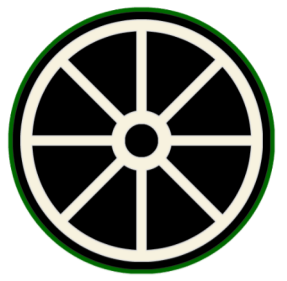


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Anarchy Reigns: Ponifia Oil Facilities Sabotaged Costing Thousands.



The oil facility at Pingles property in flames after the booby trap bombs were triggered. [Photo: Mara]

There was recently a lot of excitement in Pingle-world after she learned that new oil reserves had been found under Pike land. She immediately got to work to take full advantage of this money making opportunity by adding a well to the Ponifia castle grounds and a number of pipes to transport it to a refinery she constructed on her property in Pike.

I am sure readers will recall that this is not Pingles first flirtation with the oil business. In fact her previous venture is covered in [Gazette edition 19](#) and appears at number 5 in the top 10 list of "Pingles Big Ideas".

But Pingle hit a major snag when a large oil spill appeared near her land which some have suggested was because the pipes were not designed for this purpose or were properly maintained. Ponifia argue that the spill was a result of sabotage rather than negligence on their part, but very quickly this was no longer the most pressing concern...

...Because our resident eco-warriors the Stoats soon made their feelings about the environmental damage known and planted a number of booby trap bombs around the two oil sites.

But let me be clear about the scale and size of the Stoat message. On Pingle's land alone there were at least 16 bombs and there were more than 20 bombs on the castle roof. No half measures here.

These were soon triggered, creating massive explosions and fires which needed to be put out, which of course caused no lasting environmental damage...

The Ponifia team including the Godmother herself, immediately took to the front lines to help with the firefighting operations. Eventually the fires were all put out.

Sensing the risk of continuing with operations, Pingle managed to sell the remaining oil and refining facilities. To secure the deal, pallets of cash were delivered to the Ponifia warehouse, because as we all know, cash is king and storing it all on a number of pallets in a warehouse rather than in a bank makes perfect sense. What could possibly go wrong...?

With huge explosions erupting across Pike and reports of pallets of cash being carted along the winding and hilly roads of Pike, even the Ponizei started to get suspicious and decided that Pingle had some questions to answer. There was a furious chase and Pingle ended up falling into the sea. There are rumours that her ghost was later spotted around the estate but lets be honest, it's more likely that people had been smoking something exotic. A very real and physical Pingle has since been spotted around the estate, so its safe to say that any rumours of her demise are greatly exaggerated.

It seems that during the chaos, much to the Godmothers frustration and despair, certain organisations took it upon themselves to help themselves to the cash stored in the warehouse. There are even pictures of people casually wheeling away wads of cash as if it were a cash and carry... which on reflection, I guess in all senses of the word, it actually was.

One amusing aspect of this situation were the press releases that were put out by a large number of TT organisations about these events, each adding their own very personal spins:

- **Beorn Industries.**
Offering free tuna alternative 'Aynut' to assist the kitties.
- **Cherry Blossom Dairy.**
Moo.
- **Sorrow Enterprises.**
Offering free Sorrow Tunya to all affected felines.
- **Ponizei.**
Started investigations and contributing toothbrushes to help with the clean-up effort.
- **Tall Tails Fire Department (TTFD).**
Announce they object to the Ponifia drilling and will help with the clean up operation but threaten consequences for the perpetrators.

- **TT Maids' Union.**
Noted that everything is really dirty and that they are going on strike until their demands are met.
- **TT Department of Justice.**
Expecting to be very busy soon and reminded citizens that any use of force has to be proportionate.
- **TT Pawramedic's Department.**
Advised against swimming in the oil lake.
- **TT Official Treat Giver.**
Offering treats and praise to the animals of Tall Tails.
- **Stoat Brewing Company.**
Declared that they are very cross about the ecological damage and appear to have a serious beef with Ponifia.
- **Ponifia.**
Proclaim that there is never an excuse for sabotage and ask for the return of their stolen money.

This could only happen at TT! If you want to read the statements in full, you can find them in the [Announcements section of Discord](#) if you scroll back to [messages from 22nd June](#).

So both figuratively speaking and in reality, the dust has now settled on this turbulent period of business wheeling and dealing and the estate can finally take a deep breath again and enjoy a period of calm... Well until next time of course.

Thank to Mara for her help in researching this article.



