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The Black Waltz



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Interview with . . .

Mufinella Pemstein



How did you get into the Black Waltz?

I'm actually from the same previous FC as James Rock'it. He found Waltz first and talked me into joining. I wasn't so sure cause I was like, eeeeh big FCs are scary. But I joined and pretty much immediately got sucked in!

Wow so you guys knew each other before Waltz, how interesting. Tell us a little bit about what you do in 14.

I mostly hang out with friends and occasionally do actual content. Sometimes I work on my beast tribes and decorating housing locations, but mostly I stand around and Gpose, haha! I'm a slacker.

So you do housing, what is that like for you?

I love housing, I dunno why but the act of decorating a room is really soothing. I can really zone out when putting together a new look for my place. Before I know it I've spent a couple hours putting furniture on the floor! It's a fun outlet for my creativity, I recommend it for anyone who is artistically inclined.

What about it made you go into housing and why?

Well, I guess I always wanted to decorate my own home but I've always rented so I could never really personalize the spaces I lived in. So getting to do it in the game really fulfilled my desire for interior design. It's also fun to see what I can glitch to make into something new.

What was the longest time you took with interior decorating? I'm sure it is not a fast-paced task.

I decorated a mansion once on commission, it took me...over two weeks? But that was a lot of planning time taken, there's more planning that goes into it than anything else. Usually a good sized room will take the better part of a day to complete, depending on what is going into it. Rectangular partitions, for instance, take about half an hour to get from the floor to the ceiling because of their weird hitbox requiring a wall shelf to lift it off the floor. It sucks.

Were there any obstacles you stumbled upon in relations to housing? I know some people often do, like glitching for example.

Oh yeah for sure. It took a while and a lot of tutorial videos to understand the mechanics of glitching since it is pretty much breaking how the game works. There are still a few things I can't make work like floating NPCs and privacy screens but I'm pretty confident in other stuff, as tedious as it is sometimes.

Do you have a favorite ward, if so, why?

Honestly, I love the style of Kugane's ward, it's very pretty and the architecture of the buildings is appealing to me. I do still love Mist simply because I've always been there since I started playing the game. I've always been in Ward 2, it's where my first FC was, then I moved a couple houses down to my next FC which moved to a large house later on and I inherited the old medium when they moved. It's right on the beach and I have James as my next door neighbor. It's really nice, I'm never leaving.

Oh, that sounds nice! So, what is your favorite class and why? Can also be a DoH/L.

Bard, all the way. I usually default to Bard in any game I play because I like the option of keeping my distance from enemies and yeeting out if things get hairy. I'm not much for combat these days though, I spend most of my time online crafting and gathering. I have all DoH/L classes at 80 and currently working on overmelding the new Aesthete's sets. I'm a lover, not a fighter, hehe.

I hope your journey is going well with the new gear. Outside of FFXIV, do you have other games you play or hobbies?

For games I play stuff with the hubby now and then like Destiny 2, Minecraft, and Raft--still waiting on the update for that. Outside of that, my hobbies include reading and making comics, drawing, writing, cooking, listening to music, and hanging out with my cats!

We have seen a good amount of art from you, how did you get into that?

I've been doing art since I was a kiddo, it's always been my passion. I think I've really gotten better at it within the last ten years. I just really like creating things and drawing stuff from my imagination, especially if it brings joy to others.

So in the game, what is your favorite glam?

It's the one I'm wearing in the picture for the article! It's the Ala Mhigan Gown and Spring Bottoms, super chill and relaxed. I also have the "Waltzbucks" outfit, which is the Firmament set dyed green!

And why is this your favorite?

Well, the summery one I wore when I did a race event with James one time, I think it was one of the "find this location" games and we were hippies together so it has fond memories. The Waltzbucks is just my go-to glam for crafting cause I'm quite proud of the store I made inside the FC house, everyone seems to love it!

You also post very tasty dishes, is cooking something you enjoy?

Yeah, I love cooking. I'm pretty good at making stuff taste good and making things that people normally turn their nose up at but they'll eat my cooking, haha! I always say that if people wanna get fat they can come to my house and I'll feed them.

What is your favorite dish?

I love making, and eating, bourbon chicken. I make the sauce from scratch and let it marinate overnight before cooking it. It's so good! That and General Tso's chicken, that's another favorite to make. I eat a lot of chicken dishes, it's cheap and satisfying.

Anyways, what achievements do you have in FFXIV?

I have the Firebird mount and Kirin mount. It took years to collect all those dang birbs and ponies, and I'm honestly not huge on combat so it was a true act of passion collecting them all. And I'm pretty excited that I won the Good Samaritan award once, it feels nice to be acknowledged sometimes. I like helping people and don't really expect things in return, but knowing I'm appreciated is really encouraging.

What is your favorite expansion and why?

Definitely Shadowbringers. The story was just so good and a huge step up in their writing game. There were times I cried while going through it and really feeling the conflict between the good and bad guys. The acting was phenomenal, the music was amazing, like...I got chills more than once from it. So good, 10/10 would play again.

I too would love to play it again. Now, is there any advice you would like to share with your FC-mates?

