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ARGONTH RENOVATION CONFIRMED BY PARLIAMENT

Long-awaited refurbishment passes last hurdle

Argonth, the mighty moving city-fortress on our western border is finally slated to be renovated and have its number of stationed military personnel increased at last.

Elerst Thorn, the elven lawmaker from Galethspyre, had the following to say after the bill passed:

"The Last War may be over, but yet we remain in danger. Perhaps not – at this point – from the other inheritors of Galifar, but certainly from our western neighbor, Droaam, from which dangerous raiders cross into brelish borders on the daily."

"The threat from these ravagers cannot be overstated, as they can consist of a few Gnomes or a lone Mindflayer out to feast. We cannot allow our people near the western frontier to live in such imminent persistent danger, and with the help of the lawmakers from Greystep, Alkheim Pass, Derew and Ardev we finally managed to gather enough voting power to secure our western frontier."

"Finally men, women and children can sleep soundly, assured that Breland takes the security of ALL it's members serious. I look forward to seeing House Cannith bring all it's fresh ideas to bear and turn the fortress into a modern mobile defense base."

The debate on Argonth's renovation had cropped up several times over the last two years since the Treaty of Thronehold. The various members of parliament from those cities had often complained about the irregular border defense, often relying on too few soldiers to too large an area to secure.

Droaam's government has generally responded positively to complaints about their citizens' attacks on Breland, though they vehemently stand by the assertion that just as much as any brelish citizen can cross into Droaam to "hunt monsters", so can any private citizens of Droaam wander into Breland and do the same.

The monster-realm has proven to be surprisingly reliable in enforcing its laws, however, that see the attack on foreign citizens on foreign soil as a criminal act that must be punished.

Just last year the case of a troll raider was published in this very paper, describing the gruesome streak of violence the beast caused in its wake. After being hunted by several groups for its crimes, it was presented to the brelish courts by none other than Sora Katrina, one of the three legendary Daughters of Sora Kell who hold dominion over



the monstrous nation of Droaam. In what she called "a display of political good-will" she delivered the murderous troll, bound in chains and with countless wounds.

Despite the generally serious attempts by the Sisters to implement order within Droaam, the individual monstrous creatures still often defy them and wander into brelish territory.

With the renovation of Argonth, the Crown hopes to stop the increased number of recent incursions. Until the refurbishment of the wandering fortress is complete, roughly a thousand new soldiers are being stationed around Orcbone and Greystep.

The motion was opposed by Soranda Redeker, a member of parliament hailing from Cragwar, bemoaning that the funds – and manpower – could be better spent elsewhere:

"While Argonth and the western frontier are being refurbished, the border at Cragwar and Sword Keep buckles. Thrane and Aundair post new soldiers on the daily while we withdraw more every day instead."

"Where is the sense in that?!" she asked with visible displeasure: "Many of us Cragwarans lost family and friends when the war was raging and for no small measure of time was our fair city in the hands of the enemy from the north. The monsters may roam and occasionally kill, but what will we do if the peace breaks and Cragwar is faced by the legions of Aundair, outmatching our numbers on every turn?!"

The debate about the topic was, of course, highly contentious, with both sides claiming the other were minimizing the deaths, sacrifices and gruesome deeds of their

respective chosen "enemy". At least two debates had to be broken up by the Keeper of Order due to resulting in fisticuffs among the members of parliament.

The Keeper of Order, Gavel, who tallied the secret votes, gave the parting word to the Crown Speaker, Margana ir'Bankert, who had the following words for both sides of the argument:

"The vote, with the blessing of King Boranel ir'Wynarn, passes in favor of the refurbishment of Argonth [...]"

An eruption of various call-outs had to be quelled by the Keeper of Order and it took a few moments to rein in both sides.

"However, as you just showed, the King is disappointed in the servants of the public, who would rather insult each other, denigrate the sacrifice and death of the citizens of Cragwar as much as the ones of our western reaches."

"No political aim ever grants you the right to speak in such manner of the children slain by gnomes, men half-eaten by Trolls, women ripped apart by Harpies."

