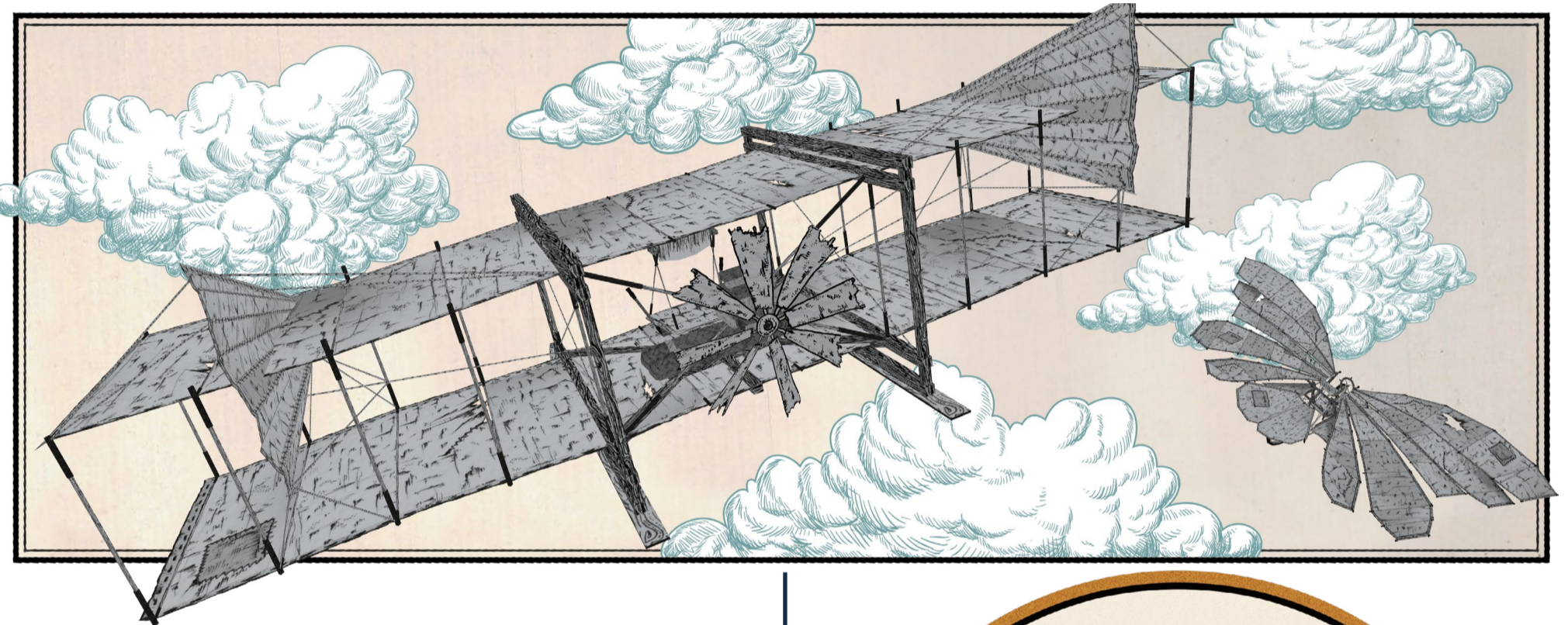


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- Miriam Ida Mesmer, Patron of ‘The Gala’

The centrepiece of the inaugural Gala will be what Madam Miriam rather casually refers to as “The Impossible Trials”. These “trials”, as the name implies, have been carefully designed to push competing aviators to their absolute limit - or rather, they will be. Madam Miriam concedes that they haven’t yet given the precise specifics of this event much consideration.



Exclusive Interview With Madam Mesmer Inside

With the Gala fast approaching, we sit down with the enigmatic pilot who, through 20 years of record breaking, daring feats, and world firsts, has built an almost mythological reputation around the globe.



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‘The Wings of Sycamore’ - not pictured: Their actual pilot.

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“Naturally it wouldn’t be any kind of occasion without THE Captain Maurice Sycamore in attendance.

Please do ensure you include ‘the’ my dear, it’s most important. Are you still writing? You really can stop now, the first part is the quote.

What’s that Roscoe? No, not this moment, I’m really rather busy speaking with a journalist from the Zephyr. Can it wait, please?”

- Captain Maurice

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Commencing 7th April

FOR THE ADVENTURE AND ROMANCE OF THE SKY

World Exclusive Interview Madam Miriam Ida Mesmer



THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE EVENT THAT SHALL NO DOUBT ADORN THE PAGES OF HISTORY BOOKS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, TELLS ALL...OR SOME.

• **Madam Miriam...**

Honestly my dear, simply Miriam will suffice.

• **Of course - Miriam. Of all the innumerable aviation feats you've undertaken, which would you most like to be remembered for?**

Gosh my dear, a rather morbid question for someone who's very much still in the business of living. Although...if those sandwiches don't arrive soon, that may not be on the cards for long. You are absolutely certain they are on their way?

