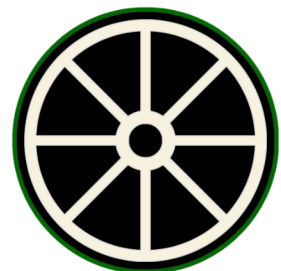


# Tall Tails Gazette



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**Ferri Queen of Puns?**

We feature a selection of some of her best work.



**Two winter caravans for your calendar!**

Sat 26 Nov @12PM SLT

Fri 30 Dec @12PM SLT



**Meet the Tall Tail Maids!**

**Overworked, underpaid: But still they clean !**

## Livestock horror - Ponifia Glue Factory opens on Route 9



A glue factory has sprung up on the mainland on the spur road to the north of Route 9. [Photo: Magic]

In what appears to be yet another a ruthless money making endeavour, the Ponifia have taken over a derelict factory on route 9 and turned it into a glue factory. Yes, a glue factory.

We have all heard the tales about glue factories where old or under-performing ponies end their days, right?

But is it just a tale? Here it stands in all its bleak totalitarian glory. A large working factory bearing the sign Glue Factory. Could it be less real? So livestock take note: The glue factory IS a thing so you know what might happen if you don't do your best, every hour of every day. And yes, you too Vanity.

It's located to the north of the continent of Jeogeot on a northern spur of Route 9, not too far from Frilly Frilly Farm. Its prime position also puts it on the same continent as a number of new TT hubs which have now been fully connected to the GTFO network, enabling savvy entrepreneurs to weave them into their regular trade routes.

The glue factory hub will form the end point for a planned GTFO event covered in Upcoming Events. Not controversial at all... and good news if you are in the market for glue, because now you know where to go for the finest glue on the market...

### New TT GTFO Hubs

In addition to the 'not controversial at all' glue factory, three additional TT Hubs are now online with the GTFO network on Jeogeot, namely the less controversial sounding, Northern and Western Garage and the Sabhal Dearg far in the north on Route 9a.

These new hubs will be featured in the upcoming GTFO carting event on December the 4th.

For those unclear what GTFO is, please have a look at the dedicated article in [Gazette Issue 6](#).



New Northern Garage GTFO Hub. [Photo: Magic]

### Upcoming Events

As ever, the elves behind the scenes at TT have been working hard preparing some future events for our sadistic pleasure. Here is a summary, so we can add them to our calendars.

- **WTF is GTFO - The Ponifia Routes: Fixing the Glue Pipes** - The original event was a big success so we are planning a second event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. This will again be run by the Ponifia and include stops at the new glue factory and garages on the route.
- **TT Christmas Party** - This is planned for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December and no doubt there will be banging seasonal tunes from our DJs and maybe some ice to skate on!
- **2Hot2Trot** - The next edition of 2Hot2Trot is here, so ready your hooves because this time we return to steeples! On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12PM SLT you will have 15 chances to win more poker chips on a medium difficulty track: Ruin Run!!
- **Winter Silent Dressage** - Save the Date: Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12PM SLT - [Click here for more information!](#)
- **Winter Pony Caravans** - The final caravans of the year will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December both starting at 12pm SLT. I think this might be the first ever caravan we have had on a Friday!
- **Polo World Cup 2022** - In November the Football World Cup in Qatar takes place so we want to have our own world cup - in polo! Registrations are open until 13th of November if you want to enter. Potential Match days are - 20th of November, 27th of November, 4th of December and 11th of December which will depend on how many ponies (and countries) enter. Please contact Molly & Ralna for more details.

### Vet Clinic Coming?

The Gazette has been shown a planning application for a Vet Clinic being built here on the Tall Tails estate.

It looks like early build work has started but we don't have an grand opening date yet.

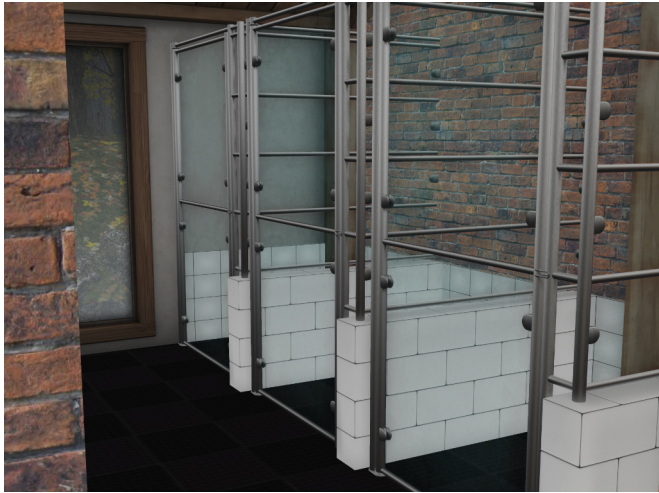
We managed to smuggle in a photographer to get a shot which appears to show some rather strict animal holding cells.

