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meet some of the members of our fellowship


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editor's note



Hi, Miennites

Welcome to the first issue of The Realm of Nienna's very own bi-monthly magazine, 'Nienna News'. Ta da!!!!

Within these pages is a feast of reading. We will meet and greet two Realms members who will introduce themselves to us; tell us about their everyday life, work, hobbies, interests, home towns, hopes and aspirations. This will be included within each future issue. 

There will be a range of topics covered. In each issue there will be a section dedicated to Realm members' writing; ~ allowing a member to allow us to enjoy their writing skills in a short story; **poetry** ~ perhaps a couple or three short poems, or one long one; **artwork** ~ we know there are artists out there amongst our talented members, so there will be displays of lovely drawings, paintings, etc; **photography** ~ again, we have David Baileys amongst us and will be treated to a page of piccies. Also we hope to spotlight members' collections, be they LotR related or just a particular preference, pigs, cats, horses, etc.

A featured Character article will be included in each issue, covering book and movie. And items of news and interest surrounding the Actors who portrayed our most favourite characters.

In future issues, it is hoped there will be a serious section, where an article will discuss some happening around the globe or environmental issues. Also, we will be delighted to inform everyone of the achievements of other Members; exams passed, degrees earned, competitions won, etc.

And lastly, our Fun Section. Our Master of Fungorn Forest will be waiting for you to join him.

For future issues we will of course be wanting volunteers for articles. So you, you and you!! Lol!! Or perhaps the soft approach . pweetty pwease ^{~flutters eyelashes~} There will be the ubiquitous thread on the Realm for people to offer their services and submit any other goodies.

Thanks everyone ^{~hugs~} all the lovely Miennites.

Chief Weeper ~ Rosie xxx



nienna headlines

*Ready, set, click!

A brand new competition for all you art lovers: the Photo of the Month. This time we've replaced our paintbrushes with digital cameras in a brave attempt to capture the Lady of Autumn. The number of participants has been remarkable and we have been treated with a lot of breathtaking images. We'll be voting for the best picture in the following week, so look for our winner in the next issue of Nienna News.

*Trivia tournament

A quest for all loremasters has started. The Nienna trivia tournament, hosted by our glorious leader SeenZ, is a great place for all Tolkien brainiacs to test their knowledge. After three months of competition we have 2 winners that deserve our praises: Griffin who won the Literature competition twice and SeenZ who won the Movie competition. This month the topic is Silmarillion, Hobbit and Unfinished Tales, so come and join the fun.

Forth Eorlingas count

Place	Rider's name	FE
1	SeenZ	27
2	Rose	23
3	Ainariel	22
4	Griffin	15
5	Magoleth	15
6	Rebecca	14
7	Aegor	13
8	Lozadora	12
9	Annuniel	7
10	Elfmaidenoflorien	2
11	Ian-fear	1
12	Frodos_cat	1
13	Gwindor	1

*from last 750 posts

*New members

We have had the pleasure of having a lot of new members join our realm: FellowShipFriend, WillowByTheWater, Salquendor, HisDisciple, ElfmaidenofLorien, Pippin_n_Aragorn, Bronwynn, Almatari and of course the CoE's news admin Moruenna. A warm welcome to you all!

by Aegor

Carrying Nienna with you

I didn't find LotR before I first went to see the Fellowship of the Ring by one Peter Jackson. But after that I had to read the LotR, read the Hobbit, watch the Two Towers, read the Silmarillion, read the LotR again. By the time the RotK came to the theatres I took the last, crucial step by joining the Council of Elrond and there was no going back. My life had changed.

