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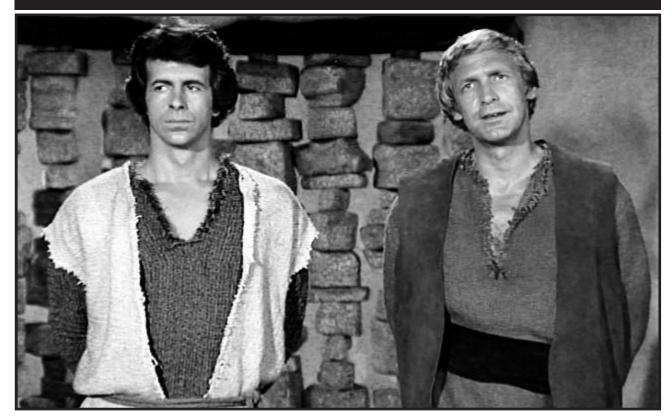
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# Fugitives On the Loose! HAVE YOU SEEN THESE MEN

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#### **Human Terrorists Still At Large**

CENTRAL CITY – Last night in a shocking episode two rogue humans broke out of the Central City jail apparently aided and abetted a chimpanzee, murdering one gorilla security officer in the process. Exact details are still sketchy at this time, but early reports indicate a bizarre and extraordinary series of events.

Beginning at approximately 8:45 pm, two human prisoners going by the peculiar names of "Virdon" and "Burke" escaped from their Central City jail cell. The details as to how the outlaws accomplished this feat are unknown at this time. The humans then made their way to a back service entrance of the jail where Security Force Lieutenant Arturo surprised and nearly recaptured the escapees. Events took on an tragic and nigh unbelievable twist when the chimpanzee Galen, son of Councilor Yalu, attacked and murdered Lieutenant Arturo, thus allowing the humans to escape.

Chief of Security Urko immediately took Galen into custody. Councilor Zaius was called onto the scene and the renegade chimpanzee was swiftly charged with murder, treason and aiding the escape of the humans.

This however, was only the beginning of the evening's unprecedented events. Councilor Zaius returned to his office in Central City only to find himself ambushed by the dangerous human duo and promptly taken hostage. Forcing Zaius to accompany them in an outrageous act of defiance against ape authority, the outlaws returned to the jail. Once there, they freed the traitor Galen and the three fled into the surrounding countryside.

Considering the savage acts of these beasts, it was with great good fortune that Councilor Zaius remained unharmed, left behind at the jail when the outlaws fled the scene. However, an unnamed gorilla soldier suffered a minor concussion.

This series of events was set in motion last week when Chief Urko captured Virdon & Burke near the village of Chalo. A third human member of their group was killed at the scene. Accused of terrorist activities, the two human outlaws were escorted under heavy guard to Central City for trial and questioning by the High Council.

Security Chief Urko, known to disagree with the Council before, stated, "The Council and their foolish questions. These are dangerous humans who should have been executed immediately". When asked, Chief Councilor Zaius declined to comment on the Council's specific actions but stated, "The High Council has always acted on behalf of the best interests of Simian society".



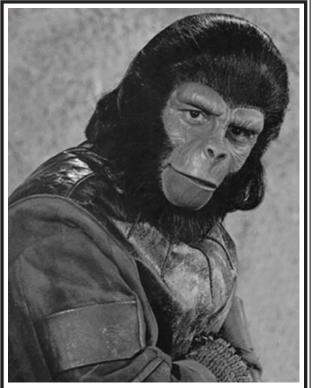
The Human outlaws were questioned by the High Council before their escape

No other Councilor could be reached for comment by press time.

The most bizarre aspect of this entire episode is the involvement of Galen, son of Councilor Yalu. (See Sidebar) Why an up-and-coming academician, in line to become no less than Councilor Zaius' personal assistant, suddenly becomes a renegade running with malcontent humans is still a mystery. Councilor Yalu could not be reached for comment.

However, Bela, wife of Councilor Vortus, and good friend of Ann, wife of Councilor Yalu, overheard her friend to remark, "My son is not a fool. Why would he risk his reputation and standing within the community, and the good name and position of his father on the High Council, by siding with renegade humans? No, my Galen is a victim of circumstance - probably even a kidnapping - twisted in the Security Chief's mind as a threat to ape society. My son is innocent."

