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Good morning for everyone in the United States. Good afternoon for everyone in the UK or Europe. And good morrow if you are in Australia for it is tomorrow for those of us in the past.

Welcome to the Second Annual Babel Conference! .

We organizers are lovingly call it BaCon and we hope that you will enjoy it! .

This conference has been organized by RPG Writing, Split-World Alliance, and Theta Fleet.

As you may have noticed from the rules, we have organized this conference to be different from other conferences. This conference is not about fleets, sims, or organizations. .?

This conference is put on by simmers for simmers. .?

This conference is about helping each other become better writers, better simmers, and better game masters. .

It also is about meeting people and making friends. .

Last year we had 102 people registered for the convention. This year, we have 112 and hopefully counting. .

We thank you for coming to join us today! This conference is nothing without you! .

Since this conference is for simmers and not fleets, sims, or organizations, we have created the rule that discord nicknames may not have any references to fleets, sims, or organizations.

However, unlike other conferences, you MAY have those references in your status and may discuss it in any appropriate general chat room. You also may advertise in the advertising channel. Presenters may discuss their fleet or sims in their presentations. In this sense, we are trying to emulate meeting people in a real live conference, even though this is virtual. .

Also, unlike other conferences, here we will have some audio presentations. We hope that by hearing other's voices that it will bring more people together by adding another tone and inflections that often might be missed or misunderstood in text. .

Because Discord voice can get garbled if more than one person is speaking, we ask that people be courteous and mute themselves unless asked otherwise. In some cases, there will also be a chat room associated with the voice discord presentation. That is a good place for questions, answers, and presenters to post slides or other images that go along with their presentation. .

Audio presentations are in the "presentation rooms" whereas the traditional, text only presentations are in the "chat presentation rooms."

Many of our presenters have placed a good deal of work and effort in their presentations. Whether the presentation is on voice or in chat, please do not interrupt or hijack presentations.

Simply put, we ask that everyone live by the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like to be treated.

At this time, I would like to thank all the organizers and presenters that helped to make this conference a reality.

Above all we hope that you will enjoy yourselves and have fun!

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Unless anyone has anyone has any questions or further suggestions or comments, let the Second Annual Babel Conference begin!??