

AZAD

MEMORIAL CEREMONY



fluffy bunnies

Memorial Ceremony for Azad.

Meeting place: Secret Kami Oasis

Creator of the event: Fluffy Bunnies.

Saturday, 6 March 2021 - 20:00:00 UTC

Margote : Please take your place in front of the stage.

Margote: The hill will be reserved for those who want to talk...

Fyrosfreddy: players should sit with backs to the green dais facing the lake



Margote - *Event Team*

Good evening all! Thanks for coming!

It's always with great sadness that we gather in these moments. The event team and all the Ryzom teams are then at the service of the players to help them say goodbye to someone they loved, appreciated or simply knew. This ceremony is therefore the work of the Fluffy Bunnies guild and particularly of Fyrosfreddy whom I would like to thank.

Each Homin who treads the bark has his own story, long or short but its own history. I will let Fyrosfreddy and all of Azad's friends talk about it. I would just like to leave the floor for a few minutes to Euphenyx Apotheos, historian, who will tell us about those Matis who choose to settle in the Desert.

Euphenyx Apotheos

Good evening to all!

The Matis who choose to live in the desert are generally few in number. Their entire education keeps them away from the ideal of Fyros civilization. However, we can find a few examples of these atypical Matis throughout history.

You can thus meet some Matis in the tribe of the Water Breakers. Their presence can be explained by the fact that some Matis, astonished by the know-how of the Water Breakers, decided to stay within the tribe to develop their skills in tanning.

We can also notice that the tribe of the Scorchers, of bad reputation, is composed of failed artists, warlike aristocrats and anarchists, most of them Matis. They seem to consider themselves as victims, unjustly banished from the cities of Atys.

If we go further back in history, a massive exodus took place during the time of Jinovitch. The first indiscriminate persecutions of Jinovitch in 2505 pushed some nobles into Fyros territory where they joined the Renegades tribe.

But all this is far from our contemporaries. And if history is rough, nowadays, some Matis simply fall in love with the dunes, the light and the desert inhabitants.

So I will let Fyrosfreddy speak to you about Azad and his story.

I thank you.

Euphenyx Apotheos bows in a courtly manner.



Fyrosfreddy - Fluffy Bunnies Leader (Part I)

A bit of warning first ...The Kami Oasis is somewhat of a sacred space for the Fluffy Bunnies; back in the day we used to hold all Guild ceremonies here, member promotions, achievements and the like.As years went buy we started to hear a strange tone that was ever present when we were here ...as time passed, we began to hear voices and creature sounds under the tone.They sounded distant and lost as if they were from a distant space.These sounds seemed to center on the lake, as if those who have passed from this world were behind a doorway or portal at its bottom. As we pondered this, if we talked about any of those vanquished creatures, or long lost souls their sounds / voices seemed to grow louder. We couldn't help but fear our presence in the oasis had an effect on that doorway as merely thinking of those creatures seemed to bring them closer. Shortly thereafter we found the entranceway blocked and our inquiries as to if this was the cause resulted in no explanation.

In arranging access to this region for this ceremony, we asked the Kami Representatives about why it was closed and of there were any risks involved . They advised that any who enter here do so at their own risk. I therefore have come prepared for battle and hope others have done the same.

One of the things that attested to how people felt about Azad was the "Wyac Policy". The way that that story went is that Azad started harvesting in Forest ... worked his level up over 150 and started digging in Upper Bog.It was there that Azad became listed in the "Atys Guide to Flora and Fauna" as one of Wyac's four major food groups. He was so frustrated by multiple daily deaths from Wyac that he left the "damn forest" and began digging in desert.He went on to finish desert, lakes, jungle and prime roots before coming back and finally finishing forest in GoC just to avoid Wyac. We had no end of fun teasing him "Lookout behind you...Wyac !.Well after that we adopted a guild "Wyac Policy" so that whenever we encountered Wyac, we'd never walk around him, we were gonna take him out everytime we saw him for "Azad's Revenge".

In memory of Az, I hope you all take every opportunity to undertake "Azad's Revenge".

AZAD AVENGE

Misatey shouts : Behind us, from the lake !

Misatey shouts : Help us kill him!

Fyrosfreddy shout : come help us vanquish

Margote shouts : Defend the fluffy bunnies!

Margote shouts : Avenge Azad!

Azazor shouts : selum!



