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Steamy Ink Press

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Lifestyle news to share over tea

The only paper in Maplewood that WONT put your wanted poster on the front page!

You Just Lost The Game.
J/K, I Forgot What The Game is
Because MY PC HAS A PLAGUE.

-Everyone on First and Second Shift

Rex Gambles By Tying Himself to The
Rock For Science,
Ryan B Gambles By Not Immediately
Rolling a New PC

"Sometimes you get the rock rolling and you don't
know it's going to hit a playground."

Abacus and Poppy's Pet Cat
Confirmed to Have The
Plague

(Pics of Actual Pet Cats Inside)

A Lifestyle
Publication
for the People
of Maplewood

WTF Is This Thing?

Everything you wanted to ask about the Steamy Ink Press, but didn't.
For some reason.

Steamy Ink Press is a division of the newly-founded Steamy Ink Publishing (copyright pending). Our mission is to hide messages to outside groups, groups on other shifts, or information you are trying to get to someone else in an innocuous format. You may know us for such tidbits as informing others that Vlenoan Inquisitor Giles Driens prefers poison immunity, disclosing that Sable Company is helpful to Varganiens, or forcing a bakery to have so much business we caught them red-handed drugging the town with fairy dust.

Whoops, didn't know that last one in game yet? Well, you will soon ;)

To submit anything to SIP (get it, SIP the tea?), you can message Shauna Goldstein/Poppy Katullin on Facebook or Discord with either your story idea, message, or legitimate article you would like published.



Who are you?

I'm Shauna! Like many others here, I was brought to logs against my will on a Friday night and then pretended to be an ooze farmer, the rest is history. My PC is Poppy Katullin (red faekin), you can usually find her running around looking lost on first shift and whatever other shift the logs gods have granted. I also am in charge of Shed Tetris.

What is Shed Tetris?

The reason that I lie awake at night, picturing the most organized way to stack boxes in my head and cursing the existence of Rubbermaid totes.

In actuality, it's packing all of game's stuff into the shed on Sunday Mornings. It's fun, it's my job, and you can't have it.

Why do you hate everyone while getting everything in the shed?

That's just my Tetris face. I'm in the zone and not caffeinated nearly enough. More caffeine = less cursing. I

accept bribes in the form of coffee with cream only, caramel lattes, mountain dew, or twizzlers.

Did you write the previous two questions just to drop heavy-handed hints about how to bribe you?

Yes, Yes I did.

What's your favorite color?

My favorite colors are chartreuse and sage green! Poppy's are midnight blue and gold.

Most embarrassing LARP moment?

The time I was a ghost and told Baldisere that my son was calling me a helicopter parent. That's just the most recent one in memory.

Favorite in-character moment?

Having tea with a snow goblin. No, strangely, I was not poisoned.

What is Steamy Ink Press?

Steamy Ink Press, abbreviated as SIP, is a player-created publication written by myself and some friends. You can find the full list of main "staff" on the back of this edition. We are separate from the Maplewood Gazette, which is written by Dave Coyle and left in the inn for free. Poppy will tell you it is a legit news publication,

Today You Learned

Chartreuse is a color between yellow and green. The color was named after the green color of a French liqueur called green chartreuse, which was introduced in 1764. It's a similar color to Midori Melon Liqueur.



but it's basically People Magazine. The idea is that the paper is written to tell the townsfolk the good tea on the PC's.

What is your goal with this?

To give more "life" to Maplewood. Some of the PC's have been in town forever or are legendary in some way, it makes sense that the locals would be

50% of Elves Believe Humans will Die by Age 40

Out of a survey of 2 elves, taken about 10 minutes ago, 50% agree that most humans will die by the age of 40.

"I mean, we live in the freelands. It eats humans alive out here." One elf was quoted as saying, while watching out the window as a human who appears to just have been hobbled by, holding their side as a knife sticks out of it.

The others do not agree.

"Maybe they'd live longer if we actually tried to uplift them and not let them walk around with egregious wounds." This quote was recorded as another elf stood up, walking out the door and after the knife-wounded fellow. The other elf sighs.

"See, if we keep coddling them like this they will never learn. They need to stop just throwing their short lives in danger whenever they feel like they need an adrenaline fix- oh shoot, be right back."

A bell begins to ring outside and the inn empties out around me. I will return with more research into this new finding at a later date.

Later date, out of 4 elves it is still 50% for and 50% against.

