

The Krestible Cup

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This event came about because the clans of Perrenland have friendly rivalries with each other and occasionally they like to be able to prove just who is the best. With many of the clans being horse breeders, it was inevitable that someone would think of having an annual race. This not only means that the winning clan has bragging rights, but it also gives the other clans the chance to train harder and win next year's race. Overall it works out well for Perrenland as the rivalry between the clans has led to the breeding of some truly fine animals, as well as some excellent entertainment for the citizens. For the week around the race, the city of Krestible is packed with people from all over Perrenland, all gathered around to watch the race – and enjoy the celebrations afterwards. There is one other major reason that Perrenlander's care about the outcome of this race: there is a lot of money riding on it. Betting on the Krestible Cup is almost a Perrenland tradition with fortunes to be won or lost over the luck of the draw (or over clan pride). This has led to the tradition of the winner of the race receiving a prize, though this is seen as secondary to the proof of owning the fastest horse. In recent years a few horses from other regions have entered the race, presumably attracted by the prize money, however traditionally there are only 9 entrants – 1 from each clan (the Oostmeers and the Vestmeers enter separately due to in-clan fighting).

The sun shines down from a cloudless morning sky; another beautiful spring day in Perrenland. You're in the Krestible fair grounds one week before the Krestible Cup, which is the biggest horse race in Perrenland. Marquees are being erected around you and down further you can see trainers with their horses practicing on the track. There's a feeling of excitement in the air, and everyone seems to have the thrill of anticipation about them.

Before you lies the racetrack for the most famous race in Perrenland. In just a few short days, this track will be the most important place in the region; but, for the meantime, it is filled with people preparing for the big event. The stands are being decorated with clan banners, and the track itself is being used for practice by many trainers and their horses. A gnome with a notebook seems to be taking an unusual amount of notice of the performance of the horses, and occasionally mutters to himself ...