If you ever find yourself getting bored with the game, go out there and look at it again. There are so many neat little stories to explore, places to discover, secrets to find...it's just a treasure trove of delights. I really love the world they built! There's so much to do!

Now is there a quote that you live by?

"You'll be hungry again in three hours," favorite fortune cookie I ever got.

SCREENSHOTS CORNER!

View some of the stunning screenshots created by your FC mates last month!



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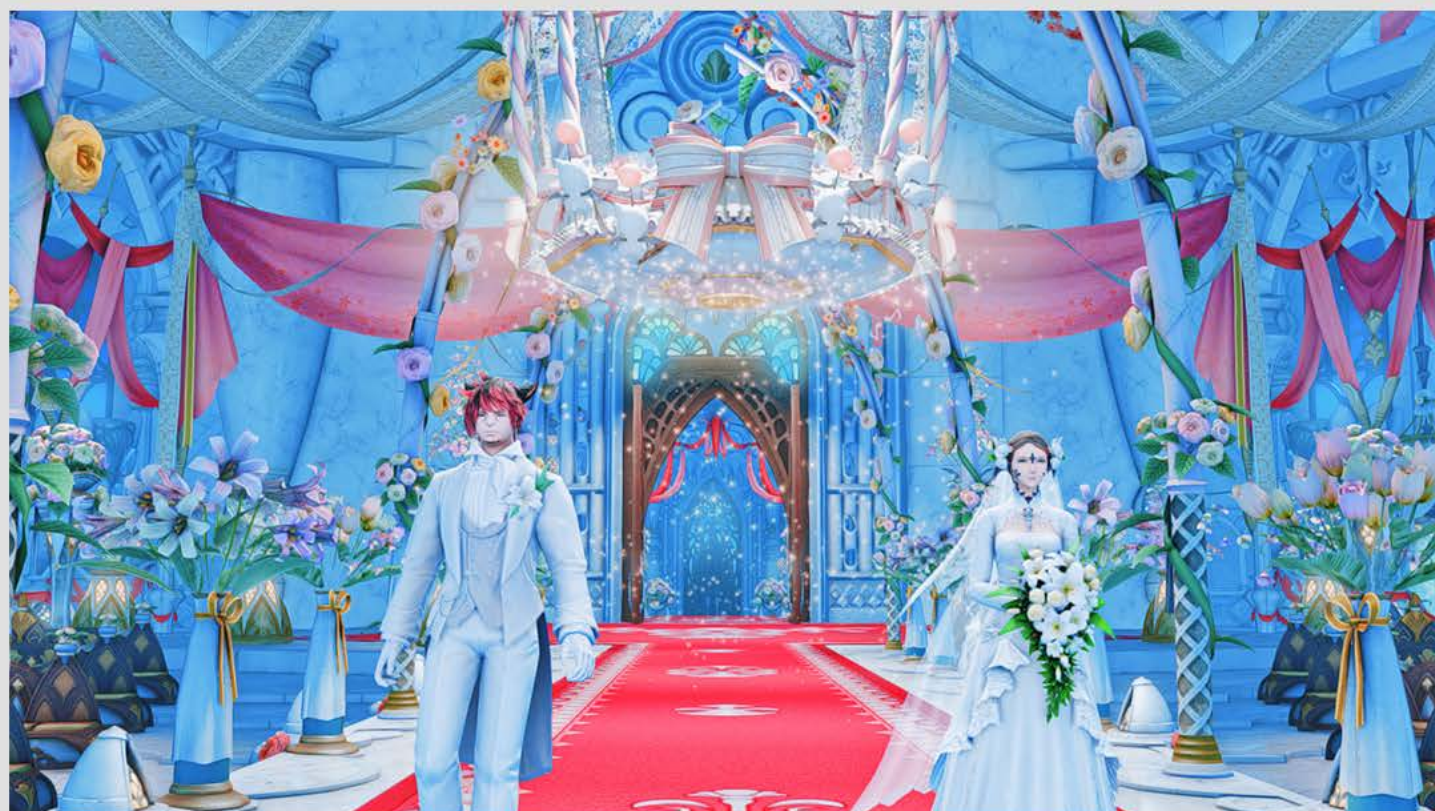


