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DUCAL KNIGHT ISSUES WARNING TO ALL TRAVELERS IN AERAN'OR

Ducal Knight, Harrold Trunkenton, reports that a large group of black silver-eyed creatures has been assaulting several outposts throughout Aeran'or. Many outposts have been lost to these creatures.



They seem to be heading towards Wyverns Watch. Patrols along the main roads have been doubled, though efforts to head off the black creatures have not gone as well as anticipated.

It is rumored that these creatures may die if hit with a light spell.

To all who travel throughout Aeran'or: **BE ON YOUR GUARD EVEN WHILE TRAVELING ON MAIN ROADS.** Main roads are considered to be safe, but please take caution. Avoid the wilderness at all costs.

DO YOO NO SUMVUN WHO VANTS TO LEARN DE REEDINK AN DE RITEINK?

Tell dem to come see Zook at de August gadder in Wyvern's Watch.

For de measly fee ov tree silverz dey can learn de reedink an de riteink from a real Grandmazter Alchemizt! Limited time offer. See Zook for de tailz.

INFORMATION SOUGHT ON RUNES FOUND IN BLUEBROOK

Artie, Guild Archaeologist, has issued the following proclamation:

To all those who recently were at the gather in Bluebrook. ruins were found outside the town with strange writings on the walls inside. There were also two rune-covered creatures lying on the ground.

Any information regarding any of this would be greatly appreciated, as it could be the key to our research.

I will not be able to attend the gather in Wyverns Watch. All of my time is currently being used on research. However, I plan to send my apprentice to the gather with a copy of the writings found on the walls. I have not been able to decode them and any who wish to attempt to do so would be appreciated. Please ask my apprentice at the gather for a copy of the writings if you can be of help in interpreting them.

If any information is then gleaned from the writings, please report it to the apprentice.

VAMPIRES RUNNING RAMPANT IN BLUEBROOK

In Bluebrook in early July, vampires and other undead were seen openly attacking people outside of the tavern the night after the full moon.

It is rumored that the vampires were two sisters posing as apprentices of local guilds. One called Sasha represented the Celestial Guild with a badge and the other called herself Ivana. She wore a badge from the Earth Guild. They were accompanied by at least one person, a man who called himself Dred or Dredge.

They traveled to various homes in the area the night before and sold scrolls and potions from their alleged guilds to unsuspecting customers. The next night, the sisters and two servants or bodyguards returned to one of the cabins.

The occupants let the sisters and the men into the cabin, probably hoping to buy more scrolls and potions. All of the occupants later emerged as suspected undead or disappeared entirely without a trace. Zombies, ghosts, and other vampires were later reported as allegedly attacking one person on a lone path.

Soon after, the group came upon Bluebrook's tavern. Some of the undead were imprisoned and others disappeared. Several spells thrown at Sasha and Ivana seemed to have no effect or were resisted. One woman reported seeing them eventually disappear into thin air. Seconds later she claimed seeing "...Several coins just seem to fall out of the sky..." Of course, they were all picked up by survivors.

Other suspected vampires were reported around the area. A man and a woman posing as travelling siblings also attacked some people on a lone road that night and fed on them.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of Sasha and Ivana, please go to the guildmasters of the Bluebrook Celestial and Earth Guilds.

STRANGE SIGHTINGS IN AERAN'OR

There have been some strange sightings of large groups of adventurers around Aeran'or lately. Read on for eyewitness accounts.....

What's With the Dark Elves....

as written by an honest farmer,
Josiah Webb

So I was working the fields one day outside of Bluebrook, and I looked towards the road. You wouldn't

believe the amount of people I saw moving along in a group as if nothing in the world bothered them. The scary thing was that they were all as dark as the midnight sky with pointed ears. I don't think in my 34 years of life I've ever seen a group that large of dark elves. They acted as if nothing in the world could bother them, and I gotta be honest here, what with the pockets of resistance from that danged liche king's forces and them red mists things running around. I'm almost scared to go out and work in my fields. A farmer's gotta do what a farmer's gotta do, though, I guess.

I don't know what they were all about, but I wouldn't go near them if I was you. Can't figure them out for the life of me, all that trouble and not a fear in the world. They looked kinda nice though, didn't say much to me of course. That's just fine with me; however, I wouldn't want to run across them in a dark alley.

Anyways, I thought I'd just put out the word about these dark elves, like I said, I wouldn't want to cross them.

**Vendors, Pockets, and Pouches
Beware, GYPSIES Increase in
Number!**

By a concerned merchant, Lora
O'Connor

Keep an eye on your pockets and pouches! I was recently traveling through Bluebrook in early July passing through on me way home to

Ebonvale, when I saw a large group of colorful thieves, those gypsies known as Blackbirds.



