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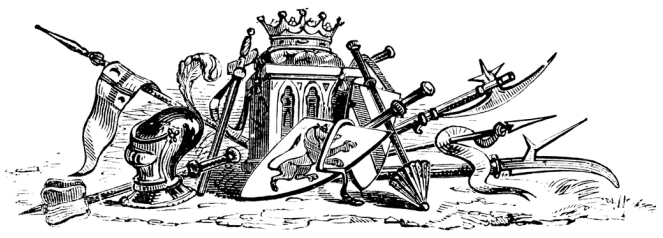

Still only 3 copper pieces

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Lone survivor of the Pearson Expedition tells harrowing tale.

Five lost on "mapping" expedition

Bysten Rokfor

A Dwarven survivor of the Pearson Expedition, which claimed nine lives, has described a harrowing tale of unseen monstrosities, deadly traps, and being buried beard-deep after a roof-collapse, on the cursed expedition.

Map maker Loofe Heverstonee said he thought he was going to die and that he was fortunate to be alive.

"I fought for survival and I got lucky," he said in an interview from his bed in the P&D Healing Clinic.

"I really cant help thinking the expedition was cursed from the beginning."

He said the ordeal was a "nightmare" and that nobody in his small group saw the danger coming.

"It all happened so quickly, within minutes, we were separated," he said.

"Three people in our group were swept away in a collapse (and) we tried to find them but there was too much loose rock. Then something set upon us and started to pick us off one by one."

The death toll in the tragedy was revised to nine after realization that the group's leader Wingar Pearson did not escape as once thought.

Haverstonee said that he and his team were on a fact finding expedition to explore and map the caves. The group had been funded by local merchant Neb Torbok in the interest of science. When asked for a comment, Mr. Torbok declined to answer. Critics have pointed out that Torbok has a long history of treasure hunting and cutting corners on expedition costs. Haverstonee seems to agree. "We were sent in with no weapons or equipment for dealing with hostiles. We were led to believe that the caves were abandoned and that it was strictly a routine survey."

Families of the missing have been organizing a search party, but their efforts may be for naught because word of the danger has spread through the town like dragonfire.

The Caves of Nesh are located in a rocky outcrop, two days west of the city. While the outcrop is well known and fully mapped, the caves have only recently been discovered. This mystery seems to be a draw for those in search of adventure, but Haverstonee warns:

"Those caves are not meant to feel our feet, a heavy curse lurks there."

Shady merchant, Luther Caxgil, poised to secure council seat.

Taloy Hogshead Jr.

Mr. Caxgil, a recently released guest of his majesty's dungeon, has secured the backing from enough City Ward Elders to secure a position on the town council. His shady past proved no impediment to his rise in political circles. The Noble Lord Mayor was less than pleased at the news.

"It's decisions like this that make me wonder if this job is really worth it. Then I sit back and realize that if I were to leave, people like Caxgil would be in charge of the entire town."

Citizens across town reacted with shock and amazement that a man who's past includes, theft, embezzlement, extortion, and fraud could secure a seat on the coveted council.

Many of those interviewed by this fine publication wondered if Caxgil, had extorted his way onto the council or if there was some magic at work. Others thought maybe that the entire council had already succumbed to corruption. The Lord Mayor has vowed to get to the bottom of it.

This reporter has already been warned off the story by several un-named thugs.

Dragon escapes traveling show.

Formyer Pax

Embarrassment has turned to worry for the Carniggee Traveling Menagerie. Two days ago, a Red Wyrmling, used in the show since it hatched, escaped its bonds and fled to the Southern Wood. Nobody was injured in the incident, but owner Karl Carniggee is worried for beast's safety. "She is just a baby. I'm not even sure she knows how to get home," he stated when asked about safety concerns. When pressed about the public's safety he refused to consider the possibility that the dragon could harm anyone. Karl insisted that he would not give up the search and would spare no expense at bringing her in.

Strange lights seen over Dovemoor

Mery Tipps

Residents in the small Hamlet of Dovemoor were left scratching their heads after a massive light display seemingly appeared out of nowhere one evening last month. Most people were startled by the strange, colorful light show in the night sky, but few had any idea why it appeared.

When interviewed, the local wizard denied any involvement in the incident. Locals have started to blame the display for many unexplained ills that have popped up.

One farmer claimed his cows were giving blue milk in response to the event. Another un-named resident swears that all his beer has gone flat.

The more religious of the Hamlet, see it as a sign from the almighty. "Sinners have filled our good village and now we shall all pay for their wicked ways," Helma Flagergast insisted. Helma has lived in the small hamlet since she was a small child and distrusts the many new comers that have flocked to the area in search of valuable timber.

Whatever the source of the mysterious display, few residents see it as a good omen. Most keep a nervous eye on the sky at all times.

Unexplained incidents like this are not uncommon in the area. Forty-five years ago, a mysterious humming noise plagued citizens of a nearby village for more than a month. While three years earlier, a logging camp experienced an unknown noxious odor for a fortnight.

INN THE NEWS

Reminder: Kobold Savings Time

For those of you living in an area that observes KST, tomorrow is the day to turn your Kobold back one hour. Most wizards also recommend changing the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Second Breakfast the most important meal of the day

Halfling researchers have just released a study confirming that First breakfast sucks and that Second breakfast is more important. Tests showed that subjects that missed First breakfast but ate Second breakfast were less hungry than those that ate First and missed Second.