"Neither does it ever grant you the right to speak in such manner of the people murdered by Thranish or Aundairian soldiers, of the victims violated after battles lost, of the victims of men such as Curlo Devir, who after Cragwar had been liberated from Aundair decided on his own authority to commit purges and brutal hunts for traitors."

"Our history is awash in blood, and we need no more today. While King Boranel ir'Wynarn has decided to invest funding into Argonth and send soldiers to the western reaches, he has also heard the voice of Soranda Redeker, who worries for her people justly, though in a fashion not befitting a servant of them."

"Three battalions of soldiers shall be moved to Sword Keep, under the command of its commander to reinforce the border and thus assure all of our people that we care about them."

The verbal rebuke had both Redeker and Thorn lower their head in shame, though several of their more fiery adherents in Parliament saw no need for humility.

Following the declaration two members of Redeker's faction had to be escorted out under orders from the Keeper of Order, officially censured by parliamentary decree and agreed-upon by both Redeker and Thorn.

Kellark Komrodakarin, Parliamentary Reporter

THE WEARY UNICORN welcomes all travellers

– Ghallanda Approved –

Come to Middle Dura's renowned tavern in Hareth's Folly

Leg of Mutton 2 crowns
Homegrown Starberries 1 crown / 5
Lamb Chop 3 crowns

Beef Steak with Bread 4 crowns
Meat in a Bun (to walk) 3 crowns
Slumbered Unicorn Ale 1 sovereign / mug

"THE PYRE OF PALLID FLAMES"

Part 55, from the collected stories of *Khiran Torsend, Wayfinder*

"The Pyre of Pallid Flames? Never heard of it."
"Those had been the words of I heard in Stormreach more than once, and by god I had gotten sick of it before the first day was out."

"Luckyly, I had Pythinias in my corner, who could cheer me up from even the worst of days."

"What I wouldn't give for all of the disbelievers to witness me now, standing triumphantly amid the collection of stones and debris in the cyclopean monument's ruins."

"My shout of triumph echoed back to me, and I immediately shrank back from it, like someone had struck a particularly loud bell, unaware of what an echo was, or that there might yet be enemies around."

"Everyone had been surprised, happily so, but none managed to appear the fool like me and howl out their jubilation, so they looked at me with – understandably – angry looks, weapons at the ready as the echo faded into the distance."

"We stood there, motionless like the titanic statues surrounding us, holding up the temple's ceiling as if they carried the weight of the world on their back. Our breaths seemed loud enough to rattle the dead spirits of Dolurh, but after a few moments of no noise answering mine, everyone began to relax."

"T'zarsh looked at me, turning his back to the vast door into the room, and shook his head at me, before levying the – rather correct – accusation: 'You are a fool, Khiran, if a lucky one.'"

"He was, of course, correct. Luck had often been by my side, and I did not mind it's company at all. The others chimed in with messages of similar reassurances before we turned back to our find: A stash of scrolls written in Giant, large enough to serve as bedding for us, and heavily damaged, if still legible."

"Our find was of no minor note, as the words that had forced such a joyous outburst from me were clear to see: 'Irath kara'ta sindras khu'rath', roughly translated as 'Pyre of Palegold Flames'. In other words: The Pyre of Pallid Flames."

"With the scroll in our hands, we began to analyze it – the specialty of our scaled friend – and quickly found out that it did indeed contain directions to the long sought-after goal that would be our ticket to wealth, recognition and success!"

Khiran Torsend, Wayfinder,
first published Lharvion of 997 YK

ORIEN EXTENDS DEBT REPAYMENT FOR THRANE

The Council of Cardinals reported today that House Orien had agreed to extend the debt repayment timeframe for the nation after meeting with both the Council as well as the Keeper of the Flame, Jaela Daran.

Unlike the majority of Breland, Thrane still deals with significant damages to its cities after the end of the war two years hence. While the people of Thrane seem to accept this situation, the government does its best to alleviate the matter, often seeking further bonds from the Dragon-marked Houses, though many are leery to lend the money, as Thrane still seems to have issues with repaying existing loans.

