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Bringing the News to the People...

Dealing with the Fae

The purpose of this article is to caution against the dealings observed by this reporter on numerous occasions with regard to the fae. I have seen young adventurers give up their names, older adventurers give up their honesty and seasoned townsfolk given to mental anguish over the games the fae play. I must caution that these beings are not of this plane. Moreover, they do not really see us as anything more than toys to play with. Why would we allow that?

As an adventurer, you may fool yourself into thinking that you can outwit a fae, or that they are useful for particular gifts, however, I have yet to observe a dealing with the fae that did not have negative repercussions for the mortal involved.

Heed my words: If a fae asks you a question, do not answer. If a fae tries to make a deal with you, convince it that you are not in need.

Never insult them and never kill them, or you will bring

the wrath of all Faerie down on the town.

I am most specifically referring to those of us who have an affinity for the fae. Please understand that I am not insulting them in any way; merely stating the fact that their being has no real use for us, and therefore we should not assume they really want anything we are willing to give them...

~Grunt the Bad Reporter

(Given name against will)

A Letter

Good people,

I have been given to understand that there is one among you, a fellow named **Kaashmire** with whom I have corresponded, who possesses knowledge that would aid me and mine in giving a fitting funeral to one of ours, **Dementia** by name.

Her actions near the end of her existence were unconscionable and I

certainly wish to offer no pardon where none may be accepted. I do wish, however, to provide her with proper burial rites in the tradition of my kind. I hope that many among you will understand my position.

Kaashmire has mentioned constraints that keep him from responding to questions and requests for action. This is puzzling to me, but he also made clear that I might

publicly ask about the nature of those constraints. Let this poor missive serve as such a query.

I would hope to be given the opportunity to atone for **Dementia's** misdeeds, and seek any and all that she might have wronged for such an opportunity.

Respectfully,
Angulari

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Pinetree to be Crowned Duke

Count Ellis Pinetree will be crowned Duke on Saturday of the Gather in Farcy on the 31st. All subjects are welcome to attend, as are all nobility and royalty.

There will be a feast to celebrate the new title being conferred to the Count.

The feast will take place on Saturday afternoon of the gather. The cost will be (\$7 OOG) per person. Tan Tan

has graciously offered to cook for us.

Congratulations are to be given to Count Ellis Pinetree and his people for gaining the title and removing from the Crown it's Curse.

If you wish, you may bring gifts for the new Duke to the feast with you.

There will be a modicum of serving folk on the premises as well...

Any and all help with setup, cleanup and provisions will be graciously accepted.

Congratulations, Former Count Pinetree!

Long Live the New Duke!



"It is rumored that both the Count and Countess will be obliterated..."

Is the Veil of Peace Upon Us?

The war is all but over...LaVonde and Chamberlain have been captured. In the late hours of the night as the town of Farcy was settling in for the evening, the attack came.

Countess Jasmine LaVonde, along with **Count Roland Chamberlain** and many other creatures rifted into the tavern and began to wage an attack.

It is believed at this time that her intention was to capture **Count Ellis Pinetree** and attempt to end the war, fearing for her side. However, His Excellency was not in town due to quick thinking and fast intelligence by his troops.

Just minutes before the town was laid under attack, **Lord General Thomas Moriarty** came into town and escorted **Count Pinetree** back to the

safe-keeping of his garrison. **Squire Davy McClelland**, along with **Sir Siranot DeGauss, Kiera** and the rest of Lochwood fought against the Countess and her regime.

The battle waged on for what seemed like hours as

Squire McClelland delivered mighty blows to monsters and **Sir Siranot** used his magical powers to weaken the Countess.

In the end, the town prevailed and won the day. **Alejandro Sparras** dealt the final killing blow to the Countess' Beholder, which was holding the forces of the town at bay along with 2 very powerful liches.

Both the Count and Countess were shackled and taken prisoner and had a Destroy Formal Magic cast upon

them by some of the powerful mages of the town,

Lord Simeon Silvercord and **Kiera**.

It is rumored that both the Count and Countess will be obliterated and **Count Ellis Pinetree**, along with **Lord Marshall Scipio** of Midland will be sending their troops as well as House Therenstar into Richland and Fellmist to clean house.

HUZZAH!

These days have come to the opening of the door to peace and a united Therendry!
~**RJA** reporting



Rumor Has It...

Sir Gilliard is in love with **Kiera**...**Sir Donovan** is in love with **Kiera**...**Draelin** is in love with **Kiera**...

