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SPACE ALIENS, BAD MOTHERS AND GUNS!



FROM THE EDITOR

It all started when... We were coming off the high of experiencing several Comic-Cons events as artists/exhibitors around the United States. We've had so much fun visiting various cities and meeting cosplayers, illustrators, writers, readers and of course our amazing fans! We felt the excitement and wanted more!

Feeling this charge of NERDUTOPIA, I decided to search online for upcoming international events that SPACE ALIENS, BAD MOTHERS AND GUNS!™ could partake in. The first place I thought of was Iceland (because we love it so much, from previous visits) and MIDGARD 2018 came up. I was immediately sold but needed to confirm with my "partner in crime" to see if she was interested as well. NEED I ASK? Of course, Sonise was very interested.

We presented our brand to the organizers and were immediately invited to participate! From then on it was gathering the materials and counting down the days to go.

We would really like to thank our family, friends and fans that donated what they could to help make this experience possible. While we did not reach our goal to cover our expenses, the support we did receive enabled us to cover some of it and for that we are truly grateful and humbled!

We truly hope that you enjoy this issue and that our words exceptionally translate our experience! Email us at deraville.sisters@gmail.com to let us know your thoughts. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

A.C. DeRaville & Sonise Lumbaca

MIDGARD 2018

ICELAND'S FIRST ALL INCLUSIVE EVENT



We didn't know exactly what to expect once we arrived on Friday to set up our exhibit at Laugardalshöll, Reykjavík's largest sporting arena. I mean we've been to several comic-cons around the U.S., but this was international! We were in Iceland, one of the most beautiful countries in the world! Would it be any different than any other event we've attended?

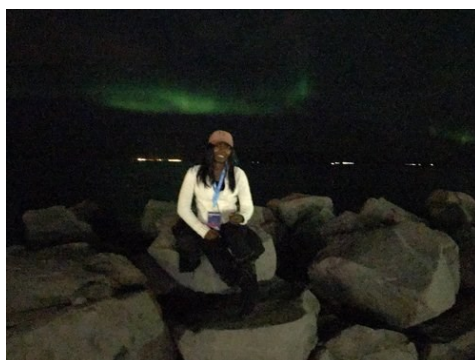
We've been to Iceland a couple of times as tourists. Some tourists tend to focus on the experience of being in a new country. The visuals take precedence with culture playing a major role in a land like Iceland. It's jet black sand beaches, iconic moss, basalt rock formations, glaciers, countless extraordinary waterfalls and let's not forget it's beautiful wild horses.

It's been my experience that many tourist forget the biggest and most important part of traveling and visiting a new land, and that is the people you meet along the way and those that call that land home. The experience, to me, is all about the people and Iceland has some pretty amazing and friendly locals.

It was the locals that made us feel welcome and at home. Midgard 2018 had a very attentive and welcoming staff. Even at their busiest, Sven van Heerden (not pictured), the event manager, and his wonderful staff made time to answer all of our questions. There was staff present that actually walked us to our assigned area, giving us some history on the event space along the way. They all spoke with much excitement and pride. Needless to say we were very pleased. The giddiness began! Our cheeks hurt from smiling so much. This time felt even better than the last two times we were here. Especially since that same night we got to see Aurora Borealis in full affect; dancing about in the dark abyss of the sky also seemingly welcoming us with it's ghostly green hand waving. Sonise squealed and we both were in awe at such an amazing sight, even though this was not our first time witnessing it (con't).



Sveinn Ólafur Lárusson one of Midgard's 2018 organizing staff members.



The Northern Lights welcoming us.



Dan Abnett hooking us up with a permanent moment in cyber history.

Then there was another celeb present, with his photograph booth across from our exhibit. The 6'6" Spencer Wilding a.k.a. Darth Vader in Rouge One, was in the house. All the ladies beamed smiles up at him, gushing for a photo opportunity. He dropped by our exhibit to see what the hooplah was all about (we had a gathering of quite a few visitors listening to Sonise and my take on participating at various events. There was a gathering of teenaged girls mesmerized in particular by Sonise's art work. She motivated the girls to pursue their dreams and reminded them that they could do anything in life; the first step is believing in themselves and trying). Well, Spencer has a big personality to go with his height. The guy is larger than life and we can see why he is such a presence in any film. He's quite funny and has a brilliant sense of humor. We joked for quite a bit and spoke about our previous visits to Iceland. We suggested a few "must do's" before he headed back to working on his next film.

