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Southeast Regional Calendar



SERE

Southeast Regional Event 2015



April 16 – April 19

Crown Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel, Atlanta Ga

1325 Virginia Ave

Atlanta, GA 30344

You can find information on registration at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=peydj7sab&oeidk=a07eafe75aq1eafcd2b>

Contact for the event is Tommie Boatwright

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Games that will be running at SERE include:

Requiem, Masquerade, Apocalypse and Accord

Recipe of the Month

Vegetable Curry

By Julia Barnes, US2013100189



1 can of unsweetened coconut milk

1 tbsp of red curry paste

2 tbsp. fish sauce or 2 tsp. soy sauce

1 tbsp brown sugar

1 1/2 cups shelled frozen edamame or peas

1 box (10 oz) frozen corn

1 1/2 cups frozen bell pepper strips

steamed rice for serving

fresh basil leaves for garnish

Using a sauce pan, bring half the coconut milk to a gentle boil over medium high heat. Cook and swirl the pan until it thickens and forms bubbles around the edge.

Stir in 1/2 cup of water, the remaining milk, fish sauce, and brown sugar. Bring to a boil. Cook, and stir constantly. Season with salt. Stir the edamame and corn into the curry and boil gently until heated through. Stir in the pepper strips and heat through. Sever over the rice and top with the basil.

Hello from the New SERC



Well hello there, Southeast Region. I'm Chris Roberts, your newly elected Regional Coordinator, and I just wanted to introduce myself, and give you guys a little insight into myself.

First off, I have a wonderful wife, Amber, to whom we just celebrated our second wedding anniversary. We are a unique couple, who voluntarily chose the date October 13th for our wedding so that we could, every 7 or so years, celebrate an anniversary on Friday, October 13th. One of our favorite movie franchises is *The Expendables*, oddly enough, as it was the movie we saw on our very first date together, in Tullahoma, TN, and our favorite Christmas movie is *Die Hard*. Needless to say, we fit pretty well together, in all our action-movie glory.

I've served as Domain Coordinator for our domain, TN-011-D here in Nashville, TN, for a year, and helped

revitalize the domain after Nashville by Night into a growing and thriving one, from 5 active members to over 15 in just over 6 months, with more growth on the horizon. I also serve as the VST for our local Vampire: The Masquerade – Cam/Anarch venue, which served as the catalyst to get the domain back to active and thriving, and enjoys regular visitors from Chattanooga (to which I must say I enjoy tormenting their players as much as I do my own).

My hobbies, at least recently, have been playing probably far too much *Destiny* on Xbox One, as well as playing in our three active troupe LARPs (*Vampire: The Requiem*, *Mage: The Awakening*, and *Werewolf: The Apocalypse*), all of which share their own independent universe, and serve as Treasurer for the *Nashville Area Gamer Association*, or NAGA, a group dedicated to helping the gaming society in Nashville grow, facilitating and advertising any gaming in the area. We run the "Analog Gaming Room" in a lot of different conventions here in Nashville, which is essentially a board game room that's open 24 hours for the entire convention, and stocked full with lots of board and card games that people can check out and enjoy when room parties and panels start dying down.

I plan on being at SERE 2015 this year, and look forward to sharing a drink with everyone. I may even bring some *Monkey Shoulder* scotch, which I just introduced Deb to, so I hope she's not regretting that by the time SERE rolls around.

I look forward to the coming 2 years, and hope it is as prosperous for you as I plan it to be for myself. We're going to continue rocking it, and I want to make sure your experience within this Region continues to be a stellar one.

In remembrance of Leonard Nimoy, "Live Long and Prosper" Southeast Region.

Chris Roberts

US2012060112

Claimed: Part Six



By Khorl Duvall

Nervous and shaking I opened the door and with my head down started for the closet, or I tried. The vampire was still just on the other side of the door and I hit against him and rebounded backwards. Strong hands caught me and pulled me close, body to body with him, I went stiff, every muscle in me taunt as a bowstring as I trembled in fear. He leaned in and sniffed along my neck like some sort of animal as I jerked away from him and he gently let me go.

"I have your scent now. I will be able to track you anywhere if you try to run from me." He grabbed my chin and forced my gaze up to meet his, for a moment his eyes glowed an ominous crimson that made me go cold. "Do I make myself clear? Do not try to run." He let my chin go and I nodded quickly before ducking my head again and going into the closet to grab clothes. Then it was back into the bathroom to get dressed. The next forty minutes where mind numbing as I packed three bags with clothing, prized possessions, and things for school. As we went back downstairs I pulled out two metal pill bottles and looked towards the office.

"C-can I please... please can I take some ashes?" my voice shook as I begged with tears still going down my face and fully expecting him to say no. "You may." I was stunned that he said yes but I headed for the study quickly before he could possibly change his mind. The carnage and the blood were the same but both my father and bodyguard had been so old that they had turned to ash. I gathered the little bits of ash that I could into the containers and then left the office, my shoes squelched on the carpet and I couldn't take it anymore, I bolted from the room and once in the hallway I fell to my knees and emptied my stomach all over the rug that covered the hardwood floor. Eventually I managed to pick myself up and stumbled back to the main hallway by the kitchen, the vampire stood there with a wine glass and held it out to me. "You need to drink this and then we can go."