There are also rumours of a secret laboratory with a surgical station, but the team were unable to confirm or verify its existence.





Need a rest? Inside the new vet clinic. [Photo: Ginger]



Strict looking cells. Hot. [Photo: Ginger]

There is no opening date for the clinic yet, but we will announce it when we find out. Please reach out to Emma if you are interested in a role.

## Caves Noise Complaints Reported

On the 21st of October we at the gazette heard reports of flashing lights and loud noises from the caves on Pike. We submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Ponizei, and after enduring twenty minutes of furious and sustained headbutting from Captain Axelle, we were rewarded with a transcript of an interview with a couple of eye witnesses.

**Officer:** "So what exactly did you see in those caves?"

**Witness 1:** "You wont believe this but there were ghosts."

**Officer:** "Ghosts..."

**Witness 1:** "Yeah and a dancing pudding. Oh and ghouls, robots, monsters and even the grim reaper."

**Officer:** "Right... Anyway..."

**Officer:** "...Given the formal noise complaints we received, what exactly do you think was going on in the caves?"

**Witness 1:** "It looked to me like a massive celebration. They were all dancing around to music and there was even a outfit contest with a cash prize."

**Officer:** "Hmmm... So where exactly in the Pike caves is this supposed to have all happened then?"

**Witness 2:** "Well it was in the big cave. It was full of ice and there was this giant skull holding a huge rubber chicken... Oh! And everyone was dancing on a pirate ship."

**Officer:** "A pirate ship... I will send a squad of Ponizei there now to check it out."

**Witness 2:** "Uhhh well its all gone now..."

**Officer:** ...

Our reporter was given photos by the witnesses, but at the time of writing they could not be verified for authenticity.

Given the TTFD have recently been doing some work in the caves, we also attended their press briefing about the incident and managed to put some questions to their representative.

**TTFD Spokesperson:** "Yes, on the 21st of October a major incident was declared because more than forty Tall Tail citizens were exposed to hallucinogenic gasses. We believe a gas pipe ruptured inside the cave from the recent (and excessive in our view) use of explosives to breach Plywood Hill Castle, which resides above the Pike caves."

**TT Gazette:** "Is there any danger from exposure to the gas?"

**TTFD Spokesperson:** "The local vet reported that the effect of the gas is mostly harmless. The hallucinogenic symptoms may last for a few weeks but should be gone by the end of the month."

**Stoat Times:** "So does this also explain the green smog currently over Pike and Meadow?"

**TTFD Spokesperson:** "Yes, the quantity of gas released affected the local ecosystem but we have crews actively working in the caves to find all the leaks and seal them."

**Slug News:** "Oh and a final question if I may? We heard a rumour that before all this kicked off, a TTFD employee entered the cave looking for treasure. Are we aware if their search in any way contributed to the leak of hallucinogenic gasses?"

**TTFD Spokesperson:** "Is that the time? I really must head to my next interview.."

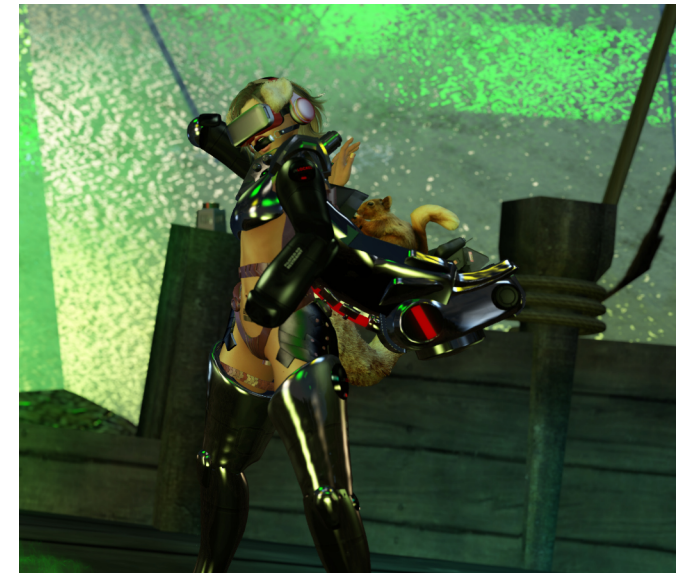
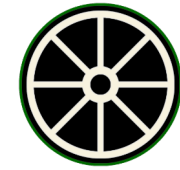
**TT Gazette:** "Before you go... please can you explain how the TTFD has been able to invest so heavily in new aircraft and modern carts recently?"