When I joined the CoE I hesitated for a while to join a realm but joining the Realm of Nienna has turned out to be probably one of the best decisions I've ever made. Before joining the CoE I had never talked with people online and I felt very shy when I first hung around the forums. But in the Realm I got such a warm welcome and with less people I felt more comfortable and I started to participate and post more in CoE altogether. One almost totally new thing I learned because I joined Nienna is writing. I dared to step inside the Purple Duck Pub and slowly I actually

got the hang of it and learned a bit how to write. And of course while writing more my English skills have improved and even though I still can't complain about too creative brains I can say I've learned to use a bit that little imagination I have by writing.

But of course the best thing that my Realm and participating there has brought, are the people. My friends, who are the basis of everything I've gotten from my Realm. So many times they have comforted me when I've been sad, so many times I've laughed with tears in my eyes with them and it's great to share sometimes fun and sometimes serious thoughts with so many different people. And being in my Realm and meeting all these wonderful people actually threw me almost on the other side of the world to meet one of them. Altogether being part of the CoE and the Realm of Nienna has given me much but first of all I got a place where I can spend time with friends, a home.

by Ainariel



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How to catch a FE



1) The Lurking Method

How to - Sneak into a corner of the FE room and wait for the FE to come floating by. Then jump out, snatch it away before anyone else does, and go back to your corner. Repeat as needed.

Popularity - Very high
Success rate - 91.33%

Main reasons for failure - Lurker falling asleep on a quiet day, two or more lurkers colliding when trying to grab the FE, lurker giving him/herself away by lighting a fire to keep warm.



2) Intuition - Trust Yourself

How to - If your brain suddenly tells you, "I think there might be a FE waiting...", drop whatever you're doing, run to the nearest computer, push the person at the computer away, and rush to the FE room. If there is an FE waiting, take it, smile, give yourself a pat on the back, apologize to whoever you push and kicked out of your way, and return to whatever you were doing. If there's no FE, hit yourself on the head, mutter things under your breath and stay away from other people.

Popularity - Medium
Success rate - 5.87%

Main reasons for failure - Usually, your brain is just trying to add some excitement to your day or trying to get you to do some exercise.



3) The Paid Substitute Way

How to - Employ a substitute to lurk in the FE room. Whenever an FE comes by, the substitute will contact you and you can add another FE to your hoard!

Popularity - Surprisingly low
Success rate - 13.13%

Main reasons for failure - Substitutes soon learn that FEs are better than money...



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4) Logic!

How to - The total number of Niennites, their time zones, the number of Niennites who are online, and their time zones, the average number of FEs earned in a weekday and the average number of FEs earned during a weekend... put all these into different mathematical formulae and you're bound to get one that tells you when each FE will come by each day!

Popularity - Low

Success rate - nil

Main reasons for failure - Nobody has discovered the correct formula yet... I quit trying long ago.



5) The Get-an-FE-Today Spell

How to - Crush one mango leaf dried on the third Friday of the summer of the 49213rd leap year into 5.71 ounce of kiwi juice. Draw a circle on your forehead with this mixture, sit cross-legged inside a circle of lit red candles, and recite "There's an FE in my coffee" 83 times. You're guaranteed to get an FE within 10 minutes!

Popularity - Low

Success rate - nil

Main reasons for failure - Nobody has been patient enough to recite the magic words 83 times... lazy people!



6) The Niennite Partnership method

How to - Make sure another Niennite is online, and work together towards your FE! Repeat as often as needed.

Popularity - Very high

Success rate - 100%

Main reasons for failure - nil - 'Cos all Niennites are lovely and generous!

Note: If none of the above work for you, you can always depend on Lady Luck!



by SeenZ

by SeenZ

many meetings



Ainariel & Kitty



I met Frodos_Cat aka Kitty in the Realm of Nienna almost three years ago. She felt like a very nice person and talking with her confirmed that she is, and that we actually are quite much alike. After a while I started thinking that it would be nice to meet her but it seemed like a very distant idea and hard to arrange because quite much time and money would be needed for a trip from Finland to California. But last fall I started to think that I'm actually in a situation where the time would be actually quite easily arranged and when I checked the flight prices which were surprisingly decent, it all started suddenly to seem quite doable. When Kitty told she was able to arrange free time too and that I could stay with her, I bought the tickets and started to plan and wait for the next spring.