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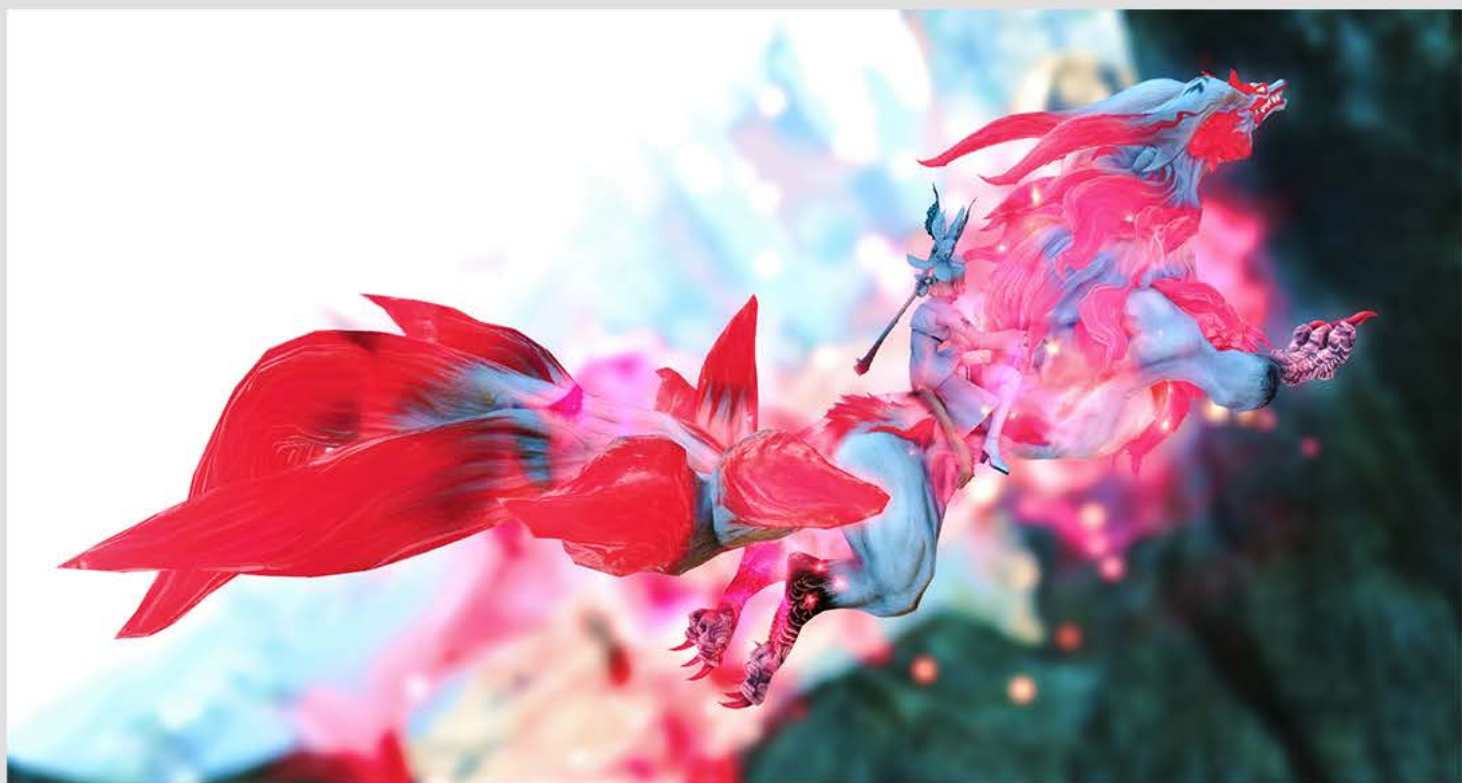
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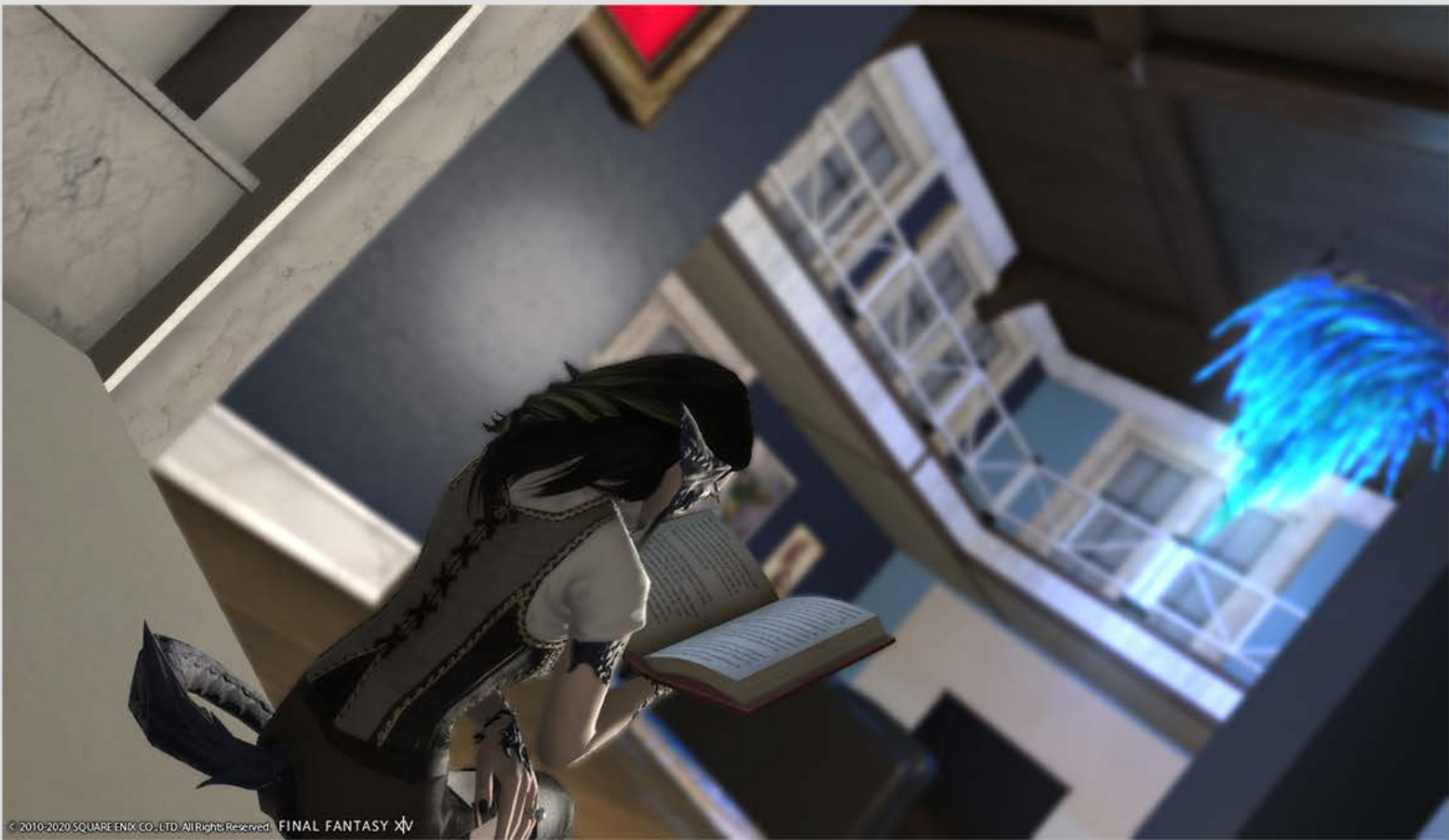