"If they'd stop trying to own slaves they might have a better chance." said one elf while sipping coffee in the Pheasant Plucker. His friend, arguing with him, claims to have seen plenty of elderly humans around. "They don't all keep slaves, most of them seem to be simple farmers. They seem to have families and lives around here. Maybe they should be educated better instead of assuming the worst."

Any Elves wishing to share their input should write to Steamy Ink Press to weigh in on this pressing news story.



Subscription Offer

For **25c per year**, you can have SIP delivered to you (or your friends, or family, or whoever you want to annoy honestly) via courier instead of doing the pesky work of needing to find someone selling it. **That's 5c less than if you bought each issue individually!**

Please enclose 25c and return this ad to Steamy Ink Publishing, c/o Poppy Katullin.

Subscriber Name: _____

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curious about them and share things they have seen PC's do/ gossip about them.

Okay, what is your ACTUAL goal?

We do a lot more than just write a paper. We can write letters in some other languages for you, make and distribute fliers, publish your articles, source documents, bookbinding, and some other things that you'll need to figure out in game for yourself.

How do you get your "gossip"?

Other players, and Facebook! I occasionally have people hand me stories or gossip on pieces of paper in game. I also go through the player achievement thread and the story threads on FB, pick out things that would have been obviously witnessed by townspeople, and spin them up a bit (Opal being anyone?). I'd like to eventually run on exclusively player-submitted gossip, but haven't gotten enough player interaction where I am able to do that yet.

How do you make the paper?

I meet with the SIP group for teatime and we brainstorm ideas/

write things up. I edit and format the paper myself using a program called Affinity Publisher. The paper itself is a template I've made that I fill in every month. Actual articles and stories are written in Google Docs and copy/pasted over. The header and logos were made by myself and Heather M in Procreate.

Where can I get the paper?

You can find Poppy or Lynn Katullin in-game for a copy of the current month's paper, currently 3c. The previous month's edition can be found in the inn (marked up with snotty comments), or I can print previous editions as requested and have them delivered by courier for 3c the following game.

There is a subscription service as well, 25c will get you a year's worth (10 months) of SIP delivered via courier. The benefit of this is that you don't have to hunt Poppy or Lynn down, and if you're on an opposite shift you'll still be able to get the paper.

I also post the newest edition to the Discord blogs after every game as a PDF.

Why is there a subscription fee/cost for the paper?

It's essentially a gossip magazine

and not an actual news publication. In addition it does take a bit of time and money to write and print this up. Each issue can take anywhere from 12-16 hours from start to finish, plus the cost of the printing paper. As mostly non-com, this is my way of trying to make coin in game so your support is appreciated!

Also we have a puzzle page, the Maplewood Gazette doesn't.

Can we submit things to the paper?

Absolutely! You can send us a courier in game, or send a Facebook / Discord message (Discord is preferred).

I'm a GM, and I would like to have something in the paper. Can I ask you to add it in?

Yep! If you need it specifically for a plot, I can have a copy of the paper sent to the player/ group via courier as "promotional material" to bypass the paywall (unless you want them to figure out they need to buy the paper for whatever, then that's on them).



In-game Library costs 100 coin, so get a magical book for only 40 coin!

Add- ons:

Did you know SIP also can make a book that contains all knowledge depending on your cell phone carrier, and at almost half the cost of making a library? Well, we can.

40 coin will get you a random thrifted hardcover book rebound with cover color and endpages of your choice, secured closed with magnets, and cut out to fit a cell phone. Cost reduced to 30 coin if you provide the book and cover material.

Sprayed Edges: 5c

Ribbon bookmark and/or closure: 5c

Different Spine Color: 10c

Name/ design iron-on: starting at 5c

Item number iron-on added for free

Other personalization ideas- please inquire



Spinning Jenny Spins to a New Location

A recent buzz descended upon Maplewood when seemingly overnight The Spinning Jenny, referred to by the locals simply as "The Jenny", relocated to a different building in town.

"The Jenny has always been by Northtown." A kind towns person had advised me when I first arrived in town, until their friend interrupted, "No, actually, it used to be over by Maplewood Proper, it just moved to the middle of town about two days ago." The towns person scoffed, stating "Well if you want to get technical this actually is a family-owned business that originated elsewhere in the Freelands and this location is owned by the original owner's child."



