



Undead Devastate Clanthia

Town guard bears arms in defense; populace flees

It was late afternoon, April 7th, 591. Hordes of undead rose up from their graves in a massive assault upon the town. Townsfolk fled in terror as the undead struck down scouts, fighters, and spellcasters alike.

Zombies, ghouls, wights, skeletons, mummies, and even a powerful necromancer ravaged through the town, giving no quarter to the helpless town. The town guard valiantly kept the undead at bay, but their attempt was for naught, as the townspeople helped not in saving their town. The undead had even made their way inside the Healer's Guild, wreaking havoc in what was perceived as a place of safety.

Things looked hopeless, until the baron himself came into town. The tide began to turn, as the mighty spells flew from his fingertips, ridding the town of these beasts. The necromancer fell victim to his own spell as it was reflected upon his person.

Coronation Takes Place Three New Nobles in Sutherland

Three new royals have blessed Sutherland. Not only is there a new mayor and a baron, but a new knight as well. The ceremonies brought forth support from all townsfolk, and even attracted emissaries from the enemies of Sutherland, the goblins and the lizardmen. Gems, furs, and a magic item all were given at this wonderful event.

Tension gripped the ceremonies as the healers witnessed a startling event. To prove the government's neutrality, both evil and good were represented at the ceremonies. The casting of both *Bless* and *Cause Light Wounds* by the Baron brought confusion to many faces. The residents of Clanthia all know the Healer's Guild's hatred of necromantic practices, especially by a noble figure.

"The healers are taking it way too far," said Alho Rengate, head of the Order of the Dryad. "The purpose of the spells was to prove neutrality, which is what commands the world, not good, not evil."

The new nobles are Lord Mayor Sparrowhawk, the knight Sir William de La Rochelle, and, of course, our Lord Baron Jay.

Bodies of the unfortunate littered the ground, but the town was saved. A ghoul was even reported to be helping clean-up the town, picking up pinestraw and sweeping leaves. An anonymous zombie interviewed after the incident replied, "More spleens!" Rumor has it that the attack was an escape attempt for a necromancer held captive in the Healer's Guild. The town guard would like information on anyone who fled the town, leaving it to die.

Magic Sword Recovered Adventurers bicker over rare artifact

Baron Jay sent a brave group of adventurers to recover a magical sword from altar at the edge of the river. This sword appears once a year, on the Day of the Phoenix. The party fought many monsters to rescue the sword. Werewolves, vampires, and murky terrain slowed the party down, but they were no match for this well-equipped party. In an exclusive interview with Xavier, the dapper rogue who recovered the sword, we uncovered some interesting facts.

Alho: "So, Xavier, how did you recover this sword, especially since the powers you fought overpowered many an adventurer?"

Xavier: "With my stealthy tactics and extreme cunning, I managed to slip by the bulk of them to get to the river."

Alho: "What did you find there?"

Xavier: "Once we got to the river, there weren't many to be seen. Bran Killian, Shin and I managed to cross to a sand dune in the middle of a river, and we noticed a very large skeleton, one very nasty looking vampire, and a very large wolf. And the sword lying upon the altar with a torch on one end."

Alho: "How did you rescue the sword from these powerful adversaries?"

Xavier: "Well, Shin foolishly fought the skeleton, attracting the vampire and the wolf, as Bran helped fight them. I slipped up, stretched, and pulled the sword into my reach."

Alho: "How many died in this rescue?"

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New Taxes Levied

Funds to help defend populace

By order of Black Jay, Baron of La Rochelle, a new tax has been announced to help repel the invading Goblin armies. Your tax monies will be spent to support the town guard, sustain the armies defending the Barony, and to maintain the high standard of living that the townsfolk of Clanthia and the entire barony have grown accustomed to.

Please accommodate the town guard in all ways regarding the new tax collection.

Rumor Central

(and other goodies)

- ☞ Rumor has it that a foolish adventurer was sucked into a tree by a strange, magical being.
- ☞ Gareth the necromancer wants to dig up a date, preferably still warm. Any takers?
- ☞ Goulge Scorgeblatt and Vlani were seen kissing, is this perhaps a fickle item?
- ☞ The Order of the Dryad found their flag torn from its resting place, with a note attached stating that the Order will be destroyed by Rhiannon, head of the Healer's Guild.
- ☞ Bran Killian, upstanding member of the town guard, was seen hitting on Helena. Perhaps the town guard isn't as upstanding as was thought.
- ☞ The head of the Healer's Guild and the head of the Mage's Guild have reached certain 'understandings' behind closed doors. This writer wonders if there is more to this than just an alliance thrown into the open.
- ☞ Xavier was refused service at the town brothel, do they know something that we don't? Perhaps this magical sword endowed more than just powers...
- ☞ Jacques has his eye on a certain young healer, who will remain nameless.
- ☞ Magdalen claims she is not a 'one-man' woman, she needs two or three. Strider, Lex, and Stymy should give her a try, she promises discount rates.
- ☞ Shawnassie is hot to trot for Silverlock D'Argent.
- ☞ Got a juicy (yet tasteful) rumor? Send it in!

Town Notices

- ☞ Tired of dying and losing all your funds? The Clanthian Prime Bank can store your monies in safety. See Jacques at the Healer's Guild to open your account.
- ☞ Jacques is offering three silver for the return of his lantern, last seen at the Dooley Con adventure, no questions asked.

Magic Sword, cont'd

Xavier: "I do not know numbers, I think perhaps five."

Alho: "Tell us about what happened on your return to Clanthia."

Xavier: "Once in the Clanthia Tavern, I was, I'll put it this way, assaulted by some of the adventuring group demanding their fair share of the sword. And my words were 'It was my rescue, it is in my possession now, therefore it is my sword'."

Alho: "Did these 'adventurers' use force to try to take the sword? Do they not have harsh feelings that you recovered it and would not share?"

Xavier: "They were not foolish enough to use force. Oh yes, I know I have made many enemies, but I also have many powerful friends."

Alho: "How do you intend on protecting yourself from these 'enemies'?"

Xavier: "Well, they are not as powerful as they presume, my friends will protect me, I have the protection from the town guard, and since the sword is mine, I have protection from it as well. If it comes down to it, I will use my own skill and cunning to - I'll put it this way - to destroy anyone trying to take it from my possession."

Alho: "Thank you for your time, and I PRAY your hopes are indeed fulfilled."

What happened this day in 588?

Plague mysteriously killed the great personages in the Duchy, except for one, the Duke Armand. It was a slow-wasting disease, and caused much panic throughout the population. This plague has not been seen in recent years, but one cannot be too careful.

What happened this day in 586?

Invading goblin armies reached the outskirts of the capital city of Sutherland. Duke Armand put out a help cry to anyone to help suppress the invaders. The local necromancers decided to make an agreement to help the Duke; in return, the Duke declared necromancy legal in Clanthia.

Classifieds

Gauntlets - Leather \$35.00, suede \$25.00 (includes shipping), pick up at May 3-day events. Call Scott (Bran Killian) at 423-8906 nights for more info.

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