are not related by blood; (2) you and respondent have no children together; and (3) you and respondent have never lived together.

For sexual violence, this action is available if (1) you have reported the sexual violence to a law enforcement agency and are cooperating in any criminal proceeding against the respondent, and (2) the respondent who committed the sexual violence was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in state prison and the term of imprisonment has expired or is due to expire within 90 days following the date the petition is filed.

For dating violence, this action is available if you and respondent have, or have had, a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or significant nature, which is determined based on consideration of the following factors: (1) The dating relationship existed within the last 6 months; (2) the nature of the relationship is characterized by the expectation of affection or sexual involvement between the parties; and (3) the frequency and type of interaction must be based on the parties involvement over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship.

Where can I obtain an injunction?

During normal working hours, the Petition for Injunction should be filed with the Family Law Division of the Clerk’s Office, Room 153, Leon County Courthouse. There are currently no costs associated with injunctions.

I’m still awaiting an answer.

Rischâ Scovaglh

-Lisa Skovalia, Witt X 10058 - reply to Witt X 10055

from **RE: Questions for you, Ben, about You-Know-Who** posted by Lisa Skovalia on April 12, 2004

- 19:17 [Italics are mine and denote text taken from the Leon County website text]

If you have any further doubts about the innocence of Chris Gruber, this thread should put your mind at ease.

I searched for -- and found -- the PDF version of the injunction dismissal online -- at the link Gödafrieu provided. Here's the text of that dismissal. The PDF itself is [here](#).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL COURT
IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

JENNIFER MOHNEY,
Petitioner,

V.S.
CHRISTOPHER C GRUBER,
Respondent

CASE NO. 94-5380

ORDER DISMISSING TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

AFTER due notice to all parties, a final hearing was held on this date to consider Petitioner's request for an Injunction against domestic or repeat violence. And the Court finding that:

Respondent was present...(or was not [petitioner's initials] if checked)

AND

() Petitioner failed to appear

([Petitioner's initials]) **Petitioner appeared and requests dismissal.**

() Petitioner appeared, but the evidence fails to sustain the allegation in the Petition.

() Other: NON SERVICE.

Upon consideration thereof, it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

This Action is hereby DISMISSED and the Filing Fees and Service Process Fees of \$95.50, if not already paid shall be paid by Petitioner (____ if checked) or Respondent (____ if checked) to the Clerk of the Court within 30 days of this Order. If Petitioner paid the costs at filing, then the Clerk shall promptly refund the cost to Petitioner upon payment by the Respondent, if the Respondent is ordered to pay. If the party ordered to pay the court costs does not pay within the time set forth in this Order then upon the filing of an Affidavit, the Court shall render a Judgment for the unpaid fees. A copy of the affidavit and Judgment shall be mailed to the last known address of the party ordered to pay.

DONE AND ORDERED in Leon County, Florida, this 9 day of Jan, 1995.

(signed)

JOHN E CRUSOE -- Circuit Judge

Check the link if you don't believe me.

Also, Ben wants to make the following "proof" that I am "vile":

11/8/1994: AFFIDAVIT OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

11/8/1994: ** Converted Receipt Detail Summary ** Nov 8 1994 3:11PM: Receipt Number: 50373 Clerk: DAD Paid By: LEON COUNTY Tender: INF Amount: \$41.00 Costs: \$41.00 Copies: \$0.00 Dep Applied: \$0.00 Dep Received: \$0.00 Bond Received: \$0.00 Bond Applied: \$0.00 Check: \$0.00 Notary: \$0.00 Refund: \$0.00 Other 1: Other Amount 1: \$0.00 Other 2: Other Amount 2: \$0.00 Comment: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

11/8/1994: PETITION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Amount Owed: \$41.00 Paid Before Conversion: \$41.00 Receipt Number:

11/8/1994: FINANCLAL AFFIDAVIT

11/8/1994: INFORMATION ON RESPONDENT

11/8/1994: TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING 11/21/94 AT 9:00

11/21/1994: COURT MINUTES

11/21/1994: ORDER RESETTING HEARING ON PETITION FOR INJUNCTION, 12/5/94 AT 9:00

12/5/1994: ORDER RESETTING HEARING ON PETITION FOR INJUNCTION, DECEMBER 19, 1994 AT 9:00

12/6/1994: COURT MINUTES

12/19/1994: ORDER RESETTING HEARING ON PETITION FOR INJUNCTION, 1/9/95 AT 9:00 AM

12/20/1994: COURT MINUTES

1/9/1995: ORDER DISMISSING TEMPORARY INJUNCTION (PETITIONER APPEARED AND REQUESTED DISMISSAL, RESPONDENT UNABLE TO BE SERVED)

1/9/1995: COURT MINUTES

1/11/1995: INJUNCTION PAPERS RETURNED FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NO SERVICE, JUDGE DISMISSED CASE ON 1/9/95 AT PETITIONER'S REQUEST

Despite the fact that Ms Mohny knew where I was on December 24, 1994, when I called her to see how she was doing (because I didn't know she had any injunction against me), I was somehow NOT SERVED. Despite the fact that there was never a crime charged against me, there was never proof of a crime, there was never anything like that -- somehow, in Ben's mind, I am "vile", etc.

He claims this is EXACTLY what amy went through, when he knows it is not.

I assume he also knows that Florida and Wisconsin laws are DIFFERENT. Or maybe he doesn't.

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The Injunction Dismissal. (Witt X 9977),
posted by **RetroRadio Gruber** on April 11, 2004 - 18:42

> ((Petitioner's initials)) Petitioner appeared and requests dismissal.

For what reason? Answer:

>() Other: NON SERVICE.

> Despite the fact that Ms Mohny knew where I was on December 24, 1994, when I called her to see how she was doing (because I didn't know she had any injunction against me), I was somehow NOT SERVED.

Yep, "somehow." Compounding your lies isn't going to get you out of this hole, Chris. How do we know she knew where you were? 'Cuz I say so.' How do we know you called her 'to see how she was doing'? 'Cuz I say so.' Just a friendly chat, eh?

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Legally, it is. Except that Amy was lucky enough to get the police from a different jurisdiction to haul her ex-husband's sorry ass into court.

Ben

RE: The Injunction Dismissal. (Witt X 9980)
posted by **[R. Ben Madison]** on April 11, 2004 - 18:58.

> > ([Petitioner's initials]) Petitioner appeared and requests dismissal.

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> For what reason? Answer:

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> >() Other: NON SERVICE.

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Yes. She never made any mention of any legal injunction.

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> Legally, it is. Except that Amy was lucky enough to get the police from a different jurisdiction to haul her ex-husband's sorry ass into court.

