

The Guildsman

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The State of the Realms

The World as a whole

Winter has passed, and spring slowly begins to bring with it the thaws and chances to move again.

The world suffers, refugees have crowded the cities of central Vara and with them have come disease and hardship. Harder to bear still are the number of dead who could not find shelter or were caught on the roads by the many trials that face the people of the five kingdoms. Already, problems with undead rise with the number of bodies and people dying with anger or great fear.

Erinan

Erinan, once jewel of the world is in a sorry shape, the enemy armies advanced in the winter and more land was lost. Fully a third of the country is now in the hands of her enemies and her armies are haggard and worn. However her people remain bright and prepare to celebrate the marriage of their Queen to the Red Falcon Datalno De'Celtar, her sword protector and most trusted friend.

Dralazar

The desert lands have had a bitter time, and the constant drive to be ready for the war to come this year has meant that Shamizel has made the hard decision to begin levying the people for more troops. The once jovial king is sorrow worn at having to press into service men against their own will. However he has kept the will of the people by personally training alongside the conscripts, demanding no treatment that the men do not receive themselves. His motto has become "If they must suffer for the greater good, I will not shirk suffering alongside!"

Calsmeer

In Calsmeer the legions have had a bitter winter campaign. Through the sheer dedication of General Naniku and his men they have held the line and lost only a little ground to the Wyldmen. Mages continue to disappear and food-stocks are thin now, prices for food and supplies are climbing and it is only a matter of time before internal trouble brews once more.

Gralamire

The ice queen Sethain grimly holds her lands apart from the other troubles, though it is noted that food and aid shipments are regularly seen heading out to Calsmeer now. The muster of Cavalry troops continues to be practiced in the lowlands and it seems that the Frostmanes are making ready for the war, apart they may be but aloof they are not.

Amatukiland

The rainforest lands are strange at the best of times, but now one can but wonder as to what has befallen her inhabitants as most outsiders have seen nothing of the Treewalkers since the end of summer last year.

The Troll Lands

The Trolls have mustered, and even now the Army of Sourbelly stands at the top of the escarpment, repairs and improvements to the great lifts have been made and the trolls stand ready to march. More importantly they also stand ready to give aid, hunting parties are seen dragging in massive creatures for slaughter and distribution to the other nations. Contingents of mages drill in the lower fort and the trolls look set to fight, no matter what the other nations do.

The Ref Team Needs YOU!

2008 Season

The 2008 Season is building up to be a big one in terms of the world plot. There will be a lot going on and we want players to have a lot of influence on how things turn out because of their actions. The first half of the year, which will commence sometime about the 1st weekend in April, will focus on the developing Shadowling war and players actions in organising defence and how they plan to defeat this menace once and for all.

We are going to run a weekend event on the first May Bank Holiday weekend, at Borrick in Newtown Wales. A nice site we have used in the past and not that difficult to get to on the train/coach/car.

This overnighiter will focus on the Calsmeerian frontier settlement of Foinaven and the struggle to free it from the siege by Wyldmen it is currently undergoing.

We are hoping to run the summer overnighiter late July early August however at this time the venue is not yet set. and this will be where we hope to have the culmination of the plot come to fruition.

Players are encouraged to request adventures that will further their aims in terms of word plot, also we ask you all to bear with us in regard to the ref team not being as able to focus on personal plot outside of the world plot for the initial half of the year, there is a lot to do and not a lot of adventures to do it in. We will

be shifting the focus back to more individual plot after the overnighiter (Assuming you don't all blow up the game-world or die in the process). The format for the weekend adventures and costs for them are still in the planning stages, however as soon as we have more info we will get it out to you all.

The System Ref Speaks

The new manual is nearly ready, and hopefully by the time you read this will be in the process of being sent out to you. 2008 is shaping up well, once the new running format settles in after a couple of games we should be back in stride. For 2008 however we now need to take a step that has required a lot of thought on our part. As of this year we will be having to ask everyone for a donation each game to help keep the game running. This is £2 per person, with a concession of £1 for Students, unemployed, 16-18 Yr olds or other cases upon query. This will be used to do the following:

Pay for insurance, hopefully we will get to the point of always having next years insurance cash in the kitty.

