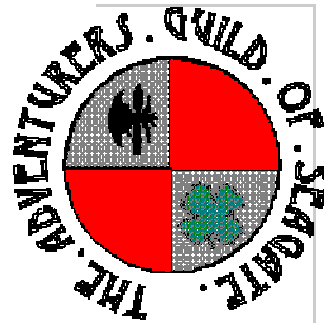


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Eidolon Evacuated

The Queen started a royal procession around the provinces this Spring and the nobles of Eidolon have left their pleasure palaces to get their provinces in order. Palace staff not required during their absence have been sent home for a holiday and the guards have stopped visitors to the floating city.

The main reason for this exodus is not widely known. The floating city was initially the first line of defense against the escape of an ancient evil imprisoned below the lake. Now that the ancient evil has been disturbed and shows signs of escaping it's time to re-arm the fortress and clear out the civilians.

The contents of the Palace and private libraries in Eidolon are being relocated to the University, sorting and categorisation of these new acquisitions is going very well and they should be available for enquiries within a decade or two.

Art and other valuables are being moved to warehouses in the lower city as resources allow. Guild members with valuables stored in Eidolon are advised to contact a representative of the relocation administrative committee at Elfanburg with proof of ownership to request the new location of their valuables.

No Civil War Here!

The armies of Alfheim under the command of Lady Celeblothel have mostly recovered from their sojourn in Hell as demonic minions of Malphas and are starting to return from Ladlaugh to resume their posts. Frequently referred to as the 'Gay Brigade' for their famous parties the 1st and 17th legions are expected to be a little less frivolous during the hard times to come.

The Lady herself is rumoured to be receiving extensive treatment at an exclusive health spa.

Elvandar is keeping its borders closed for the security of the realm. The Elvandan army have been at the core of the military forces helping the High Elves leave Eidolon. "We remember our duty to defend Alfheim from all of her enemies" said one Elvandan commander as he helped the Second Assistant Secretary of the Royal Committee for the Betterment of Elven Needlework out of Eidolon.

GUILD WARNING!!!

Albion has been so fertile this spring that just being in the same room is enough to get a compatible female pregnant.

Female Elves, Orcs, and Vychan are all warned to mind their proximity to Albion until he is cleared.

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and more...



MDK:
"I am so good at Archery that I have been Accused of being an Elf."

Isil Eth:
"That is such an insult."

MDK:
"I know!"



*Emma (party employer):
“Never offer to baby sit a dragon.”*

*MDK:
“We present to you, your Emperor, your Empress, and here is a heir we prepared earlier.”*

News in Brief

New Pirate Trouble

Vapour and his party have convinced a Fae pirate with an undead crew on a planar-travelling ship to move to Alusian waters. He has previously captured and sunk Destinian vessels, and has been provided with charts from Seagate to the Isles of Adventure. While several guild members have congratulated Vapour's foresight in providing more employment, the Duke -- and most of the local merchants -- have been less than pleased with the result. Since the arrival of this vessel off our coast in early Spring, two carracks have already gone missing on their way to the Five Sisters.

Royal Rue Wedding Rocks!

A Guild party was hired to ensure that an historic Royal Wedding on the Plane of Rue proceeded without any fatal interruptions. This wedding had been in the planning for generations, balancing factions within the Noble families to the point where the couple would be accepted as Emperor and Empress. Opposed to this were the Merchant houses who weren't keen on new laws and taxes the Emperor would be able to enact.

The party had to collect Lord Renald and Lady Odette from their homes and guard them and their entourage as they progressed up the Swan River on the Royal Barge. Of course, they weren't actually on that barge... the Guild party insisted on that. There were three attacks. First was when the Lady was in her carriage heading to one of the castles she had to visit—the opposition had replaced the carriage horses with shape-changed humans and set up a trap. The second was a mass attack, on the river where a small fleet were hidden up a tributary hidden by

illusory terrain. The third as at the wedding itself where they tunneled out a hole in the floor under the wedding party. The Guild adventurers were able to successfully foil all three attempts.

The happy couple were then spirited away on their honeymoon by the adventurers, and we are pleased to announce that an heir is on the way.