Then last May I finally flew to USA. I first spent a week sightseeing San Francisco and from there I took the bus to Redding. After eight hours of travelling I finally started to get closer and I started to feel a bit nervous. How would she be like in real life? Would we still get along when we would actually spend time together? The bus station was almost empty and with her Kitty shirt there was no doubt who the person was I was supposed to meet. And after the first hour I knew we would get along great and that we would have a wonderful two weeks together.



Shadowfax

prince of horses

Shadowfax, was chief of the Mearas, noble horses that lived as long as a Man with extraordinary strength and intelligence. He was the greatest of all horses at the end of the Third Age. His coat was as silver in the daylight and shadowy grey at night which made him appear almost invisible.



He could travel great distances without tiring and was swift as the wind.

It was September 20, 3018 when Gandalf met King Thëoden, warning him of Saruman's treachery but Thëoden would not heed Gandalf's words and told him to take any horse and leave. Shadowfax was in the fields when Gandalf saw him. No one had been able to ride the horse, but in three days Gandalf persuaded Shadowfax to carry him. Wearing no saddle or bridle, the horse and his rider travelled to the Shire from Rohan in six days.

Gandalf released Shadowfax on the Ettenmoors, from where the horse returned to Rohan, arriving on February 24 3019. He would come to Gandalf whenever the Wizard called on him.



Shadowfax was in the south of Rohan when he felt Gandalf's thoughts asking him to come to Fangorn Forest. On his way, the horse met Arod and Hasufel, who had become separated from Aragorn and Legolas. All three horses arrived at Fangorn together.



Nazgul's Niggles



Seven of the Nine Ringwraiths had arrived and were desperately trying to keep their robes from flapping away in the strong wind that was always blowing across the face of Barad-dûr.

"Thesssse robessss are very impractical you know," hissed one of the huddled shapes.

"Here we go again. The same complaint for a thousand years; every single time we've stood up here in this breeze." muttered another one of the anonymous hoods to the murmured agreement of another "and only the Dark Lord knows why he insists on using that hissing voice when there's no-one around to be frightened by it; that's only for show really."

One of the hoods turned towards the complainer (presumably with a questioning expression but who can really tell when there's no face to speak of) "We tried your clothing suggestion once, remember? That was the only time I had to use my "Evil 'R Us Corporation" identity card to prove my evilness! I do not care for a repeat of any 'sensible and sturdy clothing'. We cannot project any sort of fear with that and the general aim of our black robes is to be menacing before we even hiss a word! Idiot, be quiet until the others are here. Then we'll go see what He's got for us to ride this time."

"I really hope this time is better than those giant Crebain he bred for us last year." said another Ringwraith just as he arrived, "The accursed things couldn't fly under their own weight. I can still hear the splat when the first one launched itself off of the Tower and just dropped straight down. Although I seem to recall that there was a feast of something like chicken that night, so it's probably not all bad."



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"Well it can't be assss bad assss thosssse giant rat thingssss" came from the constant complainer "we all looked abssssolutely ridiculousss on and those really odd wormsssss that burrowed under the ground while I was sssstill trying to ride it and never came back again leaving me to climb out of a fifty-foot hole."



"Or those Wargs" chimed in another voice, "those ones that never obeyed any orders from anyone that ate an entire formation of Orcs before the Dark Lord chained them up again. I hear he keeps them tied to that throne he had made and threatens the Orcs by taking them on something he calls 'walkies' around the encampments."

"We were finally onto a winner with those horses;" remarked a wistful sounding voice from the back, "no strange mutations, just your average horse with a bit of extra evil added. Those red bits of material we could put over their eyes for that evil glow were an absolute winner as well."