Running costs of paper, ink etc.

Covering the cost of any weekend long events where we hire a site.

Paying for upkeep/acquiring new kit.

I have always wanted the game to NEVER have money be an issue as to if you can come to them, but the reality of it is we cannot run the games unless we take this step. I hope you all understand the need to make this change and will not be to bothered by it.

We also do need histories for some characters, and those of you WITH histories could do with updating them somewhat. Remember the history sheet is a good way to help us keep a handle on what you're doing and who you have met. Update them after adventures, email the game ref if you need more info about an adventure you went on.

2008 Season

5th April – BOOKED

Location: Bowbrick hill Woods

Level: Low Length: Triple

Type: Roleplay heavy MIX

Start Time: 9am for a 9.30 start. Aiming for a 4.30 finish.

Note: No player spaces. Monsters wanted.

12th/13th April – FREE DATE – MARK UNAVAILABLE

Note: James is planning a play testing for his system this weekend. Contact him for details.

19th/20th April – TENTATIVE BOOKING – MARK AVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

26th/27th April – FREE DATE – MARK UNAVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

2nd – 4th May – WALES EVENT

Location: Borwick tavern site at Newtown (Powys)

Cost: £20 per person

Note: This will be a series of multi-level adventures, in which everyone will have a chance to play, set in Foinaven, Northern Calsmeer. For full details, see the forums or the flyer.

10th/11th May – FREE DATE – MARK AVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

17th/18th May – TENTATIVE BOOKING – MARK AVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

24th/25th May – FREE DATE – MARK AND BETH UNAVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

31st May/1st June – FREE DATE – MARK AND BETH UNAVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

7th/8th June – FREE DATE – MARK AND BETH UNAVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

14th/15th June – BOOKED BY BETH TO RUN

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

Level: Mid to High Length: Triple

Type: Mix (on the Roleplay heavy side)

Start Time: 9.30am for a 10.00am start

Note: 1 player space taken, open to more. Monsters wanted.

21st/22nd June – FREE DATE – BETH AVAILABLE, MARK UNAVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

28th/29th June – FREE DATE – MARK AND BETH AVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

5th/6th July – FREE DATE – MARK UNAVAILABLE, BETH AVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

12th/13th July – TENTATIVE BOOKING – PETE TO CONFIRM

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

Level: Mid Length: Quad

Type: Mix

Start Time: 9am for a 9.30 start

Note: Beth and Dan booked to play.

Monsters wanted.

18th/19th July – NO EVENT – FADED GLORY WEEKEND

26th/27th July – FREE DATE – MARK AND BETH AVAILABLE

Location: Bowbrick Hill Woods

2nd/3rd August – TENTATIVE DATE FOR SUMMER OVERNIGHTER. DETAILS TO COME

Location: Borwick tavern site, Newtown

9th/10th August – FREE DATE – MARK AND BETH AVAILABLE

August 16th/17th – Free date – No Mark, Beth available

August 23rd/24th – Free date – Beth available, Mark Available

August 30th/31st – Free date – No Mark, Beth available

September 6th/7th – Free date – Mark Available

September 13th/14th – Free date – No Mark

September 20th/21st – Free date – Mark Available

September 27th/28th – Free date – No Mark

October 4th/5th – Free date – Mark Available

October 11th/12th – Free date – No Mark

October 18th/19th – Free date – Mark Available

October 25th/26th – LAST FREE DATE – Mark maybe, Beth maybe

The Bard's Tales

Full of courage, knowing no fear
Abroad from his home
Cometh Petal
Though short in stature and of meagre
roots
This Goblin deserves more credit
Than many would afford him.
Outwitting his own kin, he seeks a
tutor in the bearing of arms
And so he fights on, until he finds
that one for which he searches.

Together a while we travelled
And under my employ, he did venture
Into a place of madness and torture
There he showed compassion to those
less fortunate
And a swift spear to those who had
preyed on them
And so finally we faced the vampiric
mastermind
Behind the cruelty that had occurred
And though he fell, he found strength
once more
Until such point that our foe did flee.