• **Why yes madam, umm Miriam.**

Absolutely sure though? It's just,

to describe myself as rather peckish would frankly be an outrageous mischaracterisation of the truth.

• **I am absolutely certain, yes.**

What I mean to say is I'm utterly famished.

• **My gosh, I'm sorry, I'm not sure why they haven't arrived just yet.**

Really incredibly hungry. It's not your fault. I only managed a shadow of a brunch this morning, and noon has arrived all too abruptly.

• **Oh uh, they're here!**

Ah that's grand! Is there any greater joy than the arrival of a perfectly constructed sandwich?

Concern Grows As Calamitous Pair Insist On Trying New Things

We've dedicated a number of articles to them in the past, so readers will no doubt be all too aware of young Ivor & Emmeline.

Contrary to any approximation of common-sense, the well-meaning, but unwitting architects of countless previous, and entirely avoidable calamities, have now been granted license to open a restaurant.

Concern amongst locals is understandably high. The duo have an unfortunate tendency to conclude their escapades with rather lively, and entirely unplanned combustion.

"We're all really rather fond of them. You can ask anyone around here and they'll say the same - I just wish they'd stop trying new things, and perhaps just settle on less volatile pursuits - poetry perhaps?" said local Fire Chief, Gwendoline Tranquille.

Fears appear somewhat founded, as flyers currently in circulation describe the planned establishment as:

"pprepared to do whatever it tkes in prsuit of the ultimate flavors." [sic]

The litany of typographical errors doing nothing to assuage concerns that the duo are so inherently disinterested in finer details, that granting them license to use industrial-grade equipment designed to start, *and sustain*, fires is all but guaranteeing an imminent disaster.

Relief For Locals As "Extremely" Haunted Lighthouse To Be "Relocated"

Residents of Hagstone bay are looking forward to a less haunted future, as plans have been revealed to rid the town of the imposing and "particularly haunted" lighthouse.

Experts visited the area, armed with recently-purchased crystals, complete with certificates of authenticity. After performing "tests", and collecting "data", it was ascertained that the lighthouse was likely the single most haunted structure in the Northern hemisphere - a "fact" that came as no surprise to some locals.

"You can't explain everything with facts, and sometimes science is wrong - so why would you use it in the first place?" posited local property-owner Montague, "I know what I know. That place is haunted. My friend's cousin told them. It's as true now as it was then - 30 years ago".

Hagstone council have partnered with a 3rd tier regional poker tournament frequented by "social climbers with cavalier attitudes to money". They intend to offer the lighthouse as a *non-returnable* prize at the next "invite-only" tournament.



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• Good day to you, uh...Captain The Maurice...?

For heaven's sake, it's "THE Captain Maurice Sycamore", it's really not that complex.

• Apologies it's my first day

Oh? Well, uh, not at all my dear,

don't worry we all start somewhere - Though, not to diminish your standing, the editor advised that they were sending their 'Top Correspondent'?

• Oh gosh really? I've never been called that before! But then I've only been a journalist for - um, 25 minutes so far. No, wait it's nearly 30 minutes now.

Oh. Hmm. Ok well, moving on then. It's not going to say "Paid Placement" or something similarly uncouth is it?

• Ah, uhh, I think it might have to I'm afraid, on account of the umm, paying for it - My editor tells me it's a "Commercial Piece". He heavily emphasised the word "Commercial". We'll add a smart graphic - something to make it look very proper "Aviation Today" or...something, I'm not sure.

Right, well it can't be helped I suppose. Bureaucracy. Still, you would likely have reached out to me anyway, given the growing renown of...

•...Oh, um, my turn again? Ah, am I supposed to say something? Sorry I'm not very good at this.

"The Wings of Sycamore" my dear, that's where you say *that*.

You've heard of us, no doubt? Our reputation precedes us - flying daring missions that nobody else could possibly tackle, doing extraordinary deeds of selfless good for our adoring fans...uh...members of the community. If fame should naturally follow, then so be it...



We shall shoulder that burden with aplomb, and characteristic stoicism.

• Gosh wow, that all sounds really rather amazing, I'm actually very surprised I haven't heard of you...

Thank you my dear, your admiration is entirely warranted.

Might I suggest that now would be a good time in the interview to ask about our fellowship of aviators. Maybe add some details about your own personal appreciation of our adventures up to this point? Then lead into a question about how we are managing the overwhelming numbers of applicants to join The Wings of Sycamore?

Maybe then add a little about how everybody just *assumes* at this point that our invite to participate in the Gala is all but assured?

• Oh, that's, uh, umm, that's a very good idea. I'm not really sure how much more space there will be in the article you see - I'm a bit nervous I'll have to cut some bits out. I'm not good at editing. Do you really think you'll be invited to The Gala then?

Well, I don't mean to presume but th

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