MIDGARD 2018 CELEBRITIES

Event day was super exciting. There was never a dull moment. We were actually very busy with the amount of amazing locals and guest that visited our exhibit to include the most excellent and talented comic book writer for both DC Comics and Marvel, Dan Abnett. He is also an accomplished novelist. My sister Sonise is a huge fan. We were very humbled when he hung out and spent some time getting to know us and our work. What a gent! Charismatic, intelligent, honest and direct. He was there as an invited guest speaker for Midgard 2018. We enjoyed everything he had to say. Not surprised by his cool and nurturing persona, he stopped by to say hi and see how we were doing on day two of the event and even picked up one of our t-shirts for his lovely wife.



Sonise Lumbaca, Spencer Wilder and yours truly, A.C. DeRaville with our game face on!



A friend hanging out with Jónína Svendsdóttir. Check her out in our Cosplayer of the Month page.



Orcs from Íslenskt LARP Kvikspuni) ready to battle Men, Dwarves and Elves.

We came across a well clad group of warrior Orcs, Dwarves, Elves and Knights, fighting over Middle Earth as we know it. So much enthusiasm and Icelandic pride radiated from each and everyone one of them. Íslenskt LARP (Kvikspuni) is a group of young men and women who make their own battle dress from steel, aluminum and leather as well as whatever they could find around the house to add to their dress. Intricate patterns on arm shields and cloaks. Extraordinary belts and head gear. We soon learned that many of the Icelandic locals were very skilled in old time arts such as leather crafting and armorers, with blacksmiths being dominant.

One warrior in particular stood out and it was not because of his battle dress. Stefán Logi Guðmundsson, while modest with his cosplay compared to his Orc counterparts, was big in personality and can write the book on Icelandic Viking history.

Some of you may not know this but I've been studying Viking history with Norse mythology being a main focus. This is something I've been studying on my own, no classes or anything like that. Stefán and I compared notes. I was amazed at just how much information he confirmed along with other information that I was not aware of. We spoke about Berserkers, Loki, Fenrir and Thor in depth! We also spoke about Viking poetry as well as the Viking series on the History Channel. He then went into detail explaining to me about how and why certain protective wear was made and worn. This guy knew a lot and got me even more interested in delving deeper than I already have.

Needless to say, Íslenskt LARP (Kvikspuni) took home the grand prize for the best ensemble cosplay. They totally earned it.

One other thing I'd like to add is about the beautiful green sweater that Stefán wore beneath his chainmail armor shirt. He mentioned the long history behind it and how an aunt of his made it. I believe it was a great aunt. It was 100% wool. I could not believe just how well it held up, almost looking brand new to me. Add intricate knitting as well to something that continues to be practiced today in Iceland.

To learn more about this band of talented Viking warriors you should visit and like their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233218166872939/>.



“Bill The Something” showing is support after purchasing a copy of Space Aliens, Bad Mothers and Guns! Keep reading to learn more about him!

Then there was Bill The Something. Quite an interesting man with a great mind for telling stories. He showed us a sample of his skills and we appreciated it so much that we gave his story a feature. Tell us what you think. We also met an amazing mother and son team. He of course had a VIP ticket and she, supporting him, couldn't possibly be his mom, so we thought. She was very fair and angelic in presence. She looked astoundingly good for her age, especially with her son being 19 years of age (her youngest), but then she mentioned the 32 year old daughter! If I had coffee I would have spit it out! What's in Icelandic water?!!! Here was another example of the amount of creativity we experienced. In addition to attending events like Midgard, he handcrafted intricate patterns into jewelry. Absolutely breathtaking. His mother proudly showed us the various bracelets he made her. (Con't.)

