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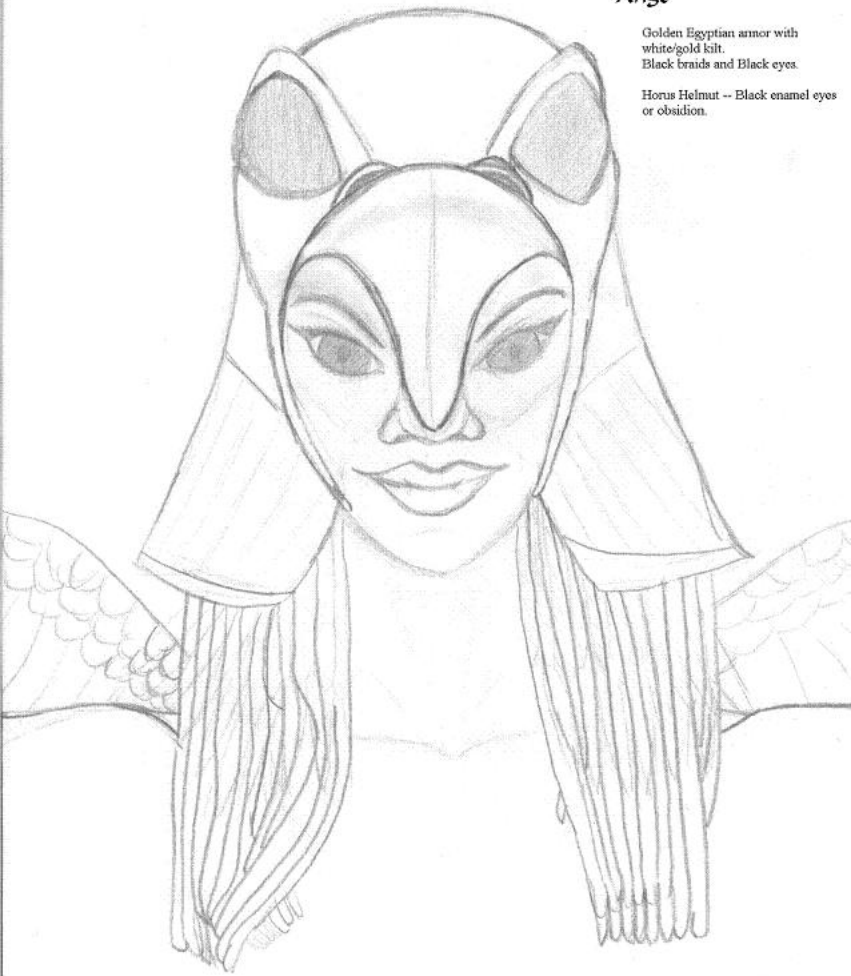
Cobalt blue armor, with silver trim and detailing. Large round shield, cobalt blue with silver edge and center piece. Silver brown braces, arrow quiver and Romanesque skirt. Under skirt is silver. Silver bow and sword with cobalt and sapphire accents. Red Hair: soft curls or eat of nine tails sprouting from the top of silver and cobalt helmet. Wings match the hair, as on all angel characters in Faith Fallen. Grievies silver and cobalt.



Ange

Golden Egyptian armor with
white/gold kilt.
Black braids and Black eyes.

Horus Helmut -- Black enamel eyes
or obsidian.



Sepehr

Above shoulders curly
black hair, short full
beard, black eyes, full
mouth, with golden
circlet on head.

Black/brown wings
like hair.

Lace up calf
sandals.

Gold tunic, sleeves
to elbow.

Ancient Persian
Armor.

Muscular build.
He is an Angelic
smithy and a
warrior.



8 Days in Ireland



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Taos, New Mexico

by Carrie Loranger Gaska

For fresh mountain air and some of the best art in the country, look no further than Taos, New Mexico. Tucked away in the mountains of northern New Mexico, even the largest adobes appear dwarfed against the vast mountain landscape and expansive natural skyline. Historically an artists retreat, cherished for its inspiring landscapes, canyons, valleys, peaks and streams, Taos' natural colors alter dramatically with the season and weather conditions. The winter in sunny Taos offers challenging skiing at the 13,000-foot high Taos Ski Valley, high-elevation snow mobiling, llama trekking, and snow shoeing amid pine-covered mountains.

With summer's warmer weather comes the opportunity to raft, kayak and fish on some of the clearest rivers in the world. Or, hike, take inventory of the vast array of native plant and bird species, or visit the Taos Pueblo for a study of the area's history, which dates back to the 1500s.