Ben, what reason do you present multiple times that Ms Mohney dropped the injunction? You claim she wouldn't put up the money each time. Fact is -- and the timeline proves it -- she DIDN'T HAVE TO. She signed an affidavit saying she didn't enough money. **If she was able to file for free, then why would she specifically drop the injunction?**

WHY, BEN? And who says she called for multiple hearings? The Court called for hearings, she knew where I was, THE COPS KNEW WHERE I WAS, and yet I was never served. And, coincidentally, she *specifically* dropped the injunction.

Yeah, Ben. Sure: it's only my word. Riiiiight.

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RE: The Injunction Dismissal. (Witt X 9981)

posted by **Retroradio Gruber** on April 11, 2004 - 19:07.

Food for thought

If Chris' past really was violent, and after the supposedly-violent offenses Ben accused him of, why was he given custody of his son later on?

What Coop had to say

I only know for Indiana, but I assume that they're basically the same as Florida's, given the information on the Leon County Website. In Indiana, a person need only allege fear the individual will do harm to them for a temporary injunction to be provided. However, a court date is set, and the individual requesting the injunction *must* appear in court and give proof that the injunction is necessary. Failure to appear in court, or provide sufficient information for the judge to feel the injunction is necessary, negates the injunction.

The idea that an allegation holds the same legal weight as an injunction granted following appearance in court and proof provided the judge, is ridiculous in the extreme. Yes, there are women who are battered, but there are also false allegations aplenty when no proof is required for the initial injunction. I know, I've seen them. Having had a majority of women in my employ over the years, I've seen more than a few of them, both true and false. It is up to a sitting judge to issue an injunction based on facts.....not conjectures. Ben is not a sitting judge and has only tenuous information yet is jumping to some really juvenile conclusions.

BTW, in the state of Indiana, an legal injunction issued by a judge, need only have certain methods tried to contact the person the injunction concerns, the injunction remains in legal force regardless of the individual's notification of the injunction, this is to protect the individual who filed the injunction.

That said, I don't agree with what you said Gruber.....I think telling someone to "drop dead" is just fine, happens all the time, and rarely matters.....however, bringing his mom into it was extremely hurtful and harsh, I'm not really surprised at his reaction. I know how I would feel.

However, there is no way I would hunt down information on you on the web or anywehre else. I think that is way beyond the pale, and has kept me from coming back to Witt in any capacity. Guys, I didn't join Talossa so someone if they got mad at me could use my personal information to due background, or any other kind of check on me. The fact that it's happening, has left me cold, and I do not intend for the same thing to happen to me. I came here for fun.....honestly it's been a whole lot less than fun, because if it's not Gruber, it's someone else....and I'm tired of it. So, I'm hereby demanding that any information containing my any personal information be stricken from anything to do with Talossa. If and it's a very big if I'm sure....if I can do that and remain in Talossa fine.....but if not delete everything. I've had enough megalomania in my life without it here too..Please advise me of action taken, and good luck guys....you're gonna need it.

-Bill Cooper, Witt X 10061 - reply to Witt X 10058
the whole of **RE: Questions for you, Ben, about You-Know-Who**, posted by Bill Cooper on April 12, 2004 - 22:32



Chris Gruber with Howard Dean in October, 2003

An extra wrinkle

Azul, loyal Talossans!

Just a brief pop-back to explain my recent (and impending) absence from Wittenberg.

First (to do things backwards) the impending part: Friday I leave for Independence, Missouri, for Church business. I'll be back in a week's time. Depending on the internet reliability of my gracious hosts, I might be able to pop back on a temporary basis while I'm gone.

As for my recent absence: A couple months ago, while a certain unnamed individual was "requesting" my death and vowing to "chop my balls off," I experienced a vast increase in 'viral' activity on my personal computer. This culminated, despite my purchase of expensive and time-consuming software, in the complete meltdown of my machine early last week. After \$150 worth of work, it was up and running again, and then RZ27 was proposed. Within two days, my machine had melted down again. What an interesting coincidence. The tech guys that fixed my machine assure me that only someone with "a lot" of computer savvy, and malicious intent, would be capable of sending the kinds of viruses and other annoyances that recently blew my computer. Gee, I wonder who that could be. Someone with a history of violent crime, cheque fraud, and theft, and an oft-publicized desire to hurt me? Eh, perhaps, perhaps not. We shouldn't jump to conclusions, after all.

I am now armed with a lot more expensive filter stuff and hopefully can withstand the latest barrage. But we're thinking of changing our e-mail address, although the chance of keeping it secret in a place like Talossa is next to none. We'll just have to keep fighting, I guess. What a cheery place this country has become.

See you all in a week if not sooner!

Ben

-R. Ben Madison, Witt X 9610 - new thread

My Momentary Lack of Witt, posted by King Robert I on April 01, 2004 - 20:08

Ben & Amy,

If the the two of you knew what you were talking about regarding viruses I would sympathize.
If you had anything other than allegations without proof I would do the same.
The number of ancient programs that Ben likes to run on that machine make it a security nightmare.

Before accusing anyone for ignorance to the issue please answer this:

Did you have a firewall running on your machine?
Did you run anti-virus software?
Was that virus software updated automatically every time you started the machine?

Did you open e-mails from Chris or people you were suspicious of?
Did you go to websites of Chris's and accept any unusual cookies?

Have you been updating your operating system regularly?
Windows has released about 50 patches for it's ops systems this year alone.

Any answer of "NO" is the problem, not Gruber.

Am I defending Chris.
Right now YES.

The halloween crisis was just that. It took place around Halloween.
Here it is the 2nd of April and you are still obsessing about what was nothing more than name calling.

That's right name calling.
No blows were thrown, just allot of bad words from both sides of the issue.

Grow up.

Some of us use to use Talossa as a get away.

You are dragging your personal paranoias into this system that was meant for politics, not childish games that only seek to ruin adult lives.

Chris may be an asshole but at least he know how to move on.
Can't seem to recall him badgering you recently, so why are you still hung on it?

I do not come here to fucking babysit.
None of us do and now it seems like that is all anyone has been doing recently.

This red hot vendetta is turning this country into another bug nation.
We are suppose to be above that.

Time for everyone, including, especially the royals to elevate themselves from the mire of this petty bullshit.

One pissed off Eif

-Art Verbotten, Witt X 9469 - reply to Witt X 9610

RE: My Momentary Lack of Witt, posted by jk Verbotten on April 02, 2004 - 19:04



Ben (at left) debates with Art Verbotten at the Living Cosá on 12 July, 2003

Ben's mind about Chris Gruber

[Gödafríeu Válcadác'h said:]> At the time, I was truly unaware of just how much you and he got along at T-Fest ;-(.