I looked at the glass and my eyes widened. "No! I know what that is! I won't!" I backed away still looking at the thick dark red liquid in the wine glass. His blood, he intended to bind me to him much the same as my bodyguard had been bound to my father. I shook my head no. "This is part of the agreement. You have to drink or I will have to kill you."

I started to back away, to bolt and try to run, my father's ghoul had been willing for his bond but I had learned that it was a way to make a devoted slave out of a person that was unwilling. I didn't get any farther than a few feet before I was slammed against the wall again, my back to it this time and his hand around my throat. "I'm sorry to have to do it this way but I really don't want to have to kill you my pet." the monster actually sounded genuine but I screamed at him all the same as he called me his pet. "I am not your pet!!" I sounded desperate and my voice cracked as he bit into his wrist with an elongated set of fangs, blood started to flow from his wrist as he forced it to my mouth. I couldn't move or get away as the blood ran over my lips and a drop got into my mouth.

SE Regional Charity for April Goodwill Drive

HOW AN OLD PAIR OF JEANS TRANSFORMS LIVES



Drive begins April 1st and ends on April 30th

Donations of clothing, books, household goods, coats, bedding, furniture and other assorted items can be donated to your local Goodwill or another charitable local thrift store.

By donating to organizations like Goodwill, you give back to your local community by providing goods as well as services. Goodwill focuses on helping those in need get the training and jobs that need to become more productive members of the community.

Clean out your closets, your garage and get rid of all of those unwanted items gathering dust in the corner.

Prestige Recommendations are due on May 1st and must be sent by the Chapter and Domain Coordinators. Be sure to give a copy of your receipt to your coordinator so that your donation is recognized and prestige can be awarded.





By Elizabeth Namiotko, US2010076348

Dear Madam Dixie,

I just wanted to write to you again and say thank you. Thank you very much. Things have really improved. As you suggested we have kept things quiet, and if you will excuse the pun... life is good. O sure, we both have to lie a little here and their (btw I don't have to lie about her butt, it still looks great in a dress), but we accept that. And yeah, I have to take a night to patch myself up after we go out. But we make it work, and keep our respective elders off our backs. To anyone reading this... listen to Madam Dixie. She knows what she is talking about.

Furry Friend From Down South
(Gary Hicks US2002023506)

Furry Friend,

I'm happy that my previous advice helped you through your problem, and that things are going well. Thank you for writing back to let me know how everything worked out.

**Blessed Nights to you,
Madame Dixie**

Dear Madame Dixie,

I ran afoul of a certain 'friend' of mine, and now my hand is irreparably stuck to my crotch. How do I play it off in public? Can I fix this problem somehow?

Perpetually 'Rude'
(Bryan Namiotko US2010106788)

Unfortunately Rude,

It sounds like you've quite upset your 'friend' somehow. Unfortunately, the only way I know of to truly fix your problem is to have someone with the same skills as your friend fix it for you. In the meantime, you can either attempt to play it off and live with the stares and odd looks, or you can tear your hand away at the beginning of each night and deal with the pain that comes with doing so.

**Bless Your heart. I do hope your problem gets rectified soon.
Madame Dixie**

Dear Madame Dixie,

My Sire has grown quite violently jealous of me. Her paramour has recently moved to my city, and he has taken quite a liking to me. He attends most of my events, and he has doted upon me with fancy words and small gifts. I have no desire to take him from my Sire, and I have made sure to express that to him. Despite that, my sire has privately struck against me and mistreated me as of late. She will not do so publicly for fear of ruining her own good name or angering him further. I do not wish to leave this Domain, but I fear it may be the only way to show her that I have no wish to take her paramour. What do I do?

Troubled By Family

Dear Troubled,

It sounds like you've gotten caught between quite a rock and hard place. I recommend speaking with the paramour, and ensuring he knows the situation. If he continues to disregard, then your Sire has a bigger problem than her paramour doting upon you. It may be time for them to look at their relationship, but that is another matter. Really, darling, if your Sire and your Paramour cannot resolve their issues like the Adults that they are, then it is not a problem with you, and nothing you do will fix it.

Your choices are simple, if the Paramour cannot be convinced to stop making advances that upset your sire, and that is important enough to you to make a major change. You can either begin spurning his advances, or you can relocate.

In your shoes, I would deem it time to make a name for myself without the worry of what my sire may think. Make allies on your own, and make a name for yourself. Push the paramour away if you have a greater interest in your sire's happiness than his advances. Become better than she could have imagined for you and, with time, she will either smile upon what you have become or you will have the prestige within society to no longer worry over her opinion.

**Well Wishes,
Madame Dixie**

April 2015



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Special Thanks to everyone who sent in Contributions for the Newsletter!

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