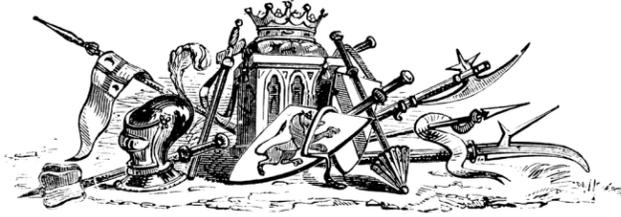


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Luther Caxgil assassinated!

Struck down in broad daylight, on his way to take his seat on the Council.

Taloy Hogshead Jr.

Blood ran in the streets today as Luther Caxgil's victory march to the Towne Council was cut short by a sniper's arrow. Even though healers were on hand, the vileness of the cursed shaft was immune to all attempts. Witness nearby described the wound as festering even though it was just made. A powerful dark magic is suspected.

Caxgil was not without enemies. In his short life, he had spent many months in His Majesty's prisons and the crimes that put him there had a list of victims. Last month, Caxgil caused a stir in the city when he somehow secured a place on the Council. Many thought his victory was fueled by extortion or bribery.

Investigators believe the fatal shot was fired from the second story window of a



nearby Tavern. The owner, Nicky Groftmiester, denies any knowledge of the incident and claims she was outside watching the parade with everyone else. The Lord Mayor of the City promised a full investigation, but didn't lose any sleep over the murder of such a shady character.

"While I hate to see a murder in my town, it couldn't have happened to a more deserving guy. I will investigate it like any other crime committed under the Duke's reign, and punish it accordingly."

It is widely suspected that the Lord Mayor will have to bring in outside, impartial investigators to handle this crime considering the feelings of the community. Caxgil was a vocal member of the Order of the Rosemary Branch, a political group which supports Lady Kethermore The Countess of Laurelwood ascending to the Throne in the event of her brother, the Duke's, death. The Thymus Brotherhood, who supports the ascent of her younger brother The Earl of Anthosbreak, of course opposes the Order. Finding an investigator that would appease both parties will be difficult.

Demolition turns deadly as undead uncovered.

Mery Tipps

The Batermus Ruins were the site of a horrific slaughter as Dwarven crews, tasked with tearing down the ruins, uncovered what is now believed to be the lair of a forgotten Lich King. Survivors described the day as a normal workday until the northeast wall of the ruins were penetrated. A stale, noxious air escaped the hole and then hordes of apparitions emerged attacking all they could fall upon. A furious cursed monstrosity emerged with rotting flesh and empty eyes, and his wrath was unending. Fortunately, five hearty adventures had recently sought work at the site and aided in the battle. Unfortunately, one of their own fell and all were forced to retreat from the site. However, in the retreat they managed to evacuate eleven survivors. The fallen hero, an Elven ranger from the South named Helvor Duncaste, bravely held point while those behind him made their escape. His life was taken with a word.

While his comrades mourned his demise, they held an honorable service for his sacrifice. Until a decision can be made on a further course of action, the entire site has been forbade by order of the Duke and access has been blocked at a safe distance. For their own safety, citizens are discouraged from visiting the area. Mages and Historians at the Arcane Academies are furiously researching any information that can name the Undead Tyrant. So far, nothing has turned up that can shed any light on the monsters origin. The Duke remains apprised of the situation and his advisors are putting together a plan to secure the safety of the nearby area. Rural residents in the area are being encouraged to leave their farms for the safety of the city. Shelters are being set up at the many temples in the countryside. While no apparitions have strayed from the ruins, most believe it is only a matter of time before local farms are attacked.

Three children go missing

Nigel Roth

Three Halfling children have been missing since flooding has plagued Lavenshire. The children were playing along Bearford Creek when the water levels suddenly rose washing them away. Locals are braving the rain, and frigid weather in search of the three.

Local cleric breaks ground on new Sanctuary

Cantor Marsh

Telsor Maknaden, a local priest of a new sect, has secured the required permits for the building of a new Sanctuary east of Nafer Street in the area adjacent to GnomeHome. Four smaller hovels will need to be destroyed to make room for the new addition. The sect, previously unknown in these parts, is shrouded in mystery but calls itself the Order of the Glass. It looks well-funded and its representatives have met with the Duke on three occasions to secure permission.

Elven emissaries set to meet with Duke to negotiate trade agreement.

