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## Nation in Mourning

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## After Princess Anne Assassinated

It is with great sorrow that Shiney Dreadfuls reports the permanent death of Crown Princess Anne.

It is reported that the Crown Princess was on a diplomatic mission to Aolia, and being a true mortal was under escort from some of Justicar Bella of Aolia's personal gliders as well as her own personal guard. At some point just outside the capital itself, the gliders were attacked by men and women on giant ravens. Though as soon



as the ravens were spotted by guardsman in Authenrai there was a rush to get to the area where the attack was occurring. However by the time the guards arrived, it was too late. Knights arrived at the spot only to find the bodies of the fallen, a few black feathers, and many shattered glass globes littering the area.

Obviously the implications are the attack has something to do with Sadeen Moore. The Pure Lord council quickly issued a statement denouncing the attack and indicating that they believed it to be the work of the rogue Moorians known as the Quiet Ones. They offered any help in bringing the attackers to justice along with their condolences. Queen Beah has not held open court since the death of Princess Anne, with she and her daughters grieving along with all of Eire for our lost Crown Princess.

The Shiney Dreadfuls Staff wish to convey their sympathies to the Crown for their loss.

# Bastion Fires and Flame Primes Visits

As many of our readers are aware, the bastion fires have become dangerously low; surges of the more powerful undead have begun to break through, causing patrols around the Bastion fires in all Bastions to be doubled and putting strain on our military forces. The reason behind this is the cause of some debate, but reports coming in state that somehow what are called the “Primes” of the Fire plain came to our plain, and at one point one of them became corrupted by Void.

These four primes were seen in various bastions exploring and seemingly interested in learning about our realm – it was suggested they were trying to see if they should break the declaration of severance and rejoin our plane. One known as Inspiration was seen visiting various libraries within Authenrai, gathering knowledge. The Prime called Forge took various Biata by surprise when she arrived in Stoneroost and began investigating the forge of Essences. Yet another, Destruction, is said to have waged a bloody war on Legacy all by herself, putting a major dent in their undead forces. Lastly one called Hearth chose to witness the bastion fires and see the Deadlands. It was this last Prime, Hearth, that is also the Prime that fell under Void’s influence.

In an effort to save Hearth, adventurers from the Hollow Isle Bastion rushed to his location, where they found the Prime trying to fight Void’s corruption. Fighting off various Severed they tried to help Hearth regain himself and fight off Void. It wasn’t until various shards of Purial were brought into the proximity of the Prime that he once and for all was able to cast off Voids influence and assist the adventurers in driving Void from the field of battle. During the battle however, it is reported that a High Ogre known as Ona fell. Rather than allow the High Ogre to resurrect, Hearth called upon the powers of his own plane to Sacrifice himself and switch places with the High Ogre. It is said that the Prime Hearth met his permanent death in doing so – and it is this act that has caused the Bastion fires to become so low.

*\*\*\*Hey Adventurer’s... Tell Us Your Greatest Tale. There Could be Coin In It For Ya\*\*\**

# Food Riots in Eire’s Three Richest Baronies

Tensions in Eire have boiled over in some of the richest baronies. Food riots recently occurred in the three closest baronies to Authenrai – those led by Baron Donovan, Baron Connor, and Baron Curns. The young Baron Curns, who only ascended to Baron recently when his father met his permanent death at the hands of Bjorn during the attacks on Authenrai early last year, was said to take the field himself to defend the food within his baronies from those who rioted and attempted to take it. There was enough theft of food to make the capital nervous as to how things may go if the harvest is not particularly bountiful this year. The rest of the baronies are on high alert against further theft of food or attacks on the Harvest though all of this is only causing more tension between the Barons and their people.

# Official Announcement From The Council of Paladins

Good people of the Harvest Kingdom and Bastions of Eire, let it be known that formal treaties are under way with the neighboring lands of Sadeen Moor. Additionally, though distant to our own nation, we have established a strong informal alliance with representatives and citizens to the kingdom of Caldaria. The Paladin Council wishes to publicly acknowledge that efforts are underway to establish formal allegiance and treaty with Caldaria.

Both the Crown and Council offer our support in establishing such formal treaties in the hope that our nations will together find greater strength against the forces seeking to destroy our shared civilization.

Any citizens who wish to be a part of these historic efforts should contact the following individuals:

Harvest Knight, Sir Kainen of House Sunderdragon  
Sky Rider Constance Eaton of Sadeen Moor  
Guildmaster Qiu Jun-Wu of Finn Castle and House Phalanx

## Official Announcement: Legal Guidelines for Identification of Rank and Station

Based predominantly on reports provided by the ruling lords of our realm, the Lord Seneschals of Eire have determined that there is widespread need for universally known insignias identifying rank and station.