Swiftwind is in love with **Kiera**...**Squire Davy** is in love with **Kiera**... the question is, who is **Kiera** in love with? Will she choose one, or allow them to continue to fight over her? (*Inquiring minds want to know...*)

Is the **Huntress** jealous of **Kiera**? Look out! Rumor has it she keeps the heads of those who get in her way!

Ever wonder why the people getting the posts on the fae tree promising *adventure, treasure and pie* always seem to be titled?

Parthynia framed **Roxi** like she framed **Dementia**. We wonder if **Roxi**'s body will vanish, too...

Dementia is alive and well and living in **Kaashmire**'s wardo.

To be truly stupid is to challenge **Donovan** to a fight with words.

Sir Gilliard and **Squire Davy** are attempting to cause another civil war...their goal is to split Farcry and Calais between them...

A dryad named **Gardenia** may make her home in Farcry...

The **Huntress** and **Clint Stonefist** are on a romp together, which is why they were absent from the last gather.

Squire Davy McLellan was in league with **Zimmerman** for assistance in the war efforts.

Kiera is leaving Lochwood to join **Simeon Silvercord**.

The Grave Yard of the 4 Winds is coming to Therendry.

Kes and **Caliphar** are involved in a secret romance, which is why they ask each other to talk in missives on the tree all the time.

Why is it that we never see **Parthynia** and the **Huntress** together? Why does one appear shortly after the other has left? Is it possible that **Parthynia** is the **Huntress**' alter ego?

Davy of Lochwood is **Garendor**.

Garendor is **Thomas**.

Dementia has been discovered to be the scorned lover of **Sir Valoric**! **Parthynia** and **Dementia** hate each other because of a childhood feud over him. While **Dementia** was his first love, his heart was stolen away from her by **Parthynia**, and **Dementia** swore vengeance.

Tenshi Ryu is the most beautiful woman in the world. **Sylk** told me so! He has plans to steal her heart away from her Ambassador of a husband. ~**Beetle**

Zug De'Kiernan has not-so-secretly been making eyes at the luscious females of the **Muffin Clan**. Won't **Kes** be angry when she finds out?

Vardimez al'Zeph is in reality the long-lost heir to the high throne of Tyrra. As a child, he was focibly changed to his current form.

Janis is the secret lover of **Kiliko**, and deathly afraid of rabbits.

Le'Montaigne are actually the secret agents of **Dementia**.

A worldwide monopoly over the Pleasure Industry has been planned by **Theodoric**, **Sir Gilliard**, **Lord Strider** and **Frost**, who have been hoarding enslavement elixirs to use on abducted Mystic and Gorbe females.

Glenn Stormwolf isn't really a barbarian. He pretends to be to gain free access to beer.

The **Huntress** is the mastermind of a foul plot to rob Tyrra of all it's magic. Investigations are ongoing. Some say that **Blue** and the Philosopher's Stone (which covertly resides in her keeping) may be involved.

There have been women meeting in groups by the river outside of town.

Where was **Gilliard** during the war? Sources say he was playing happy time with **LaVonde**. A sock search is in progress...

Where is **Duke Blackstone**? Some say he was killed and turned into a lich. Still others believe that he ran off with **LaVonde** and sent a doppelganger into battle instead of the actual woman...

Are **Squire Davy McLellan** and **Sir Gilliard De'Amentre** secretly hogging the boards so that **Zimmerman** and **Xantorax** cannot post? Only they know for sure.

Ever wonder why the powerful creatures never rift into town looking for someone without a title? Or a Dodge/Assassinate or Parry/Slay for that matter?



Classified Advertisements

*"It is with deepest sorrow
that I announce the death
of the biata Dementia..."*

A request that **Gilliard, Valoric, and Vandar** please meet us in the place you call Farcry on the thirty-first day of the eighth month of this year, 602. ~**Alayna, Queen of the Warriors.**

On the Death of Dementia

It is with deepest sorrow that I announce the death of the biata Dementia. Although the location of her body at this moment is unknown to the mortals of Tyrra, we mourn her loss.

She was not within her own mind at the time of her death.

Hysteria and madness reigned inside.

Anger gave birth to her last breath,

And for her loss we cried.

I am sorry, Dementia, truly, for not being able to help you.

