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LONG LIVE QUEEN MAIB, LONG LIVE NETHERLYE!

With the completion of the three colossal towers dedicated to the magical arts set to be finished within the next five years, the citizens of the Great City of Netherlye are about to celebrate the beginning of their queen's tour of the mainland, where she will personally visit various prominent villages, towns and cities. Maib Hanstez, who has ruled over Netherlye since the young age of eight years old, with her reign beginning in 2340, originally ordered the towers to be built six years after her coronation. Believing that everyone should be able to harness the power of The Seven to achieve tasks which would otherwise be impossible, Maib, also dubbed 'The People's Queen' won the favour of her subjects through her compassion and willingness to see her people thrive in a golden age of glory. Maib's vision is to put an end to poverty, war and famine through mastery over Magik. Despite criticism from those who oppose her utopian dream, this vision began to come into fruition as the towers were swiftly erected, jobs were suddenly plentiful, and the people of Netherlye are now using the power of The Seven to fully enhance their quality of life.

Despite Maib's good intentions for her people, there are those that claim the cost of building the towers, let alone maintaining them in the future, will see Netherlye plunged into unrecoverable debt, potentially seeing Queen Maib's core beliefs that war, poverty and famine will end backfire upon her completely.

Extremist activist groups such as the Netherlye Liberation Front have made numerous attempts to halt the construction of the towers, and even to end Maib's life, believing that the queen is the work of the Nightmares, and that poverty, as a result of resources becoming drained, can already be seen in the poorer areas outside of the Great City. Members of this group have warrants issued for their immediate arrest by Niall Stormbringer, Maib's chief bodyguard and commander of the Netherlye army.

We asked Chief Architect, Antoine Berrouse of their true purpose, and just how they will benefit the people of the Great City. "The Great City of Netherlye is built upon the location of the first human settlement in Neothera, according to the scriptures of the elves. People should also be aware that this central location is host to a number of powerful ley lines, and as we all know, these are the paths the seven deities walked upon the world when they created it.

By harnessing this power in three key locations we can ensure that spells learned and cast in the city rarely fail or yield negative results. The towers themselves act as conduits for the power flowing through the ley lines, and inside of these towers, bustling communities will thrive and learn the skills associated to master, within reason, of course, the true potential of the three schools of Magik. The offensive, defensive and healing arts."

It is currently unknown if the queen's children, Morgan, Bastian and Salvador will be accompanying her on her travels. As next in line for the throne, it is believed that the cultural and diplomatic journey would benefit her eldest son, Morgan, although with attempts being made upon Maib's life by various extremist groups, the Journeyman feels the kids will be better off staying at home!

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~ Artwork taken from the commemorative One Llandie note released in 2346 upon Maib's announcement of the construction of the towers ~