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Political Changes in Thelucia After Reclaiming Land From The Withering

Over the winter there have been many changes in the Bastion of Thelucia. In an unexpected turn of events, the Governess has reportedly stepped down from her position as ruler of Thelucia while the High Council, comprised of Thelucian magi and merchants, has declared itself a senate.

This sweeping change followed after a surprise military action, in which a sizeable force of magi



soldiers, in coordination with the commoners of White Sun, engaged in a long and bitter battle against the undead over the winter. This effort resulted in a path being established between Thelucia and White Sun. A road has been built to allow for free and relatively safe travel between White Sun and Thelucia. Additionally, miles of land around White Sun and Thelucia have been cleared. The use of proscribe rituals has assisted the Thelucians in this effort, but a large force of guards has also been dedicated to the cause, which has reportedly led to a massive drain on Thelucia's resources.

On the Winter Solstice in Authenrai Wizard Mathwen, Lord Ambassador of Thelucia, made a statement to the Court of Eire as follows: "In our united effort to reclaim the lands from the Withering, monsters, and undead plague that threaten life throughout our lands, Thelucia has taken great steps towards recovering land for the people to travel safely, and perhaps build a new life. Unfortunately, it is my duty to report that Thelucia cannot offer further military aid to Eire for the foreseeable future, as doing so would compromise our progress and security." No public statement has yet been made by the Crown or Council of Paladins in reply.

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Liche Lord Skylar Believed to be Permanently Destroyed; Lord Galloway Becomes the Queen's Baron

In early Spring of last year, the Liche known as Lord Skylar poisoned the Fae race by stabbing a shard of Void into a lay line, destroying them as a whole. It was a surprise to many, who had often heard the Liche go on tirades about the dangers of Void and not being corrupted by it nor falling to its influence. It left many wondering if just that had happened after all. In October of this past fall, it seems that the answer to that question was brought to light for those who had suspicions.

Late one evening, Lord Skylar appeared in the Chiram's Hollow Bastion seeking out the artifact known as the Chalice of Vigil. He attacked ruthlessly, eventually rounding up a number of people in a circle in the Vulgar Gargoyle and threatening to kill them if the Chalice wasn't brought to him – seeming to believe that if he drank from the Chalice he would be granted the eternal life it is rumored he's always been seeking. Members of the Legion of the Vigil were quick to respond, producing the fabled Chalice. It seems, however, that there was some sort of plan already in place and when Lord Skylar drank from the Chalice, it somehow cut him off from the spirit within the Sun Spike, severing him from the draconic power and leaving him weak and disoriented. Though the adventurers tried to take that moment to strike, Lord Skylar made a hasty retreat into the woods. Within moments though he reappeared, attacking the Celestial Guild where Squire Tabin Silverbough was guarding a dormant Void Shard. Apparently having made a deal with Void for its protection, Lord Skylar took the Squire hostage and then Void allowed the Liche into the shard itself, dragging the helpless Squire with him.

Knowing that the Liche was weakened from drinking from the Chalice and fearing for the life of one of their Squires, the townsfolk quickly formed a plan to go into the shard and attempt to rescue Squire Tabin. Squire Kainen led a group comprising of himself, Santet, Oracle Ciaarah, High Mage Figment of Caldaria, Zhenyu, and Guildmistress Keely. The rest of the town surrounded the circle where the Guildmistress cast a Destroy Magic ritual upon the Void shard, set to guard it when the team of rescuers was inevitably sucked within. When the ritual ended, the group was spirited away into the shard itself and as the town feared the Sword of Void appeared to attack the town – making a beeline for the shard of itself where now seven members of the town were trapped inside. In an unparalleled display of teamwork and courage the town gave Void no quarter, and held it off long enough for Lord Skylar to be destroyed inside.

Though details are sketchy about what transpired inside, it is thought the group fought through the crushing tentacles of Void within the shard till they were able to reach Squire Tabin. At the time under an enslavement effect of some sort, once they managed to dispatch and free him he managed to explain to the group that from what he had been able to understand of his short time here that Lord Skylar had become this Void Shard's new guardian. Worse still –if Skylar wasn't destroyed this very night, it was unlikely that Lord Galloway would be able to reclaim the body during the day, possibly permanently killing the Eiren noble. The group made the decision to press onward. Once they made their way to the Guardian, indeed Lord Skylar, it is said that after a long and hard fought battle that a shard of Puriel was driven through the Liche Lord, which tore him apart from the inside, leaving the form of a very disoriented Lord Galloway behind. The group made their escape as the shard collapsed having ended the Lord Skylar permanently. Lord Galloway, grateful to be free of his curse, knighted his Squire, Kainen, that very hour for aiding in the destruction of the liche, saving a fellow squire, and bringing an end to one of the Shards of Void.

Within hours of Lord Galloway being freed from Lord Skylar, he received a rise in noble rank of his own. Lord Galloway was named the Baron of the 13th Provence by Queen Beah – a title that considers him to be the Baron of Authenrai – though since Authenrai falls directly under the rule of Queen Beah herself it can be considered to be more an honorary title; also sometimes called "The Queen's Baron". It seems clear that this is something Queen Beah wished to do before, but was held back thanks to Lord Skylar's partial control over the affairs of Lord Galloway. Thanks however to the population of The Hollow Isle Bastion, there is one less liche and one less Void shard to worry about.

Shiney Dreadfuls:

~There are those in the outer provinces who are becoming increasingly dissatisfied with Queen Beah's rule and are trying to incite change

~Princess Arianne has been driven mad by the Chaos that taints her and has been locked away in an asylum

~An enormous storm enveloped most of the North coast of Authenrai that seemed to sweep in from off the ocean and envelop the area in arcing lightning bolts of black and white. People swore they could hear roaring as well as thunder.

~Tower Portal was momentarily pit portal. Residents reported seeing a strange black and white girl black and white girl hovering above the area looking curious

~The council of Paladins recently met entirely behind closed doors, not even Queen Beah was allowed to enter.

~It is rumored that one of the Paladin's and one of the Barons of Eire are having secret trysts. With both sides currently at odds in various political views many are unhappy with the whispers and actively trying to seek out the culprits.

~Duke Southkin has arranged to sell Crowe's home in Chiram's Hollow to pay for a lavish guest wing for his manor house in Finn castle.

~Deborah of the Hollow has a soft spot for travelers with exotic tales, exotic accents and exotic wines.

~As the newest Heiropahan Ria Sevaria was required to keep a small flower garden in bloom throughout the winter snows to prove she truly is touched by the earth.

~Aisling of Sadeen Moore has a disowned sibling living in Thelucia and practicing magic.

~A warship from Eire's fleet vanished without a trace near the beginning of spring.

~All the elves are going to leave due to the Blight being incurable; several prominent elves from the bastions have already found a way to escape.

~The Biata of Stoneroost are engaged in a secret project to make mounts out of werewolves.



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