



# State Department of the Grand Standards Islands

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From the desk of

**Her Honorable Chief Committee Chairwoman Madeleine Ann de l’Adeline**

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My fellow Grand Standards Islander Moses Driver,

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P.S. Moses, I know you well enough that you’re going to disregard all of this anyway. I do wish you would come home. We all miss you.



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P.S. Justin, amongst our ranks we have many a supporter of our standards. Indeed, we have a number of advocates even - who push forth our message with will and strength. Alas, there is not many a proponent amongst us. But you, Mr Karneges—you are one of the few who take their dedication to our cause quite so seriously. For that, we thank you, indefinitely.



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Dave, so good to have you representing us again. Hopefully your time in service of our great nation is without interruptive incidents like the one which caused Herr Fritz to apologize personally to you on our formal state business channel.



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P.S. Your campaign to remove the humor from pluralizing ‘Internet’ has been noticed, deeply and profoundly appreciated. In recognition of your contribution to Ever Greater Formality, a standards parade is planned in your honor for the afternoon of 16 Ectembre at 3:45 p.m. As is our age-old custom, the parade will be a strategically arranged march down the Royal RFC Boulevard of horses, ponies, mules, mounted by riders with juice boxes.

We expect a great many things like this work from you in the future—and when they come, you can expect more parades!



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P.S. While I have your attention, I would like to bring up one awkward matter which I feel needs to be addressed. Your social handle “awaterma” is missing the concluding character of your last name. Normally, we permit our state representatives full discretion when selecting their identification, but in this case, I feel as though you are personally attacking my sensibilities!

While it may seem to be a bit pedantic (Ha! No one would ever call me that! (Yes, they would, but I was making a joke, you see.)), I’ve filed a report with Standards Enforcement Bureau have little doubt you’ll make the requisite changes soon.



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P.S. While I have your attention, there is one small but important matter I’d like to bring to your attention. Some of your social biographical content is unfortunately lacking compliance with capitalization and grammatical standards, and contains appallingly casual sentence structure—entirely unfit for a representative from our great nation, I’m sure you’d agree!

I’ve filed a report with Standards Enforcement Bureau have little doubt you’ll make the requisite changes and return to formality and decorum.





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P.S. While I have you, Islander Hjelle, I wanted to thank you for your many years of service in enforcing the standards of that most complex standard, Standard Republic English. The missing apostrophe, the transposed letters, the—gasp—misused homophones: these are the scourge that befall our great language. It is the flexibility of our standard that allows these errors to so frequently slip by, unnoticed. But not you, Hjelle, you are the gatekeeper, the grand protector of the grandest, most ambitious, standard of all.



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We are grateful for your hours, weeks—years!—spent in the IE Salt Mines. Where would our world be without strong and stout-backed men like yourself wrangling the unmitigated chaos created by centuries without proper standards? Nowhere, I tell you. Nowhere!





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Your work on RFC 822 is one of the shining examples of what is possible when standards authors and committee leaders like yourself put their full faculties to work. Never mind some have nothing but loathesome feelings for your hard work and diligence. As I always say, “Forget what they say about the quality of the standard—it’s the proliferation that counts!”



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