The Council of Cardinals sent one of their number, Cardinal Lerendazi, to speak to the Chronicle:

"Thrane has suffered – next to Cyre, of course – the largest destruction in terms of sheer physical damage to our cities. Sieges, fights and other occurrences left our beautiful cities marred and damaged."

"We do our best on the daily to remedy the situation, though of course even the Silver Flame does not have infinite coffers, nor citizens who can bear the burden of ever-increasing taxes."

"Our agreement with House Orient leaves us in a better spot to rebuild and thus be able to repay better in the future going forward."

The Keeper of the Flame was not available for comment.

Alina Torralyn, Thrane Correspondent

SHARN CLASSIFIED'S

OFFERING: Exotic monster components, in accordance with lawful requirements on their sale. Individual seller, back into the wilderness in a week's time. Inquire under Ciper "1090-C".

ANNOUNCEMENT: Sirthian ir'Karavastar of Sigilstar is seeking for an artist of great merit but little renown to commission a large painting from. Galifar "Wrenlast" style is required, payment superb. Apply at the Thrane Embassy with a painting in the proper style within the next four weeks.

OFFERING: Sarlonan weave rugs and clothing, available in Overlook. il-Yannah be with us all.

Missed Connection – You: Spear; Me: Sword; At Kelen's

SEARCHING: Theater group looking for willing monstrous co-star. Must be big and hairy, roles do not relate to being a threat but rather an ally. Come to the Fialh Theater in Middle Menthis.

Midnight by Lanternlight. F6 to F7.

Novelty Store in Little Barrington offering fun toys for young and old alike – come and feel the wonder!

Artisan-made glasses, equal to Cannith-products but half the cost only! Ciper "1090-A".

Old Soldier Looking For Work: I am Red, Warforged soldier, once of Karrnath. You need a strong axe-arm? Let me know, look for Red in Byrant's Commons.

Seeking Company: Wounded halfling soldier seeking charming woman to share in his company. No matter of ancestry, but company. Object is shared friendship or matrimony. Ciper "1090-B"

The Walk, The Talk, Rubble Falls –c.f.c.

OFFERING: Travelling north to Flamekeep, offering company and protection to like-minded travelers. Meet at the station at 7.30 on the 23rd, got a rail to catch!

OFFERING: Furniture. Dissolving the household of my parents after their death. Chairs, tables, seating, bed and more. Come to Myshan Gardens, Andith Tower, look for the red cloth hanging from the window.

SEARCHING: Training in spear-fighting. Need personal tutor for personal reasons. Patience required, reward generous and befitting.

Missed Connection – You: A young Kalashtar woman with the most beatific smile, clad in green exotic clothes. Me: A Khoravar lady of good repute, dressed in reds and blues with long silvery hair. Ciper "1090-C"

8th semester student at Morgrave offering tutoring: Maths, magical theory, language (elven, orcish, goblin). Contact the university administration and ask for 'Harlesh'.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: Wildling spotted in Calles-tan! Stay clear of the taverns around Deleth Spire, they are CURSED with the wildling's dark magics! Do not drink or eat there, much less sleep!!!

EMERALD CLAW ATTACKS GALIFAR MUSEUM

The Galifar Museum was under attack by the Emerald Claw last night, when a group of fifteen men in the green livery of the outlawed order smashed their way into the interior of the building.

A fight broke out when the city guard came running to apprehend the criminal scum, though the Emerald Claw, known for its brutality, was not so easily deterred. It took the aid of a Sentinel Marshal and a Warforged volunteer to bring down the invaders, though some of their number managed to escape with several small exhibits.

The cleanup in the Museum is still ongoing at this time, but the chief curator for the museum had the following to say:

"The theft of our shared galifar heritage is a crime most foul, and while – luckily – none of the central pieces were stolen, these vile criminals managed to abscond with the broach of Galifar ir'Wynarn VI, from the timeframe around 514 YK. Another item gone missing was the famous painting 'Arian ir'Wynarn at the Athendrian Hills', which depicted Galifar VI's son in the beautiful hillside of modern-day Thrane, relishing in youthful vigor in a sum-

mer day's heat, training with a sword against the Master of Arms at the time, one Ridan ir'Nathyrren."