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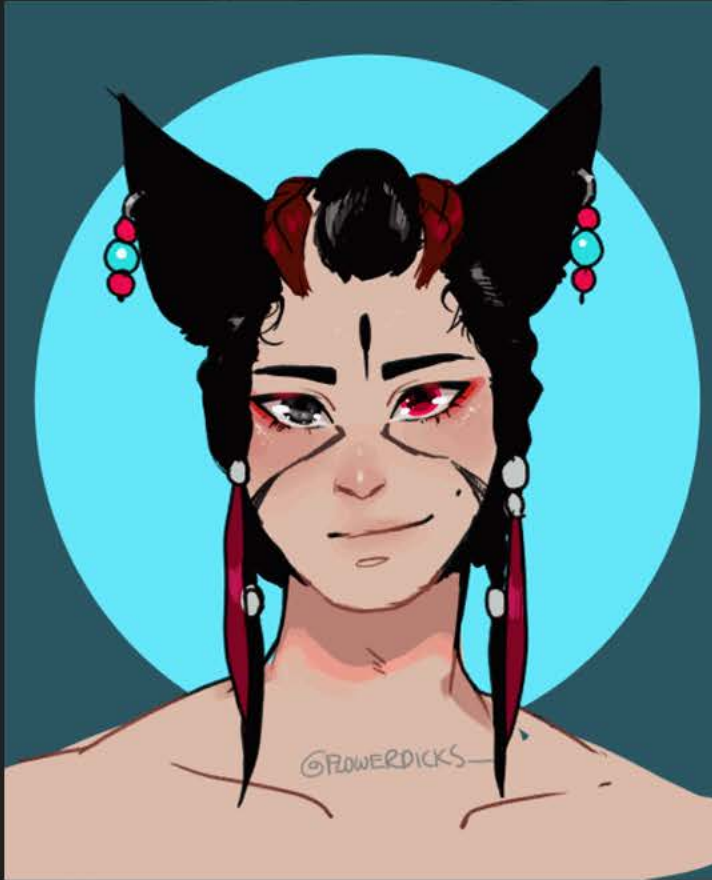


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THE BLACK WALTZ ART GALLERY

Take a moment to gaze upon art made by your fellow FC mates.



Elh'is



Lady Llama

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Mini



Serenity

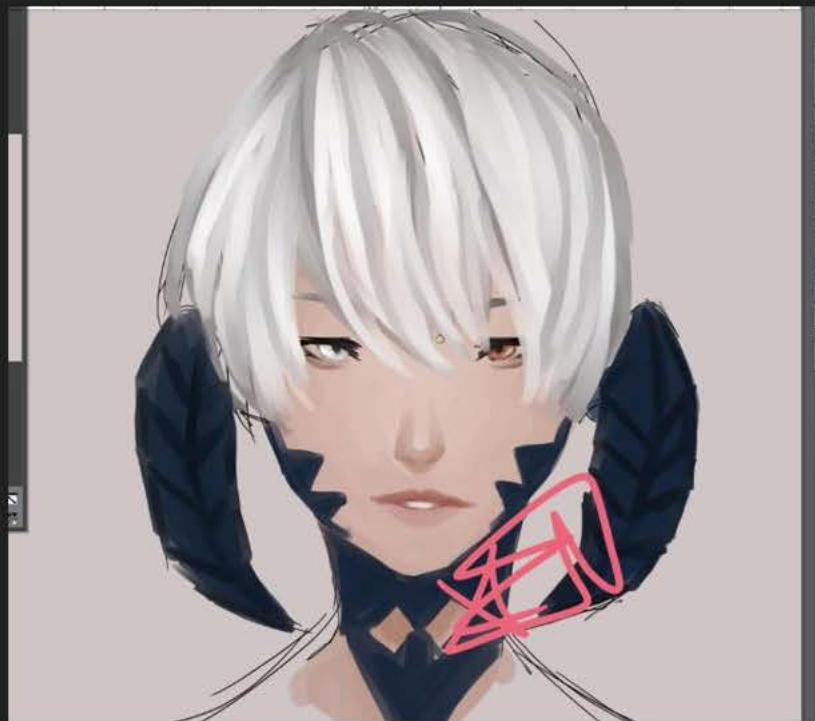
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Yulia



THE OPEN HOUSE

Tour around in these fabulous housing designs!



