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## HuffPost Weird News

David Moyer Pop culture journalist,

A local cemetery in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has become the haunting grounds for a mysterious man dressed like the Grim Reaper.

The man first showed up at the San Jose del El Rosario Cemetery last month [wearing a black cloak over a white dress](#). His face was covered and he occasionally carried a bouquet of flowers that looked as if they'd been plucked from a nearby field, KRQE TV reports.

The strange figure disappeared, only to show up again this weekend and consent to an interview with the station.

The mysterious man says [his name is the "Light Wanderer"](#) and that he comes to the cemetery to pray.

"There is a place where sleepers sleep and dreamers dream and patiently await," he told the station, adding that people shouldn't fear him.

"There's nothing to be afraid of except those who seek to cause harm, pain, destruction," he said.

We will continue to follow this story as more information becomes available.

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# After Mudslides and Flooding in Iceland, Elves Are Suspects

What in the World

By KATIE ROGERS SEPT. 27, 2016

When Siglufjörður, a small mountain town in northern [Iceland](#), was hit by a series of storms last summer, construction workers clearing a roadway soon found themselves dodging mudslides and contending with a flooded river.

A crew member was injured, then a bulldozer broke down. A TV reporter, who arrived to survey the damage, [sank into a mud pit](#) and had to be rescued. Clearing the debris stretched into a 10-day ordeal and became a spectacle.

The culprit, locals knew, had been heavy rainfall. Or elves.

It turns out that construction workers had unwittingly dumped dirt on a rock that is special enough to have its own name in Icelandic folklore: Alfkonusteinn. The rock even has a back story that involves a [human, a fairy and an enchanted elf cloth](#).

Icelandic elves, also called hidden people or alfar, are not tiny, pointy-eared creatures, Alda Sigmundsdóttir, a journalist and the [author](#) of “The Little Book of the Hidden People: Twenty Stories of Elves From Icelandic Folklore,” said in an email. They are thought to be regal and humanlike, and a good way to think of them, Ms. Sigmundsdóttir said, is as “the Icelanders’ version of karma.” Elves have been blamed for wreaking havoc on construction projects across Iceland for decades.

When asked for comment, Viktor A. Ingolfsson, a spokesman for the Icelandic Road and Coastal Administration, sent a four-page statement from the commission detailing its official stance on elves.

“It cannot be denied that belief in the supernatural is occasionally the reason for local concerns” around construction and development, the statement read. If a certain location is thought to be cursed or inhabited by elves, “then this must be considered a cultural treasure.”

Ms. Sigmundsdóttir said that much of the lore around elves has to do with explaining tough living conditions. “Modern scholars believe that is was one way the Icelanders tried to control their destinies in a land and climate that was incredibly harsh and unforgiving,” she said.

What happened in Siglufjörður is most likely “a remnant of the ancient belief that the homes of the hidden people were sacred,” Ms. Sigmundsdóttir said. Elf lore is not a part of everyday life, she said, and sometimes the international news media has a field day with stories of the so-called [elf lobby](#), often to the dismay of locals.

Still, the road administration finally unearthed the elf rock in late August, according to [Morgunblaðið](#), an Icelandic newspaper. Mr. Ingolfsson said in an email that locals had asked to have the rock cleaned to hon

or folklore.

For good measure — and perhaps for good luck — crews power-washed the stone.