



THE COYOTE MULCH

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Issue II

As our Heroes traveled to the the north, they met up with the other person Vincent said was going with the on their mission to see the wizard of the Dragonborn Duchy. This new companion, an elf, is a sly one. There one minute, and gone the next.

They found a dilapidated ancient temple to Bahamut, about a hour from the Dragonborn Duchy capital. Upon exploring the temple, they found it housed a library full of ancient scrolls and tomes. Among them an intricately carved book. Each chapter of the book was written in different languages. Dwarf, Dragonic, Human, Elf, Orc, Infernal, even Drow and Abyssal. Each of these chapters were the lore of the beginning of time as each race believed it to be.

Martik again disappeared from the party. When our brave band of adventurers arrived at the capital, they found that the wizard had been murdered by the chancellor of the Duchy's father-in-law, who was suffering from dementia, and thought he was the wizard and that the real wizard a doppelgnger who was trying to replace him, and no, the father-in-law knew nothing of magic. However, the chancellor indulged this delusion.

Two days after arriving at the Duchy, our Heroes were summoned by the Chancellor. When they entered the audience room, they say Martik bound and gagged. The Chancellor was holding the Book of Origin and hostilely questioning them how they got it and why they had it, and why the "Vincent's Cat" had it on him.

Speaking only to Alexander. Rorok tried in vain to speak, but the Chancellor ignored him, only addressing his comments to Alexander (as a Kobold, the Dragonborn considered him cousin by ancestry). In the course of the conversation, unbeknownst to the party, he signaled for the guards in the chamber to arrest them.

Alexander must have sensed something. for he mentioned Darvyn's engagement to the High Wizard, which unnerved the Chancellor. In the course of all this, Darvyn was speaking to his fiancée, informing him of everything going on. Suddenly a column of fire appeared

in the audience chamber, the Chancellor damn near pooped his pants. The column of fire was brief, but it served its purpose of making the Chancellor back down.

The Chancellor asked the party to leave, but he would give them supplies and send two Paladins of Bahamut with them. Alexander didn't pay much attention to this as he went off to the dead wizard's residence to confront the crazy man. The party followed along with four guards.

During the confrontation, Alexander banished the crazy man to another plane. Not one minute later, a figure appeared; a Drow wizard. The guard's glamour dropped revealing them to also be Drow.

Our Heroes quickly made corpses of them. Searching the rest of the residence, they found a hidden door that was a portal to a dark place. Solek, using the magic telescope he had "acquired" from the ramparts of the King's castle, spied thru the portal.

He saw a very large manor house with three Drow on the front balcony, surveying the army of about 200 Drow, protecting the manor. He recognized the woman as being Ssinsrigg. She was fussing over a regal looking Drow man, as any doting mother would fuss over their child. The other Drow male, although this was the first Solek had seen this man, was unmistakably Lorach....