It isn't very often that inns move with no fanfare or explanation. After a visit to the old location, I found a ratty-looking note tacked to the door that read "The Spinning Jenny has temporarily relocated while our repair man, Yorick, fixes the roof after a long winter." It would seem that this is just a simple means of a small, family-owned business to continue to support themselves as their well-loved location gets some TLC and a break from the frequent comings and goings of patrons. However, about two weeks ago, talk descended upon the town that the Constables had plans to re purpose the building to become the new town hall.

"We'll also be offering a space for the Varganiens to host the embassy, given the recent events in town. This way we can keep a close eye on our guests and prevent any future mishaps."

Some locals have also been petitioning for a jail, stating that it would be nice to have somewhere to bring bandits without just stabbing them and having to leave them in the woods. There was a question on whether or not there would be room, considering the size, but there was a concession that "The bandits don't need a lot of room anyway."

"I mean, they're criminals. They just need to be able to lean on a wall and piss in a chamber pot." One very harried-looking man stated when asked his opinion.

This reporter believes the new location of the Jenny is quite spacious, especially when compared to the older location. It does also seem prudent to have space for town meetings to take place, along with a safe spot for Vargainens to meet. And a jail is of course necessary, as any refined citizen should be well aware.

That being said, the town is also in need of a space for animal rescue. As we are all aware, many pets were left behind in the orc attacks and some of their owners never made it home. There should be a place for them to receive food and a comfortable place to sleep until they find a new family to love and cherish them. Maybe some of the local druids would be willing to assist in these efforts.

Overall, the now vacant town building has many prospects, and it remains to be seen how it will be utilized. We will provide updates as soon as they are available.

Free Water at The Spinning Jenny Comes From Unknown Source

This reporter has been going around town looking for stories of the best and the worst drinks they've tried, along with where else there is to get a bite to eat besides the Jenny. The townsfolk mention the Pheasant Plucker, and a now closed "Glowing Coals," but one talkative towns person had an interesting story to tell...

"You know man, one time I was sitting in the Jenny, minding my own business, when I saw that cloth cover thing slide right off the water barrel. Least I thought it was a barrel, right? It was barrel shaped, had a spigot. I always figured the cloth was just decoration or somethin'. But then one day I was sitting in the Jenny, sippin' on some Gershan Thunder, when you'd never believe it that cloth cover slipped right on off. And it suddenly stopped being about what was under that damn cloth and was about what WASN'T under that cloth. I looked over, Gershan Thunder still a bubblin' and there wasn't anything there. Just a spigot, still making water. My friend, where does water not from a barrel come from? What divine jestery inspires the water to pour from the air in any way other than holy rain, what kind of profane promise existed in the helix since that damn cloth started covering the not barrel. I ask myself that if I were to remove any other covering from this place, would there be nothing there? What if I could tear down a wall and see into the heavens? What divine being promises power to those who get their water from a source unseen?"

Anyways, here's Wonderwall..."

And then they trailed off, picking up a song this reporter had never heard, but now can't get out of their head. Because maybe, you're gonna be the one that saves me from a day of boring reporting.

ANYWAY,
HERE'S
WONDERWALL.





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Interested in Joining STP?

We will "officially" be creating our own group next shift change.

We like the RP **◆** drama **◆** in case that wasn't obvious, but we also have Shelaz so expect to get stabbed once or twice.

If you like:

- Talking to other PC's for the tea
- Sharing other people's tea
- Grilling townsfolk for their tea
- Talking to ghosts for tea
- Stabbing people who don't share the tea
- Stealing papers, letters, and other written works for tea
 - Having teatime

You may fit right in with us!
Ideally you have the Estimate Value skill, but if you don't we can still discuss.

Contact Poppy or Lynn for more information.

Also, Lorelei is apparently collecting faekin so if you PC one that will work in your favor

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Beloved Pet Cat

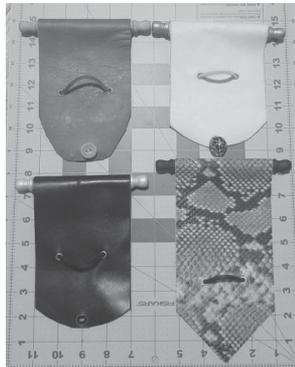
If you thought you saw it, you didn't. There is no reward or any sort of good that comes from notifying this cat's owner of it's whereabouts. The owner had it tied up in his bakery with a chain and no food or water, and also he was drugging the town via cupcakes. Basically, a total jerk who does not deserve a cat. If you have any questions please contact Abacus or Poppy, who will be happy to make you stop asking them.



Have a favorite scroll you really want to keep safe? Getting a Scroll Your Roll at Julybilee and need a prop?

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