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Issue XXXI

The Misfits began the session having just virtually tea bagged one of the dead wizards that had attacked the city with a wand of fireballs. A group after my own heart \*sigh\*. Roger came to the party and said that he and Lucieth were going to Rorus to await the party's arrival with the Cavoria Flower shipment for Squirk's parents. The monk was still smarting from being questioned by the party.

At the end of the day, Lord Exli pulled Livia and Squirk aside. He informed Squirk that a new law would go into effect at dawn saying that all wizards within the city would be quarantined in the Five Fingers of K'Tash. He was telling her this out of respect for the service she had done for the city and Lord Linus. If she stayed, she would have to go to the Five Fingers to say indefinitely, or she could leave.

Exli offered Livia the chance to join his order of knights. Livia balked, saying she had some promises to keep. Exli said that she could return to join when done with her quest, and all was good. They went back upstairs just in time for an origami bird to fly in carrying a note for Squirk.

The note, from Phappiri, said that she was detained at the Five Fingers indefinitely and would join the party when she could. She tasked Squirk with going to Barrackus to meet the shipment of Cavoria Flowers and escort the wagons and men to Rorus for delivery. Sqirk was worried for her sister, but knew her duty and decided to go. The rest of the party decided to go.

They decided to leave that night and camp outside the city before returning briefly to recover the horses that Exli so graciously supplied. They didn't get far before they were ambushed by a lot of baddies, including a pair of mind flayers and good ole Protorith astride his trusty nightmare.

The battle raged for some time, with Squirk going apeshit along the way. Eventually, the tide began to turn in the Misfits' favor, but not before Protorith charmed Livia and took her away on his steed. The angquished party fought on until they had won.

Noctis, revived one of the enemy flunkies and strong armed him into giving up some information about Protorith, but didn't let on exactly where he might be. Being the nice guy Noctis is, he killed the poor flunky.

Using the communication stones, Noctis contacted Lucieth, who was none too pleased about what happened. He said he would double back. After fetching their free dragon-snacks (horses) from Exli, the party waited for Lucieth. When he got to the party, they seemed to be split on what to do. On the one hand, they were certain the Livia was being

taken back to Gray Eye in the city of Slaverpoint in the Defile Lands. On the other hand, Squirk had a responsibility to handle her family's business.

They decided to complete the mission to Rorus. Angry and frustrated, Lucieth left for Slaverpoint, saying he would find her and the party could hook up with him later. And so, things were set into motion, and they went their separate ways.

Livia was taken to an apartment somewhere in Kentelly, where she was drugged. When she woke up, she was tied up with Protorith sitting across from her. His body shimmered to reveal a dark gray mottle-skinned creature that identified himself as Kor the doppleganger. He said that he was part of the group with Protorith that the group fought in Kheylar. He said that with Protorith gone, he had an opportunity to move into the position of Gray Eye's right-hand man by returning Livia. Unable to do squat, Livia was forced to sit there and take it. The next day, they began their ethereal journey on horseback to Slaverpoint.

Once in Barrackus, the party settled in for a wait. Thanks to Andromeda's aspect of the Elk abilities, they had made great time and had arrived early. Margarita decided to get some, and found none other than Long Dong Silver in at the bar. She took him upstairs and gave the kind of performance that would put shame to shame. For the cherry on the top, she robbed him.

Well, you can't poorly fuck a Gorthian and then rob him of everything and hope to get away with it in Curtis's game, can you? The Gorthian did some 'vestigatin' and came looking for Margarita. She agreed to take him to his stuff and led him outside. There, she attacked him, with a little help from a little dracothel, before dumping him in a garbage can and slitting his throat. So there.

Meanwhile, Noctis went hunting for a way to establish a network and found Tili of the gang called the "Wyvern's Sting". To prove himself first, he had to go get some money that was owed to Tili from a big soup kitchen guy. Noctis caught the man in the alley and got half the money and an ear.

Tili was pleased. As a reward, he told Noctis about a group of dwarven dissidents in the Dwarven Lands called the "Black Fists of the One." From what he knew, they were based in or around the city of Veradic and were unhappy that they had been left out of the political arena among the other dwarves. Tili said that they also worshipped some unknown deity that supposedly resided on this plane, but could not provide a name.

Noctis and Tili also talked about the wizard plague and the ingredients. They swapped intel and Tili said that he would make Noctis a rich person if he were to get his hands on the plague material or ingredients. The two set up an agreement where they would share information.

After a couple of days of waiting, the Black Maiden docked and unloaded the 5 box wagons filled with invaluable blue flowers. Squirk met with the captain and then Kharlis the family ranger. He, the drivers, and the guards set up and the party began the trek out of Barrackus. They stopped at Ore Point and then Iegg Fhar, where Phappiri finally managed to join them via teleportation.

The party journeyed on before reaching the outskirts of the grand exciting city of Rorus. The question is how they will proceed from there? How will they satisfy Phappiri's mission of delivering the flowers while at the same time killing or capturing the dastardly Karice? Is Livia dead? If not, what plans does Gray Eye have for her? Will Lucieth find her and will he survive long enough for the party to hook up with him?

No easy answers in my game, piggies.