Gazebo Attacks Picnickers

Tragedy struck a family picnic yesterday when a Gazebo attacked the party and ate an Aunt, an Uncle, and all the scotch eggs.

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Classifieds

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Announcements

Dormud and Pas Lingarm are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emmoguen, to Dyslor, son of Grenbuk and Kortim Wydgirth. Dyslor has just taken an apprenticeship under the Third Sepia Mage. A spring wedding is planned.

The 5th ward announces open bidding for the tax collecting contract. Must be trustworthy and have references.

Spell swap: The retired Mage Society is holding its annual spell swap on the last quarter moon at the usual location.

Village Fayre postponed due to curse.

Legal Notice: The 14th Duke of Laurel hereby annexes all land between the South River Tynne and the Blachor Hills. Any claims to this unoccupied acreage must be made in person, before the Duke, by the next Black Moon.

Child Care

2nd Year Wizard Apprentice available for childcare duties. Very responsible. Can help with homework and discipline. No magical experimentation, I promise.

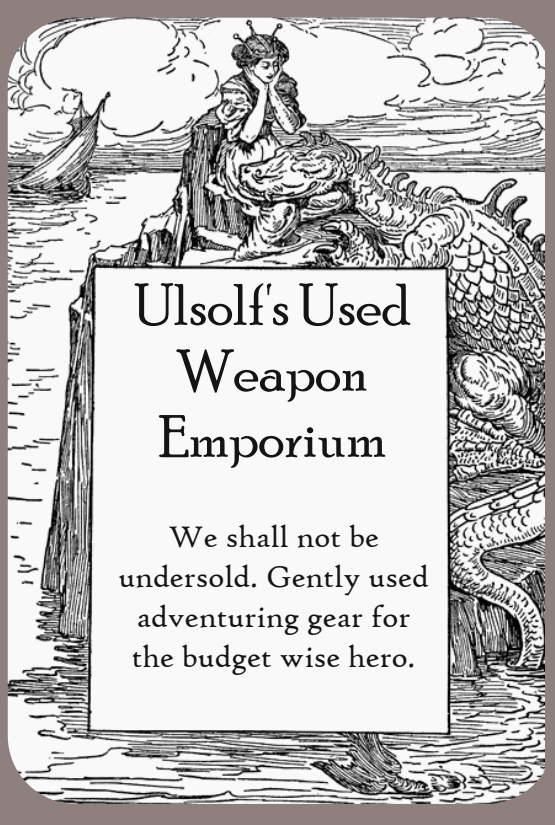
Babysitter available. 104 years old. Great with kids. Wonderful cook. Follow the crooked path through the haunted woods to the rustic cabin.

Coin Exchange

Have coinage from outside the realm? Come see Harry. Honest currency exchange. Low Fees.

WE BUY GOLD AND GEMS

Grubers on the Docks



For Sale

Full Plate Armor. One owner. One puncture on upper breast plate.

1300 GP or Best Offer
Lathan Newberry Esq.

DRAGON TEETH: Found locally. Set of 6 teeth, all in great condition. Perfect for scrimshaw or wizard stuff. Price Nego. Burr Hakwoo

Love Potions and other custom elixirs. Rachel Dew-wyne at the Eagle Tavern.

USED BOOTS: are never in the same place we leave them. Make us an offer. Rex and Anne Leafdro

TWO HORSES: Healthy three year olds. No longer get along with my wife. Wagon included for the right price.
Contact: Dwhine Farm

MAP: Recently made map of the Sikkt mine. 200 GP. Firm.
Contact: Able Dwar

Health

HEALING: All ailments treated. P&D Healing Clinic. Mery Tere Head Cleric.
WE DO NOT EVANGELIZE

Help Wanted

Second needed for duel. See Gerey Elith

ESCORT NEEDED: Trade caravan is looking for a dependable group for escort services. NOT THAT KIND!
See Torclaw Wyse at Noor

Demolition job: Great pay! Looking for strong workers to help tear down the Batermus ruins.

Contact: Dwarven Foreman at site.

DELIVERY JOB:
3 man crew
West Side: Jatr White

Work from home!

Translate Ancient texts in your free time.
Dussels Magic and more

MINSTREL NEEDED
Looking for experienced player to fill in for recently polymorphed lead. Inquire with Jacob Getferhu

Lost & Found

LOST: 3 silver cups. Engraved with intials E&B. Very special to us. Reward.
Contact
Waltham Anchis

LOST: Torrie the Gnome. Gone a fortnight. Reward. Contact Family

LOST: Tome of family "recipes" last seen in library. If found see Barker Gub

FOUND: Key ring with 8 keys. See Turpd Ronghr

FOUND: Stone that bleeds. North of the City. Faser Farms

Music Instruction

Learn to play better than your drunk uncle.

Yord Notting
Musical Training

Personals

SFO in search of rough but sensitive Orc or Half Orc. No Dragonborn. XIIDC

Fleter please visit soon. The dog is ill.

Lonely Dwarf seeks FWB. Must be into the underground scene

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Real Estate

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

Three room hovel. In town. Close to worship. Great area. See: Starcy Lockwood