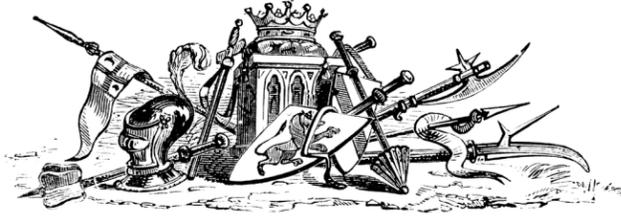


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Barbarian raiders attack the northern coast of Fawnshire

The second attack this season. Refugees flood the City

Turnbutt Liftmore

The mysterious blue skinned barbarians of the north have raided the coastal villages of Fawnshire for a second time this season. Moving with the winter ice, they fell quickly upon four small peaceful communities in the middle of the night.

Survivors described a brutal attack that spared no soul it crossed. Large numbers of honorable men have perished on the brutes' iron, and carnal atrocities have befallen the women. Those lucky enough to escape the carnage fled south, carrying only what they could grab and praying for those that stayed behind to slow the advance.

The villages of Hamish, Tortleen, and Buckstom

Treasure caravan lost in Lybet Pass

The Lybet Pass proved a tomb for seven unlucky souls, on a trading caravan, from the Dwarven Mines of Koggstur. A band of West Mountain Ogres set upon the nine Dwarf party, creating a rockslide that washed the caravan into a nearby chasm.

The two survivors admit to naively traveling with their cargo fully exposed, tempting the greedy Ogres. The ambush came at Daper Rock, a well-known resting point along the pass.

Rangers, that rescued the survivors, attest to tracking the Ogres two days behind the caravan. They believe the scoundrels stalked the party for many days before attacking.

It is unknown how much of the treasure the Ogres managed to heist, and how much disappeared into the chasm.

were razed to the ground, as was the Orcish camp of Norgo. The Hamlet of Strongbow was left relatively unscathed in this most recent incursion, but suffered heavily in the first attack.

While our fair city has opened its arms to the refugees, our leaders have warned of a strain on resources if the raids continue. Orphans and widows are currently being housed at three houses of worship in and around the city. Towne Council asks all citizens to provide any assistance they can muster. Sources inside Castle Tynne say the Duke has been apprised of the situation and is preparing reinforcements to aid his Uncle, Duke Leopold, who oversees the Northern Territories.

His Majesty releases yearly list of royal appointments

The Wolf moon is upon our eaves and in accordance with tradition, the Duke has release the Appointments Royal for the New Year. Major changes will roll through all the major committees, and positions. This shakeup will surely draw criticism from The Rosemary Branch, which lost eight positions to their rivals The Thymus Brotherhood.

The Countess of Laurelwood remained above the fray, ignoring the losses and only commenting that the Duke is free to rule as he pleases. The Earl of Anthosbreak was not available for comment. A list of some of the appointments is published on the next page.

Ghostship spotted sailing with the Barbarian fleet.

Ethereal menace drags sailors to doom.



Mery Tipps

Survivors of the Barbarian aggression are telling tales of a cursed craft sailing within the enemy fleet. According to one witness, the ghastly apparition emerged from the enemy fleet, took position at the point, and cut through allied ships, dragging death in its anchor. Enemy sailors reveled in the carnage as brave, good souls were ripped from their worldly skin and dragged to the frigid depths.

What or who manned this accursed vessel is unknown and scholars at the Arcane University have no historical explanation for the event. It has been said that Duke Leopold's entire fleet was lost to the alliance of brute and ghoulish craft, but reliable information is at a premium.

A description of the vessel is also a mystery. Every witness seems to remember the craft differently. The only consistent feature is that the entire ship was ethereal in nature and radiated a pale blue aura. Elven emissaries, in town for a trade summit, also had no explanation for the ghastly vessel and assured the Duke that they had never encountered magic such as this.

