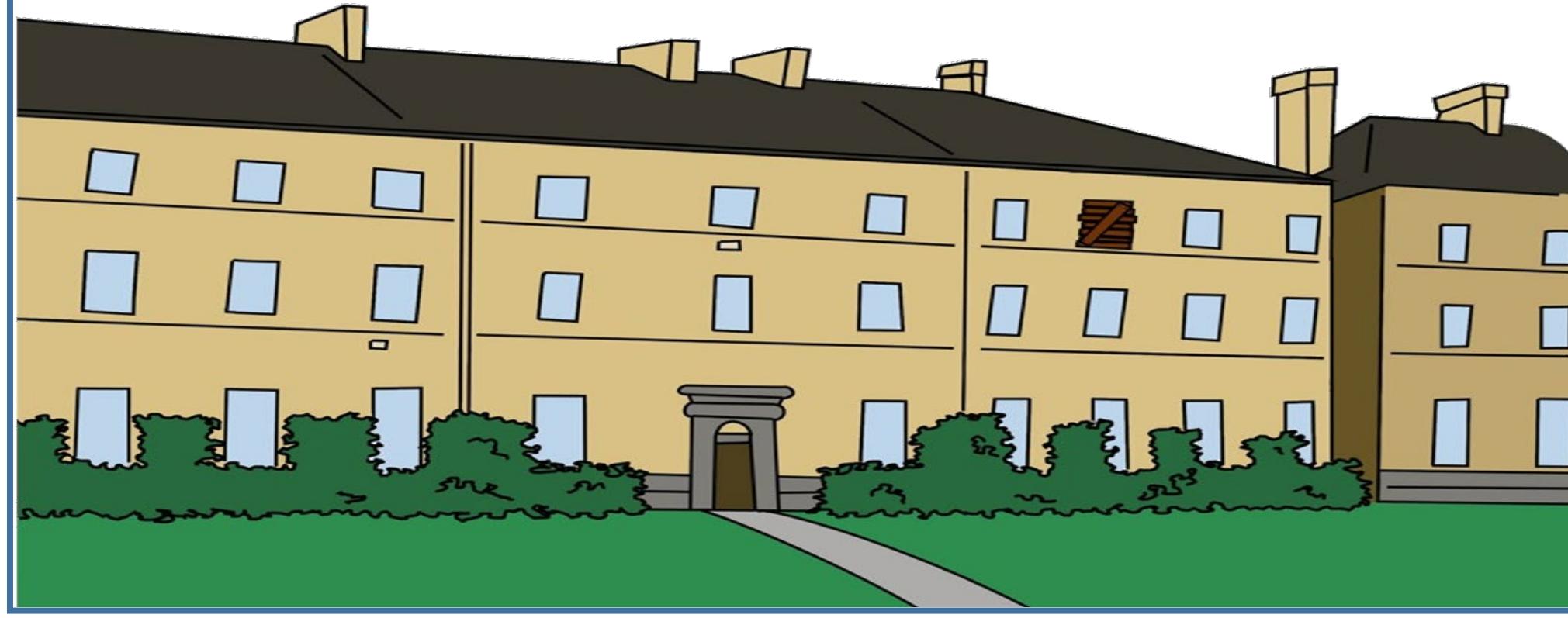


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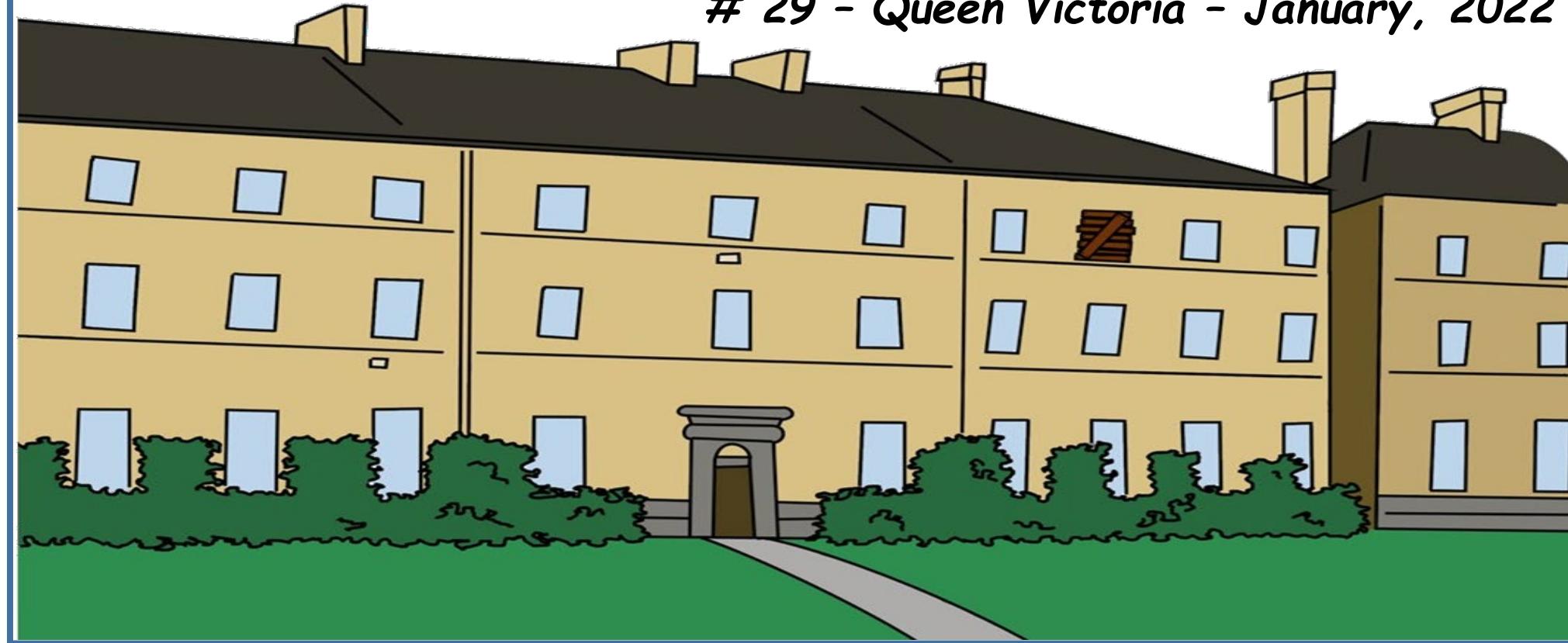
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Welcome to topic # 029...  
today we will be looking at  
our Monarch, Queen Victoria.



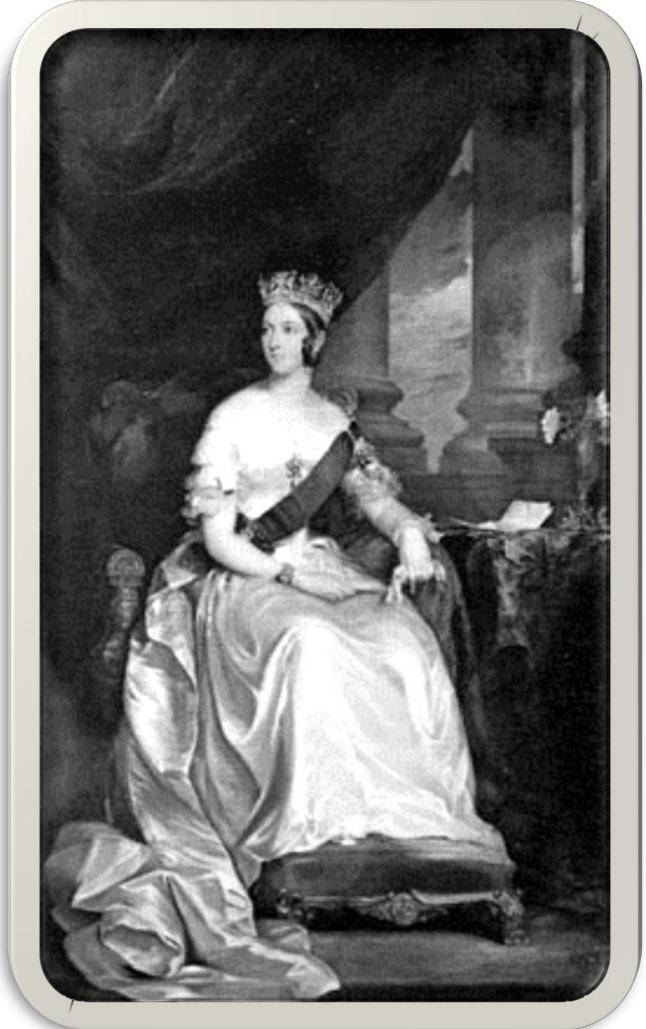
*Victoria, the daughter of  
the duke of Kent and  
Princess Victoria of Saxe-  
Coburg, was born in 1819.*



*She inherited the throne of Great Britain at the age of eighteen, upon the death of her uncle William IV in 1837, and reigned until 1901, bestowing her name upon her age.*



*Yes, for much of our  
lives we knew her as our  
ruler.*





*She married her mother's nephew,  
Albert, 1819-1861, prince of  
Saxe-Coburg Gotha...*

