

FUNERAL OF GYPSY QUEEN.

By the little town of Lendinara, on the Po Delta, a people mourn their Queen - a Queen whose hegemony stretched far across Europe. She was Mimi, ruler of no one knows how many subjects, and she lies in state in her tent, surrounded by her subjects, as a gypsy Queen should.

Queen Mimi came to Lendinara for a conclave of her people from many lands. When she fell ill, she was taken to the local hospital; but her subjects insisted that she be returned to her camp - for a Romany Queen must die in her own tent, and not imprisoned by walls. And now, from hundreds of miles away, her people have come to say their last farewell to a ruler whose kingdom knew no frontiers.