

*Professor Woodrow Woodchuck*

Our next guest is well qualified to provide his own introduction, as clearly evidenced by his chosen profession.

“Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Professor Woodrow Woodchuck. My appearance is that of a common Woodchuck or Groundhog, such as you might find in your yard, the forest, or even wandering along the roadside. Yet, I think, if you were to see me during your travels outdoors, you would notice my uniqueness in comparison to the Woodchucks of the Human realm. You see, I tend to exhibit a fascination with clothing, such as trousers, dress shirts, vests, and jackets. However, I hold no appreciation for shoes. I prefer my lower feet to be unclad, so that I may feel the touch of my Mother Earth upon the pads of my feet.

“Into my vest pocket is neatly tucked an old pocket watch given to me by my great, great, great grandfather (who is still alive, by the way). The lifespan of animals in Tír na nÓg is much vaster than the lifespan of animals in your realm or even of Humans. During my long life, many generations of Humans have come and gone, from the cradle to the grave and their bones turned to dust, while I still survive in the kingdom of Tír na nÓg. Though my eyesight is keen and quite sharp, out of vanity, I wear small half spectacles on the bridge of my nose (what small bridge there is). I do on occasion wear a hat, usually a top hat, sometimes a derby, but generally, I prefer to stroll about with my head uncovered. In habit, I am quite British, for I do prefer my tea during the appropriate tea times, morning, afternoon, and, of course, evening. I do also enjoy indulging, on occasion, in a small glass of an intoxicant, usually brandy.

“Finally, not to bore you further with descriptions of myself or my attire, let me briefly inform you that I am a professor at one of the many universities in Tír na nÓg. I would share the name of the university with you, but it is in the high tongue of the Fair Folk and is nearly unpronounceable in Human speech. I have been a tenured professor at this particular university for over a millennium. My field of study is that of political science and sociology. My interest in these studies, of course, covers the kingdoms of Tír na nÓg and the light realms closer to the Mother and Father and our beloved brother, Jesus, but also the realms closer to the physical Mother Earth and even the darker realms beyond her. To put it more plainly, my studies not only involve the realm of the Faerie, but also the realm of the