Sincerely,

Parthynia Cesca
Domamor

Wanted: One Healer
Are you adept in Earth Magics? How would you like a partner? I splint proceeds 50/50 and I promise to defend you with my life...**R.**

Over the course of this war, the people of Therendry, particularly those who live in Midland County, have probably suffered more than any others, as unlike ourselves, they could not flee to other lands with full pockets and the assurance of a halfway decent place to stay. Many of those who did run, and many who did not, are now without either homes or livelihoods-their homes have been burnt, their crops trampled and looted. In order to help homeless refugees and other citizens of Therendry who are for whatever reason destitute,

I seek to found an Almshouse so that these people may have food and shelter in the coming months, particularly the fast approaching autumn and winter. I hereby ask the nobles of Midland for formal permission to found the institution. I further request my fellow adventurers for anything they can offer for it: money, time to help build the actual building, and anything you can do to help the administration or maintenance of the almshouse once it is completed.

Respectfully,
Theodoric

Initiate of the Knights of
Tyrra
Not a Knight

Stormwolf,

I have enjoyed the time we spent together immensely. I look forward to the day when we can sit in my garden and become better acquainted while we watch the sun set. Do not forget me as time passes.



I will pay from 4 to 20 gold for every written document brought to the library for safekeeping. If you wish to donate to this cause, please contact me via courier, post (rhyce@juno.com) or through direct association. I can normally be reached through the Ivy Hind or at the post above. Thank you, **Squire Pai Zhi,** Therenstar

Please note that I am willing to pay well for the services of a master weaponsmith and a healer of significant prowess. The information above may be used for this as well.



*"Do not forget me as time
passes..."*



More Things ... you should probably not put on the fae tree, but somebody did...

10. It isn't quite as bad when women wear shiny pendants or something, 'cause then they only smack me for staring at their breasts.

9. Write to me if you want! Zimmie says it is OK.

8. To Zimmerman: You are a big meany. I hope they kick your butt.

7. Anyone who knows how to bouce HAS to be fun, and Sylk bounced for

me. And I saw him use his spear thingy, ...

6. Spies and Informants Wanted!

5. Here kitty kitty.....

4. Even Uncle Davy kills things all the time... and he's pretty inept

3. They should have been our slaves, not our friends...

2. Oh, and the poor forest creatures, they only come

out when hungry, so we fix that problem.

1. ...let it be known that Kiliko,... turned himself in. He is currently being held in a stone cell, with no contact to the outside world, save through me, when I bring his meals to him. **ie.** I'm breaking the law!

Even More Things...

- Love, Lynx Windrunner
- I still have the catnip
- "To ridicule philosophy is really to philosophize."
- is it possible to love potion an Elf to a tree.
- I think that it is rather unfair to dismiss the woods so quickly. Sure, many of them have thorns or fire ants, but there are quite a few very lovely trees. If you ever find yourself wondering where the beauty of a dryad comes from, take a moment and examine

the nearby trees. Typically in a grove where a dryad makes her home, you will see one tree that stands out in the crowd. You'll look across the grove and out of the corner of your eye you might spot something. As you turn to look you see the most magnificent tree that you have ever had the honor of beholding. You then walk up to it slowly, since you don't want to look desperate, and lean on it...but only slightly! You don't

want this lovely, leafy, luscious tree to think you do this with all the other trees. You need to make it feel special, and if it's done right, it will make you feel special too. So go for it! Don't be shy! Just some advice to any out there with an appreciation for our arboreal friends.

- I was wondering if someone with formal magic could make my polearm happier...

"So Go For It! Don't Be Shy!"

- Your wife and I have successfully adventured...I made sure she was treated amiably in treasure divvies and passed all scrolls to her.
- I took joint control of your actions via an enslavement.
- I am open to other suggestions...



Letters to Lynne

"It is like Papaya Effendi is trapped in a downward spiral of doom!"



"He has strength and courage to face your oppressors. ."

"Goodwife Lynne,

Whenever Papaya Effendi goes to Stonereach to sell goods Papaya Effendi wakes up with his pockets empty of any of the goods he was carrying and the gold he acquired. Papaya Effendi, the embodiment of all that is great upon Tyrra must confess that he is at his wits end over this, and does not know what to do, and this does not reflect well upon his person, for as the embodiment of all that is great upon Tyrra Papaya Effendi should not suffer so!

Papaya Effendi has tried to adapt to the circumstances tossed in his path, upgrading his Fist Of Greatness for The Pulsating Rod of Blackstone and by hiring a Yes/No man in the form of Jabooboo the troll, but none of it helps! It is like Papaya Effendi is trapped in a downward spiral of doom! Just last weekend in Stonereach Papaya Effendi got robbed, murdered by a sword in the back, had to put up with his ungrateful wretch of a hunchback Iago quitting as his bodyguard, got challenged to honor combat by a horrible man in a purple and black tabard, had his Yes/No troll lose the honor combat, got robbed, got hissed at by an evil Sarr and laughed at by a vile barbarian, and was cursed to have to kiss his troll's smelly green bottom!