"The painting is famous for the artistic methods used, the Urenn-Style, named for the painter of just this image: Belfred Urenn."

The city watch was unavailable for commentary, though the Sentinel Marshal and Warforged who came to help were quite forthcoming.

Menthil d'Deneith: "I was tracking the Emerald Claw cell for a while, but they went undercover in Aundair. Luckily I managed to pick up the trail, though sadly not fast enough to prevent this tragedy. Rest assured, I will not rest until I found them!"

The Warforged, Manacle: "I was taking a walk in the evening, admiring the river's flow when I heard the fighting. I came to help, and I did. I served Breland before, and I do so now, though of my own free will. I managed to temporarily ally with Miss Deneith, and together with the guards we managed to fend off the knights."

Killarín Shaez, Wroat Correspondent

WEEK IN REVIEW: A WARM SPRING START THIS YEAR

Winter, at last, is dead and buried for this year. House Lyrandar's Rainers promise a nice start of springtime, presaging much wind, rain and sun in equal measure.

The third week of Therendor started with a wonderful Sun's Blessing celebration, offering thanks in the name of Dol Arrah and the Host at large. Vassals throughout Sharn – and adherents of other religions as well – joined the festivities and memorial services that day, many volunteers aiding the less fortunate on this day of peace and celebration.

The day seemed to last forever, and what a beautiful day it was. The Rainers were paid by the Council to make the day a sunny breeze, while the Pavilion of the Host was resplendent in a riot of color, attended by countless Vassals and the service was a wonderful culmination of a day's work of remembrance.

Unlike last year, the guard had no reports on violent activities, like 996's Mocking Dance, in which adherents of the Mockery scalped several visitors from farther afield, causing an uproar of fear before members of the Wayfinders and Guard managed to quell the attackers.

The rest of the week held no other events as impactful, though it was easy to see that the city still relished in the afterglow of a successful and peaceable Sun's Blessing.

In the political news we saw the debate about a renewed land-tax flare up in Wroat's Parliament Hall. Joherra Colworn was arguing in favor of a land-based extra tax which would largely affect either property-owners or the nobility. Colworn argued that Breland needs its land-owners to step up and participate more in the rebuilding of our nation, while her chief opponent, Cord Wrighten argued that the nobility had already borne the greatest part of the war's cost. Wroenna Angr joined the debate at this point with a scathing remark we are not allowed to print, indicating some unpleasant things about Wrighten's heritage. The debate stalled and is to be revisited in a few days' time at most.

House Cannith's expansion plans for their Ashblack Forgehold are still well on track and a variety of new employment opportunities are supposed to open up in the coming months. Cannith workers have begun canvassing the streets for willing workers, finding much success in the Cyran refugee population, who have prior positive ties to the House of Makers.

The Tain Gala for Eyre is already being planned, of course. For the upcoming month House Phiarlan has been hired to provide a display of illusory magnificence guaranteed to steal your breath away. Our local reporter will try to capture the display with words.

For members of the Middle Dura community, the week ended on a sour note, as the renowned tavern-owner Wilethin Sattler was found dead in his bed, dying from old age at 72 years. Sattler was renowned for his riotous but well-kept business, the "Brass Dancer". A small 'service' is slated to be celebrated on the 24th in his establishment, which will be continued under the direction of his daughter, Auldrey Sattler.

Meryl Lanna, The Commons

POTIONS AND PLEASURES

REASONABLE PRICE
FOR REASONABLE PEOPLE

BASIC HEALING POTION — 4 GALIFAR
ANTIDOTE — 3 GALIFAR
ANTIPLAQUE — 3 GALIFAR

COME TO POTIONS AND PLEASURES
DEATHSGATE DISTRICT, NEAR ENTRANCE TO LITTLE BARRINGTON

XXXXX The Moon Overview

The Shifter's Best Friend



- Nymm – ●
- Sypheros – ○
- Therendor – ○
- Rhaan – ●
- Olarune – ●
- Eyre – ○
- Vult – ○
- Zarantyr – ●
- Aryth – ○
- Lharvion – ●
- Barrakas – ○

