

Author's Notes on More Sheep Brains
(Book 21: *Lord Efran in the Hall of Memories*)

This was interesting, in that I decided I needed six individual personages in this illustration, all interacting with each other. Actually, I wanted Hartshough in there, too, but there just wasn't room. He'll show up before we're done.

First, the setting: Marguerite's mansion Featherstone is represented by the kitchen of Mosteiro de Tibães (Portugal) on [Wikimedia Commons](#).¹ I found Auntie Marguerite on Pexels [here](#)², and Justinian also on Pexels [here](#).³ The mess of broken dishes came from Unsplash [here](#).⁴ The hungry red-headed troll is a Neanderthal on display at the [Gallo-Roman Museum, Tongeren](#).⁵ The head of the troll chief in fancy dress came via the [World History Encyclopedia](#).⁶ (Yes, I gave the chief a troll nose. His reconstructed face is too handsome.) His outfit arrived unexpectedly via the French version of [PxHere](#).

Apparently, photographers love squirrels, because I had many options for Sir Nutbin. I chose [this brown squirrel](#)⁷ on PickPik. Now, Sir Ditson was the most fun. For his body, I found an adorable kid on Pexels whose photo has now been removed. I'm assuming that someone didn't want his picture all over the internet, so I'm not going to post it here. However, [David Jackmanson](#), who has a wonderful sense of humor, invited anyone to use his face for any purpose. The moment I saw it, I knew I had found the satisfied smirk of Sir Ditson as he looks down upon the room of tumult. (By the way, his self-confidence is entirely justified by future events.)

And there you have it!

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1. Photographed by [Joseolgon](#)
2. Photographed by [Teona Swift](#). The napkin Auntie is playing with arrived via [PickPik](#). And her chair! This [gorgeous](#) piece, photographed by [Eric Polk](#), is from Herter Brothers.
3. Photographed by [Ali Ahmed](#)
4. Photographed by [Chuttersnap](#)
5. Photographed by [Trougnouf](#) (Benoit Brummer)
6. Photographed by [Tim Evanson](#)
7. Nutbin's monocle came from [pngtree](#), and his vest from [rawpixel](#), via the [Los Angeles County Museum of Art](#).