

The Political Game of Lovely

By HM Bobness

The past few days there has been a lot of confusion concerning the creation of The Great States of Lovely. This is the move by a select group of citizens to divide the Micronational map of Lovely into Federal style ‘States’. This project is being overseen by Kieran, the Foreign Affairs Minister, and has caused much debate on both its own forums and those of Lovely itself. There are five states named Flatland, Spexico, Home, Hoboland and Island. Each of these States is appointed a Governor to run them and the Governors select Mayors to help them in their task.

(Visit <http://www.geocities.com/microcartography/political.html> for the Micronational map. Lovely is the big salmon coloured one in the middle at the top)

From what the author can understand, each state Governor is selected, wherever possible from one of Lovely’s political parties or those who are politically active. In most cases, on accepting the post of Governor, their party will cease to exist although this does not happen in each case. The individual State Governors make all the internal decisions for their own State and any major decisions are made at a meeting of all Governors together. From what Kieran has said, it looks like the ‘citizens’ of each new State can vote on internal matters but that any voting carried out on the States forum will not in any way affect the running of Lovely.

It is thought that this move came as a result of the crashing of Parliament. With the old website more or less destroyed, it was the perfect chance for a fresh start and a new system. Within days the new system was announced and the website up and running. Those who have spoken to The GA seem enthusiastic about the whole thing and see it as a genuine way forward for Lovely and a replacement for the failing Parliament. Barcode, the Governor of Flatland had this to say when interviewed:

‘I wanted to use my governorship as a force for democratic change’.

However, the reaction to this scheme from the general public of Lovely has been quite fierce. Many citizens fear that this project will take power away from ordinary people in Lovely and give them little say in their future, as well as taking activity away from the main boards and placing it on the new States website. One biro-obsessed citizen was angry that

the old system had not been given more time to work and that those involved had given up so easily.

Stacey (Governor of Spexico) and Kieran have attempted to calm these fears by reinforcing the fact that this whole idea is simply a game for those interested in Politics and will not affect Lovely at all. Along with the statements made by Stacey and Kieran, the main website for the project has now been renamed as 'The Political Game of Lovely'. This name change may go some way to halting the fears of citizens that this project was part of a larger plan to put un-elected people into power.

However, with the disbanding of several major political parties and Lovely's Police Force coming as a result, it remains to be seen just what impact the whole thing will have.

As ever with Lovely, this is one of those things you either love or hate and only you can make your mind up. I hope everyone has had a good January so far and isn't letting work/school/college/dole get them down too much, and I would like to say a big, bouncing HELLO to all those joining us from Australia and New Zealand. I hope you feel welcome here and carry on reading this great paper!

Ellie

If you would like to know more about the Political Game of Lovely then you can follow the link below:

<http://www.theparliament.org.uk/forum>

STATEMENTS

This is my statement about what's happened and why I disbanded the PoE.

Last Thursday I think it was Kieran rang me on skype and we got talking as we do, and got on to the politics of Lovely. We both agreed that the party system, as it is, just isn't working, we may be chatting about what we want from Lovely, have our own manifestos and the like, but there isn't really any way for us to implement anything, and from my point of view, this just seemed to be making people either very frustrated and resentful of King Danny as a leader, or people giving themselves titles out of nowhere and claiming authority, which I didn't exactly understand as on the CR boards everyone is really at the same level, OED or Super User or not. Anyway, Kieran then explained to me the Micronational side to Lovely. I'd heard about the Micronational map, and seen it before, and back then it meant as much to me as it did now, so he explained to me what Micronations are all about, a big role play of politics where groups of people can have virtual land to run as they so choose.

We talked about how Lovely can use this, talked about what kind of system would be best, and got on to having the four states and island state each having a governor, who can introduce laws in their own state but doesn't affect the Micronational Lovely as a whole, there not being anyone above the governor, and then, bringing in some other people to talk to as well, we moved onto what ministerial positions there could be and then how we could introduce this to Lovely citizens.

