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Poodle Mulch

Progress Report

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After din din, Lucieth led the Misfits to the basement, where they met B'Karm the Thri-Kreen and Khaligren the beholder. After getting over the initial astonishment of meeting a somewhat friendly beholder, the questions began popping fast and furious like machine gun bullets whizzing over a soldier's head in a rice paddy in Vietnam.

A friend Lucieth and longtime ally of the lycans in Garland, Khaligren had been working for years on a cure for lycans born into it. Although people infected with lycanthropy can be cured by magic, those who are born with it cannot be cured so easily. Until now, Khaligren and the lycans have had no luck.

The BBH (big beautiful beholder) was quite delighted to know that the Boreons were in the hizzou, and sought to meet them immediately. Of course, a Squirk-block got in the way and started asking if Khaligren knew anything about the wizard illness. In fact, the bulbous creature appeared quite disinterested until the gnome wizard indicated that she has been cured by the tears of a dragon. He took some of Squirk's blood and said that he would look into the matter.

Lucieth brought Roger and Phillip to meet the beholder before zipping off to take care of some business. You know how mysterious that formerly-drunk fuck can be. The rest of the party puttered about the house. Some went looking at the art, while others went searching through the books in Lucieth's library.

Some information was found concerning Garland. The country had been around as a collection of communities long before they had become Garland. There was mention of a great and long-running conflict. In the short amount of time that the researchers had, they were unable to find too much in the way of specifics.

Andromeda made her way to a spectacular garden behind the house and strolled through it for a long time before making her way back into the house at sunset. Before entering, though, she noticed a patch of mist on the ground that began creeping up the wall. The mist entered one of the windows before disappearing.

Andromeda, after correcting Lycos on a spell he hadn't been using correctly, gathered the others and went knocking on the upstairs door the room where the mist had entered. Lucieth opened the door and said that nothing was amiss. Just before he closed the door, Andromeda got a whiff of some perfume. Good ole Lucieth, prettying up for the next phase of the adventure, I suppose.

That night with everyone snoozing, Andromeda got up to relieve herself and heard some noise in the kitchen. She met Lucieth's mom Bustet. At first, she was very soft and gentle and kind, saying how pretty Andromeda was. Then suddenly, Bustet snarled and said that

neither Andromeda nor that "other bitch" was going to get her son. She then shifted back to soft mode before moving off and mumbling to herself. Later, Lucieth would say that his mom was old and that her mind was going.

The next morning, the party--minus Gene, Roger, and Phillip--teleported outside Kheylar, where the adventure had begun. Along the way, the party passed a temple of Kharsallis, where a group of priests and other dwarves were inspecting some graffiti on the wall and arguing. The message read "The All Creator Reigns Above Us". According to one of the priests, the kooky followers of the All Creator (a god above all) had been getting pushier with their agenda, and also defacing the temples about town. Something had to be done soon.

Itching to see her Tivi-bear, whom Squirk had already notified, Merle hurried to his home and was met with great enthusiasm by her boyfriend. Seems that not getting any $\frac{1}{2}$ orc nookie was hard on both of them. Get it? Anyway, he showed her a huge razorback boar that he intended to kill with his bare hands so he could butcher it for dinner. He also gave her big ivory tusk carved into a bouquet of flowers. What a guy!

Resisting the urge to go upstairs and get busy, Merle explained she had to get herself changed first. She hustled over to Doltav's tower and paid him da money. She would have to stay for 24 hours to recuperate and rest. The rest of the party, minus Bryn, went to a familiar tavern to "ale up".

Bryn went back to visit his relatives, the Rockfists. He was greeted warmly by his uncle Bophell, who said Bryn was welcome to stay there; her friends were not. Bryn returned to the others, where they planned to kill time until the morning when they could see the new and improved Merle. With her very own hot pocket!

Squirk tried to get a jump on things by visiting Doltav but was stopped at the door by his apprentice Giek. She did find out that there had been more attacks against wizards in Kheylar. In fact, Doltav had nearly been killed by some plain-clothed attackers. He told the yappy gnome to be careful.

At some point Jillynn decided to go into a public place to play some music. Soon after she started, a tiefling stopped by. He laid a golden fiddle on the ground at Jillynn's feet and said he would bet it against her soul that he could play better than her. Having not lost a character in quite some time, she agreed. The two had a three-verse playoff, and Jillynn won the day! She got herself a gold-painted lead fiddle of gold. Good job!!

The next day, Merle awoke to Doltav taking off her bandages. He led her to the mirror and she saw the newer, sexier her! The rest of the Misfits arrived to take a look and were impressed. Merle wasted no time in running back for some extended Tivi-time! And there was much ass-smackin' at Tivitch Manor that night.

Squirk took the opportunity to talk about the disease with Doltav, who said there was no new news about a cure. He did say that a friend in Regdon City named Khajire told him that there might be a mixture that can prevent the advancement of the disease. Doltav would know more in a couple of weeks. He also indicated that he and others believed that the person manufacturing the disease resided far to the west.

Doltav did say that due to the attacks, only he and one other wizard remained. He said that he was seriously considering leaving, as well. Squirk warned him to be careful and that she had gotten the disease by touching a tainted note.

At Tivitch manor, Tivitch asked about Livia and got the lowdown from Merle ole girl. When he heard about Gray Eye, he said he could help. He was going to be sailing to Slaverpoint on the ship Silent Knife on the morrow. He would not be able to help directly in her rescue, but he could most definitely give the party pointers and perhaps a contact who might help them rescue their friend.

A few days into the journey, the Silent Knight was rocked. Everyone went topside to see a bunch of tentacles flailing about over the railings. Unable to spot the cute barely-dressed Japanese chick about to be raped, they decided to defend the ship. It took some time, but they were able to dispatch the kraken before finishing the trip to Slaverpoint.

When next we meet, they will plan their attack. Unfortunately, Lucieth will be out for 2 more days because the full moon has arrived.

