

# THE STONEGATE SENTINAL

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## SENT PACKIN

Shalden Heartbow

This past market fair the Mighty Felgar lead a force of adventurers against a cave of trolls. The trolls had been raiding Ashton's outlying farmlands for food. Needless to say it was the farmers, not their crops that was on the trolls menus.

Unfortunately for Felgar and his band of adventurers this was not your typical cave of trolls. The trolls were well prepared for an attack on their home. The troll warriors had magical protectives and fought in formation using stop thrust very effectively. There also was powerful shamans among the trolls. The shamans kept protecting the warriors with magic as well casting death spells at the adventurers.

The adventurers were able to clear the first few areas of the cave. Then the trolls got the better of them and the would be heroes barely escaped with their lives. Hopefully, for the farmers sake, a new and better prepared force is assembled soon to go defeat the trolls.



## OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF STONEGATE

I do hereby proclaim, in the name of Crown Prince Talumar, King-In-Waiting of the Kingdom of Stonegate, that the following provision shall be added to the Laws of Stonegate effective immediately.

### Illegal Contraband

Any person found in possession of Illegal Contraband as outlined below will be guilty of this crime against the people. This list may grow by decree or whim of the local nobility without warning, but must always be done so within the spirit of Stonegate Law. If it is determined that there was intent to sell the contraband, the punishment will be doubled in severity.

Contraband includes: Necromantic items of any kind (potions, enchanted items, formal scrolls, etc.), Euphoria poison (including alchemical Euphoria, Jimblin, etc.), Enslavement poison, Forget-It-Well poison, Deceitful Blade weapons, and Golem scrolls. First Offense: destruction of the item, monetary fine. Second Offense: destruction of the item, loss of all worldly goods. There will be no grandfathered period, and those in possession of illegal goods will destroy them or turn them over to appropriate authorities of The Kingdom without delay.

Royal Steward of Stonegate,  
Count Rage Scenarius

Champion of the People, Hero of the Goblin Wars,  
Slayer of Krolm, Master of the Tempered Blade

## CALLING ALL GYPSIES

Reesie Damashay has invited gypsies of all families to join him at a revel at the June Market day in Lumberton Shire. Food, hooch and fun shall abound. Bandoliers of all clans are highly encouraged to attend for potential talks.

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## VARGUS MARKET DAY

By Illiana Latesse

I entered the great city state of Vargus this April, expecting only to enjoy the company of old friends, and to bid farewell to our old Governor; Altonvyr. I never imagined I would be taking part in a battle against slavers, and loosing a dear friend. But, I am getting ahead of myself. The market day started fairly quietly, it was a chill, windy Friday night, and the monsters in the area seemed to be hiding in their meager homes, waiting out the cold. It was during this time, that those of us who were privileged enough to have called Altonvyr 'friend' bid our farewells. It was a bitter sweet moment, for though we were happy for his gain of sweet afterlife, we were deeply saddened by his leaving us. Altonvyr spoke of how we taught him about acceptance, and the reward of friends on the surface.

Though many tears were shed, it was still a celebration of his life, and a prevailing sense of peace seemed to penetrate through the very walls of the building. As I left the room, I felt comforted, as though Altonvyr was looking down on me, and smiling.

Well, needless to say, the tavern was overcrowded that night. Warm ale, and even Tea were in demand, due to the chill air. Those brave enough to venture outside, were met by spiders, and other such trivial beasts.

However, during the night, a man named General Trenathor came to Vargus, claiming our land as part of his empire. When opposed however, he simply stalked out of the Tavern.

Of Saturday, during the daylight hours, there is little to tell. The dragonkin in the area seem to be breeding however, so Travelers to Vargus beware. Other than that, very little happened. Aside from a fight against slavers. Despite the lawless nature of the trade, it is a thriving market, evading our best efforts to quash it. We have had to resort to killing the practitioners. I can only hope their souls find peace in the afterward.

During the night, however, there is an interesting story. The Tavern proper was attacked by Mummies, and seven of us went to return their stones and quell the rising tide of undead.

It was during that great battle, when my dear friend Edrick Tealos fell. But not for the last time, ironically. We had to flee the crypt, the remaining five of us running for our lives. Shortly after, we found Edrick had been turned into a undead, and he was forced to attack his former comrades. That was when he fell, and this time, he stayed down.

The rest of the night was fairly uneventful, the town was attacked, and defended, some of the townsfolk traveled to the Fey plane to exchange gifts, and people grieved. On Sunday morning, we celebrated Edrick's life, and death at the Moriken Estate.

It was a market day to remember, and I know the spirits of both Edrick, and Altonvyr are watching over us.