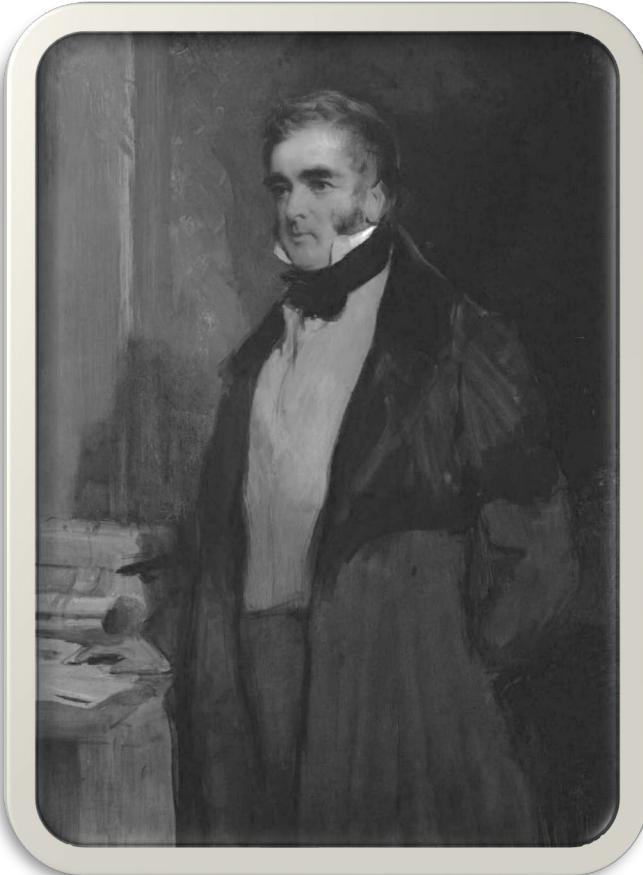




*...in 1840, and until his death, he remained the focal point of her life... she bore him nine children.*



*Albert replaced Lord Melbourne, the Whig Prime Minister who had served her as her first personal and political tutor and instructor, as Victoria's chief advisor.*

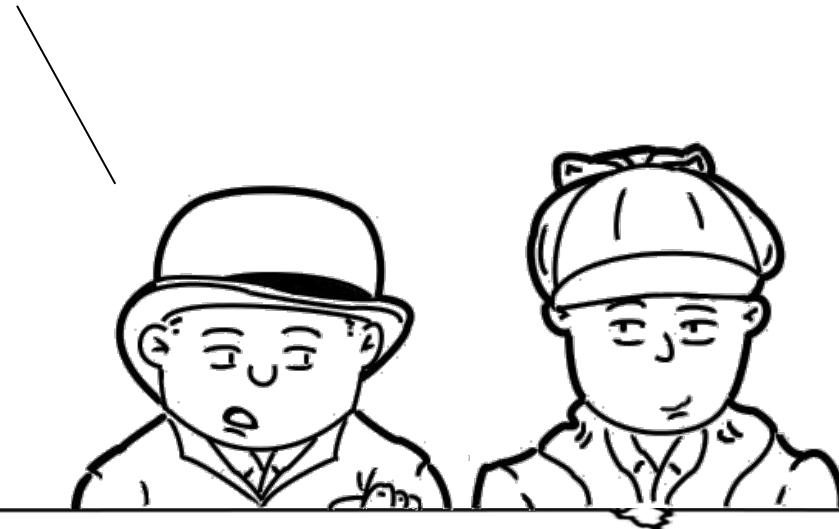




*After Albert's death in 1861, a desolate Victoria remained in self-imposed seclusion for ten years.*