Chief Urko has promised quick recapture of the three escapees and asks for the cooperation of all Apes in this matter. Any sightings of two humans traveling with a male Chimpanzee should be immediately reported to your local gorilla garrison or Prefect. The fugitives should be considered extremely dangerous.



# The Downfall of One of Central City's Best and Brightest

It's not easy to shock the heart and soul of Central City's citizens, but Galen, a bright up & coming chimpanzee from one of our most prominent families, has done just that. He's been charged with the murder (one can scarce utter the word) of one of the stalwart protectors of our city – Security Force Lieutenant Arturo, in order to aid the escape of two human terrorists. In one single, baffling moment, Galen threw away a secure and assuredly successful future by aiding in the escape of the most dangerous human outlaws ever to threaten the City.

#### The question is: Why?

By all accounts, Galen is an affable, intelligent, university educated chimp, son of esteemed Councilor Yalu and his lovely wife, Ann. Galen had just begun interviews with Zaius for the position of Assistant to the esteemed Chief Councilor and was the leading candidate for the job. (Any influence wielded by Zaius' old friend Yalu had been denied by all involved). The chimp's university years were unmarred by controversy save for a lone incident in which he joined in a demonstration outside of a veterinary hospital in hopes of bringing to a halt certain human experimentations – nothing unusual for a young, inquisitive student from a affluent family. Indeed, there seem to be no warning signs leading to this chimp's appallingly violent act.

Most of the friends and family interviewed seem completely astounded by the event, some flatly disbelieving. His mother, Ann, who was spotted having tea at **Apeacurian Fine Dining** (Yalu has refused to allow the press within thirty feet of his home) insisted adamantly "Galen would not and never has harmed anyone. I know my son." At Council quarters, Yalu initially refused comment, but then offered this terse statement: "My son is not an outlaw!" before retreating to his office and slamming the door shut in this reporter's face.

Dr. Kira, employed at Central City's hospital and a former 'paramour' of Galen, responded with initial disbelief but then offered that "Galen is a kind soul, and though we've had our disagreements, I cannot believe that he would hurt another ape. It must have been an accident." When given the details of the incident and pressed to provide an explanation of how such an accident might have occurred, she snapped, "I wasn't there, and neither were you. It's impossible to present a hypothetical scenario without all the facts."

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#### **Does Mystery Book Hold The Key To** Our Past? By Arnharius

The suggestion that a recent archeological discovery might hold the key to our past sparked outrage yesterday when it was presented for inspection at the Museum of Natural History.

The find – what appears to be a book of ancient manufacture - was unearthed during a recent excavation at the site of the new public school. Although most pages are badly damaged and almost indecipherable, some still remain containing words and images that hint at a lost age of technological wonder.

#### 'Puerile nonsense'

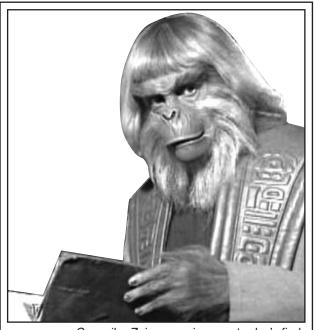
Visiting orangutan dignitary, Councilor Zaius, took the opportunity to examine the book and dismissed it as, 'puerile nonsense.' He then went on to say, "This is not the first example of precious time being wasted by the discovery of one of these so-called marvels. They are the products of malicious minds and idle hands. That they are a hoax is plain for everyone to to see. These 'artifacts' should be burned, and were I not such a charitable simian I would recommend that the miscreants that manufacture such nonsense be burned along with them."

Two years ago another such book was discovered purporting to contain a wealth of previously unknown knowledge relating to the science of anatomy and surgical procedures. The book - endorsed by its discoverer, disgraced surgeon, Dr Theodore - was later confiscated by the Ministry of science.