The equipment is quietly sold. [Photo: Vana]

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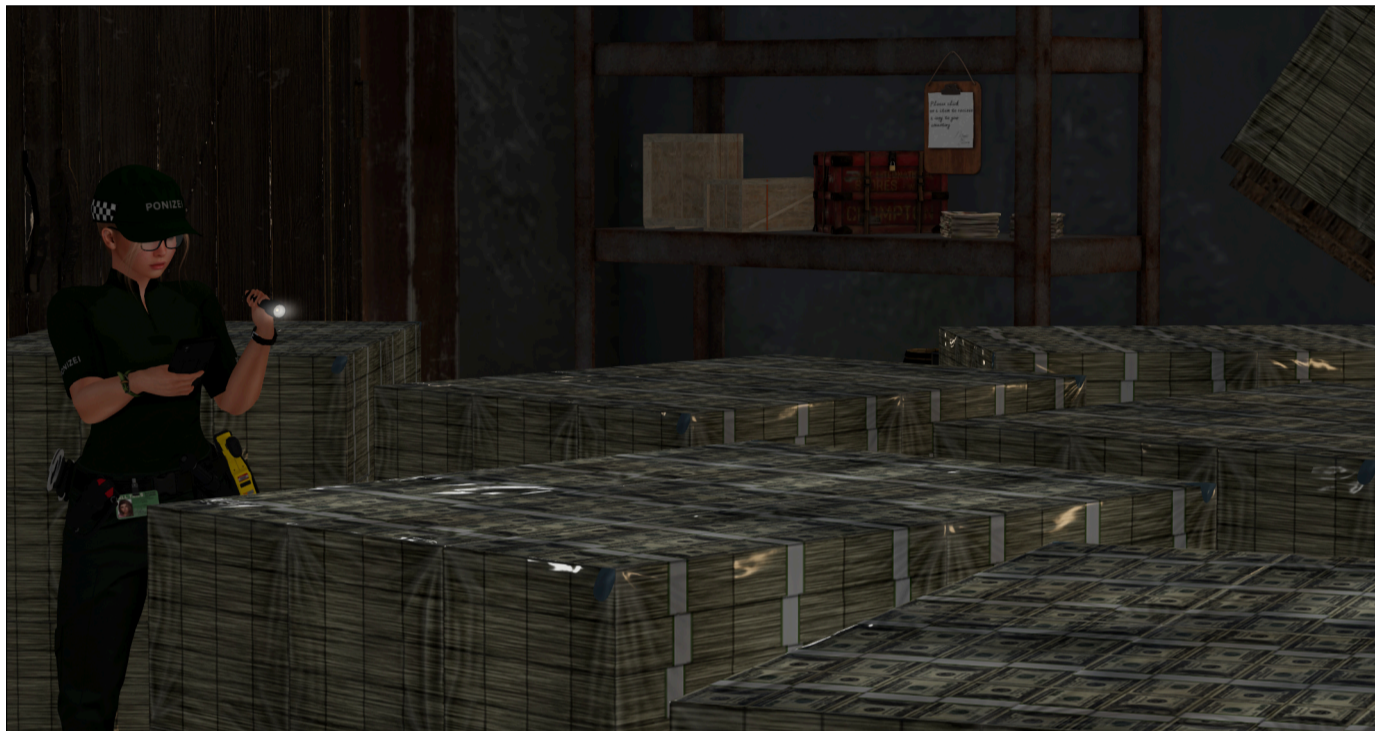
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More Pictures from the Oil Disaster



The Stoaat Booby Traps certainly sent a message. [Photo: Eleanor]



Agent Cookie of the Ponizei finds the pallets of oil money in the Ponifia warehouse. [Photo: Cookie]



This isn't a picture of Cookie and Poppy removing money from the Ponifia warehouse... [Photo: Cookie]



The Bridges Redux

Exclusive TT Properties For Rent

I am excited to announce that two unique properties are now available for TT members to rent.

Enquire now to secure one of these beautiful and unique properties on the beautiful Tall Tails estate - a hand-crafted environment constantly maintained which even adapts to include the changing seasons.

The weekly rental price for each of these properties is 1500L\$ with an allowance of 500 Prims.



House 4 (Meadows). [Photo: Magic]



House 8 (Pike). [Photo: Magic]

If any properties are still available I will once again adopt the role of Estate Agent Tori in the next edition, but of course why would they be? Tall Tails has everything - the beautiful winding roads, extensive pony training facilities and of course most importantly, the staff and our citizens living together in our very active community. Its been a while since any properties have been available so book your tour now to avoid disappointment.

To book a tour or ask any questions about these properties or rentals, please contact Magic Lacroix or Molly Lacroix directly.