A lot of my behaviour at T-Fest was trying to put the best face on things, because I didn't see any point in not trying to put the best face on things. Gruber just revealed himself to be selfish, obnoxious and abusive. Poor Lisa having to put up with his antics, his constant telling her to "shut up," and having to listen to her stories about how Gruber is mooching off her to get by. His refusal to drive you to our house (and refusal to notify us that he wasn't coming), his trying to order Amy out of the living room so he could watch Talossa videos, and his constant interruptions and craving to be the centre of attention around the table at the Greek restaurant... and his unexplained disappearances and refusal to keep to any sort of schedule when we had stuff to do (like take the Talossa tour) just revealed him to be a loathsome person.

Loathsome, but competent--which is why I figured as long as I had to deal with him online exclusively, I still felt comfortable asking him to be on the Cort, since I knew he wanted the job and he's a good writer when he isn't spewing obscenities. Then his real personality came out when he tried to knife you in the back. (An incident that I don't believe I ever saw you express any outrage at!) And it was all down hill from there.

-R. Ben Madison, Witt X 9275 - reply to Witt X 9270

RE: Prime Minister Erni!, posted by King Robert I on March 23, 2004 - 18:11

[Gödafríeu Válcadác'h said:]> which really, I think, boiled down to a clash of personalities between you and Chris. "Seatgate" only added to the fun, and Chris' particular insult concerning your mom was, I can safely guess, an unforgivable offense, as far as you are concerned. If it was truly unforgivable, I cannot blame you.

Well, Gödafríeu, THAT is progress! I don't recall ever hearing you say it quite like that. So now, at least, we both understand that there is a REASON for this schism, and that it is his fault. And by the way, it's not that what he said was unforgivable. Whether I forgive him in my heart is between me and the Lord. The broader question is: Are such insults acceptable in a civil society like Talossa? At what point does a person become so obnoxious, that their very presence is an affront to the nation's dignity? I think Chris has crossed the line so many times, he has clearly invalidated himself as a worthy Talossan. It's not a question of forgiveness, it's a question of what kind of a society do you want Talossa to be? Clearly the PC is uncomfortable with the idea of setting standards (at the very least) and perhaps even quietly endorses and approves Gruber's comments, hoping they will drive away the faint of heart.

-R. Ben Madison, Witt X 9275 - reply to Witt X 9270

RE: Prime Minister Erni!, posted by King Robert I on March 23, 2004 - 18:11

What has Ben been carping about all along?

[Ben:]> A statement from you that you did, in fact, commit the GCP to the Joint Statement, and that you backed out of it, would completely wash away the whole root of the problem, because that is where it all started, all those months ago. Everything stemmed from that one incident, and grew from there.

My God, is that what this is all about?

You've turned Talossa upside down over that stupid Joint Statement? You've levelled false charges, engaged in MCarthyistic tactics, denounced most of the Kingdom - all because of a statement that is, to everyone save yourself, a trivial piece of history?

Your exhaustive Stot chronology aside, NO-ONE CARES about that Joint Statement.

> > [Gruber:] Furthermore, Talossa is becoming a place where my friends cannot be happy anymore. That is beyond upsetting; it is now tragic. I hope this can be remedied.

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> [RBM:] With the establishment calling for my head on a platter, I don't know if it can.

I know one way it can be...

Michael Pope
Minister of Foreign Affairs
National Archivist
President, Progressive Conservative Party
Publisher, Talossan National News
Hipster Doofus
Humblest Man on Earth

"There's room to move as a fry cook. I could be manager in two years."

-Michael Pope, Witt X 10140 - reply to Witt X 10109

RE: Chris, Thank You, posted by Michael Pope on April 13, 2004 - 13:06
boldfacing is mine

"I know one way it can be..." alludes to ongoing talk among the PC and disaffected ZPT members of expelling and/or dethroning the King--or just seceding altogether.

[Ben speaking to Gruber:] I never asked for an apology, just a statement that you had agreed to the Joint Statement, and that you backed out of it. Nothing more. What I wanted you to make a statement agreeing to, what exactly what you said to me in your e-mail of 30 October 2003, in which you said, of the Joint Statement: "I like it, but I would ask that you add Andy [Lowry]'s name to the list, since he is in the GCP and is a part of all our proceedings." All I am asking is a statement from you that you accepted the Joint Statement and put your names to it. All I asked for was a note from you acknowledging the facts, not any admission of guilt or confession of 'deviousness'.

-R. Ben Madison, Witt X 10116 - reply to Witt X 10113

- from **RE: The apology that wasn't an apology**, posted by King Robert I on April 13, 2004 - 11:22

Black Tuesday: 13 April, 2004

During the night of 12-13 April 2004, Bill Cooper and Art Verbotten renounced their citizenships in the Kingdom of Talossa. These two events finally opened my own eyes. They marked the beginning of my own Talossan awakening: the moment my Talossanity became independent of Ben. Coop's words in particular hit me like a flash of lightning:

What you said was bad Grubi, no doubt. But what Ben is doing about it is worse imo.....being yelled at is one thing, even when it brings up a loved one who has died, believe me I know. Were it only your vitriol to worry about I probably would have stayed, but honestly , Ben checking your background out as a means to dump you from Talossa, makes me sick. Ben evidently believes that two wrongs make a right, except that he is never wrong is he?

Grubi, you and I both know that had it not been you.....tho you kind of put yourself in that position ;p, Ben would have found someone else who didn't pass his muster and do everything he can to get them out of Talossa. Just like the Liberals just because they didn't bend down and kiss his ass. And the group before that, and the group before that. Ben likes enemies, he makes so many of them, according to him.

While I don't agree with the way you insulted Ben.....what Ben is doing as a result is scary. What's to keep him from doing it to any Talossan citizen who gets on the bad side of him. Like I said in another post, all I have is a traffic ticket issued in Kansas sometime in 82.....maybe 83. But, that still doesn't mean I have to condone him looking into yours or any one elses personal records.

Even after all the time that's passed since I was on (and actually I've been reading posts for the last several months....putting off reappearing), I've had enough of Ben to last me for a good longv time. This was supposed tobe fun.....at least that's what the website says, Ben has made it less fun for quite a few people.....and not just with you....I'm sorry, but I don't believe Michael Pope is a liar, and Ben saying he is has pissed me off.....same with M-P, same with Gödafrieu Válcadác'h, and with your girl friend (sorry gf I can't remember the name...but it's old age ;p), who obviously knows more about it than Ben can ever hope to....and is really good at posting :).

Gosh, I'm sorry, I didn't mean for this to be a book.....nor to discuss how I feel more than the post equesting my info be removed. But, I don't want this kind of Talossa, since it doesn't seem to be on it's way to changing, I am removing myself. Good luck Grubi and thanks :)

-Bill Cooper renouncing his Talossan citizenship, Witt X 10068 - reply to Witt X 10063

RE: Questions for you, Ben, about You-Know-Who

posted by Bill Cooper on April 12, 2004 - 23:16



[Bill Cooper said:]> What's to keep him from doing it to any Talossan citizen who gets on the bad side of him.