Perhaps the most appealing aspect of Taos lies in the heart of town, where over 80 galleries carry the works of both famous and up-and-coming artists. Stay at one of the many B&Bs, like Inn on the Rio, where you can soak in an outdoor hot tub after a day of mountainside recreation.

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The Spa at Amelia Island Plantation, Florida

by Estelle Sobel

Amelia Island is a barrier island off the coast of northeast Florida, a tranquil haven of beautiful and secluded beachfronts. The Spa at Amelia Island Plantation is a 13,200 square foot facility, featuring 25 treatment rooms, a salon and retail shop. It's both a day and weekend spa, offering massage, hydrotherapy, facials, peels, herbal wraps, manicures, pedicures and a therapeutic pool featuring Dead Sea mineral salts.

From among the many body treatments, you can choose: aro-

matheapy salt glow (an exfoliating treatment using minerals, sea salts and essential oils) and Desert Body Wrap (using red seaweed and golden Arizona desert mud). Facial treatments include a facial rich in green tea and licorice extract to soothe sensitive skin and the Oxygenating Facial (a concentrated C complex ampoule and pure oxygen to increase blood flow to the skin). The therapeutic pool is used for Watsu therapy (a shiat-su technique which stretches the muscles while you float in water) and underwater jet massage (which works to massage deep tissues). Special spa packages are available.

www.Ameliaisland.com

Saratoga Springs, New York

by Kelly Williams

Historic Saratoga's new motto: "health, history, and horses," defines its essence. Situated within the southern foothills of the scenic Adirondack Mountains, Saratoga is a perfect place to visit at any season, with dozens of B&Bs, inns, and hotels to suit every taste and budget. The Adelphi hotel on the main thoroughfare, a high Victorian bed and breakfast inn with an opulent Italianate air, boasts old-fashioned rooms with all the modern conveniences. Visitors are instantly immersed in unique Saratoga style: hand painted stencils on the walls, fresh flowers, and beautiful antiques. With an inner courtyard café decorated in bright murals, the elegant Adelphi "attracts performing artists from the New York City Ballet and Philadelphia Orchestra as well as notables from the thoroughbred racing world." Continental breakfast is served daily in the adjacent outdoor courtyard café, over-



looking the garden.

Atop the wide stairway, guests will find a collection of turn-of-the-century artwork and furnishings and perhaps feel as though they've stepped back to 1877, when the Adelphi Hotel was built to accommodate the 19th century craze for "taking the waters" at the famed mineral springs and baths. Downstairs, guests may relax on the hotel's piazza overlooking Broadway, acclaimed as the "Great American Main Street" in 1996. The guestrooms themselves are the centerpieces of a truly unique experience. Each room, individually decorated with great attention to detail, contains

its own private bath complete with all the amenities. The rooms are sized from quaint and cozy to sprawling suites. The hotel also has a dreamy garden spot pool, inspired by the idealized Roman architecture so dear to the Victorians. Saratoga is conveniently located to shopping centers in the Wilton area, as well as Lake George and New York's capital, Albany. However, Broadway alone will suffice as a fine shopping experience with its numerous small shops and larger department stores.

Saratoga Springs is also renowned for its sports –

the sport of kings especially: horse racing. The track at Saratoga has both international acclaim and local appeal, and you're likely to spy a celebrity or two while there. In the beautiful parks located just outside the main city, visitors can play either 18 holes of golf or a quick nine hole round. After a morning on the links, head to the Lincoln bathhouse where you can have a Victorian style spa treatment to pamper your weary limbs. Aesthetes will opt for a tour of the town's Victorian architecture.

In the winter season, Saratoga offers the Victorian Stroll, when Broadway is enlivened by local musicians, and the work of local artists and culinary experts. In 2001, the participants added period authenticity by dressing the part! As well, Saratoga is not far from skiing or other winter sports in the Adirondacks. On New Year's Eve, the city celebrates First Night Saratoga, with a series of artistic venues. Stop in at the Parting Glass Pub on Lake Avenue, a traditional Irish pub complete with Guinness, darts, and "a bit a d'fiddle," for a pint and a hearty dinner at this favorite local gathering place. Also on hand is the city's favorite band, the McKrells, a sensational mix of bluegrass with a Celtic heart. Sign up to go with the band to Ireland or, better yet, save that for another getaway. <http://www.saratoga.org/>