Meteors strike Borderlay Mountains

There were rumours of Meteor strikes in the mountains north of

Aboundanse in Winter 809 and these were recently investigated by Ariane Leptospurnum and Delphinus Auriga, both senior guild staff members who were in the area visiting friends and negotiating some guild wine purchases.

They report that on the night of 10th Frost 809 the mountains several miles north of Chateau Sartoris were impacted by a significant number of meteors causing large scale damage. Notably an area of caves rumoured to be the lair of some vicious wolves and other unsavoury characters seemed most hard hit by the meteors/falling stars.

They visited the cave site along with a number of Sartoris estate 'foresters'. Ariane, through her magical talent, was able to determine a significant amount of magic was involved in the incident. It appeared to involve meteor storm and falling star magic cast ritually for a far greater effect by an elder dragon. While staying on after their arduous investigations Ariane and Delphinus further heard that on the 17th of Frost an estate was created in Borderlay and titled the Angramarzan estate.

Delphinus also noted for guild edification that the trees in Borderlay must be nasty and vicious as the 'foresters' seemed numerous, very capable and well equipped.

Bandits in Borderlay

The County of Borderlay has decided that the incidents of Banditry on its borders need to be addressed and has hired several large mercenary companies, a number of off duty Guild members and mages from other less reputable Guilds to track down bandits in the area and cleanse the realm of them. Their 'campaign' commenced on the 1st of Thaw 809 and they are reported to have been successful although there were a few casualties.

The Adventurers' Guide

Tips for Success

Always expect the unexpected.

When on bodyguard duty, never leave the people you're meant to be guarding alone.

You cannot leave too many red herrings for the enemy—you can never confuse the enemy too much!

Always plan a way to escape... investing in something like an invested shadow-walking spell could save your life.

Wards can be your friend—but leaving stray wards scattered about the countryside may one day come back to bite you. On the other hand, leaving strategically placed wards against undead, demons and other such hazards might be considered a public service!

Deliberately falling thirty feet through a hole in the floor is not recommended—it hurts!



The Puzzle Column

Three Wishes

There was once a girl who was always jealous of her sister. One day a djinni appeared and told her that he was "half magic" which meant that he could grant her wishes, but her sister would always get two times more than she did, she had three wishes.

First, she wishes that she was the richest person in the world, but her sister soon became the richest because she got two times the money. Her second wish was that she was the most beautiful women in the world, but her sister gets twice as much beauty.

What was her third wish?

Lock and Key

Suppose a noble wants to send in a valuable object to a friend. He has a box which is big enough to hold the object. The box has a locking ring which is large enough to have a lock attached and he have several locks with keys. However, his friend does not have the key to any lock that you have. He cannot send the key in an unlocked box since it may be stolen or copied.



How can the noble send the valuable object, locked, to his friend - so it may be opened by his friend?

Riddles

First:

No legs have I to dance,
No lungs have I to breathe,
No life have I to live or die
And yet I do all three.
What am I?

Second:

I can sizzle like bacon,
I am made with an egg,
I have plenty of backbone, but lack a good leg,
I peel layers like onions, but still remain whole,
I can be long, like a flagpole, yet fit in a hole.
What am I?

Third:

Four jolly men sat down to play,
And played all night till break of day,
They played for cash and not for fun,
With a separate score for every one,
When it came time to square accounts,
They all had made quite fair amounts,
Now, not one has lost and all have gained.
What are they?

Get the Power of Fire and Light!

Fire College Invested Items:

Dragonflames Rk 10

Weapon of Flames Rk 10

Also Rank 8 Weaponry.

New Dragonsmite!!!

(ask for details)

Prices negotiable.

Please contact Flamis at the Guild.



Isil Eth:

"Humans squander mana."

Sooty:

"Low Mana level in the town getting you down too?"