As you can see Lynne, Papaya Effendi is not having a very good life at the moment. Do the stars point to there being any hope for poor Papaya Effendi?

Papaya Effendi. Not feeling like The Embodiment Of All That Is Great Upon Tyrra at the moment."

Dear Papaya Effendi,

Alas, dear Papaya, the stars point to a dark path. I see people hiding in shadows waiting for your exit from the tavern. I see people with bad intentions to do you in. They view you as an easy target. They have elixirs to make you forget and blunt instruments to knock you out. Do not fret, though, Papaya. Soon, I see a new yes/no man. This one is human.....no....barbarian. He has strength and courage to face your oppressors. He speaks with a good vocabulary and knows the laws of the lands. He will do his best to keep you safe. I also see in the stars a new and stronger Papaya. Go back to your books and

study! You have gotten away from your training. Take the time needed to grow wiser in the ways of the world. You may also wish to tone down the loud rants and raves of your greatness. While you are great, you are not great against dark strangers with sinister thoughts.

The only difference between us and the common criminal is not that we don't have the criminal mind, we just have the intelligence and will power not to use it.

There is hope for Papaya Effendi – with patience.

May the stars always be above your head and tyrra beneath your feet,

Lynne-Zara Antonia De'Amentre

edited by Natalie Madison, Scribe



How Many Houses?

What defines the difference between a house, a group and an army?

With so many different groups springing up in Therendry, we have decided to focus on each separate one and what they have to offer, who their members are and what their goals are as well. It is recommended that one familiarize oneself with these groups, as their powers can be of assistance to any traveler.

The groups we know of currently are as follows. Anyone with information

on any of the following may submit it to the Therendry/Blackstone Herald via courier or missive at rhyce@juno.com:

- **Therenstar** – House of Sir Valoric Treehawk. Current membership is at 17-20 people to the best of our knowledge.
- **House Silvercord** – House of Lord Simeon Silvercord. Current membership is unknown.
- **House Wave** – House run by

Liam Andreus. Current membership is unknown.

- **Lochwood** – Group of adventurers led by Squire Davy McLelland, Commanding. They wear the Chevron Tabard. Known membership surpasses 40. Known to have at least 4 of title.

If you have knowledge of the difference between a house and a group, please feel free to forward it to us.

The Seer's Corner

I will not pause long this day nor be overly poetic. I have been compelled to write the following from a vision. Once it has been written my duty will have been accomplished. I may write no more...

I saw the sky as red as blood and the ground as black as death. In the sky, I could see

the figure of a large beast. It flew, but was not a bird.

It landed and was easily as tall as a tree and as deadly as a dragon. It spoke and said, "There is no way to destroy that which you love. If you destroy it, you destroy yourself. Do not fear, Pale One. The time comes where your people will be saved.

Take note: The land, in its natural state, has little color and even less blood to spill. Observe." When the last was spoken, he dissipated, and I saw a silver cup. It was sitting on a flaming scroll. I saw the word "heart" before the scroll went up in smoke..."



Contributions Needed

This paper has limited resources; however, we are willing to pay for submissions. Please, when you have free time, write down your experiences while adventuring and submit them to us so that they may be printed.

We will happily pay for any and all submissions, whether they receive printing or not.

By submitting your work, you are agreeing to allow the Therendry/Blackstone Herald exclusive

rights to the work, including the editing of the work for style, content, grammar and spelling.

Any information found during your travels that you would like to share with others is accepted for publishing as well.

Are you an Artist? We accept submissions of artwork and renditions as you see fit to provide as well.

Wanted: One reporter to report each month on the goings-ons in Therendry.

Wanted: One reporter to report each month on the goings-ons in Blackstone

Wanted: One paper distribution liaison.

Wanted: One creator of puzzles for the paper.

Wanted: One Artist, Layout personage for the paper.

Wanted: One Rumor Writer for the paper.

All positions are paid.



Missing Warrior

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This is an artist's rendition of the glorious battle to defeat the forces of evil in Therendry. The artist observed this knight come in to battle and die. He is obviously of foreign lands. The bells on his attire and the shield carried by him are of a most unique nature.

Unfortunately, all was gone when the body was found and we have no knowledge of his family or breeding. We can only assume that he was once of great lineage.

His last battle was gallant. He fought a hundred undead, slaughtering most before the mass took him down. His horse was eaten by scavengers on the battlefield. To honor his memory, this paper has agreed to print the rendition, and ask that any who know of this man please contact us so that what remains of him may be returned to his proper family.