"Well" said the Witch-king as he strode towards the others (late as usual because he does enjoy a dramatic entrance), "seeing as we were the ones who managed to get them drowned I reckon we shouldn't be mentioning them to the Dark Lord. In fact, we should probably just accept it and ride whatever hideous freaks he has managed to create this time. Otherwise those smug gits, the Mouth and his lackeys, will probably be getting our Rings and we'll be cast into whatever hellish place he can think of; probably Troll-washing duties. Seeing as we're all here now we'll have to go and see Him. Remember everyone- even if it's a flying lizard with atrocious breath we've all got to act as if it's the best thing in the world!"

by lan-fear

Fellowship of Nienna *Griffin*



Real Name: Rebekah (Beckie)
Birth date: September 24
Nicknames: Beck, Griffin, Griffy, Isilsule, Morel (and my personal favorite) "Crazy Bird Lady"
Lives in: Woody mountains of north Idaho USA. Not quite in-the-middle-of-no-where, but we can see it from the back porch.



Occupation: I do a little bit of everything it seems, ranging from selling my paintings at a friend's shop, to Taxidermist (yes, the stuffing/mounting/ whatever you want to call it deer heads, bear rugs, strutting turkeys, etc.), to selling the birds I breed (see pet list ^__^) I've ended up lumping them all together to form my own business known as "Feather & Brush".



Fav food:



(cheese)

Fav drink:



(milk)

Fav season:



(winter, except for the shoveling snow part)

Fav fruit:



(service berries)

Hobbies:

Painting



(watercolor)

Fencing



(sabre)

Photography



(so I can take my own reference photos to paint)

- * puttering with Photoshop
- * writing Tengwar notes to confuse people



Fellowship of Nienna Lozadora



Name: Laura

Birth date: July 2nd

Astrological sign: Cancer ♋

Nicknames: Loz, Lozadora, Laura Lozadora etc

Where do you live: Somerset, England, but I'd rather live in Scandinavia

Occupation: Student, I study Geography, History and Textiles at college.

Hobbies:

Music



Horseriding

Reading



Sewing

Pottery



Fav food:



Vegetable lasagne

Fav cartoon:



Clifford the big red dog

Pets

A dog, four tarantulas and a praying mantis (the tarantulas and the praying mantis are actually my brothers, but they've become somewhat of family pets!)



Fav drink:



Lemon tea

Fav season:



Winter

Fav fruit:



Mango

Fav musician:



Nightwish





I first heard of lord of the Rings just before the Two Towers Movie came out, I went to see it and was instantly hooked! Then I got hold of the books and read them all in about a week! Since then I've become a bit of a crazy obsessed fan, I once sat in a Science lesson and made an exact replica of the one ring out of blue tack, complete with Elvish inscriptions!



And I think I am the world's only Christian Rivers fan girl (correct me if I'm wrong) you know, the WETA digital guy with a beard in the extra features.



My most embarrassing moment was probably at school, when I had to collect an award in assembly in front of the whole year, not only did I trip up on the way to collect the award, but I also tripped in exactly the same place on the way back to my seat, everyone laughed at me and I was so embarrassed!



There was also a time when I was in the car singing away loudly to the radio with the window down, we stopped at a roundabout and I turned around to find lots of people in the next car peering in at me and laughing. *hides*



One of my most favouritest hobbies is sword fighting in the middle of town with my friends, in true Aragorn style! We do tend to get a few odd looks, sword fighting with plastic swords and quoting LotR but I'm sure that those people are just jealous! I'd really like a proper, real sword but I think that might be a bit dangerous!



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Fungorn forest



Welcome my friends to Fungorn forest, the funniest forest ever to have grown inside a magazine. Feel free to take a stroll and enjoy some of the wonderful and amazing attractions we've prepared for you. If you're in mood for some jokes visit our best comedian, master Merry, and enjoy some classical D&D

humor. If it's the stars you're interested, look for our master forseer Lord Elrond, and ask him to rub his magical balls, you might even catch a glimpse of the future. If it's the transportation you're into to, then check out the new Mearas Cabrio. We also have some legendary movie moments in the Captions and captives so take a look and find out what the characters really wanted to say. Tired after all this excitement? Then just sit under a tree and relax with our crossword and mystery pictures. There will even be a reward for the luckiest contestant!