Earth College Scrolls For Sale



Scrolls of the following spells can be obtained from me, at the Guild, for up to a week after the Guild meeting. Otherwise contact me at Bolton Manor. The spells are:

Trollskin rank 12 - 1500sp

Armour of Earth rank 15 - 1500sp

Strength of Stone (Endurance) rank 13 - 1300sp

If you want actual invested items or scrolls of other Earth spells, please contact me. Basalic

Answers to Last Issue's Puzzles:

Princess Paintings

Landscape = 35" wide x 20" high = blue bedroom

Still life = 16" wide x 24" high = green dining room

Battle scene = 27" wide x 22" high = hall of mirrors

Portrait = 24" wide x 28" high = throne room

Riddles:

First: pin and needle

Second: vowels

Third: wine

What's Hot

Elven Provinces

Smiting Devils

Angelic Swords

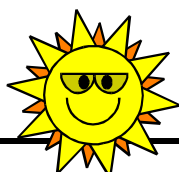
Magic Tomes

Royal Weddings

Wards

Mind Mages

Fire Arc



What's Not

Elven Pleasure Palaces

Hyper-Fertile Elves

Demonic Liessa

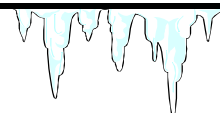
Consequences

Binders

Doing Ward Rituals

Bards

Holes



Phaeton:

"I have some experience in courtesan."

Ben:

"What's her name?"

MDK:

"Do you get loyalty discounts?"

Grendel:

"We undermine the warehouses and deposit their contents into the river"

Phaeton:

"So, let me get this straight. You're planning on liquidating their assets."



The Rumour Mill

Kern Pregnant with Albion's Love Child

Disgraced noble Kern, exiled from his own home is rumoured to have found refuge in the arms of Albion. And it turns out that while male now, having been a woman once before was enough for Kern to get knocked up by Mister Virility.

Sven's Virility Questioned

It appears that Sven, on being asked to drop his trousers and thrust against a door which could only be opened by the push of a man said, "I'd rather die." Then he paused, and said, "Actually, I'd rather do this". Whereupon he dropped his trousers and thrust to no avail. What that means, we will leave to your imagination, gentle reader.

Gobbo Attempts Humour

On seeing a pitched battle between harlequins and mimes sprinting down the street, Gobbo was heard to remark, "That was a running gag." He was so pleased with himself, that the funny goblin is now planning to pursue Troubadour training.

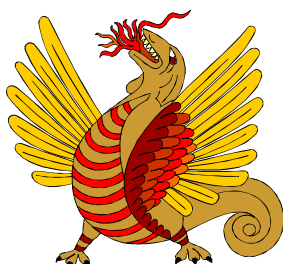
Michael was Unavailable

"Sorry to anyone who wanted to call on the Avatar of Michael this season, we got distracted by other evils, and let a demonic remnant of Liessa rip his head off," reads a statement from an unidentified Guild member. The Church of Michael was unavailable for comment on this matter.

The Last Word

The editors would like to express their grateful thanks to all contributors to this season's issue of the Seagate Times, especially to new writers. We remind you that we reserve the right to edit all contributions and to determine what shall and shall not appear in print. Please note that opinions appearing in this document are not necessarily those of the editors or staff of the Seagate Times.

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Ariel Glitterwing-Stargazer, Chief Reporter and Astrologer



Tegan to Daisy, about Gobbo:
"I don't care what as he does as long as he's back on the leash before I notice."

Sooty:
"I guess we wait for a few hours before they get eaten by a random predator."

Ben (in tiger form):
"I'm not random."

Isil Eth:
"How much is this diamond worth?"

MDK:
"It's just glass. You should give it to me."



Lucius' Greater Enchantment

Are you feeling outdated and under powered? What you need is a Greater Enchantment!

Only 200sp per cast rank plus the materials cost. Contact Lucius in the guild kitchens for a Rank 19 greater.

You decide what you want!

Restoratives for Sale

Honey-flavoured!
Up to Rk 6 currently available. Please contact Grizelda at the Guild, or at the village of Thorn's Landing. Only 800sp.



Holy Water for Sale

Many uses, principally administering pain and hurt to those nasty Undead. 100 sp per 1/2 pint.



Also available to select clients:
Alchemical potions—you provide the talent, he'll put it in a bottle.
Consecration of appropriate locations to the healer god Dianchect. Expensive, but worthwhile for your sickroom.

Please contact Phaeton at the Guild.

Water College Potions for Sale

Waters of Healing Rk 14 - 400 sp
Waters of Strength Rk 10 - 1000 sp
Please contact Aqualina at the Guild.



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