Good question.

Today it is Grubi. Tomorrow it will be me. Or M-P.

Unless we put a stop to it.

Michael Pope
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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"There's room to move as a fry cook. I could be manager in two years."

-Michael Pope (pictured above-left with Chris Gruber at Reagan National Airport on 31 July, 2004),
Witt X 10142 - reply to Witt X 10068 **RE: Questions for you, Ben, about You-Know-Who**
posted by Michael Pope on April 13, 2004 - 13:16

In referring to M-P above, Michael alludes to the continual charges of corruption leveled by the King toward Marti-Páir regarding Electiongate.



What Bill said.

I just spent an hour constructing a farewell letter to you folks using his post as a basis because he captured the way I feel pretty darn well. the server than logged me out when I posted it so it is gone.

Here's the reader's digest version.

I quit to.

I have spent the past few months contemplating a comment made by a fellow PC'er who stated that without Ben, the rest of us seem to get along quite well. There are differences, but we are not at each others throats. Eliminate the Ben-spin on party contacts and there is some degree of harmony.

I have also been dealing with the untimely deaths of two very close friends, watching my mother recover from cancer treatment, and my sister deteriorate from MS.

Who goes through this and remains completely unchanged?
Who has time for the bullshit that is currently posted on Wittenberg.

I go there and see that some insignificant pipp I knew from High School is calling me an idiot because I will not indulge him in his 6 month campaign of hate against someone who told him to "drop dead".

I have better things to worry about in my life.

The Talossa I loved completely died when Ben & Amy, who apparently have way to much time on their hands but an ample suply of money and paranoia, started inflicting themselves other people's (Grubi's)personal lives claiming he was threatening them even though he lives over 1000 miles away.

This is unspeakable.
A man's room is his castle.
Seems to only be for Ben.
Everyone else is subject to his fascist whims.

Now reread Bill cooper's post again.

go ahead, I'll wait.

Those last lines where he asks to have all his information removed.
I request the same.
Remove all my info and strike my name from your rolls.
I will be deleting all Talossan e-mails as well.

I formally rescind my citizenship from this fascist vitriolic hell hole.

Eif

We are to other nations what "crab delights" are to seafood.

-Art Verbotten (pictured above) renouncing his citizenship, Witt X 10082 - reply to Witt X 10068

RE: Questions for you, Ben, about You-Know-Who

posted by Art Verbotten on April 13, 2004 - 03:34

Now we in the PC and Grey Congress began to understand what the departed Liberals and the Penguinians before that had been up against with Ben. We realized that Ián Anglatzarâ was not the demon Ben said he was. Now we were enduring the same trials they had gone through.

Talossa, a wounded nation, was bleeding out. Many of us doubted it would recover. However, and thankfully, things did not fall apart completely, as you will soon see.

At this point, I realized that I could no longer in good conscience tell anyone: "Talossa is a worthwhile place to join and be a part of." That moment for me was the turning point: the end of my old Talossanity.

I should add one more matter of concern, one the Kingdom chose not to deal with. Read this post well, and ponder on how a situation like this would be treated in any other civilized country.

When my dad was a Senator, he would often just hand the Clark back to me and say he trusted me to vote the right way. I had his permission to vote, but I hated it--because it wasn't really what the principle of the law was all about. Why the hell do you think Amy is the Senator from Vuode now, and not my dad? Because Amy enjoys doing the job, and doesn't see it as a chore. If I were the cartoon that you've drawn of me, my dad would still be Senator. But I wasn't comfortable with that, and as soon as someone else presented herself for the job, my dad and I were both happy to oblige.

-from **RE: Literacy Tests (Witt X 11749)**
posted by [R. Ben Madison] on May 16, 2004 - 20:58

If Ben ghost-voted like this for Harry Madison in the Senäts, even with Harry's full consent, it stands to reason that he could do the same in a general election. Just how involved had Harry and Jennifer, Ben's sister, been with Talossa in recent years? Jennifer and Harry had always cast their votes by way of Ben. And Ben had been heretofore trusted to have actually polled them. And as Deputy Secretary of State, he was fully authorized to collect election votes from whomever. He was answerable to no one but the Secretary of State. At the time, we had yet to think of a remedy for this, but it would soon come.

The above Wittenberg post fueled the dissenters' bonfire of suspicion, born of Ben's attack on the Grey Congress in the aftermath of the Joint Statement fiasco. Ben had advanced three clearly unqualified candidates to succeed me as PM. He had sacked me from the job with little dignity. He had upped the ante on Gruber's Insult, morphing it into a death threat. We could see that, where Chris Gruber was concerned, Ben Madison was unable to think objectively.

The question of the integrity of the votes of Harry, Jennifer, Frederic M., and others traditionally collected by long-time Deputy Secretary of State Ben Madison was in doubt for the first time. Secretary of State Furxhéir, as was his right under the Organic Law, rescinded Ben's authority to collect votes (Witt X 10906). He published a set of rules for the upcoming 33rd Cosâ election whereby each voter had to contact M-P personally and directly, one of the communication methods being M-P's toll-free number. If the vote was emailed, it was not considered valid until confirmed by a return phone call (almost always via international long-distance) from the Secretary of State made on his tight schedule, and at his own expense.

How did Ben react to being sacked? M-P's actions prodded Ben to a lot of irrational anger, all (to my eyes) obviously designed to intimidate.

The reason for that was pretty obvious to me: an independent vote-collecting effort was liable to expose some pocket voters for the disinterested shams of citizens they were.

I had sat on the sidelines for some time listening to Ben abuse M-P, wondering when M-P would think of this very logical step.

In my opinion, the real turning point wasn't anything Chris or Ben said or did. The wound that gave the Kingdom inoperable peritonitis was when M-P began to crack the foundation of Ben's pocket votes. Even if they weren't all pocket votes, he certainly got enough bizarre reactions to prove that nearly none of those people gave a flying fuck about Talossa.

-JKK, from his proofreading notes

Here are SoS Furxhéir's rules for the 33rd Cosâ Election of the Kingdom of Talossa:

After talking with the prime-minister and party leaders, I have come up with the following rules for the elections

- Voting will be done only using the following matters :

- 1) via the online voting form with a previously issued password. (Marc Moisan just became a citizen, he can e-mail me the password he wants and I will put it in).
- 2) via phone with me, at 1-877-990-7760 (or 001-514-990-7760).

If you get the answering machine, leave your citizen number, name, phone number, vote, province and (optionally) referendum votes. Also leave me your Time zone and the periods I can call you.

I will call back to confirm the vote. The date of the message is the date you voted, but I need to be able to confirm your vote within 7 days of the end of the election. If I unable to reach you within 7 days of the end of the election, your vote is not official.