'Tis bad enough to have that alchemist gypsy Clarion Zoucha (Zook) and his little "Wrenfeather familia" around. He cannot say a darned name right to save his life. He kept calling meself "Hora" rather than "Lora" when I tried buying a bit of his healing elixirs!

The only redeeming quality of these particular gypsies is that Zook's wife and sister-in-law can heal an old, hurt, broken body. One time while traveling in Freeton, Meself was mobbed by a group of deep trolls. If it weren't for Jessenia and Rumor soon coming upon me almost frozen body, I would most certainly be dead! They gave me a life spell and then healed me. All of me money was gone when I awoke, but that could be because of the attack from the trolls.

That is the only positive experience I've ever had with any gypsy. In the past me copper pot wagon was robbed three times. It was never proven, but I suspect gypsies were the culprits! Each time, there was a group of gypsies camping near town. I do not know if these thieving gypsies were Blackbirds, but there certainly are enough of that familia to be scattered throughout Aeran'or!

One final note, while in Bluebrook, I

noticed a strange coincidence. When that leader of the Blackbird gypies, Ozen, left Bluebrook, not too long afterwards, those darned blood-sucking vampires were found terrorizing the town. I have heard other rumors that when Ozen is in a town, there are never vampires. However, shortly after he leaves, vampires come out. It just makes an old woman wonder.....

KIDNAP VICTIM REPORTS DEEP TROLLS PLANNING TO DESTROY WYVERN'S WATCH

A kidnapped merchant was found 2 weeks ago about 10 miles outside of Wyvern's Watch. Thaddeus Raven had been missing two days when local authorities found him wandering along the road with his hands still bound. He was severely dehydrated, beaten, and confused.

After being released and given water, he told the authorities that his wagon had been grabbed by trolls when he had recently left Wyvern's Watch to obtain supplies for his fletcher business.

The trolls destroyed his wagon and bound Raven after robbing and beating him. He claims to have overheard the trolls talking about storming Wyvern's Watch. Authorities asked if any of these trolls were from around the Bluebrook area, as many trolls were destroyed there in early July by a brave group of adventurers. Raven did not know. He was in and out of

consciousness while the trolls had him.

He managed to escape when the trolls had passed out from a night of heavy drinking.

Travelers to Wyvern's Watch are advised to be careful when traveling in the area.

WEDDING NOTES

Gehenna Evermore and Curunir Avalon

On the 3rd Day of July, Year 604, Gehenna Iridna Evermore of the Bear and Wolf, daughter of Diabolous Evermore XII of the Bear



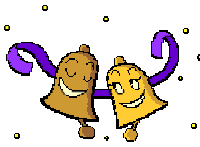
and Wolf and Iridna Evermore was wed to Curunir Avalon, Son of Zanderith Avalon. Arandel Wildfire performed the ceremony. Dagger

keepers for the couple were Ozen Blackbird and Artanis Greyowl. The ceremony was attended by many close family and friends.

Some of those in attendance were mystic wood elves, Ash and Argent, naked as the day they were born and Death's Head Mercantile Guildmaster, Krossus Blackhammer. Others included various Blackbirds and Evermores.

It is rumored that the couple is expecting their first child.

Rumor Wrenfeather and Ash of Mystic Wood to Wed in Wyvern's Watch



It was mentioned in an earlier newspaper that gypsy Rumor Wrenfeather and mystic wood elf Ash were to be wed this month. The drunken bash will be taking place Wyvern's Watch on Saturday, July 31, 604, at the noon hour.

Rumor is the adopted daughter of the late Beno and Keja Wrenfeather, and the half-sister of Jessenia Wrenfeather Zoucha. Clarion Zoucha (Zook) is her brother-in-law. Ash is the son of Grim and Shadow of the Mystic Wood and cousin to all mystic wood elves.

It is not known what and if anything the groom will be wearing on his special day.

All friends and familia are invited. Gifts would be appreciated.

OUT OF GAME NEWS

GREATER PITTSBURGH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

The 11th annual Greater Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival will be held weekends and Labor Day from August 14th to September 19th at 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



New vendors this year will be selling hats, jewelry, instruments, pottery, shoulder puppets, catapults, banners, stained glass gifts, and Faerie dolls. The Tom Savini School of Special Effects will be starting the Enchanted Hollow, also new for 2004.

As in previous years, various shows, jousting, and tons of food and beverages will be available.

Tickets are \$13.95 for adults and \$5.95 for kids. The festival is located at exit 51A off of I-70, six miles west of New Stanton.

For more information, log onto:
<http://www.pgh-renfest.com>.



TAVERN FOR THIS GATHERING

Player rep Jaime Jamriska will be serving hot dogs & hamburgers on Saturday.

REMINDERS

If you are not wearing a white headband while at any POLAR game, you are considered in-game.

Being as this is summer, and people will be running around a lot, the potential for dehydration is great. Remember to drink plenty of fluids!

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