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Pan-Alphabetic Gargle Blaster

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1¶ "After two of them, any ultimate by-the-book Vogon will be up on the bar in a tizzy, dancing a jig, yodeling a mountain carol and convinced he may be the next king of the Gray Binding Fiefdom of Hexaquine."

2¶ The Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster is a liquid alcoholic beverage invented by ex-President of the Universe Zaphod Beeblebrox, considered by the Guide to be the "Best Drink in Existence". Its injurious effects are similar to having your brains smashed in by a slice of lemon enveloped around a large gold brick.

3¶ Beeblebrox suggested you should never drink over two unless you're wicked schizophrenic or the bejeweled bloody Queen of Rotgut (the world with moonshine ponds under the isopropyl troposphere).

4¶ The Gargle Blaster has been banned on almost every civilized world, although it is quite easy to obtain on the uncivilized ones if you have sufficient Altarian dollars. Various off-record statements suggest it may also be found in Las Vegas, America, Earth, Sol 3, but the jury is out as to whether this monkey-descended world, but no exacting citations can be found confirming this. Allegedly, events that occur within Las Vegas are confined to that locale.

5¶ On the savage planets, among the speakeasies or brothels, a mixologist, surgeon, or veterinarian can craft a Gargle Blaster for you. For a price. If & only if you have a physician's signature, which they are more than happy to prescribe. For a price. Just tell them you have vague but agonizing pain that prevents you from working & that requires treatment.

6¶ Experiments tell us that all back-alley medics will happily take a buyer's cash. They may even serve up a Gargle Blaster. Frequently, because the ingredients heft such a high price tag, they may serve a faux Gargle Blaster. Beware fakes. Buy-by-mail litmus test kits are available that can affirm a Gargle Blaster's authenticity but be warned that many such kits are created by the same fraudulent back-alley medics that sell the fake Gargle Blaster in the first place. Still, such a great buzz can be had via a fake Gargle Blaster that many bars and ERs brazenly sell fakes at a reduced price. When purchasing a fake Gargle Blaster, stick with the ER. The ingredient quality is higher and they can mend drunken injuries.

7¶ Legends and archives show a precursor of our modern drink originally recorded in an early Wesazoic era cave drawing and recipe. Hieroglyphs and scrolls among jars of liquid show a complex drink of amazingly similar design made using less-rare compounds. Unsurprising, given hyperdrive was unavailable.

8¶ Current-era hipsters — unhappy with carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, or ununpentium footprints (or tentacleprints) — revel in the antique ways of mixing the prototypical Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster. Locally-grown, organic, free-range, cage-free, cruelty-free, gluten-free, asbestos-free, soy elements (from a farm you probably unaware of) taste like crap in comparison with, say, Fallian Marsh Gas sent from across three galaxies, but they are far more snooty & exclusive. You get a buzz on cheap alcohol, faking enjoyment for the sake of fashion. It harkens back to the ancient ways of vinyl & mustaches.

9¶ Hipster buzz for low-cost substitute versions of this drink, fondly know by the letters PGB, often muddy the truth with respect to the 'legit' version of the drink. The first versions used expensive wormwood, still found in the 'proper' illicit version. PGB now uses the less expensive mock-wormwood or hydrochloric junk compounds in the liquor.

10¶ "Although trendy in name, there can be only one Pan Galactic." — Zygygy Quixjax, owner of Pan Galactic, a totally unrelated rocket travel company.

11¶ Several newer cocktails and liqueurs include titular words like Pan, Galactic, Gargle, or Blaster. It is often unjustly named for use of similar serving apparatuses, glassware, labware, or even a lemon-wrapped gold brick (in a Gargle-Pan Galactic Blaster), but pose little in common to a true Pan-Galactic Gargle Blaster. Examples include: Vodka Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster, AppleBlaster, Galactic Cacao Blastini, Razzamataz Gargle.

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