3) You can send an email to sos[at]Talossa.net, but like a phone message, I will need to confirm your vote by calling you within 7 days of the end of the election.

- Proxy voting is NOT allowed.

- Parties who register will need to each pay the ammount of 5\$ US to help me pay the long distance fees (both incoming and outgoing) as allowed in the organic law. I will provide payment instructions at a later stage. Paypal is preferred, but I will accept other methods.

- I remove Ben Madison as Deputy SoS, and will not hire a Deputy SoS. This means every vote must go thru me personally. Should I become incapable of performing my duties, I have already contacted someone to be my Deputy and will announce it in time.

- The current population census is now official.

- Every single electoral system in the world provide a deadline to register for the election. Everyone CURRENTLY a citizen will be allowed to vote (include Marc Moisan). Anyone gaining or regaining citizenship after this post will not be registered for the election.

- Referendums will be lister later on.

- The election process is not officially begun. Parties can register.

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Resident Miracle Worker
All around nice guy ;-)

Rules for the Election (Witt X 10906)

posted by [MPF] on May 01, 2004 - 04:41.

There are 2 parts in an election :

- 1) The voter harvesting
- 2) The voting process.

The first one is usually done by parties contacting their own voters, but ever since I became the SoS, I started calling citizen such as Martin Bertagnon whom nobody wants to call.

A call to his country is 3\$ per minutes. Last time I reached him, the phone call lasted 21 minutes (this costing me 63\$) as I explained to him the differences between all the parties. He ended up voting for the PC, not because I was a PC member, but because he CHOSE it.

Last election, I tried calling him, and I missed him.

But in any case, it is NOT the SoS duty to harvest the votes, and the rules of the election do not concern the harvesting.

If Ben calls a citizen to get him to vote, I see no problem at all !!! This is the tradition in Talossa.

It is only the actual voting process that has changed.

In the past, the harvester will have called the person, and if they got the vote by phone, it was 100% legal, even if the person changed his mind after reviewing the facts.

The issue of Pocket votes is partly that many people are not even sure that Ben is REALLY reaching these people (or other citizens).

With me talking to every voter in a non-partisan way, I will be able to attest EVERY vote in the election, which will end the rumors of wrong doing by Ben.

And if Jean Willams actually contacts me to have me call her back, it will be my pleasure to talk to her and get her vote.

I complain about her because she doesn't want to vote thru me, and forbade me to call her.

If she takes the courage to dial my number, I WILL call her back.

But it has NEVER been the duty to make sure every citizen KNEW of the election, only that should they wish to vote, they have to have the opportunity to do so.

With my toll free number and e-mail, I feel it is giving everyone a good chance.

The vote by e-mail doesn't change anything : to vote by mail, they need to KNOW about the election.

And I never said I wouldn't send a message to all voters by mail : it is not yet the time to talk about this. I simply posted the rules for receiving the vote, for not gathering them.

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Partial response to Quedéir and his misconceptions (Witt X 11056)
posted by [MPF] on May 03, 2004 - 19:59

Rules for voting by mail :

To vote by mail, you must send a letter written entirely by hand, I will not accept printed or typed ballot since they are too easy to forge.

It must state your identity, and your vote for the general election as well as your vote for the referendum (facultative).

The party and name must be clear and legible.

For the ballot to be valid, you need to include :

- 1) your name and citizen number
- 2) your province
- 3) your general election vote
- 4) your phone number with country code if outside North America
- 5) your mailing address.
- 6) your signature.

I will call every voter to confirm the vote, just like if you voted by e-mail, I need to be able to confirm it before 7 days before the end of the election.

Also, please note that the ballot CAN be scanned and published on the Internet, with your address and phone number marked out.

A vote by mail is not valid until confirmed by phone by me.

ALL VOTES NEED TO BE CONFIRMED BY PHONE UNLESS THE USER VOTES USING THE VOTING FORM.

Finally, the envelope MUST BE POSTMARKED between May 15th and June 14th.

Ballot that come after the end of the election will not be accepted, as it always been the case.

It is my belief that the procedure is easy to follow, and totally safe.

Here is a suggestion on what to write :

Dear Secretary of State,

I [Place name here] citizen number [please number here] of province [place province here] hereby vote for the [insert vote here] party in the general election.

I also vote [place referendum votes here] on the referendums.

[Signature]

[Address]

You can call me to confirm my vote at : [Phone numbers] during [insert hours I should call].

If it is different, it will be accepted, provided all the information is included.

The address is :

2595 Des Vignes
Terrebonne
Québec, Canada
J6Y 1X6

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Rules for voting by mail (Witt X 11347)

posted by [MPF] on May 11, 2004 - 17:13

[Ben:] > > > According to the Database, there is supposed to be a senate race in
> > > Vuode this month. Amy and I were not, of course, notified.

>
[M-P:] > > you are right.

>
[Ben:] > I usually am. I assume the PC had a "secret" candidate lined up in case Amy forgot to run for re-election on
> account of not being notified, like Matthias Muth?

Had there been an election started, it would have been posted on Wittenberg, like EVERY other Senate election.

Just because you are paranoid enough to think that I am corrupted doesn't mean I am.

> > > We would like to cast our votes to re-elect Amy Durnford, if votes against your party are still allowed under your
> > > rules.

>
> > Will you stop telling everyone that I am corrupted ???

>
> As soon as you stop acting like a PC Party officer and start acting like a neutral, nonpartisan Secretary of State.

As much as you would dream that I am partisan, I am not.

I have never acted in a partisan matter as SoS and never will.

Countless persons, [Quedier], Marc Moisan, Tomás, the Whole PC, Ron Rosalez, Grubi, and every other person I spoke to re-affirmed that my partisanship is a figment of your imagination.

> Firing me as Deputy SoS, purely out of spite and in order to completely monopolize the election procedure in your own hands,

Here is the list of party leaders that asked me to fire you :

- Quedéir Castighâ
- Andy Lowey
- Chris Gruber
- the Whole PC.

You didn't have the support of ANY of the party leaders.

NONE OF THEM Ben.

Stop trying to pretend that I did it in a partisan way.

They ALL explained that they wanted ME alone as SoS rather than have you as Deputy SoS.

[Quedier] later seems to have retracted his commitment on some of my rules, but I do not believe he went against that one.

YOUR FIRING WAS DONE BECAUSE THE PARTY LEADER BELIEVE YOU ARE CORRUPTED IN YOUR ACTIONS AS DEPUTY SOS AND DO NOT TRUST YOU.

I simply echoed THEIR wishes. Deal with it.

> is the cherry on top of a whole sundae of corrupt acts that you've committed since Seatgate.

Let's talk about the Seatgate.