WYAC

Fyrosfreddy shout : well done

Fyrosfreddy shout : Thank you all... I hope you all continue and make it a habit!



Fyrosfreddy - Fluffy Bunnies Leader (Part II)

There were other things that make Azad stand out in my mind. Ya know that point in a engagement with creatures when everybody says "Run Away" not Azad, he always stood his ground and "made a yellow dot" :)

I guess that came from his years in special forces, or the years doing Viking battle reenactments, ... where even in his 80s, he was always getting into trouble for being "a bit rough" on the twenty-somethings.

I still laugh at the story he told playing our Guild Song for his family (88 Lines About 44 Bunnies) where he had his mom, sis and even his wheelchair bound wife "dancing" all over the room.

Azad was the 1st one to stop what he was doing on go do a rez... whether in Guild Chat or in Uni. He was passionate about his family, his pets, his smithing work for the historical reenactments and Game of Thrones.

Azad tried to step down from his Guild Leader position 100 times ... no one would take it because no one could attempt to fill those shoes.

At this time, I want to turn the podium over to Guild Members and Former Guild members. Azad always said, once a bunny, always a bunny.

Misa would you please start things off followed by any present and former guild members who wish to speak.



Misatey - Fluffy Bunnies High Officer

Today is a sad day in which we remember a hero, an icon, a Ryzom leader. Azad had a special place in my heart. Ryzom will not be the same with Azad. He was so a large part of the community. He was always online playing and taking care of everyone not just the guild member but the community, the Kami, the Kara and those who were part of his real life. I joined the Fluffy Bunnies over 10 years ago. I have known Azad for many years before becoming a Bunny! In 2007 I was honored to meet Azad in person. My mother and I took a trip to Europe on a cruise. Dave met us for lunch with his wife Anna Bell, she was a sweet lady who Azad cared for so much. He would see all her needs and medical care was done. She was blind and had glass eyes and was wheel chair bound, but that didn't stop him, he put her make up on a He wasn't very good at putting make up on.

To this day my mother says oh that poor woman if she only knew how much blue eye shadow she had on. But he loved her so much. Our visit that day was short due to our length of stay. That didn't stop me from going back. In 2016 my husband I took a trip to Ireland and we spent a weekend in Belfast. Azad and Irene showed us around and kept us safe. We got to visit a reenactment of King Charles, a parade and event sponsored by the local community in Carrickfergus. My husband will still tell you stories and how awesome AZAD was. He was such a welcoming person. He was helpful and caring. He was always looking out for someone and doing more than anyone ever expected in real life and in the game. He would go out of his way to dig special mats to make the best weapons for everyone including the Kara and Kami he didn't discriminate. He would dig for hours and hours and keep on going. He would go out of his way to dig special mats to make the best weapons for everyone including the Kara and Kami he didn't discriminate. He would dig for hours and hours and keep on going. I can't say enough how wonderful he was and he will truly be missed. May you rest in peace Dave Coppen AKA AZAD. At this time I would like to ask if anyone else would like to come up and say a few words.

Sof -Fluffy Bunnies Officer

Good evening :) I didn't have the chance to know Azad, but when I saw his pictures on the forum.I thought: how, these rabbits are wearing armor even IRL?

Rest in peace, Azad.