Ulala Rebel



THE OPEN HOUSE



Mazo Bazo (Billie Probably)



THE OPEN HOUSE



Gabreel Belmont



THE OPEN HOUSE



Izaak Damodred



HOUSING TIPS

Tips and tricks for scoring a house in 5.35

Patch 5.35 is just around the corner (dropping October 13th), with it comes the expansion of housing for all four housing districts: Mist, Lavendar Beds, Goblet, and Shirogane. Each residential district will be expanded with 6 new wards (3 standard/3 subdivisions). Both free company estates and private estates will be immediately available for purchase (Old wards will still have the timer). Here are some tips for increasing your chances of getting a house on release day:

Make sure you have enough Gil for the size you want. Shoot for the maximum value with a little wiggle room as you'll also need to purchase the building permit after buying the land. Maximum values of properties average around:

- 3,750,000 small (450k permit)
- 20,000,000 medium (1mil permit)
- 50,000,000 large (3mil permit)

Ensure your internet and gaming device are as stable as possible. This is a given but quick load speeds will mean the difference between getting in first and getting in last. This will also help you to get the game patched as soon as the patch is ready for download. Make sure everything on your system is up to date prior to release day.

Scope out the plot you want now. Choose a subdivision (most people go for main wards first) and choose a ward that's in the middle of the ones being added. This increases the chances due to most people choosing the first or last of the wards being added.

Practice a route from the main city aetheryte that leads to the house you've scoped out. Teleport to the ward and practice the run to the mini aetheryte and know by heart which teleport destination leads you to the house you want.

Choose a backup plot that you want if someone beats you to the one you want. You can choose a plot close to the one you wanted or somewhere different - make sure you practice your backup route, too.

If your backup choice is across the map, memorize which aetheryte leads from your first choice to your second choice.

Log out the night of the patch in the main city near the main aetheryte of the city state where your chosen housing ward belongs. Set an alarm for about 60 mins before the patch goes live to give you ample time to download the patch and have it ready for the servers. Be there when they open up! Uptime will typically be announced with patch notes prior to or during maintenance shut down.

If all else fails and you are unable to get a house in the new ward, keep an eye on the old wards for recently released housing. These will most likely still have the random timer on them so be prepared for the long haul of clicking. Timers can run anywhere from 30 minutes to 24 hours. There is no timer for relocations.

Good luck out there and happy house hunting, everyone!

Interview with . . .

Reggie The'bear



Reggie, how did you join the Black Waltz?

I quit FFXIV last October due to my son being born and not having the time to keep up. Once stuff calmed down, I put out a recruitment post hoping my time in Heavensward and early Shadowbringers plus fifteen-ish years of top-end raiding in World of Warcraft would get me a bite. Lo and behold, Freya Stormfall was apparently sleepy and thought I was worth recruiting. Sucks for her, they're stuck with me now.

How is raiding for you in FFXIV?

I've always enjoyed FFXIV's focus on personal responsibility, memorization of patterns, and optimization of execution. It's a whole different beast from other MMO raid scenes. Not necessarily better in all aspects but wonderful for what it is.

Do you have a good memory from your static?

A ton. The static is one big blob of memes and it's great to feel like you have a unique identity in a community. From awful ones like costing us a kill in Eden's Verse: Refulgence (E8S) due to misinterpreting a call for limit break, to fun ones like my fully realized dad glam and my never ending quest to parse higher than green.

You are Reggie The'bear, why did you go with that?

I originally played a bear-specced druid tank in World of Warcraft named Regarius. It was shortened to Reggie pretty quick, and eventually every character I made was some variation, Reggiethethebear, Reggieburr, Reggiedabarr, etc. Plus it's perfect for moving into my repertoire of bear puns.

I noticed that you are on a relic journey, what made you want to go on collecting all the relics?

I'm a sucker for painful grinds, I love shiny weapons, I noticed nobody has every relic, and most importantly I love weapons of power with history behind them. That said, I decided not to include the eureka relics in that quest, but I'm super unbelievably excited for Bozja.

Woah, not the Eureka relics, why is that?

They have too much reliance on other players' contributions and peak play times. I already don't like the Eureka models past Anemos (first of four zones) as it is, so the extra time on those just doesn't feel worth it to me.

Why did you pick the race you play?

I was originally a Miqu'te in A Realm Reborn, and the stance and build on Au Ra just resonated with me much better. I've tried other races here and there but always end up back with Au Ra. I wish the horns didn't clip with collars so much, but every other aspect of play I love it.

