

Enigmapelago 2006

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**The King is dead!
The Bridges have Fallen!
The Center cannot Hold!
Long Live the King!**

Enigmapelago is Low-Commitment LIVE GAME (LCLG) to be run on Sunday, February 19th. of the **Enigmaversary** weekend. In it, players will take on the roles of Nobles, Electors and Judges in a nation of floating island-states. The game itself is a silly - but nonetheless Machiavellian - process to elect a new King and rebuild the bridges that keep the nation from drifting apart.*

*No allegory is intended by this Game Designer.

Q: So, what's a LCLG?

A: The LCLG is a new breed of Live Role Playing Game (LARP) that does not require the player to a) have an encyclopaedic understanding of the setting or b) write a lengthy character for the GM's to mangle-and-return. It's also a game that is designed NOT to take as much time to play: 3-4 hours instead of the usual 6-7 hours.

Q: So, what DO I need to do to play?

A: Just email me and tell me you'll be attending! So simple it's genius!!

Q: What happens in a game like this?

A: You'll first be asked to group together into 13 island states. You CAN start your grouping NOW if you wish: Each of the 13 islands must have at least 3 people, so gather your friends close, but your enemies closer (or something like that). At the game, you'll be given the Rules, your Party Affiliation(s) and your Personal Goal. After that, the lot of you will choose Dukes in four party Primary contests, then a King from among the Dukes in a final contest. Along the way, you might achieve your goals, foil someone else's goals, build a bridge or two, or even make a new friend.

Q: Where and when will this earth-shattering new Paradigm-in-Gaming take place?

A: On Sunday, February 19th, late afternoon / evening. After we've had a chance to clean up after the Ultimate Frisbee game. (Please!) The venue is not set yet, but we hope to hold it ON or NEAR the UCLA campus: very likely, it'll be at Sunset Rec. Simple AND Convenient! More details will surface soon.

Q: What will it cost?

A: Hopefully, nothing! Depending on the venue, you may have to cough up a small amount of ca\$h for snacks. No more than \$5 in any case. Cheap!!

Q: OK, What do I need to do again?

A: Commit to the game by replying to this email. I need at least **THIRTY NINE (39)** players to make the game work. I'd love to have about fifty players! I DO need to KNOW that you'll be there to plan, however. You may go ahead and start finding your island-mates now!

Q: What's the Genre of "Enigmapelago"?

A: Well, it doesn't really have one. But if you like, you can dress up in any Medieval / Renaissance / Napoleonic finery you may have. Or not. Remember, this is a LCLG!

Holler if you have any other questions!

Yours in gaming!

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