So we came up with the basic structure, and we all understood that this was not going to be how Lovely is run, it was a role-play of politics of Lovely for politically minded people to play perhaps to bring the political kind of talk off the CR boards, so that the new people from Australia and New Zealand who thought it was supposed to be fun would not be put off by a whole bunch of people being very, very serious about it. The CR boards are just supposed to be fun, that's what they were originally, and I have made loads of friends on there.

We thought this new forum we created would just bring another layer the of fun to Lovely, but as soon as it was mentioned, it was jumped upon and ripped apart even though it wasn't thoroughly explained. I mean, the posts we along the lines of "we don't know what is going on" and then the start of a petition against it. Kieran came up with the idea, but has absolutely no power within it, yet he was called power mad. I didn't understand how these conclusions were made, when they claimed they knew nothing.

So, knowing about both of these setups, I decided that I'd rather have a go at being a governor on this new forum, which doesn't affect Lovely, than be in control of a party that can do practically nothing.

Psychoticmike has started his own party now anyway, for anyone who wants to join him.

I'm not really sure what else to add, but feel free to reply to this address with any questions and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

(Contact the GA at mailroom@thega.org and we will pass your message on as soon as possible)

Oh, I would also like to add that most of the people I talk to on the CR message boards are there for the fun of it, and are happy to just follow Danny. They don't want to be involved in the politics of Lovely, they just want to chat to the friends they've made and join in the spirit of Lovely

Yours,

Cuddly_Carpy

Verity

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"Wisest are those, who know they don't know"

Greetings

I believe that the key to any nation is sovereignty. This is the right of a nation to govern itself.

Sovereignty in Lovely lies in the hands of our King. All legitimacy and power and authority emanate from him. The problem is that there has not been a lot of emanating. The King tends to stay out of Lovely political life. This has created a power vacuum, a vacuum that has been filled by Kieran.

Kieran is the only active political link to sovereignty we have. He won this on merit from the king by creating the Foreign Office website and by working tirelessly to ensure Lovely

representation in the Micronational world.

Why did I agree to take part and become Governor of Flatland? I have been annoyed at the power vacuum that has been allowed to form. I have been annoyed that the democratic process has stagnated at the hands of those the King has given power to.

I see the state system as a way of re-establishing sovereignty at a more realistic level. A way to give power to the people. I will hand over power to the people, on the basis of free multi party elections, and I will pressure other states to do the same.

Which brings me to my penultimate point, the party system. I simply do not understand why the PoE and RV had to disband. My heart goes out to all those party members who worked hard for their leaders, only to have their hard work dismissed when their leaders got a sniff of power. The FFF has not been disbanded. As far as I am concerned, the FFF is now the interim governing party of Flatland, and I am governor on the basis that I am leader of the FFF.

I encourage the parties that remain, as well as the parties that will form from the wreckage of the PoE and RV, to participate in my nascent democracy. I hope to let the people decide which party is worthy of the state government.

Finally, to all the rebels, don't attack us but participate! I will not bar any individual or party from my state on the basis of political affiliation or republican views. Violence is not required here.

Be Fluffy

BARCODE

Governor of Flatland

Announcement made on 9 January 2006

From: Home Secretary

To: All Glories Party Members

You may have heard that several political parties are disbanding in favour of a system of States.

I can assure you that the Glories Party will not be disbanding. It remains to be seen whether there will be elections for Governors/Mayors and whether the King will give his approval to the State system. Until such a time, the Glories will continue as a political party in the Kingdom of Lovely and will be actively recruiting new members.

Any concerns you may have regarding recent events should be addressed either to either the party leader or myself.

Peace and Love to all

Home Secretary

Glories Party Chairman

Lady Reblet also made this announcement

Good Morning.

The Glories do not condone any behaviour that appears to contravene the position of King Danny as reigning monarch. If Danny has given his blessing for the division of states then the Glories will happily form coalitions and assist with the States plan. The Glories primarily serve the King and the people - whatever they both want, we shall provide. x x

Lady Reblet

(If there are any other questions, I will be happy to answer them) x

Having recieved information on the forming of the states system I would just like to point out 4 points

1. The EasyPeasyParty is still fully operational
2. We are for democracy on this issue
3. We are working with Rev and Psychotic Mike's new party to re-establish the political system
4. There will be no war whatsoever

Babs - The EasyPeasyParty

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