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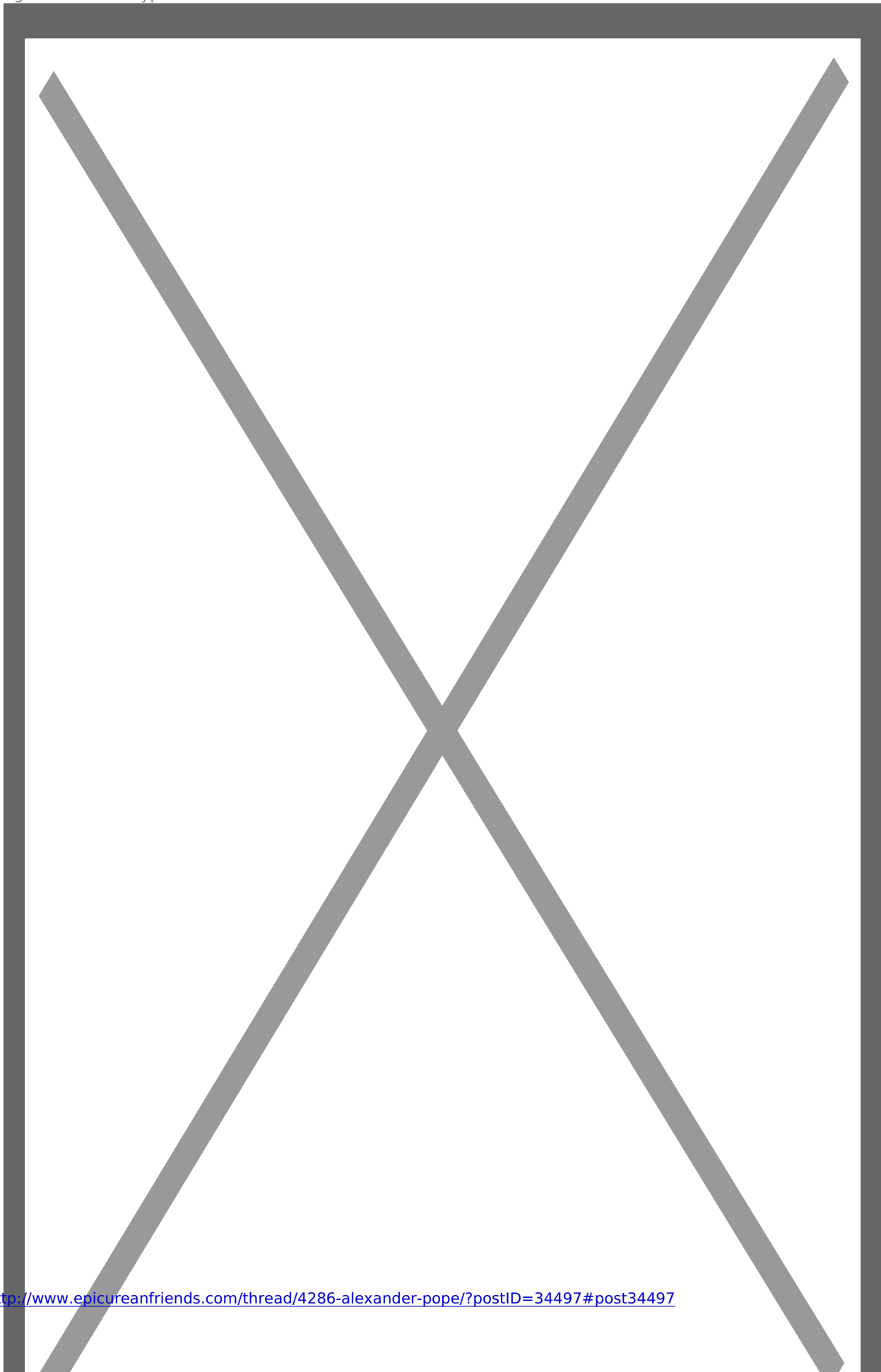
Post by “Joshua” of March 20, 2025 at 9:31 PM

[Quote from Bryan](#)

I know Erasmus is joking, so we can assume that syphilis/pox was not ever really called the garden gout... right?

Apparently 'garden gout' is actually short for Covent Garden gout, because of the district's association with prostitution;

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[Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies - Wikipedia](#)

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Erasmus wouldn't have used this phrase, it must have been a choice made by the [English translator](#).