I spoke to Ken Oplinger. He confirms that my actions were legal, that they were a result of HIS request as legal owner of the seats, and not partisan.

He would have to recuse himself from such a trial, but you are welcomed to sue me for a trial in front of JJ. He will be impartial.

> You don't even care about your reputation, all you care about is raw power,

That is a big lie. I don't care about power at all. In Talossa, only YOU care about it.

Our PM candidate is [Quedier] in case you didn't notice. I don't have a problem with [Quedier] as PM, I have a problem with YOU.

> because you know that you can "pull the plug" on Talossa with the flip of a switch.

Funny, even you said that Talossa isn't online. But when you prefer to play the victim you change the roles around.

> You control everybody's access to Wittenberg,

That part is true. But I will NEVER censor wittenberg, otherwise, what would prevent you from opening your own Wittenberg should I act in a partisan matter ?

Just because you try to show that I am corrupt doesn't mean I am.

I have NEVER removed Witt access from a citizen, and never will unless citizen didn't respect the rules (for example, posted porn pictures on Witt repeatly).

> you control
> the election results,

No I don't. The whole process is supervised by the Cort, by the PM, by the party leaders, by the citizens and will be done in a transparent matter.

If a citizens feels violated, he WILL inform everyone on witt or the leader of the party he is voting for.

Or they will inform YOU, and I have every confidence that you will be on my toes every step of the way.

You won't have the pleasure of catching me doing something improper voluntarily, and I know that if I make a mistake, you will be on my back (so I will promptly repair it).

> you control the Clark, you control the websites.

Yeah, what is your point ?? Make you own websites !

Talossa isn't online, you said so very often.

> You can cancel my Witt password at any moment and announce to the world
> that I have "quit" Talossa, and there is nothing and nobody to stop you.

Funny, you keep saying that Talossa isn't online.

I am 100% sure that if I did that, you would call [Quedier], or e-mail him and have the truth restored.

I would do this ONCE, and I would be kicked out for Treason.

> I'm sure that's what you'll do when it comes time to set up your fake "Republic."

Ben,deal with it. The Republic is an abandoned idea that was presented ONLY when 2 of our citizen resigned, and a few others wanted to resign also.

JP's idea was to let the Republic survive the murder of the Kingdom by you.

Even thought in desperation I talked about it in one Witt post(which I regret deeply) I never was in favor of the idea, other than on black Tuesday when I was panicking.

Do you ever panic Ben ? It what happend sometimes when you CARE about others and something bad happends to them.

> > Several citizens have e-mailed me saying they are outraged at what you
> > have told them about me. They were too polite to tell you, but they
> think
> > you acted like a jerk.
>
> And several citizens have e-mailed me saying they are outraged at what
> you are doing as Secretary of State,

And you know what ??? Some of the citizens that e-mailed you also e-mailed me to know why I acted like I did, saying they were outraged.

When I explained my actions, they thought you acted like a jerk for explaining them to me.

> but they are too scared to tell
> you, afraid that you will kick them out of Talossa or shut down
> Wittenberg.

How can I kick someone out of Talossa Ben ??? Tell me how ???

And if I do shut down Witt, someone else will start it anew.

I do not have the power you claim I have.

> > You are a stupid fucking asshole.

>

> No, I am a loyal Talossan trying to make sure that you remain a public
> servant and not Dictator for Life.

Funny, Dictator for Life is EXACTLY how many people are calling you.

Quedér has PLENTY of chances to fire me. I asked him SEVERAL times if I had his supports, saying I would resign then if I didn't, and he said he had FULL confidence in my honesty and professionalism.

Only you think and those that only you talk to think I am corrupted.

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My reply to Ben... (Witt X 11302)
posted by [MPF] on May 11, 2004 - 11:24

Electiongate ultimately did not help things except to assure the fairness of the election to come. But it also sowed more controversy, and was met with derision from various quarters including the Royals and Chên Velméir, who would boycott the election rules by way of a “sit-in”: voting by way of Wittenberg instead of by the SoS’ prescribed methods.

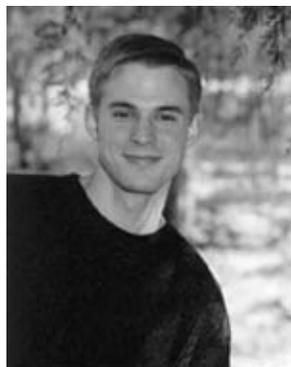
But I digress.

A view from Abbavilla on 14 April 2004

Anger... Suspicion... And an all-encompassing cloud of depression... Such was what the average Talossan citizen was in the midst of on 14 April 2004 - up to his ears. No one was talking about the glelp. No one was caring about the mystical Berber heritage. Even Stotanneu was not publishing. Oraclá magazine was, but its valiant attempts at injecting a little cheer into the nationette failed.

Anyone who sided with Chris Gruber in any fashion, even if said person condemned Chris’s vicious verbal antics, was considered by the Royals as being a lesser being than an insect. To this day, there is no record of Ben ever attempting to make amends with anyone involved. All apologies, reconciliation attempts, and so forth came only from the PC and the Grey Congress. And to its eternal credit, even the Black Hand Party, from which the King resigned in his 26 December Speech from the Throne, tried to make peace and reconciliation partly in the guise of

The Table of Abbavilla



The Table was an email discussion list mandated in a Speech to the Nation (Witt X 10260) on 14 April 2004 by Prime Minister Quedéir Castiglhá. It eventually included himself, Ben, Chris, Gödafriëu, Michael Pope, Gary Cone, and Marti-Páir Furxhéir. Ián Metáiriá was to participate in an advisory role. The Table was meant to bring the key players together and forge a bone fide peace.

As a precursor to discussions, Q (pictured at left in about late 2002) asked each Member to submit his comments and thoughts about the cause of the situation, and what each hoped the discussion might achieve. Q would then use all of these to fashion an agenda, from which he would moderate the talks. Gödafriëu Válcadác’h (see Oraclá No. 50) and Marti-Páir Furxhéir quickly submitted their statements, but the rest did not. It is highly likely that the rest of the group was waiting on what Ben would do.

They, the rest of us, and indeed, the world are still waiting. Ben did nothing. He submitted nothing. He had already given his spin on the Halloween Crisis in the January 2004 Stotanneu (Lytheria Vol. III, Book 1), and that was apparently that. He showed no interest. Because of this, the Table of Abbavilla never got off the ground. On 12 May, by way of Witt X 11417, the Prime Minister officially scrapped it:

Here are my thoughts concerning scattered Witt posts and emails:

M-P and Ben: Your issues are not my problem. Ben, I'll sack M-P when he pisses me off or does something illegal. He hasn't done either yet. M-P, if you're tired of Ben doing or saying things, YOU do something about it. I'm going to need concrete proof (yes, that includes names if need be) from both of you regarding your allegations before I step in again.