The mother and son pair were also very liberal in discussing the politics of their country vs. those of the U.S.; some very well informed individuals speaking passionately about the rights for others as well as their pride for acceptance. We enjoyed them and they enjoyed us, so much that they stopped by on day 2 and gave us a comic called The Deacon of Darkriver, one of Iceland's oldest and well-known folklore's. The story takes place in the north of Iceland but its origins and author are unknown. We were pleased and very appreciative.

There were lots of families in attendance. Young children and adult children with parents; aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. Midgard 2018 was indeed a family affair with an international flare! We met people from the U.S., Denmark, Sweden, England, Scotland and Namibia! If Midgard 2018 was not on your radar, we hope that it is now! It is definitely worth the visit to Iceland.

I must add that on our off day we met up with some really cool and very charismatic Icelandic “Vikings,” as noted in one Instagram profile. We didn't want to leave each other, but alas, our return to Iceland to meet again may be sooner than we hoped! Until then, thank goodness for social media!



Stefán Logi Guðmundsson with other members of Íslenskt LARP (Kvikspuni)



A.C. DeRaville having a bit of fun, poses in front of a variety of LARPs and cosplayers



Rikard Alesö a professional model from Sweden. He flew in with his friend just to participate in the event. End.

Writer's Corner



This is Bill The Something. Day 1 of Midgard 2018 he approached our exhibit carefully studying our art work and asking us about our stories. He seemed interested and bought Volume 1 of our book. Day 2 he returned in cosplay firing away more questions at us; this guy had almost finished Volume 1 and wanted to get the other Volumes. His inquisitiveness and dissection of our stories peaked our interest. So we talked some more only to learn that he's got a few short stories of his own. It was then that learned that we were dueling with another writer. THIS GUY, we nodded at each other, CAN WRITE! IG: @BillTheSomething

I Hear Them, I See Them (Eldritch Horror Short Story)

by Bill The Something

I Hear Them, I See Them

I can not stop the noise! It does not matter what I do! Even if I close my eyes and cover my ears, I hear their whispering. Of sinister things, of unknowable things, of everything! In the late hours of the night where not even the mice will make a sound, I will hear their deafening songs, their eternal & non-sensical cacophony of quiet drums and shrieking flutes, it's a song no mortal should hear, But I Do! But their sounds are not their only method of delivering agony upon me.

I see their forms encroaching from the corners of my eyes and walls of my room, they never acknowledge me and I don't attempt to acknowledge them, but I never succeeded in doing such, no matter what I try, my focus will direct itself to their horrid forms. Be I within The Public Eye or The Total Solitude of my own home, their forms will always intrude into my sight.

I have tried to speak to them, to reason with them, but in their minds, I assume that I am but a germ. For they do not acknowledge me to such an insane degree, that even me firing upon them with my rifle, doesn't even cause them to flinch.

I've told other of my plight, but no one believes me. They have all given up on me, not the doctors in the madhouses, they give me their best medication, but it does not help. Not even my Local Preacher continues to acknowledge my words.

I have prayed to the Gods, I've asked them to forgive me for whatever sin I might have committed, just something to rid me of these sounds and sights, But its all for not, for I swear upon my worthless life that no God, cruel or otherwise would create such horrid Things!

So as I sit with my rifle upon my lap, I write this note. to inform those who might suffer the same fate as I, that there is no hope.

They do not intend for me to see or hear them.

But. I. Do.

billthesomething, Nov 5, 2017

Cosplayer(s) of the Month



The Valkyrie, the holy and the goddess!

Meet Vigdis Alma Ægisdóttir **@vickythekitty_2.0**, Jónína Svendsdóttir **@kleinekonan** and Gyða Ragnarsdóttir **@gidda.prinsessa**! These are three amazing women that we met and had the chance to chat with at Iceland's first all-inclusive event, MIDGARD 2018.

We love their energy and their enthusiasm! We asked the ladies what they're names mean in Icelandic and the names in the title is what they've told us. Super cool names indeed! To keep up with what they are doing these days, follow them on their social media accounts.

Last Page!

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