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OF
GEEKDOM**

HIRAM MCDANIELS

Fourteen geek points are bestowed upon those who already know that Hiram McDaniels is a candidate for mayor of Night Vale. Hiram cuts a dashing figure, at 18 foot and 3,600 pounds, and breathes fire from at least one of his five heads—reportedly the purple head, though it might be mauve or violet, depending on the light. Hiram is a five-headed dragon that cares and must constantly contend with the ugly dragonist propaganda spewed by current mayor, Pamela Winchell, who claims that a dragon cannot hold an office traditionally held by humans. The Dragonist undercurrent that pollutes this election is also apparent in the way that many simply presume that, just because Hiram is a dragon, he is somehow responsible for

possibly dragon-related death of Frank Chen, the former owner of Hiram's pickup. While it is fair to disparage the fact that Hiram is a blogger and not really a journalist, it is wholly inappropriate to play politics with the fact that he is a former fugitive who fled from charges of insurance fraud. My editor wants me to explain what Night Vale is and why this is relevant. Well, explaining what Night Vale is would make it really difficult for the truly geeky to get that warm fuzzy feeling from knowing something obscure, so I can do that. And I did mention that Hiram is a candidate for mayor. That's totally about elections and democracy and voting.

All Hail the Glow Cloud.