The Elven ambassador, Hanstag Furien, honored the Dukes request to investigate the apparition and promised a party of Basswood's most honorable sages as consultants. It is understood that it is in both peoples best interest to identify and restrain this cursed magic. The Elves have no settlements in the area, but their trade ships use the channel to conduct their business.

Outbreak of twins baffle local midwives

Sir Washborne Heath

A sudden increase in the births of twin babies has local midwives perplexed and dumbfounded. While double births are not uncommon, the numbers experienced in the recent months have experts scrambling for an explanation.

Over the last two months, nine sets of twins have been recorded at the Towne Council. This is, by far, a substantial increase over the last three years. A normal year will average one twin birth, while these nine have occurred in two months. Common lore lays the blame on back-to-back green moons. Sages, however, refute that explanation and warn of something more sinister.

According to Thomas Veerburn, scribe at the College of Lore, the last time a town experienced an omen such as this, a viciously hard winter and death plagued the residents. The long abandoned town of Fyrthmyth experienced such a boom nearly two-hundred years ago and that winter

was its last as a community. Lore recounts a brutal winter and massive starvation along with perpetual goblin assaults.

Those residents that survived were forced to abandon the town and start fresh in the Glade of Lav. Representatives from the Towne Council deny the omen and point to Veerburn's habit of seeing bad omens in everything.

Investigation into the Caxgil murder hits a wall of silence.

Taloy Hogshead Jr.

The investigation in to death of Council elect, Luther Caxgil, came to a screeching halt yesterday when witnesses refused to answer questions from those in charge. The veil of silence came crashing down after several members received threatening letters from an unknown source.

Representatives for the Lord Mayor are disappointed at the developments.

INN THE NEWS

The Rock and Tynne serving seamen

The R&S regrets the lack of tables available recently. Sailors from Kenk have booked the entire Inn for a fortnight and tables are only reserved for staying guests at the current time.

The Trampled Clover uncorks a fifty year old butt.

Firstergund Clover, Owner of the TC Inn and Tavern is excited to uncork a fifty-year-old butt of wine he procured in the big city of Dwoopergrad. The wine, supposedly, vinted by Huthern Monks fifty years ago, was one of three butts up for auction at a recent wine event. 2gp glass

Let's get ready to bumble!

Havertin's on the Tyne is holding its annual bee eating contest. Last year's winning team, Neer the Orc, will be defending their title. Honey Mead on tap.



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Announcements

LEGAL NOTICE: Ms. Chiva Susura announces the adoption of unclaimed orphan orc girl to be named 'Ulma'. Any objections to this adoption should be registered with the offices of Armalthen & Aethashawk no later than 5 days from the date of this posting.

Ekra and Toteen Vargill are happy to announce their 100th wedding anniversary. A celebration will be held at the center square of Halfling Towne at noon tomorrow. Guests are encouraged to bring beer or cheese.

Appointments Royal

Bright Committee member
-Lagerthorn Hamilton

Bright Committee member
-Sir Finstalk Hobber

Bright Committee member
-Emma Tartan

Bright Committee member
-Klerkbone Comminton

Bright Committee member
-Madam Jilfo Vansdil

Charitable advisor to the Duke
-Sage Blenstor Gam

Dean of the Royal College
-Buster Foxtail

Dwarf liaison to the Royal Committee
-Huran Elmsplint

Earl Marshal
-Sir Kensington Moorn

Elf liaison to the Royal Committee
-Shephardig

Gnome liaison to Royal Committee
-Totty McHoffer

Halfling liaison to the Royal Committee
-Kokil Tealeaf

Liaison to the Royal Committee
-Sir Anderhoff Goode

Lord Steward
-Sir Xuther Fostrain

Minister of projects
-Bexar Stonitch

Minister of trade
-Seymour Niff

River Tynne Harbor Master
-Durn Capemik

Taxing liaison
-Dafflon Ciffurm IV

Towne Council liaison
-Ledrick Bastberry

For Sale

SILVER FLUTE: Well used, can no longer play. Best offer. Contact: Dusty Jome

DAIRY COW: 300 sp. 5 years old. Big teats. Rich milk. Contact: Farmer Guller

GOLDEN DAGGER: 1000 gp Display item. Unshapened. Contact: Jacon Verstag

WINTER HAY: 60 SP per stack. Cow quality. Contact Dwhine Farms

BOOK OF MAPS: Bought at auction. Looking for 30 gp. Good condition. Contact: Nod Wassle