#### 'Blatant Lies.'

"It was a blatant lie," insisted renowned Governor of health, Dr Octavius. "To even allow permission to view its contents would have been irresponsible and dangerous in the extreme. To encourage our doctors to consider the outrageous procedures contained therein would have simply resulted in a series of quite unnecessary and tragic deaths." When asked why he was so sure of the make-believe nature of the book Dr Octavius went on to say. "The very first page purported to show detailed anatomy of a human! What more proof of utter nonsense do you require?"

It was suggested to him that conspiracy theorists believe there is more to it than that and he retorted angrily "By theorists you mean chimpanzee schoolchildren with too much time on their hands and too little thoughts to occupy their heads."



Councilor Zaius examines yesterday's find

While this book currently remains in the custody of the ministry of science, yesterday's find has now been removed from the care of the Natural History Museum pending further studies by Councilor Zaius.

#### **Cruelty Allegations** Against Urko Favorite

Animal rights activists have staged a demonstration outside of the municipal offices of Dr Wanda.

Wanda - advisor to the Central City Security forces caused a storm of controversy last year, when details of her government-sponsored experiments, performed on live humans were made public.

Campaigners were protesting that such experiments violate such basic rights that should be accorded to any thinking animal. Chief of Security, Urko made this rare public statement;

"These claims are unfounded, Dr Wanda is attempting to help these miserable creatures - not cause them harm. She should be commended for her charitable spirit."

All protesters were later arrested and charged with causing a public disturbance.

#### **Councilor** Disgraced By Jayko

Dramatic scenes erupted yesterday in the chambers of what should have been a peaceful meeting. Whilst delivering his speech on the new proposals governing food allocation, popular chimpanzee statesman Yalu was meet with cries of derision from the gorilla and orangutan factions as they made public their opinion of the recent behaviour of his only son, Galen.

Senator Maximus (orang) presiding over the meeting was unable to restore order and called for a recession. He later said. "It is unfortunate that the sins of the son have been so squarly placed upon the shoulders of the father." When questioned if Councilor Yalu can be expected to ever recover from this setback to his political career Maximus would only venture a cautious. "No comment".

Although Councilor Yalu remains unavailable, his wife, Ann has issued the following statement.

"My husband remains a loyal servant to our simian society. Neither he nor I possess the full facts concerning the recent allegations toward our son. We have agreed to cooperate fully with the authorities and will pray for a swift resolution to what we know in our hearts to be nothing more than a unfortunate misunderstanding."

Galen, who stands accused of heresy and defending two highly dangerous human outlaws, is currently wanted for questioning by Chief of Security Urko. His current whereabouts remain unknown. Citizens are therefore urged to contact local authorities with any pertinent information.



Councilor Yalu and wife -Not-so-proud parents of fugitive chimpanzee, Galen.



Artists impression of what a dumb human might look like

#### **Dumb humans**

It's official! Humans are growing dumber! A recent study conducted over a 20 year period by the Institute of Animal Intelligence has concluded that the basic cognizant abilities of the average human are on the decrease. (Like we didn't know already!)

'A subject tested today will generally score lower than an equivalent subject tested twenty years ago' announced Dr Janus. When asked what this means for the species, Dr Janus predicted. 'At this rate, give it another five hundred years and I doubt they'll be able to talk at all.' He then added. 'Imagine how peaceful the world will be then.' - This could be something to look forward to folks!

## ARE ROWDY HUMANS KEEPING YOU AWAKE AT NIGHT? **ARE BARKING DOGS DRIVING YOU CRAZY?**



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#### Tragic Downfall Continued from page one...

Veska, a second cousin of Galen and Prefect of Chalo, a small village south of Central City, arrived in town on business yesterday. Chalo has been the locale of some peculiar goings-on of late, including the arrest of the two human terrorists that culminated in the murder of the gorilla Arturo. But Veska is tight-lipped about the business, clearly fearful of discussing the topic. He did, however, offer the only ominous opinion of Galen: "I always knew he'd get in trouble someday. Some chimps are too curious for their own good." When pressed, Veska declined further comment.

There have been some rumblings within the City, gossip if you will, that Galen was indeed an innocent victim of a cover-up. But what dark secret about two desperado humans could warrant such desperate measures? It seems hardly credible.