Fluffy Bunnies Guild



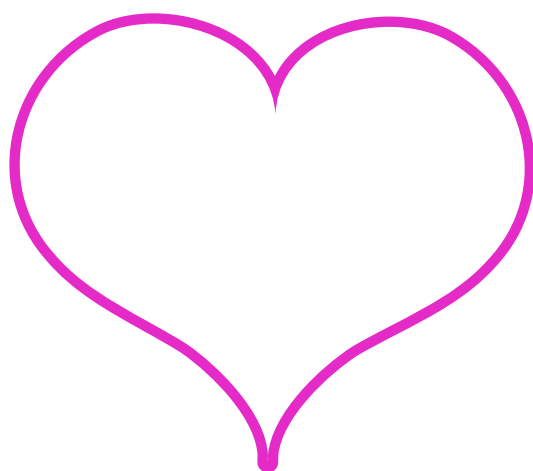
Sarpedonia -Fluffy Bunnies Officer

As Azad always knew me I am not much for talking often. I was in essence his opposite there. I have not prepared anything so I am typing as I go. I met Azad so many years ago. I can't even remember when it was exactly. But I was in The Soul at the time. He would always come to rez me, he would ask me why I am digging in HA :-D . Then I'd dig in LA and he would still....come rez me. So he would tell me, DIG NEKKID! (not his actual words. I forget how he worded it). So since then every time I see a noob digging with gear I would laugh and remember that. But as time went on he and I would work my digging as his CP. It was usually him or Freddy :-) Thanks to them I mastered Desert first. But I took a major break from the game for a number of years. I came back to weird guild stuff and ended up joining The Sanctuary. Big time allies at the time with Bunnies. At times it felt like one guild with 2 names. But then after a bit I took another break. Then came back. Who would greet me after I came back to no guild tag?Azad immediately tagged me as a Bunny. Shortly after he made me an HO due to my standing in Sanctuary and obviously with him. As others said, Azad would help ANYONE. He would always ask if I needed gear for anything. (he knew I did, I just hated feeling like I was taking handouts) So he would INSIST I take gear. That guy, he had a sense about people that was unmatched. He knew if one was too proud to ask for help. Cuz he would help you if you wanted it or not. So back when I was in the Soul I won a contest for NPC armor. and during my break there was a database wipe and everything old got wiped.

Azad knew I had this armor and I belly ached over losing it often for a bit. So what did he do? He gave me a set from teh guild holding. (I would have worn it here, but I can't afford to sub :-(So I know I am actually saying quite a bit but there are a couple other interesting stories I won't forget. He and I had a similar love for our animals.

I lost a few of my VERY loved hens, and Azad and I talked about them and his love for his Ferrets. That was some convos that you just don't forget. I will enjoy those memories till I go

Now what really hurts is, I have been taking a major break from Ryzom lately.....I myself am on the edge of leaving this existence. I am dealing with Terminal cancer. I saw his passing mentioned on a mutual Facebook friend's page. I just could not believe it..... so it brought me back in for a moment even tho I have a hard time sitting for long periods. Numerous times Azad gave both Freedy and I a scare. We would not hear from him for MONTHS even in Facebook. I am sad that this time the scare was real :-(But I take some relief in the fact that soon I will see my lost loved hens and my friend Azad. I will give the floor to the next guildie or former guildie.



Paradera-Spirit of the Bark

I'd like to say a few words. Azad.... where do I begin? I first came to this little tree-like planet many moons ago. Bewildered by the possibilities in this game. Trying to figure out what to do after I came to Pyr I was greeted by a really friendly man. He immediately set me up for quite a while so I could at least walk around Pyr without dying. I still have a set of gear somewhere in a guild hall. which he gave to me after the merge. I could not find that unfortunately. And as many have said, Azad would do everything for anyone. He reminded me a lot of my little brother. Who has also recently passed away from a heart attack. So it came to me a quite a shock to see that he, Azad, who was on some ways very similar to a family member had also passed away in the same way.

May he rest in peace.



Fyrosfreddy shout : Well in closing, please join in playing / singing the Bunny Song in tribute to Azad.

https://app.ryzom.com/app_forum/index.php?page=post/view/149368

. .. the music that goes with it is here



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwUotTbF2aw>

Misatey: gets the party started!

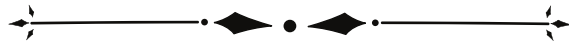
Tamarea - Ryzom Team Manager

Many have answered the call of the Fluffy Bunnies, and are gathered here to pay a final tribute to the player who embodied Azad.

Others would have liked to have been present but without the power, and it is in their name that I bow to his memory.

May he rest in peace!

Tamarea bows respectfully.



RYZOM TEAM

Fireworks in honour of Azad



Misatey: Thanks to the Ryzom Team for holding this event, Thank you to Fyros Freddy and everyone here today. I am sure it means a lot to him and he is watching from above!

Fyrosfreddy: lets climb the hill where Wyac tried on more time to mess with Azad

Fyrosfreddy : and give him his final send off.

Margote : You will then set off a firework display.

Fyrosfreddy : ... and please think of Azad every time you see evil Wyac and 'take him out"

Fyrosfreddy shout : and much thx again to Tam, Margote, Ptibill and the rest of the Ryzom team



A voice coming from the lake shouts : On the missing Homins, the Kamis are watching.

A voice coming from the lake shouts : To its secrets, the Oasis, now you must let it go back.

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