There are times we hear about your cat, what is your cat like? I'm also asking this because we have plenty of mates with nice pets, so why not know yours a bit.

He's a big black chonk named Spooky who likes the tops to my board game boxes and talks a lot and likes to play fetch and bap at bugs.

The word around the FC is that you yeet the cat, why?

He likes to yank my mouse out of my hands in the middle of raid.

When you are not playing FFXIV, do you play other games outside of it? If so, why?

I play tons of RPGs, currently Kingdoms of Amalur Re-Reckoning and Borderlands 3. I'm a giant tabletop nerd though, so whenever possible I'm running a board game night. My collection is about sixty games strong and climbing.

That's quite a lot. What brought you to the field of raiding, in both WoW and XIV?

I love the team play and have always enjoyed co-op games. It's exhilarating to learn a boss with a team and down it together. I may end up resubbing to WoW with the coming expansion and raiding in both, as they bring very unique design philosophies to the table.

Oh, do tell us how that goes. Do you by any chance have a favorite mount and minion, if you do, why?

Favorite mount currently is Ramuh from E8s, simply because it's the culmination of all the hard work we as a static put in, and my first tier clear with this static. Favorite minion is the Coeurl minion. It's so cuuuute.

Are you planning on doing more raids in the future?

Of course. One of the big reasons I quit WoW was a lack of friends to play with. As long as I have friends to raid with, I will enjoy myself. And I'm really enjoying the dynamics of our static.

What is your favorite expansion for FFXIV and why is it Shadowbringers?

Tie between Heavensward and Shadowbringers. Heavensward had a stronger story in my eyes, but Shadowbringers is far better from a gameplay perspective. Plus I'm just a sucker for dragoons.

Is there an NPC you like in the game?

So far honestly none have particularly stood out to me besides maybe Estinien.

Oh my goodness, you are probably the first person who brings up Estinien. He's a pretty cool character. We spoke about how you enjoy relics and collecting them, but are there any other goals in the game you have?

I'd like to take a more active hand in teaching newer players and learning crafting/gathering so I can actually make some gil.

What is your most go-to glam?

Eureka fending armor. I worked so hard to get it and I always get people stopping to ask me about it.

So it wasn't the Dad Glam after all! What is your favorite class in the game and why?

Tie between Gunbreaker and Paladin. Really I love tanking, and have mained tanks for over fifteen years now. I love the playstyles of those two to the point I flip-flop between the two based on which will benefit the static more.

Are there any tips or advice you want to share with your fellow FC-mates?

Don't let the books discourage you from the Zodiac grind (A Realm Reborn relics). They aren't as bad as people make it out to be and honestly they're still some of the best looking weapons in the game.

So what quote do you live by?

The sound of a Dr. Pepper can opening. (Editor's note: This is a static inside-joke)

OK, last one, so let's say that the game is officially ending and servers are shutting down in 30 minutes, what would you do with those last 30 minutes?

Go to Limsa Lominsa and flex my Dad Glam.



Eorzean Chronicles

A deeper look into the lore of FFXIV

7: Mother Miounne, Momodi, and Baderon

In the great city-states of Eorzea, there serve three noble individuals whose passion it is to welcome explorers to their homelands. These persons are not the leaders of the alliance, nay, they are the owners of the Adventurers' guilds.

Mother Miounne is the proprietress of the Carline Canopy, a warm and welcoming tea shop at the center of Gridania's Adventurer's Guild. The establishment stands as New Gridania's hub for travel, an airship landing built beneath it overlooking the Jadeite Flood lake. It had not always been a bustling commerce port, coming from humble beginnings as an old cabin before being purchased and refurbished by Miounne in her grandfather's honor. Growing up, Miounne's grandfather would welcome weary travelers to Gridania, believing that everyone deserved a chance for new beginnings and to chase their dreams in their sleepy wooded town. He was rather fond of two Lalafellans who came to Gridania, a father and daughter who inspired him with their dreams of building something great: a waterwheel to help bring power to Gridania. In honor of the daughter, Figaga Figa, Miounne named the guild hall after her favorite flowers: Carlines. Mother Miounne incorporated her own passions into the Carline Canopy, being a talented herbalist and mixer of medicines. The elegant Elezen woman can be found serving her patrons a variety of teas to calm their nerves and soothe aches after a long journey.

In the heart of Ul'dah, nestled amongst the businesses along Emerald Avenue, is the Quicksand, Ul'dah's adventurer's guild. Would-be adventurers can find the owner, one Momodi Modi, perched on a stool in the back of the bustling tavern surveying the clientele. The spunky Lalafell has many admirers, once even receiving a rose from Thancred Waters himself. Though Momodi has seemed to turn down all advances from the lovelorn masses, she holds one man in her memories. This remembrance is not one of lost love, however, but a cautionary tale.

Tucked away in her right bun is an ornate hairpin of gold and precious stones, crafted by one of the most gifted and promising Goldsmiths Ul'dah knew. The token reminds her daily of her regret in pushing the artisan too far to succeed, causing him to flee from his demanding responsibilities and become a humble fisherman in Crescent Cove, Western Thanalan. Since that day, Momodi has been careful not to push anyone, new or old, to go beyond the limits they were willing to achieve on their own.