We may never know the answers, until or unless Galen and his human companions are captured and questioned. In the meantime, his family and friends mourn, grappling with the disgrace the young, once promising chimp has brought down upon them - and himself.

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# Urko Vows to Catch The Fugitives!

A spokes-simian for the Security forces delivers the following statement to the press.

"To all citizens, let it be known that the combined resources of the High Council and all the Security forces are at this very moment working together toward reaching a peaceful resolution for the apprehension of escaped human fugitives Virdon, Burke and the renegade Chimpanzee, Galen.

Citizens are urged **not** to approach these criminals but to report their whereabouts **immediately** to your nearest Prefect or appointed Security officer.

We fully expect and remain confident that all apes will cooperate fully, however it must be made absolutely clear that **anyone**, male, female or child caught aiding the fugitives will be subject to the most severe penalties.

Furthermore, please make it equally clear to any humans known to you that for them the punishment for the same offense is death.

Chief of Security Urko would like it known that he continues to dedicate himself to the protection of our citizens and vows not to rest until these murderers finally reap the justice they so richly deserve."

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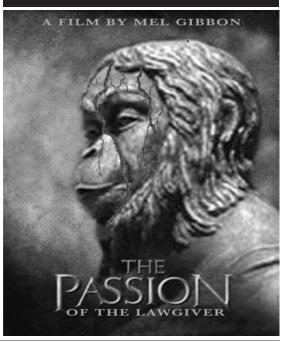


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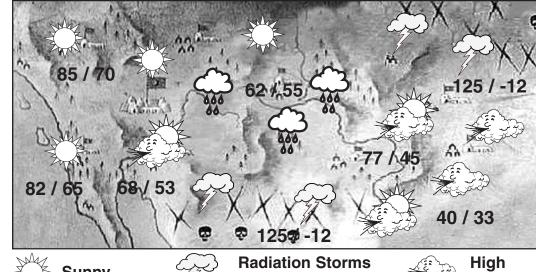
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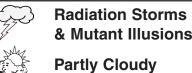
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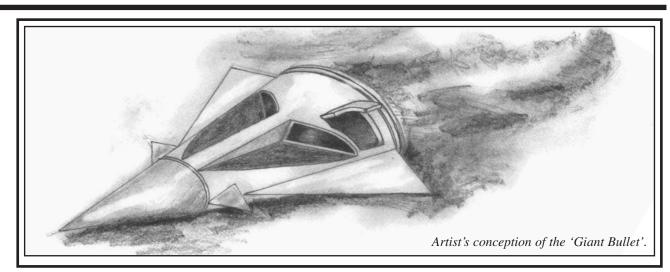
### **Burning Spear appears over** the village of Chalo

#### Portent of Doom, Scientific Miracle or Hysterical Hoax? By Petronius

The normally docile human inhabitants of the community were transformed into a frightened, clamoring mob by this vision. "We were at work in the fields," one human said, "when I heard a sound like the buzzing of a thousand insects. I looked up and a giant burning spear was falling from the sky towards me. Everyone else was looking up and could see it too. We threw ourselves to the ground, afraid we were to be struck dead but it passed right over us. We watched until it was lost from sight behind the hills. Then we heard a noise like a mountain splitting open... and then silence."

Many other humans from the settlement offer similar accounts. Abandoning their duties, they ran to seek help from the chimpanzee in charge of the community - Prefect Veska - who is dismissive of the story. "It's true that there was a disturbance, but the bolt of light, the deep rumbling that was heard; it was a freak storm - nothing more", commented the Prefect who personally inspected the countryside along the path of the 'flaming spear'. "Naturally, we went to investigate, but we found nothing." He then adds, "Humans are a cowardly, superstitious lot. They are like children, whose imaginations sometimes get the better of them! Trust me. Nothing out of the ordinary happened here."

Every simian schoolboy knows the tale of a miraculous flying machine that fell out of the sky ten years ago and this incident seems just as fantastic. However one ape is telling a different tale, a trooper from the local garrison. The gorilla in question (who wishes to remain anonymous) tells of events markedly different from those related by Prefect Veska, "The prefect's son claimed to have seen something fall to earth, to the west of the town and guided us there. The forest had been torn in two and there, in the middle of a great trench, was a giant bullet with what seemed like



a door, gaping open. The Prefect and a trooper entered it. He forbade the rest of us to approach but we all looked inside."