**Slug News:** "It seems not...never seen anyone leave a press briefing so quickly."

Congratulations to all the costume winners shown below, Cookie for setting up a knockout venue and for our two amazing DJs Sin and Jane that rocked us hard!

Next stop Christmas!

- Report by special reporter, Cookie.



Event organiser Cookie rocks the boat! [Photo: Axelle]



Costume winners: Cookie, Holly, Blueberry, Steph and Punkmatsche [Photos: Cookie]



Holly describes Cookies Halloween venue best "This venue is fucking insane Cookie!" [Photo: Holly]



# Ferri - The Tall Tails Undisputed Queen of Puns?

Perhaps there are people on the estate who have not been lucky enough to be around when Ferri treats assembled onlookers to a burst of her sublime puns.

But sadly for Ferri, her natural talent is not appreciated by all and quite often they are cut short after a gag is put in her mouth.

So please enjoy a fresh selection of some of her best puns with no risk of muting.



Pasta la vista,  
baby!

What did one  
coffee say to the other?

Where you bean  
all my life?

I know it's corny  
but you're  
a-maize-ing.

What do you call a wine  
hangover?

The grape  
depression.

What does a bee's  
Valentine's card say?

Honey Bee Mine.

What happens when a bee  
moves to a new hive?

They get a  
house-swarmling party.

To boldly go where  
snowman has  
gone before.

Why are cats  
scared of trees?

Because of their bark.

What do you call a  
dog magician?

A Labracadarabrador.





Meet the Tall Tails Maids! L to R: Berry, Alexis, KitKat and Velvet [Photo: Ginger]

## Meet the Tall Tails Maids!

**Ginger:** Today I am thrilled to be joined by Alexis, Berry and KitKat, better known as the Tall Tails Maids! We are also joined by Velvet who is thinking about becoming a maid here.

**Ginger:** So did you all become maids at the same time? Who signed up when?

**KitKat:** Kitty was actually a few weeks ago

**Velvet:** I literally just walked in, and dressed up.. Had no idea what was about to happen ^^

**Berry:** Well I'll admit it started for me when Rain showed me Molly's place. I helped her dust it then I moved on to other houses in the sim.

**Alexis:** I think Berry was a maid for longer than me. Oh gosh, I kinda was off and on for a while a year ago but suddenly really got into it these past few months. KitKat helps me with my chores when I go about. And Velvet here is a new curious maid hehe

**Berry:** I'd say about... hmm, well must be the start of last year, so early 2021.

**Ginger:** So Berry, do we think you have been maid longest?

**Berry:** On sim..? Probably.

**Alexis:** Holly is taking a break for other things at the moment. But overall, a slightly shorter time frame than me I would say.

**Ginger:** Ok so lets have an honourable mention for Holly as well.

**Ginger:** So how many properties do you have to clean?

**KitKat:** I think kitty can only do 6.

**Berry:** Well I tend to check Pingles, Axelles and occasionally Molly's house but I know there are more on sim. I normally check with Magic

before cleaning Molly's as they have their own personal maids.

**Alexis:** Cookie's, Axelle's, Mine, and the Windmill has a surface on the conference table. Jane's, Pingle's, and Danaira + Steph are the houses. There is a few in the wine cellar and under the church on Pike.

**Velvet:** I live on Maple ave, so will keep it clean~

**Ginger:** Have you done any cleaning yet Velvet?

**Velvet:** \*shakes her head\*, is primarily a pony and new here~

**Alexis:** We were chatting a little and she has seen me do a little. She is a curious new face =3

**Ginger:** \*smiles\* So does Molly come and check your work and progress? Is she the boss?

**Alexis:** The Homeowners are mainly the boss. some are stricter about wanting it cleaned sooner, and some are more relaxed.

**Berry:** The only time Molly has checked my work is when i first started cleaning... I wouldn't call her the boss apart from when I'm in her house.

**Ginger:** That makes sense, so who is the strictest?

**Berry:** Probably the greenie...I mean Miss Axelle.

**Alexis:** In my experience: Axelle and Danaira give me the hardest time. But it might also depend on the relationship with the homeowner and the maid. Cookie has been a little bossy now and then, just recently.

