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EDITOR'S FORWARD: As the folk of the fifteenth century recreated with telling tales, and with reading of other individuals and famous but distant places, so does an increasingly large segment of contemporary global society turn to on-line massively multiplayer role playing games (MMPRPG). We recently received the following materials from an anonymous contributor, claiming to be IProfess, a Night Elf of the server Zulijin of the on-line game, World of Warcraft (WoW). While we do not usually publish anonymous materials, it is easy to see why the author desires to protect his (or her?) identity. IProfess promises, or perhaps threatens, to deliver future such materials.

The Tales of Azeroth
(The World of Warcraft)
With Apologies to the Human poet Geoffrey Chaucer
By IProfess, Elvin Druid of Zulijin (1)

Here bygynneth the Book of the tales of Azeroth.

Whan that Aprille, with hise shoures soote,
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote
Then do folk long to participate in
Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Games,
and gamers to go seeking out strange strands,
To distant shrines well known in sundry lands.
And specially from every shire’s end
Of Cyberspace to Azeroth,
the World of Warcraft, they wend.

It is my intention to be your guide to my part of this world, Azeroth, as manifested on the server Zulijin. (2)
I was born a Night Elf, the oldest and the most advanced of the eight races of Azeroth. We are in “The Alliance” with the stout Dwarves, the exceedingly strange Gnomes, and with the simple—but brave—Humans. Against us are broadly ranged the devolved species of The Horde, to wit: the bestial Orcs, the sometimes trustworthy Tauren, the brutal Trolls, and the Undead, of whom little is best said.

Each individual among us, as well as his or her race, is also shaped by a class chosen at birth. My own, I proudly but modestly proclaim, is Druid. It falls to us to protect the natural environment of Azeroth against the unnatural processes which threaten it.

Others may be Warriors, Mages, Priests, Rogues, Paladin, Shamans, or Hunters. Each class has, of course, its own highly developed images and personae. We further evolve through a complex process of acquiring skills, such as my own herbalism an alchemy, and advance through levels beginning at birth through level sixty. Each level of advancement further individualizes us, until each is soon absolutely unique in appearance, capabilities, skills, and wealth.

Because we can mutually communicate within a very rich graphical environment permitting us a wide range of macro-driven physical activities, audible vocalizations, and a very flexible series of chat channels, one quickly is aware that one is speaking with a distinct individual among the thousands of those who populate our wide range of servers.

Those who yet live largely in what we disparagingly refer to in Azeroth as TRW (“The Real World”) (LoL) Laugh out Loud!) are soon appropriate to face oneís interlocutors, to sit down for long chats, and to avoid close proximity with those with whom one is as of yet unfamiliar.

The great detail of our environment permits our various identities to be immediately obvious, and results in a highly gendered appearance. Human women, in my limited experience, for example, seem to be fond of extremely “Ècollet”robes and armor, and within locations where they feel secure, sometimes dress very revealingly.

Though they lack the beautiful long ears and the height of our Elvin kind, in a certain kind of light human females can be seen as physically attractive. And like all males, there is a certain amount of flexing and posing among our races, save, of course, for the unfortunately bovine Tauren, who must shock even their mothers. And as for the Gnomes, who knows?

Our world is not without its problems, of course. In fact, the back-story is rather depressing, a continual fall from grace into our present existence of strife and increasingly organized warfare. Each of must master weapons appropriate to our race and class, ranging from edged ones to the arcane spells cast by higher-level Druids, Priests, and Mages.

Each race and class has its own violent skills. Some of our servers are ferociously Darwinian ones in which the only constant is PvP (Player vs. Player) violence which makes Renaissance
Florence of TRW look safe and orderly and the Borgias a rather friendly and open family. In most of our servers, however, violence is more or less voluntary, though challenges to duel, which may be turned down, seem more or less frequent.

We live in a very elaborate economy with several levels of wealth. There are banks, a wide range of trading devices, auction houses (which overlap in TRW with e-bay!) and various means of accumulating wealth ranging from crafting desirable items to raiding and looting. There are even sites, so characteristic of the grasping materialism of TRW, where one can purchase items to be delivered in Azeroth with RWcredit cards and Pay-pal accounts. (4)

Just as in TRW, wealth may purchase education (the acquiring of new skills); animal companions, some functional, some purely decorative; clothing and armor, some useful, some startlingly beautiful and indicative of class and rank; weapons, transportation, food and drink, in short, the full panoply of a frequently meaningless consumer society coupled with a pressing need to constantly update oneís abilities and skills, both offensive and defensive.

