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Still in Dirolg, and still not quite in the right bodies, the Misifits awoke for a day of mischief and competing in the various events of the city in the midst of celebrating their history. Among the crap happing, Squirk took Gorman's spellbook to the High Priest of Celphea. Her goal was to exorcise the creature that guarded the book. Lord knows that learning how to open the book safely and leaving the creature there to guard against others that might touch the book wasn't enough for the plucky little facebook-less gnome.

After speaking with High Priest Grivin, she got the idea that he didn't care for wizards too much, nor did he seem inclined to help those not of his faith. But like any priest, money changed his mine right quickly. He agreed to take care of the matter.

Noctis had breakfast with Loik the Satyr druid, who seemed in good spirits due to a special person he had met. Noctis put the kibosh on any conversation that might in any way turn sappy. After breakfast, Loik began showing Noctis how to begin communicating with animals.

Aster, meanwhile bought some nice sneaky shoes for her new friend Binbo, whom she planned to go out on a date later that night. To nobody's surprise, Livia snooped around town for people to buy party loot. He also was able to find a ring of protection and some bracers of defense. That's our Pat-er Livia!

By lunch, everyone (except that non-conformist Noctis) had registered for the competitions they would participate in. They even came across a gaggle of pissy anti-wizard protesters walking down the street. Seems like there are few people in this town that don't like them. Hmm.

After the first day of competitions had concluded, some of the party members had prevailed, namely Merle, Andromeda, Aster, Squirk, and Livia. Too bad there wasn't an "imp drowning" event so that Noctis could have gotten in on the fun.

At dinner, Lucieth and Roger joined the others after a day of prowling the city. Ever appreciative of Livia's penchant for saving his life, Lucieth gave her a present, a copy of the Holy Canon of Vor. Lucieth said that if Livia were planning on becoming a paladin of Vor, she should know everything about the god.

Also, the party was surprised by Brynhildr, who had tracked them down. She was still intent on discovering the elusive Hammer of Weyland Smith. She remembered that the party's direction of travel would take them in the same direction she would be going, so she decided to join them again.

And then came the moment. Aster had gotten all dressed up before Binbo appeared. The date was ON. Binbo took Aster to the Emerald Wink, a cozy little halfling restaurant

and inn. There, they feasted on dishes like: Comolay Soup, Galastiac, and Stripe Berry Pie before retiring to a back room for a nice smoke and a conversation. The night was going well.

Binbo then explained that there was more. He gave Aster a very nice lyre made of marbled dark wood. Aster took it for a test song, which went very well. If only she had noticed that the initials of the original owner had been scratched from the frame. Oh, well. Not to be outdone, Aster gave Binbo those very nice sneaking shoes she had purchased, leaving him quite impressed.

With the night still young, the halfling couple made their way to the Allithorn Theater. The rest of the party had also decided to go there to watch the play "Fall of the White Queen", which depicted the rise and fall of the White Queen and the heroic part that Dirolgians had played in her ultimate downfall.

Binbo then led Aster to the arboretum, where they climbed to the top of the highest tree. After a short wait, he showed her swarms of Zhi-Moths. As each swarm flew after a different female in search of mating with her, their fiery wings created quite a show of dazzling light.

With the night grown late, Binbo had one more adventure to take Aster on. They went to a more upscale part of town to the mansion of the Oralgar family. They sneaked into the huge backyard garden and took their seats upon a high tree branch. There, they saw a lovely woman emerge from the house and walk out among the hedges. There, she met a bluebird that transformed into a satyr, with whom she proceeded to become *very* friendly.

Binbo explained that the lady was none other than Cinvia Oralgar, and that the satyr was Loik the local druid. They were having an affair that was considered a no-no. After the couple broke up, Binbo took Aster away to the druid's grove, where they met Loik with the intention of blackmailing him for something valuable. Aster thought that Binbo was going to do the talking, but the crafty little bugger turned to Aster with the expectations of doing the asking. Aster was able to steel herself and negotiate for a sizeable amount of gold. Nice job!

Later that night, Roger disappeared. After some quick investigation, the party discovered that he had been seen heading northward through the city streets, accompanied by three big uns in black. Using their considerable talents, including a magic owl, the Misifts caught up with the four figures. Roger seemed very dejected, and shook his head with the party called out to him.

The big hooded figures with all black skin, carrying bo sticks that crackled with blue energy, warned the party members in monotone voices to stay back and they would not be harmed. Of course, what respectable part would want to do THAT?? The fight to save Roger was ON. The stocks that the strangers used were potent, stunning Livia, Lucieth and a bunch of the berzerkers that he summoned. Eventually, the battle was won, and the "Enforcers" as Roger called them, were killed. Of course, no death of an Enforcer would be complete without feeling him up for genitals, eh guys?

Livia lent Roger her scarf of disguise. The party then decided to go to another inn to hunker down for the night. Lucieth, to say the least, was not a happy guy that "his boy" had almost been taken. The next day, he stayed with Roger. Even Holly the dollem tried to soothe Roger, who wouldn't have any of it. Roger was glad to be alive, but unhappy that he had been part of the deaths of the Enforcers. Roger had thought he would return home, be punished, and then return to his old life. The Enforcers had told him that he would be executed, instead.

Day two arrived. With Andromeda having had a dream about her beloved just recently, she was keen on renewing her quest to find a way home. Livia took the Compliance Rods that had been used by the genital-less Enforcers to the wizards in the city and got some gold for them.

The next round of competitions went well for the Misifits, who settled down for the evening at the new in. The question is how long will it take before Brynhildr sacks Pauly for making crude dwarf jokes? Not long, I'd imagine. Anyway, we wrapped up the session with Aster indicating that she was leaving with Binbo for Myrefal. Perhaps if the two halflings get married, they'll make a wholeling. Binbo had better make sure it's the right whole, though.