MN party leadership: While Wes is the titular head of the party, I am the de facto leader. Think of me as the MN Shogun. *I* make the executive decisions.

M-P's statement to the Table: I told you I looked it over. What do you want, a critical essay review? What I didn't say about it is just as important as what I did say. If I had any issues with it, you'd know.

The Table: it isn't working. I wrongly assumed that everyone would take it seriously. Instead, people are still taking potshots on Witt. So I'm officially putting an end to it. I've too slowly come to the realization that rehashing everything isn't going to work at all. No surprise, since it isn't even what I wanted to do in the first place, yet I at least had to try something at the time.

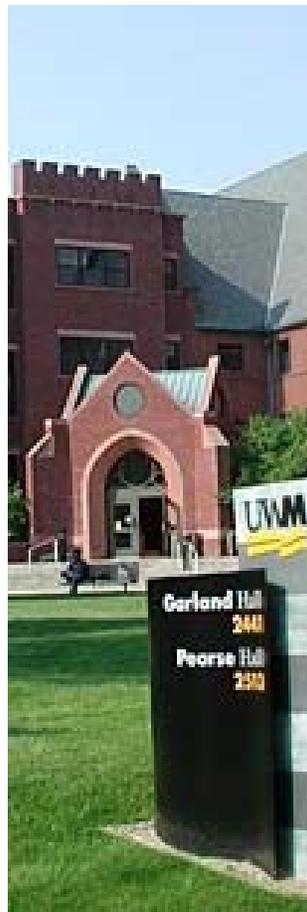
Some thoughts (Witt X 11417)

posted by [Quedéir Castiglhá] on May 12, 2004 - 13:08

The fact that we seceded from the Kingdom on Quedéir Castiglhá’s watch still pains us. Quedéir is a loyal Talossan in the best sense of the word. He loves his nation; he showed that love with his efforts to keep it together. I’ve never heard anyone question his integrity, kindness, candor, or statesmanship. The task of bringing things back together again was beyond anyone. Not even a Prime Minister Dan Lorentz or Ián Metáiriá could have pulled it off.



*The city of Abbavilla, capital of the Kingdom of Talossa, Atatiirk province, ca. 2000
Also known as the campus of the University of Milwaukee, Wisconsin*



Archived from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee website, this is the entrance to Garland and Pearce Halls occupied partly by the Department of Psychology in which Harry L. Madison taught for forty years.

Lisagate

We had no more options. Ben still had a large base of support among inactive Talossans—who innocently (and conveniently) still trusted Ben to the point of being beyond anyone else’s influence--but his credibility with the rest of us was shot. Nothing in our power could give us enough votes to act against Ben, his bloc of silent ‘pocket votes.’, and the no-votes we felt would surely come from those in the “neutral” faction (Dan Lorentz, Gary Cone, etc.). Since January, we had talked increasingly of starting our own nationette. Had not Coop and Art’s renunciations pushed us over the edge already, this might very well have:

I renounce my citizenship, and request that the SOS make it effective immediately upon his reading of this message. I HAVE JUST VOTED CONTRA ON ALL REFERENDA, AND I VOTED FOR NO PARTY, AND ULTIMATELY I WOULD VOTE AGAINST TALOSSA IF I COULD. I DO NOT WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS HELL-HOLE AND THE MANY FUCKED-UP INDIVIDUALS IT SEEMS TO HARBOR. Only a handful of you seem to be decent human beings, and I wish those few the best if they decide to stick around. The rest are like a pack of rabid dogs, out for the kill. All of this crap has finally driven Chris over the edge, which I'm sure will make quite a few of you very happy. Moments ago he got very upset, he became mad at me for not defending him, and he took off (in the car) in a rage. There's no telling what he's going to do or what may happen to him. I, in the meantime, am trying to type this while sobbing uncontrollably. I guess this is just one big fucking war game to many of you (Ben and his disciples), so it doesn't matter the effect you're having on real peoples lives. I don't have the time or emotional energy to have to be continually defending Chris from so many vile and ridiculous attacks, which he takes very personally and rightly so. We have a lot of very serious real life problems to deal with right now, and we really don't need shit from the land of make believe being flung at us too. But Ben has to keep digging things up (literally and figuratively) because he's a spoiled man-child that can't let go until he gets what he wants. I see now, that he won't back down no matter what and that he will dump long time friends if they will not give him his way. Those of you who are condoning such behavior should be extremely ashamed of yourselves - at the very least! Thank God, Chris has returned and he is unharmed, physically anyway. Emotionally, however, he's really been through the ringer thanks to many of you. You all know who you are, and to those of you I bid you a not so fond go to hell.

Lisa Skovalia

I'M OUT OF HERE! FUCK ALL OF YOU ASSHOLES! (Witt X 11892),
posted by **Lisa Skovalia** on May 17, 2004 - 23:44

Lisa, I am pained to read your message. Talossa will be a little less friendly without you.

I hope you will reconsider, but I understand if you don't.

Michael Pope
Minister of Foreign Affairs
National Archivist
President, Progressive Conservative Party
Publisher, Talossan National News
Hipster Doofus
Humblest Man on Earth

"This is not a rental car. This is privately owned!"

Oy. (Witt X 11929)
posted by **Michael Pope** on May 18, 2004 - 11:28

Lisa cast her vote for the “None” party because she didn’t realize she had the legal right under the Organic Law to abstain. She wished to give voice to her dissent, and this she did:

Party	Atatürk	Cézembre	Florençiá	Maricopa	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Mussolini	Vuode	Total								
GCP					1	10.26		1 10.26								
MN	1	21.15			1	13.46		5 42.31 7 76.92								
none					1	10.26		1 10.26								
PC	1	21.15	1	11.54		1	13.46	1	10.26		4	56.41				
Total	2	42.31	1	11.54	0	30.77	2	26.92	3	30.77	0	15.38	5	42.31	13	152+48

*33rd Cosá Election result as of Wednesday, 19 May, 2004; 13:18 CDT (Oraclá No. 54)
 This table was copied and pasted directly from the Talossa Database System and shows confirmed votes only.
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 to the time that it first appeared in the state in which you now see it.
 The record of Lisa’s vote is in **bold-red**.*

When I read Lisa’s post, I phoned the Gruber residence immediately. Lisa was crying her eyes out. I was scared for both of them. As his past and everything else I have mentioned and discussed show, everyone knew that Chris was not going to do anything violent. We were worried and sad about her renunciation, which she soon retracted.

It was a raw and painful time, a time for a monarch to console and comfort his subjects:

We, the champions of nothing, in the spirit of Josh Macht, hereby declare the existence of the NONE PARTY, which has already received a vote in Maritiimi-Maxhestic Province. Glory to the supporters of NONE!