The trooper's most astonishing revelation was that the body of a dead human was found inside the 'giant bullet'. "He was unlike any human I have ever seen. He was small, and dressed in strange, white clothes." He pauses, "Prefect Veska instructed us to bury the creature. But before we did, I cut this from his coat." The trooper produced a grubby square of white cloth for examination. The design is strange but beautifully made. On it is a circle, within which are a number of strange symbols and the letters A-N-S-A.

When asked to comment on the trooper's account, Veska remained unmoved, "Forgive me for criticizing a fellow ape," he said, "but I am sure you know that humans are not the only fanciful, superstitious inhabitants of our world." He then warns. "One might expect a rag like, *Simian Scrolls* to print stories of such nature - but surely not a fine journal that possesses the integrity of, *The Ape*."

Examination of the countryside around Chalo does show some signs of the destruction the trooper had described but no object resembling a "giant bullet" or "flaming spear".

The final word on all this may belong to Carsia, a female chimpanzee recently appointed as a scientific advisor to the High Council. She commented on the incident from her office in Central City, "It has long been accepted fact that flight is a scientific impossibility. However, some new theories have come to light which may dispute that. If flight is possible, another more technologically advanced Ape civilizations may have discovered its secret." When queried about the report of a human body being found inside the cylinder, Carsia smiles, "If you were an ape, would you risk the life of one of your fellow simians in a dangerous experiment? Of course not - you would use an animal - a human - to test your device. Of course, these are just theories and speculation not scientific proof. Most likely the incident in Chalo is just a hoax cooked up by some superstitious humans who don't have enough work to keep them out of trouble."

So what exactly did happen in Chalo last week? We may never know. But one thing is sure, scientists and conspiracy theorists will be arguing about it for years to come.

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# SIMIAN SPORTS

Favoured jockey, Zondo, beats off reporters

#### HORSERACING SEASON GETS UNDERWAY

Amid Accusations Of Dishonorable Practices

by Incitatus

The hills of the Rural Zone are once again trembling to the thunder of beating hooves as the horseracing season gets underway. As ever, at its heart is the instigator of the event: Chief of Security Urko. Also, as ever, our respected guardian of public morality is finding himself at the heart of a series of accusations suggesting he does not always win by honest means. Despite this, with three wins already under his belt, he was in good humor when I met with him earlier this week. His response to the allegations leveled against him was predictable.

"Absolute nonsense!" He proclaimed indignantly. "What possible satisfaction could I gain from defeating a handful of chimpanzee administrators in a mere horse race?"

When it was suggested that he stands to gain half the loser's lands, and half their horses (the price of the wager), his bemusement increased, "After my victories of last year, I already have more land and more horses than I could possibly need; Why would I risk the public disgrace of being caught cheating, in order to win more?" Warming to his theme, he continues, "I have the fastest horse and the best jockey in the land, so for me to win all the time is perfectly understandable!"



#### ABOUT THE PRODUCTION:

20th Century-Fox is producing a "Planet of the Apes" TV series which airs in the 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. time-slot on Fridays during the 1974-75 season over CBS-TV. The star is Roddy McDowall, veteran of four "Apes" movies. He plays Galen, a chimpanzee who befriends two human astronauts who have slipped through a time warp and returned to a far-future Earth now ruled over by simians. The astronauts are played by, Ron Harper, who was a regular on "87th Precinct," and "Garrison's Gorillas", and James Naughton, who has garnered three major awards on Broadway playing Edmund in Eugene O'Neill's "A Long Day's Journey Into Night."

Also starring are Booth Colman and Mark Lenard. Colman plays the head of the orangutans, the ruling class of the "Planet." Colman has an impressive Broadway career behind him and is best remembered for his roles as Wirz, in "The Andersonville Trial" and as Clarence Darrow in "Inherit the Wind." Mark Lenard plays Urko, a gorilla, If severe measures have to be taken, gorillas carry out the desired action. "In the theatre," says Lenard, "I've played everything from 'Oedipus' to 'Three Men on a Horse." Among the many TV appearances he's made, Lenard is best remembered as a co-star in the "Here Come the Brides" series.

