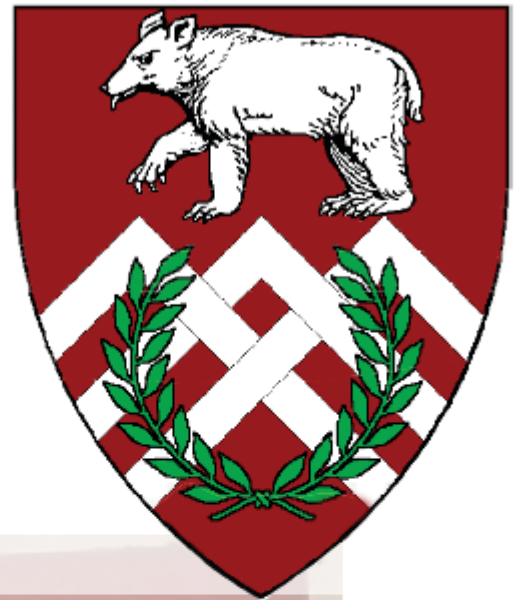


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The High Seats
are Secure!



Long Live the Bear!

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From Their Excellencies

Greetings Unto Septentria,

We are beyond overwhelmed with your warm and enthusiastic welcome to High Seats of Septentria. We will cherish that day and keep it close to us always.

Thank you to Their Excellencies Daffydd and Mahhild for their dedicated service to the people of Septentria.

We are grateful to everyone who took part in our investiture. The tournaments, revelry and activities will live long in our memory. And that feast and the slaying of the dragon were such fantastical fun! We did find the fantastical beasts (and ate them!)

We want to get to know you! We want to know what you love about this society. We want to know how you think it can grow, and what you would like to do to help it grow. You heard us speak of our hopes and plans for the Barony. Please feel free to share with us. You can reach us at svenandkersteken@gmail.com

It feels as though the winter season has gone on for such a long time and we are so looking forward to warmer weather. We enjoy the camping season, thrown weapons, archery, fencing and armored combat. Please come and find us on the field for a chat, a visit or to share your thoughts.

We look forward to campfires, bardic circles and great Septentrian fun!

Sven and Kersteken



From TE Mahhild & Dafydd

This will be the last missive penned by Us, Baron Dafydd and Baroness Mahhild.

To all the good gentles that attended Our stepdown, We wish to give you thanks for all your kindnesses and warm wishes for our retirement. The scroll, so lovingly penned and illuminated by Our new Baroness, Kersteken, and signed by you, warmed Our hearts. It now hangs in Our home in a spot of pride for all to bear witness to the honour bestowed upon Us. Thank you.

We would be very remiss if We did not thank Our Baronial staff.

To Our seneschal, HE Anneke the Furious, you are an amazing individual who took the challenge of seeking heirs for the high seats and made it successful. Thank you.

To Baroness Matilda, as Exchequer, you were always there, minding regalia, fulfilling financial obligations and raising over \$550 for the Baronial coffers. Thank you.

To Master Martin Bildner, as our arts and science officer, you were diligent in your reporting but your love of music and the youth in our society speaks volumes to the good you have given your Barony. Thank you.

To Our Pursuivant Mistress Roselyn, you have been Our rock since We sat upon the high seats. Your counsel was wise and your energy unflinching, even as you strove to make dancers of Us.

THL Connell MacEarnain, as Our Knight Marshall, you represented your Barony well and did honour upon the field of battle in service to your King. Thank you.

To Our chronicler, Rubeus le Blont, you have taken on this most important task, The Ursus, and have made it your own, with wit, humour and the rare gift of herding those of us that needed to provide you with our words to inform the Barony. Thank you.

To Our clerk-registrar, Ulvar, you have facilitated the intricacies of electronic communication and have strived to provide accurate, up to date information to Septentria's people. Thank you.

And to THL Bjorn, our social media deputy, you provide the guidelines that allow the Barony to adhere to our policies and standards. Thank you.

Our heartfelt thanks go to THL Eeva the Restless, who orchestrated the Septentrian Investiture event. With little time you put together an amazing crew and provided an extraordinary day for all to enjoy. And in stealth mode too, until we formally announced Our desire to step down. Thank you.

Dafydd and I were so honoured to represent you and the Barony both at war and in peace. You have always accorded us with respect, kindness and unflinching help whenever it was needed. Our heirs, Baron Sven and Baroness Kersteken, are noble and worthy to lead Our fine Barony. Please give them any support you can as They serve you in the coming years.

