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A great amount of time had passed since Sebastian Cadfan Armstrong has seen his once employee and now... friend, Hugh Izzit, but with the change in wind direction and other signs, he felt this sense of foreboding...er overwhelming kinship come upon him and he knew another visit was soon to come.

One day there processed a great entourage down the road, stopping at Lord Armstrong's house, and out of a gilded carriage came Hugh, once nobody, then Lord, then Baron, then Knight, then Duke, and now....

“Sebastian, my friend! Oh it is good to see you!”

“And you as well, your....forgive me but your entourage seems vastly enlarged since our last meeting. Is one something greater than a duke now?”

“Oh! My intelligent friend, nothing gets by your keen eye and sharp mind. Indeed something has happened. As you know when last I spoke to you, we were preparing for war, and to war we did go!

“We did our best, our very best, but eventually we were over run by the invaders. We humbly accepted our fate and allowed ourselves to be made a part a new kingdom.

“Days later His Majesty arrived to meet with the king of the other kingdom and a great bantering went back and forth. Our Majesty said that since he hadn't provided timely aid to his people here, obviously this section of the kingdom was too far away and should be given rightfully to its conquerors.

“But the other king said that after spending days with us and seeing our capabilities, surely he was not worthy of these people and they should stay within the kingdom from whence they came. Back and forth they tossed the deed and threw money at one another to buy or sell our Barony as they saw fit.

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signatures, if needed.

“The piles of money were growing so high I had to shunt them off to the side so we could still see one another. Eventually both of them turned to one another and said at the same time ‘It is a fool’s errand to claim these lands for only one as cunning and witty as a fool could ever possibly govern these lands correctly. Only a fool could wear the crown of these lands.’ And they both took off their crowns and placed them on the table.

“Well, the people of my barony were so bereft about not having a monarch... I don’t know what came over me but I stood up and said. ‘For the sake of your two men’s honor and my people, I will be that fool!’ to which both their majesties turned to me, smiling, and said, “Yes, yes you will! Cousin, come greet us this day as our equal!

“And before I knew it there I was to be proclaimed Hugh the First, King of Banished Minds. And so now I ride here to you this day for I must plan a great victory celebration and my coronation and as I’ve never been to one, I know not what to do. Could you assist me in this as you have oft times before?”

Lord Armstrong nearly didn’t, so complete in shock the words just heard caused him to be, but eventually he took down a parchment wrote out a list and told His Majesty, Hugh, “In order to have this victory celebration and coronation you must know your subjects well, what they can create, what they can inspire, and whom they follow. But I must ask, a coronation and celebration of this magnitude is quite expensive, how do you expect to pay for it?”

“Oh,” said Hugh “Well, being so pleased at my elevation to a king, the other two Majesties went forth to tell everyone in their lands the good news straight away. They left in such a rush they forgot all the money they threw at one another, and I’ve not been able to get them to come back and claim it. I assumed they left it as a coronation gift.”

Lord Armstrong couldn't help but smile and smirk at Hugh as he handed him the parchment of things to do in preparation for his coronation.

Can you join Hugh on this quest and complete this list of items yourself? Where you are working with or for someone, politely ask that person to print and write their name down on the line of that item to verify it's completion. (ie... once your name is chosen correctly, ask the Pursuivant or assiting Herald to sign on that line next to your persona's name.)

Create a complete outfit specific to your persona and its time & region (Have the Chatelain(e) or the local or regional MOAS sign off _____

Enter a regional A&S competition (Ask someone like a Judge, the Kingdom MOAS, etc. to sign off)

Study what kind of faith, if any, your persona might have had (Show part of your research of place in copies of it)

Write a period style song/story/poem (show an example of the form and then show your piece)

Learn to write in a period form (calligraphy) (show an example of have teacher of calligraphy class sign off)

Learn the line of lineage of your Kingdom (Have someone sign off here) _____

Learn a period game. (Explain here what game you learned and provide information on from where and when it came.)

Spend an entire day in persona (Discussing SCA items excluded from the list of banned things (such as what is going on at court, what the days activities are, etc.) but try not to refer to anything modern (like a McDonald's for lunch, refer to it instead as the Old Man McDonald's Manor, your atm card is a scripted note from your banker allow one to borrow money...etc) Only answer to your SCA name, act as if everything is in your time period, staying in full "character" for an entire day/event. Have several folks who were with you sign off and bear witness to your deed) _____

Attend a Ball (Have folks who danced with you sign off, or attach a copy of your dance card here.) _____