**Berry:** \*tilts her head\* Can Cookie be bossy?

**KitKat:** Oh yes

**Alexis:** Dogs always have more confidence and bite in their own homes...

**Ginger:** \*grins\* How long does it take to do your cleaning run?

**KitKat:** I think a run can take 30 mins to hour depending.

**Berry:** As for how long to clean a house it depends what restraints I've been put in.

**Alexis:** I'm a little skilled at this chore. If a house needs a touch up, an individual house might take 5 minutes, but if it is really dusty, maybe 15 minutes. Also, if you're doing a run you might check a few houses and some would need cleaning and some not. And then restraints if you have any, hehe. I was speaking as if unrestrained =3

**Alexis:** would say 5 to 10 minutes a house, then add the travel time between houses mhm

**Berry:** It can be quicker if we team up and clean a house too.

**Ginger:** Berry? Didn't you make a cool cleaning cart?

**Berry:** I did, I still can't believe that got me 3rd in the WOM peoples choice.



The Berry Clean Cart! [Photo: TBD]

**Alexis:** Jumping off of Berry's cleaning cart comment: I made a Tuktuk filled with maid supplies I drive around sometimes when I'm hobbled.

**Berry:** That's a great Tuktuk by the way.



The Alexis Tuk Tuk! [Photo: Alexis]

**Berry:** I was going to start on making a cleaning bike but I haven't had time yet.

**Ginger:** So someone reminded me today that there are more houses being rented and 3 - 4 new hubs on the mainland.

**KitKat:** eep

**Ginger:** So you could be quite busy soon!

**Alexis:** I never thought about the mainland hubs. yikes. And mhm! Samuel just rented a



place, Emma is working on a vet, and Tina just got a home as well. I've been meaning to ask them soon if they would consider having some surfaces placed around. But it's okay too if they don't want that, or only want private surfaces.

**Ginger: So can you share any juicy secrets that you have discovered whilst cleaning the houses?**

**KitKat:** hmm. I mean it should be a crime that so many dungeons are empty...

**Berry:** That's a good point, I think I've only seen Pingles cells used once.

**KitKat:** nods nods. It's crazy!

**Alexis:** Cookie has one but she would kill me. Hmm. Danaira and Steph have a two-story house but nothing upstairs.

**Alexis:** Travelling to Pingle's house is always a risk because of her shenanigans plus I have the added risk because people can turn me off via the power switch.

**Ginger: So what's the Cookie secret?**

**Alexis:** Trespass her property to find out yourself Miss Reporter =3

**KitKat:** \*grins looking back at Alexis\*

**Ginger:** \*laughs\* Well at least give me a clue...

**KitKat:** Candlestick. There mew go.

**Berry:** I haven't cleaned Cookies place yet so I guess I'll find out when I do.

**Alexis:** It has to do with Axelle I'll say.

**Ginger: Do you all enjoy your job?**

**KitKat:** Wait this is a job?!

**Berry:** If this is a job do we get paid?

**Ginger:** Ok, let me rephrase... your role.

**Berry:** oh.

**KitKat:** nyo nyo mew said job! Want back pay!

**Ginger:** Yes go talk to Molly about that...

**KitKat:** Will do right after!

**Alexis:** This is volunteer service. hehe. I enjoy it because I'm not dominant but not a pony either. So I kinda found a place to fit into the community here where I can sometimes be submissive and other times take a pony for something. I have the groom role so I can still leash ponies for washing or chores if I need.

**Ginger: So you enjoy your roles?**

**Berry:** Well it's always nice to get out and see the sim but travelling to places can be tricky on some of the driveways due to the traps but I haven't seen any for a while.

**Ginger: So do you get to pick your own outfits?**

**KitKat:** Kitty did.

**Alexis:** Yeah, there is no uniform. and sometimes you're in various restraints so you're limited. I always try to at least have a maid

headdress on and my tag when going around to clean.

**Berry:** Well Mistress has a say in what bun wears, but as far as I know there's no official uniform. I think part of being a maid is having the choice of uniforms to pick from.

**Alexis:** I would get tired with the same outfit every day =3. I swap around.

**Ginger: So open part now, any other points you want to raise or discuss?**

**Alexis:** Can you describe for the paper what you're wearing ginger?

**Ginger:** No, next.

**Ginger: Are there any questions you think I should have asked but didn't?**

**Alexis:** I can't think of any... I do try to keep the water troughs full around TT as well and as winter gets here I try to make sure all the stall doors are shut.

