

Bird man

Lies or Truths?

Tzu Strath took Boudicca home, true to his word he proclaimed Arthur King of Tara

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A boy of seven?

King?

This virtually put an end to the wars with the hostiles over night and Tzu decreed:

Bird men have equal rights in law courts.

Bird men can vote.

That sort of thing and he created welfare agencies for the friendlies and hostiles coming into surrender.

But not all hostiles came in, not all believed Mingo was dead?

“Mingo Drum Vercingetorix flies the monolith winds.

See there he is, see his huge wing span.

He’s coming to see us right.

Our El Cid Mahbon?

We read his laws.

We know where the edifices are.

We are his free people.

He was not the last of the free.

He is still our leader,”

As heard from hostiles.

Vern Lukas.

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And Tzu Strath heard and did not sleep well. No matter what his Empress Oona said or did or give him his daughter Siobhan to cuddle.

“He is alive, I know it,” he would reply with glazed distant eyes, “Mingo won, I know this to be true,” he might add, “I tried to kill a living legend but created a myth.” “My sins have caught up with me,” “There are gods after all because I played God and the circle of life has run full course and now I must pay.”

“I hate you Mingo, do you hear me, I hate you,” and Mingo made him sick.

And the heck of it was that the dictator was spared and allowed to command armies against the remaining Madrawts.

*The powerful do not execute the powerful, it sets precedents?*

Guess Dictator Cedric Henry was the real winner of the game?

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“Major Vernpatgus?” The question was asked by the half breed Wookey Hole who had survived because his sell by date had not come up!

The place was a seedy down town bar in New Alexandria, and for all the Bird hater Vernpatgus was, it didn’t stop him from having female chick sit on his lap stroking his hair encouraging him to buy drink.

Major Vernpatgus had gone down hill sort of? It had started when Solid Rock Artebrate had escaped with his I.D. Not even the news of Mingo’s death had raised his spirits.

He didn’t believe it anyway, Mingo was the type that didn’t die.

Vernpatgus recognised the half breed.

Beside him stood Solid Rock Artebrate.

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The major knew his time had come and went for the pistol he always kept loaded SAFETY OFF in his open quick draw holster.

Except it wasn't there?

He threw the bird chick off his lap.

He stood up swearing, staring disbelief and shock on his face.

"Looking for this?" The chick asked.

Every Bird folk knew what he had done to Boudicca.

No one liked Vernpatgus, in fact they hated him.

Not even his own kind liked him?

And out of favour with the top brass.

Wookey Hole shot him through the throat1.

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Cartimandua was still Queen of the Gododdin and I stood beside her at the very top of the Temple Of Skulls with Ena our little daughter and Cuchulain.

They were beautiful children.

"Can I really rest now?" Cartimandua asked.

I knew what she meant; could she put her love for the great warrior king to rest and live again? "I don't know? Did any of us actually see him dead?"

"I will love you as no woman can love a man Vern Lukas," she told me and she swung her herself into my body and kissed me.

"Mummy mummy," a very jealous Ena protested.

"Mummy loves you Ena," her mummy told her.

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*Illustration 106: The boy Bird man King, Arthur Verica.*

Boudicca was regent and as no one believed Mingo was dead, the hostiles accepted Arthur's good wise rule just in case Mingo did come back and asked why they hadn't.

Boudicca did miss Mingo but ruling came naturally to her so helped her hide the pain of death of a loved one. It was like someone had torn her soul out of her and only time would heal but the pain just got duller that was all.

Also what Diviciacus did to her mind helped her for she was in conflict with *whom did she love?*

So suffered two pains of grieving.

But as said after time she healed and saw Mingo in Arthur and took on lovers but none to fall in love with, just to use, she loved someone else didn't she?

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**And the answer to Nostradamus's clicking clock was the march of time.**

And Major Odo worried much over Hamon Ma.

Was he not a friend of the mysterious visitor called Vate?

A ghostly apparition that called out his name, "Daniel, Daniel, look who I have brought to visit you," and there stood Hamon Ma smiling for he knew that what goes round comes round.

And obsessed with these thoughts Major Daniel Odo was crossing the road so never noticed he walked into the path of a tank.

Just like he did to Hamon Ma was done him!

What goes round comes round.

And Glen Zowanski of Star Dust kept smiling all the way to the bank.

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