Public Notices

Gralamire

Samuel and Marigold Tanner are
delighted to announce the forthcoming
wedding of their daughter Lily Tanner to
Tolman Smallburrow on Midsummers
Day.

The traditional Osroes ceremony will be
held in the town temple, followed by a
blessing from the local priest of Bronwen
and reception at the Sack of Potatoes Inn.
In celebration of this event, all pastries
and cakes from the Tanner bakeries will
be sold at half price for the week before
the ceremony.

(Ceremony by invite only, all welcome to
the reception)

Guild Dispatches:

The Children of Shashay

The number of thefts involving
undead perpetrators is on the rise
again in Gralamire. These hits are
unsanctioned, and any member
with information is to pass it on to
guild leaders.

The Order Of Hermes

*The five kingdoms have weathered the
winter, now we need to step up our
efforts in fighting the Shadowlings.
We have a High King under whose
banner to rally and we must not shirk
the duty that possessing the powers we
do comes with.
I call on all those who would be counted
as part of this guild to come forth and
fight, for the future of Vara and for
the sake of all those whom we call
family or friend.
M, Guildmaster of the Order of
Hermes.*

The League of Pathfinders

The League stands ready for war, we have
always taken looking after those that fall
in service as a sworn duty, but now we
must consider the wider range of the
people of all Vara, we are all seeking a
path through the darkness back to the light
beyond this war. It is the duty of all
members of the League to act as guides in
this time of war. Stand fast, keep to your
duty, and we will all know a brighter
morning than those we have now.

The Legion of Battle

Get in trouble from time to
time? Da Second Chancers are
now acceptin commissions to
come and save yer ass if
your mission goes wrong.
We're part of Legion of
Battle, so just ask at any
guild house, we got some of
der best rescue people and
we'll ritual transport to
your area to try and find
out wut yer got yerself into
and then we'll do our best
to drag you out of it. We're
also recruiting, so if yer
think yer hard enough
to join us, come n meet up
with Storlock (contact
through legion of battle)
and we'll see wut yer made
of.

THE LEGION CALL FOR ALL
MEMBERS TO BE READY FOR THE
BATTLE TO COME, A HIGH KING
HAS RETURNED AND WHILE SOME
MAY NOT TRUST THE VERACITY
OF HIS CLAIM, THE LEGION WILL
PLACE IT'S SELF AT HIS COMMAND

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE
SHADOWLINGS, WHILE WE WILL
NEGOTIATE A FAIR PRICE FOR
OUR SERVICE, ANY AND ALL
MEMBERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO
FOLLOW THE COMMANDS GIVEN
THEM AND TO ACQUIT
THEMSELVES WITH COURAGE AND
DEDICATION.
ERIC FIREBRAND

From the Troll Lands

**The Trolls thank those that have
aided them this winter. Be it known
that any who wish to shelter
themselves or their families with the
troll nation for the duration of the
hostilities from among those who
have worked with the trolls will be
granted the protection of
Mountainholm.**

The Silver Sword

Looking for employment, good pay?
Want training to start or improve on
your existing skills on the field of
combat?

Looking to master the skills needed to
survive in the wild?

Like to travel?

Like to help people, in the perilous
times in which we exist?

Visit your nearest Silver Swords
guild-house in the Kingdoms of
Erinan, Calsmeer & Gralamire.

The brave and dedicated are wanted!
Join today!

The Editor Speaks

*Well, a new year, and this is later out
than I'd wanted it to be, but these
things happen.*

*As I'm sure you'll have realised by
now, this is a sort of bumper issue,
mostly so we can get you all the info
that you need without having to make
the text size stupidly small.*

*Thank you to those who got me
submissions, and remember; I will take
them in between issues.*

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either .doc or .txt format (not in the body
of the email please) and if we have room,
it'll go in.*

Submissions

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(do a login for each character, with an icon, it
makes life easier)

(We can now accept simple graphics for
inclusion)