Sir Washborne Heath

Castle Tynne is abuzz with activity as the entire staff prepares for the arrival of a contingent of Elven trade representatives. With the recent victory on the fields of Heathermoor and the Bugbears repelled, the heather trade is on its way to making a full recovery. Farmers in the moor have reported a bountiful first flush and preparations are being made to re-connect the severed trade routes. This week the Castle awaits a four person trade envoy from the Elven region of Basswood. Their arrival marks three years since the mysterious stone fell from the sky and brought hordes of Bugbears with it. Sources close to the Duke report that the Elves are here to

negotiate a duty free trade contract for three tones of the precious herb, highly sought as the main ingredient in Heather Beer. Once restored, the annual contract will help the community Heathermoor and its sister city Almagrass dig themselves out of the ruins of the war. The Bloody Stone of Heathermoor campaign, cost the area almost 400 lives and a destroyed much of its infrastructure. Heroes of that battle have been invited to attend the welcoming gala at Castle Tyne and ceremonies are planned to honor the Elven members of the team that carried out the final assault on the captured keep. Do to injuries, Lord Pharny of Heathermoor is not expected to attend.

INN THE NEWS

The Stirge and Shield holds dart duel

The S&S Tavern is holding its annual dart championship in three days. Sharpshooters are expected to arrive from all corners of the Realm to compete for 1000 in gold and the title.

Jack the Ferret Strikes again

The known villainous pole-cat Jack The Weasel has been spotted raiding the dry good storage of Cavernackle Inn. The elusive beast has carried an ever-increasing bounty on his head for three years. Sighting information should be forwarded to the Towne Master of Beasts, Harlod Ponwise

The Gnome Ranger Rides Again

Waldlepon, the famed Gnome Jockey has recovered from his injuries and has vowed to race again. He is set to race on the first waxing crescent of winter at Helv



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Announcements

The Gnome Tinkerer, Hasbrick Longfellow, and his wife Mable are happy to announce the birth of their twin sons Grabel and Level.

Derik Joom, baker, announces the birth of his twin daughters and the death of his wife Clementine

Hamlet of Dovemoor announces the search for a town watch. Application will be reviewed by Gedius the Scribe. Must have good vision in the dark.

Hamish Cosgill and his common wife Ester Wavcraven are pleased to announce the birth of their twins Dora and Flora Cosgill. Celebration to be held at the Stirge&Shield at the end of the week.

Engagement Announcement: Sir Washborne Heath announces the engagement of his daughter Shirl Heath to the fine gentleman Sir Hobart Norp.

Coin Exchange

Harry the Money changer

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

Gold, Silver, Platinum, Gems, all Realms, all currency.
Downtowne

BARBARIAN TOKENS WANTED: Spirst Locknull will pay top price in hard metal for tokens from the Barbarous Lands. Come by and see me at Stirge & Shield.

NO QUESTIONS ASKED: Northern River Bend, I buy all coins, gems, and magical items. Fair Prices and no questions. Wear a feather, I will find you.

For Sale

Strang rod with chess piece on tip. Was my grandfather's willing to sell or trade. Contact Scot Mcforn

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

Price Nego. Burr Hakwoo

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

WAGON FOR SALE: Nice two horse wagon. Great condition: 2000 SP Norven Hassgood

RIDING DOG: Two year old Mastiff. Broken in and a great ride. 200 sp OBO. Contact Herm

Goods Wanted

Children's clothes needed Looking for used children's clothes at a good price. Mother of 9. Sherrell

ARMOR: Halfling sized armor needed. Any weight/stout buyer: Tallgedden Hap

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

SILVERED WEAPON: Need a silvered weapon before next full moon: Buyer: Gand Horace at Turtle & Pox

DRAGON SCALES: Need 37 undamaged dragon scales. Any color. Top prices. Contact: Dwart Kogfeld

Herbs

HERBS. Buying many herbs for various experiments. See the Alchemist Servent Moss at the College of Lore for list and prices.

Help Wanted

SERVANT NEEDED: Good established House. Light duties, must have experience and green eyes. Contact: Gyer Tommel at Peterson House.

DELIVERY JOB: Three man crew, wagon provided. West Side: Jatr White

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

LOCKSMITH NEEDED: We are looking for an experienced locksmith. Must be young and fit. Able to climb a big plus. See Thron Bachmel at the Guild Hall.

Work from home!

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

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

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

GENERAL HELP: Need labor for new building project. Great pay. Easy Hours. Contact: Loor McKeth. THIS IS NOT A GUILD PROJECT.

BARKEEP: Overnight shift at the Swan and Bow. Fairly quiet. Must have people skills and willing to work unsupervised. 3gp a week to start. Contact Norma

Lost & Found

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

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

LOST: Dog. Mixed breed comes to the name Shiner. Very nice. Kids Miss. Tarver Street: Mrs Lokd

FOUND: Key ring with 8 keys. See Turpd Ronghr

Personals

Wife wanted. Need woman to help with children. Strong Dwarf

Healer needed to join adventuring party. Last one got melted. S&S

Wealthy widow in search of companion, Must be Human, 6ft tall and under 50 years of age. Dexterty a plus.

Real Estate

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

300 acres for sale. Perfect for cattle or other grazers. 30 gp per acre. Not willing to divided. Contact: Bert Rollinger

Rentals

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