## AROUND DYLLARIA AND EMURIA

**Kingdom of Stonegate** – In a surprising turn of events, Lord Arianas has resigned his position as the High Wizard of Stonegate. In a small gathering, Royal Steward Rage Scenarios made the announcement to the other members of The King's House and ranking members of The Golden Lions. Lord Arianas was present for the announcement and apparently had already left The Keep. It is rumored that he will be pursuing personal interests, and possibly returning to The Shadowlands. Also, a second Knightly Order has been named as a Kingdom-wide noble order by The Royal Steward. The Order of The Righteous Arm will officially become The Knights of The Righteous Arm later this month in a Ceremony at Stonegate City.

**Aelin** – While out on a goodwill mission among the White-shadow Highlanders, House Prombus is decimated when their caravan is over-run by a band of Ogres. Baron Frederick Prombus, Lord Maxi Gelstar, and Squire Jamie Guthenor receive their permanent deaths, while Sir Bastion successfully resurrects. Lady Dora Gray had remained behind to tend to business in Aelin, and was the only member of The House unscathed by the incident. She will act as the Baroness until a suitable replacement can be found.

**Remin** – The famed Copper Mines have been producing at a record pace **Continued on page 3**

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thanks to the new stability in the local government, and the population is on the rise. A division of The Army of Stonegate has been assigned to securing the area between Barris and Remin for the past few years, and trade is beginning to climb as a result despite the occasional attack from marauding Barbarians and Minotaurs.

**Ironholm** – A host of volunteers and adventurers have joined the Stonegate lines that are positioned just south of The City. It is widely believed that Royal Steward Scenarius will declare war on Ironholm soon, with the blessing of Crown Prince Talumar.

**Prinnith** – In a continued expansion of House Clexan, The Baron has taken on three new Lords - Lord Erdric Nalgorwath and Lord BocaJa Ndemin (both exceptional battle casters), as well as Lord Millen Greenway. In addition, Squire Miles Clexan has been Knighted, and the Order of the Weeping Rose is currently holding competitions for a new class of Squires.

**Coronus** – The small town of Coronus has grown in size under the rulership of Lady Leesha Corly, a former Gypsy. Utilizing its position at the eastern mouth of the Sheroc Pass, Lady Corly has managed to establish the town as a favored trading spot for Karani Barbarians and caravans traveling from Dyllaria. Much of the business that used to funnel through Freeport has now started coming to Coronus. This is mainly a result of the diminished threat of Karani marauders since the establishment of The King's Road and the collapse of The Empire. Royal Steward Scenarius will visit Coronus next month on a swing through the Western portion of The Kingdom in which he is expected to also visit Ashton, Prinnith, and possibly Freeport.

**Gandiel Valley** – The Gandielean Civil War that has been taking place for the last seven years rages on, and both sides seem bent on the complete annihilation of the other. The Traditionalists seek to maintain Gandielean society much as it has been for the last several decades, while the New Order seeks a more reclusive, solitary position in Emuria. The death toll has been high and both sides are weary, but do not seem ready to call a truce any time soon.

**Sarum** – A brief visit last month by Lady Lallya Kytarm of Prinnith has shown that The Highlanders have not recovered from their near annihilation at the hands of The Empire, and many are still without suitable shelter or trade skills. The clans have degenerated to raiding Ironholm for all sorts of goods from weapons and coins to clothing and even food. Lady Lallya's report has stirred strong emotion in Baron Joseph Clexan, and he has publicly pledged that he will be sending aid to Sarum soon.

## A LETTER TO OUR NEW ADVENTURERS

Korenia Black

I remember my very first market gather, it was an Ashton about eight or nine years back. I remember walking into town with naught but a bedroll and a dagger. I had a whole mess of skills, most of which seemed as useful as a candle at midday with all the mages and warriors about.

That market day an army of dark dwarves lead by a particularly nasty death knight attacked the town. I asked myself what my dagger would be able to do against a force such as that. It was a good enough blade, sharp and it fit well in my hand, but normal steel was not much use against a magical being like a death knight.

Now that I have gained more experience adventuring I have learned there are many things that can turn the tide of battle that have nothing to do with speed or strength of arm or the amount of spells that someone can cast. Here are some of the things I have learned.

First is first aide. Anyone who has the skill to first aide can save a life on the field of battle. Dragging those who have been wounded back behind front lines is another action that can save lives and required no skill but your free hands. Often on the field of battle potions and elixirs with curative properties are shared freely. It takes no skill to pour a cure light down someone's throat, although having healing arts or first aide to make sure that the potion will work can help.

All of these skills are invaluable for keeping your companions on the field from becoming your companions in the circle. However those whose strength lies in weapons might find carrying the wounded and healing does not make the most of your skills but your swings may not harm the creatures you fight. Blocking blows on the lines for those whose skill and weapons are able to effect the creatures and keeping them from advancing and flanking our fighters or attacking our healers and mages can turn the tide of a battle.