A merchant class has arisen, including the controversial merchant queen, Frazzle. Frazzle is accused of unethical—though not illegal—trade practices, and there has been much discussion as to how best to deal with her, if at all. (5)

Asian players from TRW have been accused of “farming” herbs, that is mapping them and establishing circuits wherein they continually collect valuable ones, driving down their value for less professional herbalists.

As the population of Azeroth continues to grow, there are fascinating fluctuations in supply and demand. However, the economy in general seems to function quite as does that in the real world, and the market rules.

Well, this is quite enough of an introduction to Azeroth. I invite you to see it for yourself. Make certain, however, that you allow yourself plenty of time. Many who visit find that they prefer our rich life to the cares of TRW. In future missives we will discuss other elements of my world, including, if the editor of this journal has his way, the earotic world of the Night Elves.

Notes

(1) This piece is dedicated to my Kalimdorean friends and companions: to the witty and fierce Magikleaf, who oft protects me from the beasts and monsters and is always ready for any quest, however ill- advised; to Dio, ever generous with his time and resources; to the Gnome craftsperson Mochalatte, the thoughtful Illini and many other inhabitants of Zuljin, particularly to all the Carebears out there.

(2) Alas, to visit Azeroth so as to better understand this pilgrimage, the gentle reader requires software (the World of Warcraft), a monthly subscription, a good computer and a high-bandwidth
connection. The journey often begins at: http://www.worldofwarcraft.com/index.xml or at a local large software dealer.

(3) There are currently said to be more than 1.5 million inhabitants of WoW, drawn from every corner of the TRW. At present a sort of English is the Lingua Franca, but one also encounters French, German, Japanese, and Chinese among the more widely distributed languages. The software is sold in a number of languages and the environment has been localized to a variety of cultures, opening most recently in Europe and is in beta in China.

(4) http://www.mysupersales.com/MG/?gid=37

(5) One finds, in the very rich forums of WoW, a discussion of the economic crimes or non-crimes of Frazzle, who is close to cornering the market in many desirable commodities:


wow-realm-zuljin&t=8663&p=1&tmp=1#post8663
See also:


wow-general&t=2339959&s=new&tmp=1#new

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clicker training for dogs
on January 31, 2014 at 10:19 PM said:

Your style is so unique compared to other folks I have read stuff from. Thank you for posting when you have the opportunity, Guess I'll just book mark this page.

Leonardo
on February 2, 2014 at 1:22 PM said:
Hello there, You’ve done an incredible job. I’ll certainly digg it and personally suggest to my friends. I’m sure they will be benefited from this website.

**Pure Garcinia Cambogia**  
*on February 2, 2014 at 4:59 PM said:*

I’ve been surfing online greater than three hours lately, but I never discovered any attention-grabbing article like yours.

It’s lovely value sufficient for me. Personally, if all site owners and bloggers made good content as you did, the internet shall be a lot more helpful than ever before.

**affiliate in spanish**  
*on February 2, 2014 at 8:45 PM said:*

I just couldn’t go away your web site before suggesting that I actually enjoyed the usual info an individual supply on your guests?

Is gonna be again continuously to check up on new posts

**Tammie**  
*on February 3, 2014 at 2:10 AM said:*

Pretty section of content. I just stumbled upon your web site and in accession capital to assert that I acquire actually enjoyed account your blog posts. Any way I’ll be subscribing to your augment and even I achievement you access consistently quickly.

**Ed**
I’m not positive the place you’re getting your information, but great topic. I needs to spend some time learning much more or understanding more.

Thanks for fantastic information I used to be in search of this information for my mission.

I do not know if it’s just me or if everyone else experiencing issues with your blog. It looks like some of the text in your posts are running off the screen.
Can someone else please provide feedback and let me know if this is happening to them as well?
This may be a problem with my internet browser because I’ve had this happen before. Thanks

Can you tell us more about this? I’d like to find out more details.

My partner and I stumbled over here different website and thought I might as well check things out. I like what I see so now i’m following you. Look forward to looking over your web page yet again.
Melvina
on February 3, 2014 at 1:24 PM said:

Keep on writing, great job!

Belle
on February 3, 2014 at 7:34 PM said:

Hi, yeah this post is truly nice and I have learned lot of things from it on the topic of blogging.
thanks.