Goods Wanted

SNAKESKIN GLOVE: Paying top price. Willing to trade. Contact: Mert Baybexr

BROKEN CLOCKS: Looking for cheap broken clocks to practice on. : Dale Ventut

LIVE KOBOLDS: Looking for 3 live Kobolds for various reasons. Must be unharmed. Contact: Mij Kij Khan

BLACK MARBLE: Need a slab of black marble. Good grain and at least 12x8. Huffingdorg Denmoor at Tynne Break.

DIRT: Lookn fer dirt. Muddy boot need a name. 50sp you shovel. Trade fer steam.

Help Wanted

DELIVERY MAN: Must be good with a sword. Dangerous route. Good pay. Belldrifft Pax

HOUSE KEEPER: Sir Win Blackjas Estate. Must have references. No Gnomes.

SCRIBE: Night Duty. Inventory, Towne Bookery.

HUNTER WANTED: Pack of wild dogs are harassing our farm. Hunter needed to clean out the pack. 400 sp per animal killed. Contact: Hipps Orchard

Honors

Hav McJok
CENTER KORLIGHT ESQ
Tadfur Klan

Padram Hollykit
SECOND ORDER
Rosemary Branch

Quint Karwise
LADDER ADEPT
Red Robes

Sir Delf Maclethron
KNIGHT GYSS
Tin Lions

Rem Altwise
SECOND
Brotherhood of Missing Key

Lost & Found

FOUND: Silk rope. 13 ft. knotted on one end. Found in West Gerg area. Contact Castum Shrip

FOUND: Tealeaf Pin. Three stains left of Myrr. Contact: Rey Tobberstop

LOST: Pocket Watch. Lost in the Laural Wood. Silver and engraved. Carlton Bashkler

Personals

Candle seeks match. Unattached single Gnome Must love to tinker and open to magic.

Halfling Speed dating. Hole in the Wall Tavern. Weekdawn Nightly

NEED TO LEAD: Dancing partner wanted. Dwarf AGt. L&L Watering Hole

Real Estate

KEEP FOR SALE: 17 rooms. Fixer upper. South of city. Haunted Must Sell.

FARM: Three out buildings. Wheat crop. Price: 12,000. Livestock not included.

Rentals

FIVE ROOM HOUSE: For rent. Close to colleges and castle. 200 gp month. Very nice. Fully furnished. Contact: Bessie

Services

ARCHER: Retired Archer Royal. Bow Repair and stringing. Flocking. Netters Yombark

FOR HIRE: Canter lookin fir new crew wit flash and flag wavin skills. Willin to fix holes dat need pluggin or have a chat wit anyone. No rust, yellow tin only.

GRINDSTONE: For hire. Waterfront Mill. Specialty grinds. Low rates.

HEALING: No questions asked. Geatminster Inn. Ask for Jamis Oakgrove

LAMP REPAIR: All styles. Good work. Used lamps for sale also. Gmoat Dink

MAPPER: Experienced mapper looking for work. Caverns and Mines are specialty

TAILOR
Former Royal Seamer
Best quality work in Towne. References.

STEEL REPAIR: Swords, Knives, Etc. Finest edge. 10sp/hr. Sam Senfire

Transport

CARAVAN TO KENK: Six Wagon caravan headed to Kenk. Escort provided. 300 gp for supplies. Luther Buddsal

SIX TON SPACE: Six ton of space available on merchant ship. EAST/WEST Haverton Shipping

Passage available in trade for deck work. Sail on the SHADY LADY