We leave you with Our final words. Follow the Bear, for it is your birth right. Support Septentria, for it is your home. Love the people, for they are your family.

With heartfelt thanks and affection,

Baron Dafydd and Baroness Mahhild



Baronial Investiture



Two large shoes
emptied and filled
by equally large
feet!



Their last Court ...



and Their first!



Suen: 1
Dragon: 0

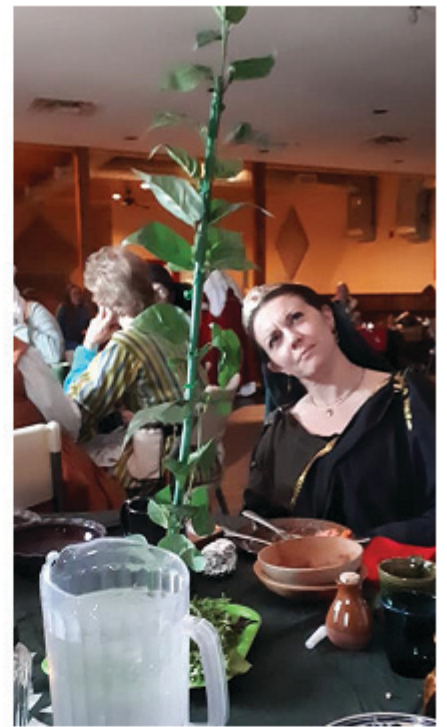




FEAST!

FOOD!

FANTASY!



Crown Tournament

The combattants!

**The finalists and their
inspiration!**



The victor!

**Duchess Kaylah
Princess by Right
of Arms**



**Duke Trumbrand
Prince Consort**

Thank you Beremere!

Ursine Adventures



Meet Ursa, a little polar bear who has just been born in the BEARony. She has much to see and learn and do as a young cub, and so shall accompany me on my travels throughout the Realm. Here she is at the Baronial Investiture. There are two kinds of Barons and Baronesses: landed and court. Landed Barons and Baronesses wear golden coronets, and hold land (called a Barony) for the Crown of their Kingdom. They advise the Royal family as to the state of the Barony during their Reigns and can conduct their own Courts at various events. Court Barons and Baronesses wear silver coronets, and do not Reign over any land and do not hold their own Courts. Court Barons and Baronesses are granted said status by the Crown, usually for extended exemplary service to Them. It is common in Ealdormere that landed Barons and Baronesses be granted the status of court Barons and Baronesses after their Reign ends. The honorific accorded to all of them is 'Your Excellency'.



Grizzly Grid # 7

Logic Puzzle - How Does it Work?

Using the given clues and inferencing, match items in each quadrant together. Mark items that are false or do not match with an X, and items that are true or that do match with an O.

	Korea	Greece	Japan	Kenya	Eats the brain of victims	Turned into a constellation	Plain bears transformed	Formerly a woman	Type of deity	Type of demon	Nymph	Legendary animal
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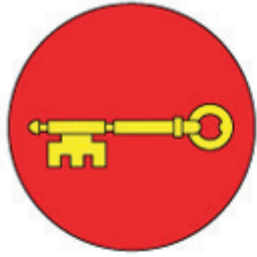
There are many stories across various cultures about fantastical bears and bear-like creatures. See if you can match the name of the legendary bear to one of its notable features, to its culture or country of origin, and to its 'form' or state of existence.

1. The Ungnyeo comes from either Kenya or Korea.
2. The fantastical bear that eats the brain of its victims is either a legendary animal or a type of deity.
3. Either the nymph or the demon comes from Japan.
4. The Nandi Bear comes from Kenya.
5. The bear that was a type of deity was neither Callisto nor the one that was once a plain bear.
6. The Onikuma is a bear that was transformed into a type of demon.
7. The fantastical bear to come out of Greece was neither a type of demon nor does it eat the brain of its victims.
8. The legendary animal, known as the Nandi Bear, was neither formerly a woman nor was it turned into a constellation.
9. Callisto was turned into a constellation.

Solution:

Ungnyeo - Korea, formerly a woman, type of deity
 Onikuma - Japan, plain bears transformed, type of demon
 Nandi Bear - Kenya, eats the brain of victims, legendary animal
 Callisto - Greece, turned into a constellation, nymph

Baronial Regnum



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