Our leader: Ben Madison.

Our 50-word statement: "NONE!"

This registration has been copied with the Secretary of State.

Ahem. The reason I'm doing this, is so nobody else can do it. The precedent of the Mickey Mouse Movement indicates that such 'protest votes' like this may, depending on decisions of the Cort and Secretary of State, turn into actual seats.

Therefore, to forestall anybody else from claiming those seats, I am hereby officially doing so.

Ben

*This is Talossa, not Florida: COUNT EVERY VOTE!

REGISTRATION OF THE NONE PARTY! (Witt X 11891)
 posted by **[R. Ben Madison]** on May 17, 2004 - 23:39.

Sadly, the post title says it all...

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 Humblest Man on Earth

"This is not a rental car. This is privately owned!"

What a craven opportunist. (Witt X 11927)
 posted by **Michael Pope** on May 18, 2004 - 11:15.

oh Ben, my Ben, whatever happened to you?

You used to have style and presence, and a "classy" way about you. When I met you, you were a true personification of what Talossa was. You were kind and hospitable. You were a reasonable human being, and worthy of friendship. Now, it has all changed-- you have become unroyal, ugly, nasty, and mean. Is that your real intent? To be a megalomaniac despot? Seriously, kiddo, not trying to be unpleasant to you. You seem to be spiralling into a very bad and uncomfortable place. This worries me. It worries me not so much about Talossa, but you, and Amy.

I have made ugly and unkind statements to you and about you, to be sure. I never dreamed that you would take them more personally than I did about those you'd made to and about me. It ain't personal to me, Ben, any of this shit. I still think Talossa needs its King. I'm just beginning to wonder if you're the guy for the job. No offense intended.

I'd like to remain a Talossan citizen, at least, but if you can't even see why people are unhappy with you, then I don't know what to do. It's obviously stupid to try to reason with you from my now (intentionally) powerless position, but let me at least give it one shot.

You need a break, friend, and I'm glad you're taking one soon. I hope that you have a very good trip, and that you and Amy find fuels for your marriage therein. I'd like to see you be happy again. It seems like you're just doing the fault-finding thing over and over with all your subjects, even the ones who would have supported you if you hadn't attacked them.

I could analyze this crap for months (and , for all we know, there might be an anthropology student out there who is doing just that-- they're quite hot on the "Everquest" and such nowadays). But I won't. Hurray, eh?

However all this shit turns out, Ben, I'm grateful for the friendliness you showed me last July. I have not forgotten it, and won't. I'm deeply sorry that your anger with Chris, and his with you, are tearing the nation apart. If only you were reasonable, kind, and friendly person now that you seemed to me then....

That you have difficulties with Ián Metáiriá now is a symptom of whatever the hell is going on with you. I urge you to make it up somehow. Jesus Fucking Christ, Ben, you've known this guy forever. Without friendships, what is Talossa?

I'm willing to bend. I'm willing to be flexible. I'm willing to try to find a way to fit in. Talossa is still important to me. For me, anymore, there ARE NO SIDES TO TAKE. All I care about is the longevity of the nation. Which is why I quit as IM. Mark can do a better job than me, I'm sure, since I am completely without time as of late.

Yours sincerely,

Andy

RE: REGISTRATION OF THE NONE PARTY! (Witt X 11905)

posted by **Andy** on May 18, 2004 - 00:37.

Eventually, of course, Andy did take sides.



Dan Lorentz, ca. 1996

If Andy--one of the best Talossan bureaucrats who ever served me and one whose Wittenberg posts I usually enjoyed reading, is resigning because he thinks what you're doing is over-the-line, that's troubling to me. Talossa badly needs people like him--people who do important Talossan jobs quickly and well and who maintain a sense of humor about Talossan politics--to stay in office.

Ben, I'm worried.

Dan Lorentz

Ben: This is not good (Witt X 11954)

posted by **[Dan Lorentz]** on May 18, 2004 - 21:27.

I'm sorry to see you have to resign. You kept the Immigration Ministry going like clockwork and have caused me to calm down a bit too.

And yes, I, too will never forget just how cool Ben was with me in the two trips I have made to Talossa.

Gödafríeu R.
Senator, MA

Andy, you were a great IM! (Witt X 11906)

posted by **Gödafríeu Válcadác'h** on May 18, 2004 - 00:41.

> I'm sorry to see you have to resign. You kept the Immigration Ministry going like clockwork and have caused me to calm down a bit too.

Thanks for the kind words, Gödafríeu. I'm sorry about it too.

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> And yes, I, too will never forget just how cool Ben was with me in the two trips I have made to Talossa.

Ah, dang, and that's the whole problem for me-- Ben used to be a really great guy to be around. Now, I don't know what to think anymore.

Too personal? Maybe so. But it's time we all realized that Talossa is based, primarily, on friendly interaction. Used to be that even heated debates didn't overcome our innate friendships. Now, though, it's different. Ain't all Ben's fault. I gotta take a few lashes of the guilt-whip myself. I'm *this* close to being done with it, but I can't let YOU down, or [LÁN M.], or Chris, or Ben, or [Quedier], or anyone else-- seee? It's like a family. I owe you guys, all of you who have ever helped me or interacted with me, a great debt. I am grateful for your companionship.

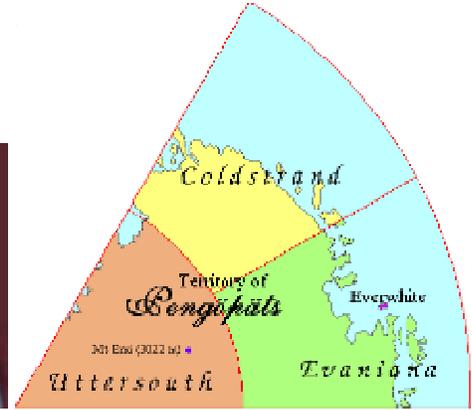
Yerz,

Andy

RE: Andy, you were a great IM! (Witt X 11909)

posted by **Andy** on May 18, 2004 - 00:57.

What could we do? Clearly, Ben Madison was no longer fit and morally-justified to rule. Most of us felt he was no longer even fit to be a Talossan citizen. Thanks to his voting bloc, Ben would get away scot-free. No retribution for Halloween, “Be proud of that, it’s all you have,” Lisagate, or anything else. At this writing he still has taken no punishment from the Kingdom of Talossa.



from l-r: the logo of the third Liberal Party of the Kingdom of Talossa; Phil Ledgerwood (from www.philledgerwood.com), and a map of the Territory of Pengopäts taken from the www.talossa.com archives at www.waybackmachine.org

For us, there was but one choice left. The Liberals made it. Phil Ledgerwood made it. The group that eventually became former Penguineans made it.

In our case, it would be more of a ‘nuclear option.’