Kandace
on February 3, 2014 at 7:52 PM said:

Admiring the dedication you put into your site and in depth information you offer. It’s awesome to come across a blog every once in a while that isn’t the same old rehearsed information. Fantastic read!

I’ve bookmarked your site and I’m including your RSS feeds to my Google account.

make money online affiliate
on February 3, 2014 at 8:13 PM said:

Hi to every body, it’s my first pay a quick visit of this website; this blog consists of amazing and really excellent information in favor of visitors.

stop sweating products
on February 4, 2014 at 6:37 AM said:
An outstanding share! I have just forwarded this onto a co-worker who had been conducting a little research on this.

And he in fact ordered me lunch due to the fact that I discovered it for him… lol. So let me reword this…. Thanks for the meal!! But yeah, thanx for spending time to talk about this issue here on your web site.

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Bradford on February 4, 2014 at 6:55 AM said:

Hurrah! In the end I got a blog from where I know how to truly take helpful data concerning my study and knowledge.

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safer dating experience on February 4, 2014 at 12:04 PM said:

Sweet blog! I found it while searching on Yahoo News. Do you have any suggestions on how to get listed in Yahoo News? I’ve been trying for a while but I never seem to get there! Thanks

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facebook Avatar on February 4, 2014 at 1:33 PM said:

An impressive share! I have just forwarded this onto a coworker who had been doing a little homework on this. And he actually bought me breakfast due to the fact that I stumbled upon it for him… lol. So let me reword this…. Thanks for the meal!! But yeah, thanx for spending some time to talk about this subject here on your web page.
Link exchange is nothing else except it is only placing the other person’s website link on your page at appropriate place and other person will also do same for you.

Florrie  
on February 4, 2014 at 6:12 PM said:

This is a topic that is near to my heart… Thank you! Where are your contact details though?

work from home zimbabwe  
on February 4, 2014 at 8:20 PM said:

I for all time emailed this website post page to all my associates, as if like to read it afterward my contacts will too.

retirement Loophole  
on February 5, 2014 at 2:26 AM said:

I used to be able to find good advice from your articles.

make Money fast gta online  
on February 5, 2014 at 2:43 AM said:
I couldn’t refrain from commenting. Exceptionally well written!

Lourdes
on February 5, 2014 at 5:18 AM said:

I need to to thank you for this excellent read!! I definitely enjoyed every bit of it. I have got you book marked to check out new stuff you post…

Stewart
on February 5, 2014 at 5:19 AM said:

Heya i am for the first time here. I came across this board and I find It truly useful & it helped me out much.
I hope to give something back and help others like you aided me.

money weighted return
on February 5, 2014 at 6:32 AM said:

Excellent blog here! Also your site loads up very fast! What host are you the usage of? Can I get your affiliate hyperlink in your host? I want my web site loaded up as fast as yours lol

sweating out a fever
on February 5, 2014 at 7:16 AM said:

You actually make it appear really easy along with your presentation however I to find this matter to be actually one thing which I believe I’d by no means understand. It sort of feels too complicated and extremely broad for me. I’m looking ahead to your next submit, I’ll try to get the hold of it!
scrubber system

on February 5, 2014 at 7:20 AM said:

I hardly comment, however i did some searching and wound up here The Tales of Azeroth | Interface. And I do have a couple of questions for you if it’s allright. Is it just me or does it seem like a few of the remarks appear as if they are written by brain dead folks? 😁 And, if you are writing on additional places, I’d like to keep up with everything fresh you have to post.

Could you make a list of all of your shared pages like your twitter feed, Facebook page or linkedin profile?

Lurlene

on February 5, 2014 at 7:24 AM said:

Wow, fantastic blog format! How lengthy have you ever been blogging for?

you make blogging look easy. The overall glance of your website is fantastic, as smartly as the content material!

money working home

on February 5, 2014 at 9:50 AM said:

Unquestionably believe that which you said. Your favorite reason appeared to be on the web the easiest thing to be aware of. I say to you, I certainly get annoyed while people think about worries that they plainly don’t know about. You managed to hit the nail upon the top and also defined out the whole thing without having side-effects , people could take a signal. Will probably be back to get more.

Thanks
email marketing guidelines
on February 5, 2014 at 10:24 AM said:

This article is genuinely a good one it assists new net visitors, who are wishing in favor of blogging.

Sara
on February 5, 2014 at 1:19 PM said:

great issues altogether, you just won a new reader. What may you recommend about your publish that you made some days in the past? Any certain?