Enjoy your stay, your host for the evening...

Aegor F






Mystery picture competition

Guess which famous LotR character is on this picture and Pm the answer along with the crossword's ? word to Aegor for a chance to win a unique picture of yourself as a trilogy character of your choosing!



Crossword

	Son of Galmod	Wolf of Isen	Rohan's Capitol	"No ... can kill me"	Elanor Gamgee	Keeper of Narya	River Angren	Linda Took		Durin's Bane	City of Saruman	Numenorian Paganism
?									Container			
Brown Wizard									Poisonous Snake Money - Nothing			
Type of metal					Square root of 196			Talan Bethplace of Eorndil				
Mongol Golf Resort				Oldest Ent ... Dinen	∇						Double S	
Eanduil		Horse of Rohan					Mythical monster (pl)	>				
	Hammer of the Underworld	Dark Lord							Type of a giant			
Gilly Grubb			Group of three Rohan King						Doom	20, 5, 11, 1		Gem stone
Rumil		Puncture (Leish) Male Name					To be better			∇		
Ogolkath Cennis Org.				Beginning of Erendil Vilja			Lorien Dental Estate	>			Pallando End of OK	
Courage						Blackberry (Leish) Cheapest letter						
... Guldur				Saddest Ular							Lorien	

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Jokes from o'er the Brandywine



Q. How many elves does it take to sharpen a sword?

A. Three: one to sharpen the sword and two to write a song about it so that when the first elf is done, four hundred years later, they'll remember whose sword it was.

Q. How many Elves does it take to light a candle?

A. Three: one to sing, one to dance, one to summon the spiritual guardian of joyous flame forth into the realm material.

An elven bard walks into a tavern and asks the crowd, "Who's dragon is that outside?" An older gentleman, dressed in archmage robes stands up, and replies "Mine. Why?"

The bard somberly approaches the mage. "I regret to inform you that the halfling in our party has killed your dragon"

"What!" erupts the archmage. "Your halfling killed my Sparky! How did this happen!?"

The bard sheepishly looks at the archmage and replies "Well...the little guy got stuck in its throat!"



An elf, a dwarf, and a halfling are walking along, and they come upon an old lamp. After picking it up and brushing off the dirt, a genie appears in a cloud of blue smoke. The genie says, "Since you have summoned me forth, I will grant you each one wish!"

The elf pauses, and says, "I wish all elves could put aside their differences, and live together on Evermeet, where we can be happy."

The genie nods. "Done."

The halfling thinks for a second, then says, "I wish that all of us halflings could live in a place all our own, without anyone else around to pick on us, where we could live in peace and happiness."

Again, the genie nods. "Done."

The dwarf thinks for a second. "You mean to tell me that all of the elves and halflings are gone off to their own lands, and aren't here anymore?"

"That is correct," says the genie.

"Oh," says the dwarf. "In that case... I'll have an ale."

- ‡ If you glue two halflings together you get a full-ling
- ‡ If a halfling gets cut in half by a trap you get two quarterlings
- ‡ If you have a human called Cooper, is his halfling equivalent mini cooper?



Elrond's balls of foresight



Welcome to the **EN** horoscope section run by our master forseer Lord Elrond. After looking into his magical balls he was able to share with us his visions of the future. So, check out your astrological sign and see what the stars have prepared for you.



Aries

You will receive a positive response from the Elven Escort Service.
Health: risk of food poisoning.

Taurus

If leaving your home be sure to bring along a large canister of anti-bug spray.