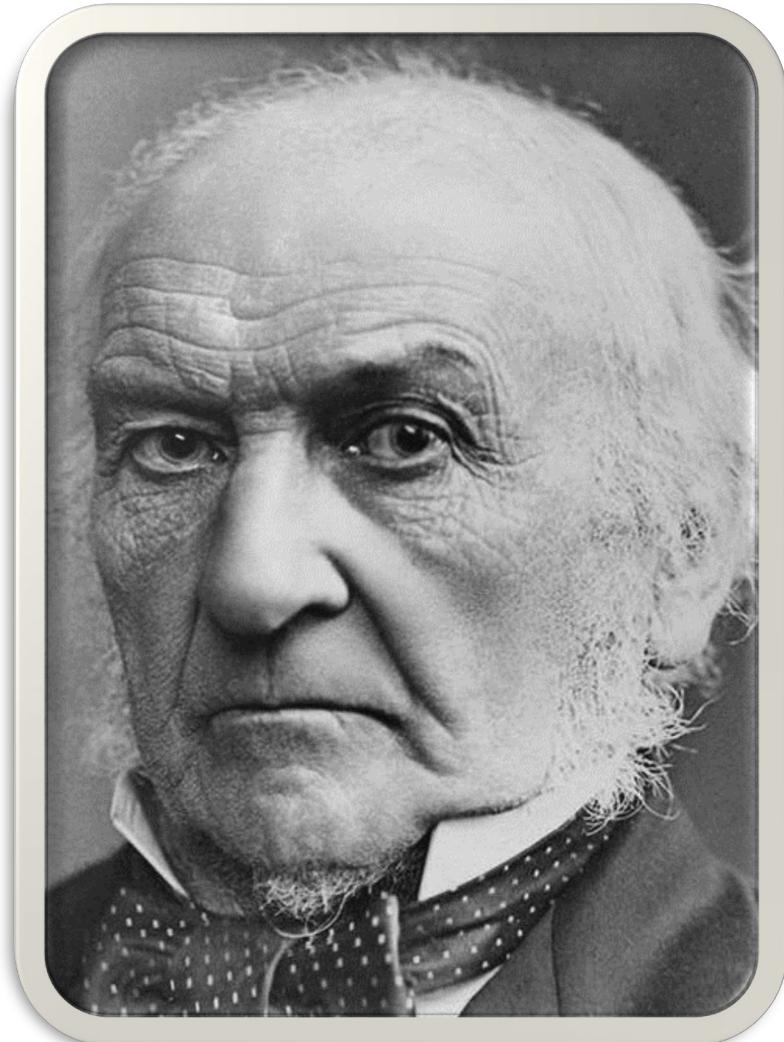
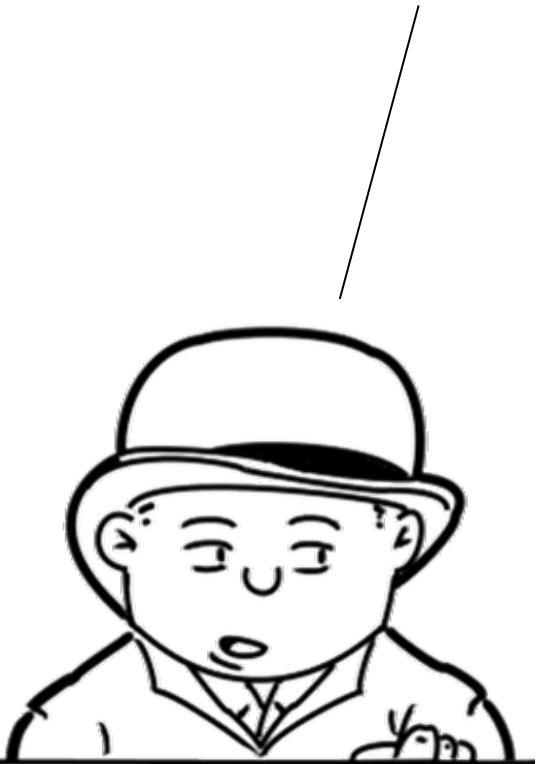
*Her genuine mourning, which occupied her for the rest of her life, played an important role in the evolution of what became the Victorian mentality.*



*Thereafter, she lived at Windsor or Balmoral, traveling abroad once a year, but making few public appearances in Britain itself.*



*Although she maintained a careful policy of official political neutrality, she did not get along with Prime Minister Gladstone.*



Eventually, however, she succumbed to the flattery of Disraeli, and permitted him, in an act which was both symbolic and theatrical, to have her crowned Empress of India in 1876.





*She tended to take an active dislike of British politicians who criticized the conduct of the conservative regimes of Europe, many of which were, after all, run by her relatives.*





*By 1870 her popularity was at its lowest ebb, at the time the monarchy cost the nation £400,000 per annum...*





*...and many wonder whether the largely symbolic institution was worth the expense, but it increased steadily thereafter until her death.*





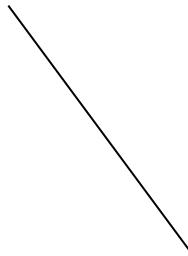
*Her golden jubilee in 1887  
was a grand national  
celebration, as was her  
diamond jubilee in 1897...*



*... by then, employing the imperial "we," she had long been Kipling's "Widow of Windsor," mother of the Empire.*



*She died, a venerable old lady, at  
Osborne on January 22, 1901, having  
reigned for sixty-four years.*



*So we have completed  
topic # 029 in our  
series...*

*Yes, but we'll be back  
with another topic  
soon...*





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