Shay hosted a PBR workshop! [Photo: Shay]



Hazel Impressed with PBR on her boat [Photo: Hazel]

Current & Upcoming Events

Here are the exciting upcoming events at TT currently on our radar!

- **Tall Tails Summer Regatta** - Sat July 27th 12PM SLT. Its time once again to don our life jackets and navigate the high seas. Sailing in second life is still as amazing as ever so be sure to join a team and help crew a vessel!
- **41st Pony Caravan** - Sat 20th July 12PM SLT. The caravan returns for the 41st time (incredible really) and this one is entitled 'The Bridges Redux'. Save the date and be part of this wonderful and popular event that involves ponies and staff from other stables right across SL.

WoM 2024 Reflections

The forth year of the Tall Tails Week of Madness has now concluded and I can inform you without even checking with Molly, that work will already have begun on the WoM 2025 five year anniversary event!

Well done to everyone that participated or helped set this up and helped it remain a truly remarkable annual event. Molly had particular praise for Cookie indicating that her build work was absolutely key to the success of WoM.



Cookie gets Molly Praise! [Photo: Cookie]

Well done to everyone who submitted a cart for the WoM Pimp My Cart event, the standard was very high again.

The Gazette is proud once again to publish the winners of the competition events and show the winning pictures from the art event.

To view all the art contributions in their full glory without a caption overlay, please go to the [official WoM webpage](#).



Judges Pimp Gold: Akela. [Photo: Blueberry]



Peoples Pimp Gold: CookKiko Firecart. [Photo: Cookie]

Peoples Choice and Judges Choice WoM Photo Winners



"Reflections of a Pony" by Jane Sorrowman picked up Gold in both the Peoples Choice and the Judges Choice awards.



"Ponizei Agents On Duty" by Axelle Beorn picked up Silver in the Judges award and Bronze in the Peoples Choice award.









"Ponication" by Stephanie Mapple picked up Bronze in the Judges award.



"Sensation" by Molly Lacroix picked up Silver in the Peoples Choice awards.



WoM 2024: Full List of Winners.

| EVENT | 2024 WINNERS |
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|  <p>HAPPENING AT TALL TAILS ON 26/05/2024 AT 11PM SLT</p> | <p>Gold: "Pawramedics" - Sylvie and Teleria Tearfall.</p> <p>Silver: "Wild Wings" - Desania and Mel Billings.</p> <p>Bronze: "Naughty Ponies" - Hidalgo Star and Ralna Payne.</p> |
|  <p>SUMO CHAMPIONSHIP -25.05.2024- 12PM SLT WINNER TAKES ALL!</p> | <p>Champion: Vivian Tearfall.</p> <p>Runner up: Sylvie.</p> |
|  <p>27/05/2024 BLIND CART RACING 12PM SLT SPONSORED BY StoaTaco</p> | <p>1st place: Driver Axelle "Desert Blossom" Beorn with pony Milka.</p> <p>2nd place: Driver Maxie with pony Tiffany.</p> <p>3rd place: Driver Ellie Edwards with pony Pinkie.</p> |
|  <p>31.05.2024 at 12PM SLT THE SOUND OF SILENCE</p> | <p>Gold: Tina-T8-Eren with pony Pinkie.</p> <p>Silver: Teleria Tearfall with pony Vivian Tearfall.</p> <p>Bronze: Medi with pony PipPup.</p> |
|  <p>Pimp My Cart Saturday 1st June Tall Tails, 10am EST</p> | <p>Peoples Choice Awards</p> <p>Gold: "CooKiko Firecart" - Cookie and Melissa Kiko. Silver: "Summer Holiday" - Jenelle, Kira Pain and Ginger. Bronze: "Rebel Fighting Vehicle" - Axelle Beorn.</p> <p>Judges Choice Awards</p> <p>Gold: "Akela" - Surssin "Blueberry" Zeimer. Silver: "CooKiko Firecart" - Cookie and Melissa Kiko. Bronze: "Rebel Fighting Vehicle" - Axelle Beorn.</p> |
|  <p>EXHIBITION 25.05.2024 CEREMONY 02.06.2024 my Tall Tails TALL TAILS ART EXHIBIT & COMPETITION</p> | <p>Peoples Choice Awards</p> <p>Gold: "Reflections of a Pony" - Jane Sorrowman. Silver: "Sensation" - Molly Lacroix. Bronze: "Ponizei Agents On Duty" - Axelle Beorn.</p> <p>Judges Choice Awards</p> <p>Gold: "Reflections of a Pony" - Jane Sorrowman. Silver: "Ponizei Agents On Duty" - Axelle Beorn. Bronze: "Ponication" - Stephanie Mapple.</p> |