The principal drive of the series is that of the apes pursuing the two astronauts, Virdon and Burke. A warp has pushed them forward in time, humans are now an inferior species and little more than slaves. Unlike the original "Apes" motion pictures, the humans in the series have powers of speech. The change was made to allow more plot flexibility and to provide the possibility of roles for guest stars. However, if the two astronauts are not captured, the apes know they (Virdon and Burke) might inform the presently inferior humans that they, themselves, once ruled the earth. With this information, the humans might again attempt to rise to power.

The most amazing feature is the daily creation of "appliances". Dan Striepeke, has a crew of a dozen makeup artists working under him and it takes three full hours to apply the features. This means that if Roddy McDowall is to be on stage, in his appliance at 8:30 a.m, he must report to makeup by 5:00 a.m. McDowall "psychs" himself during this arduous task by listening to classical music.

Actors wearing makeup appliances cannot eat solid foods, but must partake of liquids by means of straws. On days when the heat can rise to 110 degrees on location at the Century Ranch in the Conejo Valley, some actors can lose as much as ten pounds a day.

Executive producer Herbert Hirschman, active in television since 1948, has directed and produced countless shows in every category of the medium. He has also received many coveted awards for the excellence of his "behind the camera" artistic endeavors.

Stan Hough, is the producer of "Planet of the Apes". His function as a producer has swiftly risen. He first produced the feature film "Emperor of the North", starring Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine. After hitting top Nielsen ratings with his 90-minute motion picture for television, "Mrs. Sundance", he was assigned the producership of "Planet of the Apes".

The "Planet of the Apes" product merchandising is mind-boggling. It was expected that the sales of posters, toys, masks, kits, jigsaw puzzles and the like would gross in excess of \$50 million, as well as publicizing and promoting the series.

# Sword Wielders In Kaymak By Sheeta

We thought we had seen some strange sports in the provinces: barrel throwing in Ballarus, insect races in Glennok and even a bizarre game where players hit a ball with a stick to run around a diamond shaped field in Valerius. But the village of Kaymak has them all beat.

In an amphitheater fully as large as the grand one at Central City, Barlow, prefect of Kaymak for some twenty-five years, has instituted 'The Games'.

The Games are simply competitive bouts, strictly delineated by the prefect, the rules of which are unwaveringly enforced by the village security forces. They are also between humans. Yes... *humans*.

Humans fight in Kaymak, under inflexible guidelines laid down by Prefect Barlow. And, the humans fight with swords - to the death! Barlow insists that the Games are responsible for Kaymak's decade of peace.

He claims that since instituting these events there have been no incidents of violence, no outbursts, no disturbances of any kind over the last ten years. The Prefect claims that the secret lies in giving the humans what they want - *violence* - but in a controlled setting, and always culminating in death. Humans thrive on it, he reasons:

#### The Philosophy of Violence

"Man by nature is hostile and aggressive," Prefect Barlow philosophizes, "War and revolution. Destruction and murder. That was always the natural outlet for man's aggression. It would continue today; but we can no longer tolerate that, can we?"

"We, the apes of the world, have a responsibility as man's natural superiors to guide him away from self-destructiveness, a trait which often endangers ape lives and properties. Man must be kept docile and unwarlike. But that is a difficult problem which even the Supreme Council has failed to solve.

But the solution is simple enough. Find an outlet for man's hostility. That is why I have instituted the Games. You see, it is within human nature to thirst for blood. And I give it to them here, in the arena, where they vie for dominance in a hostile, physical, brutal fight to the death. They work off all their aggression here.

After each event, they live quietly and peacefully in the village, awaiting the next. All the human hostility in my village is used up in the arena. Nowhere else."

Prefect Barlow even has a human champion that aids him in keeping this peace. His name is Tolar, and the humans love and respect him. Why? Because he always puts on a good show, and has never lost a Game."

Well, all I can say is good luck to Prefect Barlow, Kaymak, and even the human, Tolar. May your methods keep peace in the village.