**KitKat:** mmm yea that.

**Ginger:** Ah yes we will probably have snow soon.

**Berry:** Well I have a snowmobile for getting around when it's winter.

**Ginger:** Haha fun and there are the sleigh carts.

**Alexis:** Don't some fire trucks have snow ploughs? We can get the new fire department officers to put some on their carts =3

**Berry:** Though hopefully the pipes wont freeze for the troughs.

**Ginger: So in theory the grooms clean out the stalls right?**

**Berry:** Well the Grooms responsibility is to the ponies and the stalls.

**Alexis:** I've never noticed any stalls in need of cleaning, so I assumed that someone else was cleaning them. \*smiles sweetly\*

**Berry:** Sometimes I almost think that Grooms are subs to the ponies to be honest.

**Ginger:** ...Thank you very much for coming in together to chat to us at the Gazette so can understand more about you and your role!

## Rental Property of the Week

In this edition we focus on another amazing property which is available for Tall Tails members to rent.

Have you ever wanted to live in a lighthouse? Well now is your chance! It is available for rent on the Pike sim!

Rather amusingly, Molly as asked me to step in to play estate agent here, so here is my attempt to make sure she never asks me again. Brace yourself for Ginger - The Estate Agent!

So basically its a lighthouse. Not *light* in that it might blow away with the wind, but *light* as in there is a big light on top that passing ships can use to help navigate. It looks like an upside

down ice cream cone and has a really cool red and white stripey design on the outside that will be the envy of all your friends. Inside the upside down ice cream cone is a winding stair case which goes all the way up to that light that I mentioned earlier. From this vantage point, you are rewarded with commanding views over the whole estate. Also keep in mind that even the TTFD, Ponizei or the Ponifia wouldn't have a bigger light than you. I mean that's pretty cool right?!



Its a lighthouse! [Photo: Ginger]

The other cool thing I neglected to mention is that it is by the sea so it comes with - *included in the rental fee* - a sea view. So combine that with the massive light on top - *also included in the rental fee* - you can enjoy the sea view all 24 hours!

The lighthouse tower has five floors, each of which is dominated by a spiral staircase snaking up to the top of the structure. Given each floor is round in shape, it provides some brilliant and unique layout possibilities for budding home designers, although probably involving a lot of round furniture.

A more traditionally rectangle shaped ground floor area provides a well lit living space and connects through to the base of the spiral staircase without having to go outside.

But don't just take my word for it, it also features a genuine Rebel™ graffiti symbol marking it as a property of note.



Its Rebel approved! [Photo: Ginger]

As discussed in the last edition, the weekly rental price varies depending on how many prims you require, as a guide:

- 200LI is 600\$
- 300LI is 900L\$
- 400LI is 1200L\$

For any questions about this property or rentals in general, please contact Magic Lacroix or Molly Lacroix directly.

Was that property description bad enough never to be asked again?



## Stoat-a-ween Ride

I am ashamed to admit that I have only just got around to trying this amazing Halloween experience created by the stoats.

If you haven't tried it yet, I urge you to do it as soon as possible because its awesome and brilliant! I have deliberately not provided any spoilers as its better if you fully experience it yourself. Shard has told me she will keep it open until the end of November.

In December they want to open up the "Stoaty Tree II: Return of the Fir" which is a timed cart race challenge, like they did last time.

The entrance to the experience is by the Bit and Bridle pub. Make sure you are using the Shared Environment setting and have your sound on before leaping into the burrow, which is deliberately large enough for ponies too!



You can't miss the sign! [Photo: Ginger]



Hmm. Should I leap in?! [Photo: Ginger]

I plan to meet up with creator Shard in the next edition so we can understand what was involved in creating this wonder and understand the inspiration behind it.

## Comic Art Competition!

Tricky has given me the great idea to open submissions for a comic, meme or caption.

Cookie has got the ball rolling with her Dinos Dinner comic in this edition and I am sure you all remember the wonderful Stoat comic we featured in edition 8 which introduced us all to

the now infamous France ball, although amusingly, it is called the Pepsi ball in the picture story.

So I'm not going to list loads of rules and guidelines. It just needs to be funny and feature Tall Tails in some way. You have until Christmas to get them into me so I can feature the favourite, as picked by Tricky and me in the next edition.

If I don't get any submissions then I will just feature a large grey space where the winning entry should have been. You have been warned.

## And thanks to...

...everyone that has contributed to this edition proposing ideas, submitting stories or doing the amazing things I get to cover here.

A big thank you as well to all of the proof readers and reviewers who have the fun of pointing out all my errors and mistakes.

And thank you to my amazing Mistress Tricky Trouble.

## And Finally...

Looks like a good time was had by all at the recent Pony Caravan After Party hosted by the Windstar Estate. I had just enough space left for a wonderful picture of Axelle looking spaced out. Until next time everyone!



Axelle in Space [Photo: Cookie]



A visiting dino learned the hard way not to mess with the bunnys of Tall Tails... When they are in greater number!

comic by Cookie