Lastly, the most mysterious of all, Baderon Tenfingers is the proprietor of the Drowning Wench, the tavern currently housing the Limsa Lominsa Adventurer's guild. The pub is named after Baderon's mother, her fate unknown. He was not always the leader of the guild, however; prior to his rise in leadership, the adventurer's guild was founded by his father, Lodewicus the Leal. Being the only son of Lodewicus, Baderon felt that he was living in the shadow of his father, not able to become the man he wanted to be. Rebelling, he ran away from home at a young age and forged his own life as a mercenary. He became renowned in his own right, gaining the nickname "Tenfingers" for being able to retire with all his digits intact, a feat unheard of for most sellswords. Retiring sometime in his 40s, he purchased the old alehouse atop the Mizzenmast to transform it into the tavern and inn it is today. The pub is famous for its delicious La Noscean toast.



What's New In Waltz?

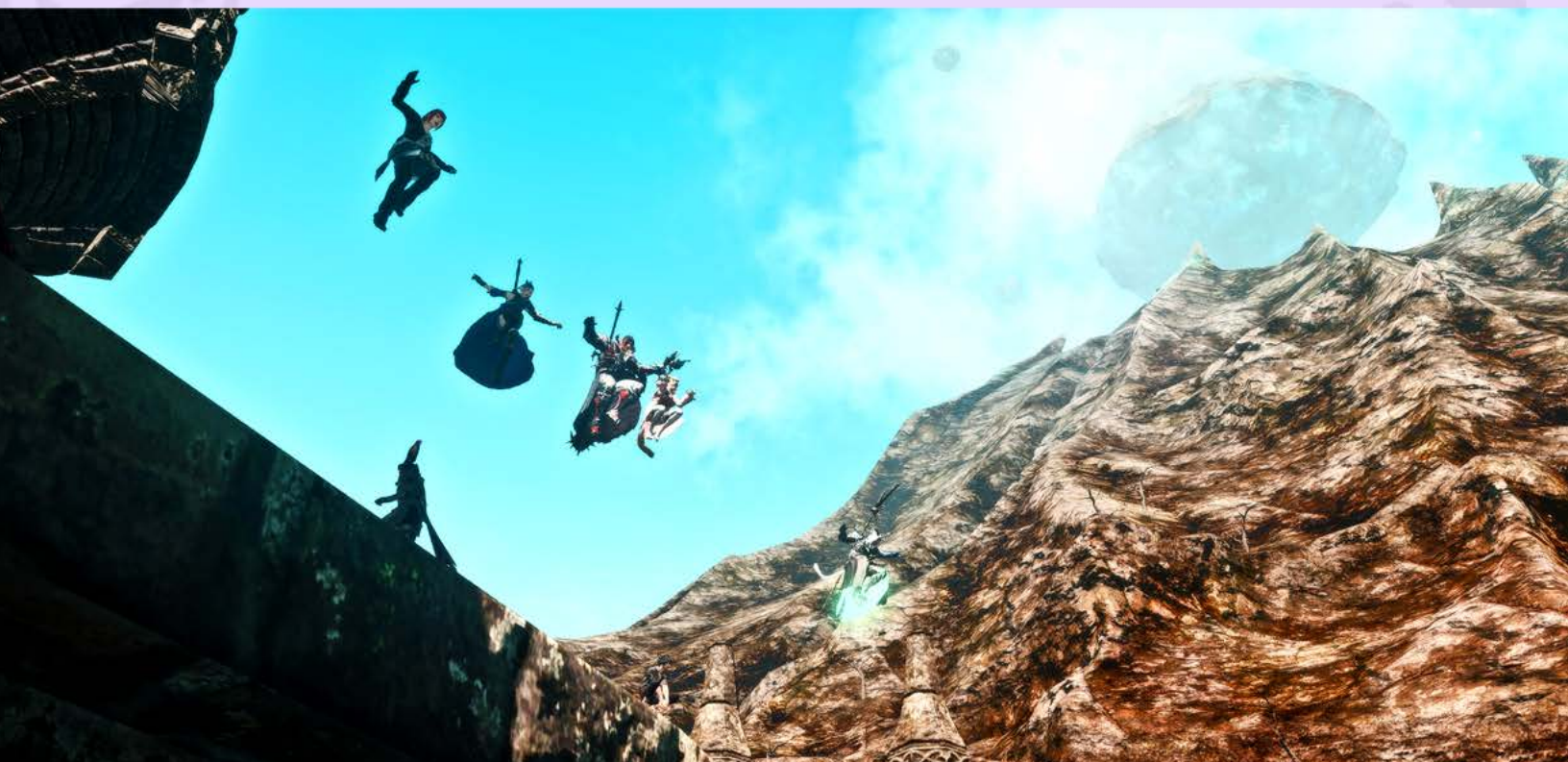
A Monthly Highlight

At the beginning of the month, we tested out a new event idea: Movie Night! The idea was to watch family-friendly movies every month with the FC as a social hang out, starting out with the new live action film "Mulan". Future plans are tentative around watching Halloween movies in October. Let us know what you'd like to watch in the future!