Gemini

Your fellowship members will be hiding food from you, so make sure to carry your own frying pan.
Health: you really should go on a diet.

Cancer

Beware of the Rohan police, they will be conducting drug tests to all riders passing through Isengard.
Health: don't be hasty.



Leo

You will find the largest marble in Shire history. However, be sure to wear 3D glasses before looking into it.

Virgo

Make sure your bungee cord is safely attached before jumping off the Bridge of Khazad-dum. Be careful not to mix your grey and white laundry.



Libra

Some uninvited guests will crash into your keep tonight, so don't forget to prepare your best china. Health: beware of horses.



Scorpio

You'll be enjoying some beautiful Rohan landscapes from a fortified castle, so make sure you wear your high heels to fully enjoy the view.



Sagittarius

10,000 Orcs will be delivering your fan mail tonight. Health: you are going to have a bad hair day.



Capricorn

You will look hot today. Be sure to wear some sun lotion.



Aquarius

Keep your eyes open, something precious could pass your way. Health: risk of burns.



Pisces

You'll enjoy a game of hide and seek with two hobbits. You'll receive several prank calls on your palantir. Health: make an appointment with your oculist.



Captions and captives



by Reasonably_Crazy

Frodo: ... Sam? ...I think I forgot the Ring.



by I__am__no__man

Merry: *reading* Old Toby was here.
Pippin: No way!



by AtinarielPalantir

Pippin: "Merry, how you do say in elvish "that shampoo bottle was already broken when we got here" ...?"



by Rosearialelven

Merry and Sam: "So many choices!!"
Pippin: "I'm having a Cheese Burger and double fries."

Mearas cabrio

Are you tired of all that walking? Is Mt. Doom just a little too far to go on foot? Are those nasty Uruk-Hai running a bit too fast for your liking? Or do you simply wish to experience the feeling of wind in your hair? Well look no further, because we've got just what the doctor ordered - the all-new *Mearas cabrio*!

This state of the art wonder will show you the meaning of haste. Powered by a mighty 1-horse power Rohan grass engine, this baby will cross 50 miles in a single day without breaking a sweat. The patented all wheel drive will help you stay on the road under any weather condition, and the comfortable 2 passenger leather seats will keep those nasty hemeroids away.

The special features on this model include an automatic climate control, xenon headlights with rain sensing wipers and a trip computer with satellite navigation. We will also give you 50% off for our Premium Horse Insurance that will cover scratches and bumps received from Orcs, Ringwraiths, Cave Trolls and Tooks.

Order it now!



Mearas Cabrio also comes in Lembas brown, Nazgul black and Dwarven pink color.

Down in the forest

Down in the forest there was something that stirred
It wasn't a squirrel and it wasn't a bird.

People were worried, even downright afraid,
From Middle-earth male to Middle-earth maid.

They travelled in twos, they travelled in threes,
To find what it was that disturbed the trees.

Day after day, and week after week,
Down to the forest to have a quick peek.

Was it an Orc, or something more scary,
Some monster with teeth, claws, all hairy.

There was laughter and mirth, when the truth was displayed
as people surrounded the green woody glade.

Stood in the middle, and nothing more stranger
than Aragorn. Handsome and brave kilted Ranger.

by Rosearielekven

The road poem

Sing a song of the road, my friends
A winding road that never ends.

Where it leads, no-one knows
But on and on and on it goes.

Away from kin and hearth and home
Then back again, no more to roam.

So sing a song of the road, my friends
A winding road that never ends

The call of hills and clear blue sky
Stirs the wanderer, bye and bye.

Off again, with staff and pack
Not knowing when you will be back.

So sing a song of the road, my friends
A winding road that never ends.

Travel on over distant mountains
Rest weary bones by crystal fountains.

Then turn to where your heart is yearning
Time to return to home fires burning.

But sing a song of the road, my friends
A winding road that never ends.

by Rosearieleven
image by Ainarriel

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by Griffin



by rose

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