In the years since our lands reopened to the whole of Fortannis, we have become an international community. Additionally, we acknowledge that the civilized kingdoms of Laerthan must unite against our mutual threats. Such collaboration will require clarity of leadership across national borders and within respective nations. Therefore a simple, visible system of insignia's has been sanctioned, and is expected to be followed by all who hold official rank in the eyes of the crown. Likewise, though we have no desire to dictate the manner of dress for the kingdom's citizens, by virtue of default we must outlaw the wearing of articles of clothing that could lead to confusion over one's level of authority.

Consequently, these articles of clothing shall denote corresponding rank, as follows:

In all the Bastion's and Eire, Lords, Knights, and higher, must visibly wear white belts, unadorned (no pouches, favors, etc.) Same for Thelucia, even though they have declared themselves a republic. Squires and Sky Riders must visibly wear crimson belts, unadorned.

Pure Lords must visibly wear white belts, unadorned. They may also wear crimson belts, at their discretion.

Ria and Childe must visibly wear burnt orange belts with runes on them, otherwise unadorned.

## Rank & Station Continued...

Wastewalkers must visibly wear burnt orange belts, no runes, unadorned.

Lord Sentinels may wear white belts, visibly or hidden, but they must be unadorned if they are worn in public.

Sentinels do not wear belts.

Black crowns may be worn anywhere in the realm by ruling nobles (Counts, Barons, Paladins, Justicars, Dukes, and any member of the royal family).

It is forbidden for the above mentioned articles to be worn by anyone who has not been granted appropriate title, or whose title is not recognized by the ruler of the land in which they enter.

Nobles are encouraged to wear the colors of their respective Order, House, land or liege, but is not required.

## Cerebral Devourers Attack Stoneroost

Though it can be said that all Bastions have their fair share of hardships, the Bastion of Stoneroost has been plagued with more than most. A biata stronghold for eons, though not recently known to other races until the Withering came, the Bastion of Stoneroost has found itself pitted in battle after battle. It was a struggle for the biata to keep the rising tides of undead out when the Withering first occurred – casualties were heavy though the stronghold stood. Once the Bastion Fires were lit and respite came from the undead, the bastion was almost immediately attacked by the Fae lead by the creature known as Fever Grey. For years the city was split in two with the biata defending the Earth Circle and the Fae dominating the other half. Even when the Fae were destroyed by Void, the biata suffered a tremendous mental backlash from their proximity to the fae's destruction. Most recently the biata have found themselves to be the subject of interest from the creatures known as the cerebral devourers. Reports are still coming in, but it is known that the cerebral devourers rifted into Stoneroost and attempted to put up a proscriber against the Biata themselves. Some quick thinking Biata managed to get the catalyst to the ritual away from the devourers before the ritual could be cast, and instead placed their own proscriber up against the Devourers themselves. No one is sure why the devourers targeted Stoneroost, but investigations are ongoing.

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# Shiney Dreadfuls:

~A Griffin has abducted individuals in multiple bastions, though none remember why they were taken.

~Nicodemous Ravenseye will soon step down as a Lord of Stoneroost to take a position as a Professor in Authenrai.

~Princess Anne's assassination was actually planned by Duke Southkin, who now stands to become king should he wed Arianne and something befalls the Queen.

~The hobling known as Caillen recently destroyed a naval ship he served on.

~Osiris Riddle has been seen frequenting the outskirts of many various bastions just watching undead walk into the Bastion fires and looking thoughtful.

~The building that once belonged to the Void Golem Caseighopeus vanished mysteriously from the Hollow overnight – it is believed Caseighopeus may have had something to do with it.

~There have been reports of a white dragon flying near several of the bastions in the past few weeks. Many people who reported seeing the dragon disappeared some days after.

~The bastion fires are dwindling further every day with many believing they will not last the summer.

~The vampires of Legacy have recently made a move on a lake of what is rumored to be Dragon blood in the Western Desert.

~It is rumored that Master Blacksmith Ivar's luxurious beard is actually false.

~Baron Curns hired mercenaries to raid his own food supplies so that he could instead sell them on the black market.

~The Lord Sentinals have been out in force in recent weeks trying to capture or recruit the notorious Gideon the Golden Rogue, but have thus far been unsuccessful.

~Noted archeologist Professor Krypts theorized that the forge of essences is actually older than the mountain it resides in.

~A team of surveyors went missing on the boarder of the Western Desert near what was once Tusnia.



\*Do you have information to share?

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