September held the next installment of the Firmament rankings. Waltz showed up hard and took over the leaderboards, ending the week-long race with 50 slots in the top 100 held by Waltz members, 8 of which were top 12! We're so proud of everyone for their hard work and dedication to the event, can't wait for next round!

We had an exciting new event kick off last month that was a huge success that even had other FCs coming out to watch: Deathdrop Dartboard! Our members were brought to the highest points jumpable in Eorzea and tasked with lining up their shots and jumping onto stack markers for varying amounts of points. The stakes were high but a couple members came out on top (or bottom, in this case):

- 3rd: Lotti Ahdulari (95 pts)
- 2nd: Zero Nox (100 pts)
- 1st: Misht'oa Tayata (125 pts)



Another favorite event for Waltz was seen last month: the FC auction. Items ranging in rarity were sold to the highest bidder, including some Mog Station mounts and real life Waltz Store merch! Thanks to the generous donations, we were able to raise over 60 million Gil for the FC fund; this money goes to funding future FC events, as well as supporting our members in need. Thank you for the bidding war shenanigans!



Our ever evolving Game Nights will be shifting gears in the coming months. Super Smash Bros will be changing to a 4 player free for all format over tournament style to allow for more fun-time excitement and comradery. After votes from our members, we will be hosting Among Us / FFA Smash Bros nights in October and Fall Guys / Monster Hunter in November. Looking forward to seeing you guys out there, this month's games will be killer!

Two new classes have been added to our ever-expanding Role Courses: Raiding 101 and Gold Saucer! If you're new to either, we recommend stopping by these classes! Check out our Role Courses page at theblackwaltz.com for details on our monthly line up.

And lastly, a bit of business. Due to the increase in new membership applications, we have adjusted our inactivity policies. Make sure you check back in with us every month so we can say hi! We have also updated our charter to better reflect our expectations of members, if you haven't already please take a moment to review the new guidelines!

Update to the inactivity rules:

- Without warning: 50 days → 30 days
- With warning: 150 days → 100 days

**JURINA'S
FASHION
GURU
JOURNAL**

FALL

COLLECTION



1: FALLING FOR YOU

I wanted to come up with an outfit that was simple but would also match the season. At first I thought that maybe the sweater didn't go well with the skirt but decided to play around with it, and to my surprise, it came out pretty well. The colors are so well matched and really fit the mood of 'Fall'.

HEAD: Green Beret

+Soot Black

BODY: Winter Sweater

+Mesa Red

LEGS: Southern Seas Skirt

+Soot Black

FEET: Best Man's Gaiters

+Russet Brown

HANDS: Dirndl's Wrist Torque

+Soot Black



2: COFFEE BREAKS



This set looks pretty chic. Actually, go ahead and walk around an area that is very busy, full of coffee shops or relax by the areas outside of New Gridania. This makes you look professional but relaxed as well.

HEAD: Classic Spectacles

+Soot Black

BODY: Spring Shirt

+Soot Black

HANDS: False Nails

+Rust Red

LEGS: Wind Silk Bottoms

+Rust Red

FEET: Best Man's Gaiters

+Russet Brown

3: INTO THE WOODS



HEAD: Emperor's New Hat

BODY: Ala Mhigan Gown

+Desert Yellow

LEGS: Extreme Survival Slops

+DOlive Green

HANDS: False Nails

+Olive Green

FEET: Rebel Boots

+Russet Brown

I was listening to Taylor Swift while creating this so the set came from her music. Jokes aside, I usually use this top for summer outfits but it can work well with Fall outfits, just need to find the perfect dye for it. The pants which I consider to be cargo pants are the best bottoms for Fall. This set is not too over the top or flashy, just right.

4: PUMPKIN SPICE GIRL

I do hope you noticed what I did there, if not...oh boy. So the Pyros Bolero is by far a body piece that is a little over the top, only because it has glimmer here and there, but to the point where it does not stand out too much. I had various ideas for the top, you can match it with a skirt, shorts, pants, at this point whatever. Plenty of bottoms go well with this. The dyes that are applied into the body piece work perfectly well, it doesn't really overdo it.

HEAD: Quaintrelle's Hat

+Kobold Brown

BODY: Pagos Bolero

+Morbol Green Dye

HANDS: False Nails

+Kobold Brown

LEGS: Alliance Trousers
of Aiming

+Kobold Brown

FEET: Tigerskin Thighboots
of Aiming



5: FEATHERFALL'S FINEST BARD

HEAD: Iridescent Hat
of Aiming

+Kobold Brown

BODY: Idealized Fili
Gilet

+Olive Green

LEGS: Alliance
Trousers of Aiming

+Soot Black

FEET: Rebel Boots

+Kobold Brown

HANDS: Leonhard
Gloves

+Kobold Brown

While looking chic, comfortable and soft is quite the way to go, why not make something that relates to Fall but also an outfit that makes you look ready to jump into those raids?

The body piece is one of my favorite pieces ever and it is such a shame it doesn't apply to all classes. If it did, I would never glam out of it. The scarf of the body piece is a great touch, we hardly even see scarves in this game.



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