I will be honest. Such contributions are often overlooked on the field or battle. The praise often falls on those who swing harder, who can reach into the echelons of magic and wield great powers at their whim. That is a mistake. It takes far more courage to stand on the field of battle knowing that you may not be able to slay what attacks you, and coming anyway to help in any manner possible. That is the true test of courage and for those young adventures who meet this task I respect your bravery. I am honored to have you by my side.

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## TYRRAN TRAVELERS

May (Evendarr 609, Tyrran 5779, Quentari LE669)  
Kia'Amat Tan'Anin

### Duchy of Dragonaire, Kingdom of Evendarr

Lord Marshal Eric Fairbanks has declared Goodman Lucas to the position of First Captain of the Dragonaire militia so that he may act in the Lord Marshal's stead as commander of the armies when need arises. He shall also act as tactical advisor to Lord Marshal Fairbanks in times of battle.

### Barony of Presidia, County Blackwell, Duchy of Firemarch, Principality of Dreadmarch, Kingdom of Evendarr

It is anticipated that at the end of April, adventurers and citizens alike will make an outright assault on the undead infested Ebonwood, pushing forth from the City of Blackwell. Aid is requested in purging the creatures under the Vampire General, and in cleansing the dark unicorns residing there.

### Duchy of Volta, Kingdom of Evendarr

Members of the Summer and Winter Courts of the Fae Realm will be hosting a May Festival of Apples, celebrating the onset of a campaign to recover the abandoned lands of the fallen Caer Afallach. Those in attendance must graciously accept the hospitality of one court or the other.

### Barony of Goblin's End, Duchy of Remlik, Kingdom of Evendarr

His Grace, Duke Grenden Boarshead, has proclaimed the second day of May to be known as Founder's Day within the Barony of Goblin's End. As such, any Market Gathering held therein within the month of May shall be dedicated to celebration of such. Meanwhile the Barony continues to have concerns regarding the haunting of the local silver mine around which the community was formed. Rumors abound of sightings of a White Dragon in the region, as well.

### Barony of Twilight Falls, County of Smokey Ridge, Duchy of FenGate, Kingdom of Evendarr

Count Simeon Silvercord of Therendry, Count of Fellmyst, has taken the responsibility and title of Marquis of FenGate. His lands shall be all that is commonly known as the Duchy of FenGate but not to include the under dwellings of the Dwarf Kingdom or the Empire of Ishiwara. He shall council and lead the

Counts of FenGate, watch over and advise the Barons, instruct the Knights, and keep tabs on the young Squires. His duties include protection of Evendarr and the lands of Therendry and FenGate. His oath lies still where it all ways has been and all ways shall be The King of Evendarr! Long live the KING!  
By my hand,  
Garrick Runehammer, Duke Of FenGate, Thane of Stonegate, King of Dwarves

### Kingdom of Avendale

An entity known as the Shadowswarm has been returning to Avendale after having last been seen in great quantity in 598, through gates that may have been purposefully opened by an unknown human caster, summoning them. The largest of these insectoid creatures are apparently immune to many magics and, while at least one of the gates was subsequently closed by adventurers, more attacks are anticipated.

### Kingdom of Kaurath

The Rangers of Kaurath put forth a travel advisory due to the discovery of small, ogre-like creatures in the south western portion of the kingdom. At least such group is of the reclusive Ogreath Rangers who are deemed harmless, and should be treated with courteousness. In other regions, a number of children have been found slain in recent weeks. One report spoke of a glowing silver knife seen just prior to the attack, but more news is sought.

### Dragon's Hearth, Kingdom of Dragon's End

Malek the Death Knight and self-proclaimed King of Dragon's End, has been destroyed. A group of brave citizens entered his tower to strike him down to his final death, battling numerous minions of undeath, many of them dying themselves. Amongst them were Ulrik Ironhand, Rissa Leafbowyer, William the Cactus, Lucius Erramun, Twitch, Taint, Mia, Avalon, and Revy Flafehfute. The fall of Malek, leader of a vast undead army, leaves the state of the region in question. Will it remain a kingdom, or will it be restructured?

### Haven Outpost, Empire of Syrinx

Rumors abound of the Emperor's soldiers' violent enforcement of law in the region includes their fierce tactics and threats used in collecting taxes. Further, they are enacting the new mandate that all marriages be sanctioned by the Emperor himself, and that each household provide at least one child for the expansion of the military. Meanwhile, trouble may be brewing on the Greyhorn border as several border guards were apparently killed and raised in recent months.

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## City of Framlingarhalan, Kingdom of Solus

Giant lizard-like creatures known as "Rippers" have been seen patrolling the edge of the woods near the city. Citizens are warned to remain alert. Further, any animal displaying unnatural brown spots may be infected with the Blight and should be avoided at all costs.

## Empire of Hadran

A Goat Scavenger has been declared Wanted by the Crown. He is believed to be building an army of scaven races. He is a formal-capable earth caster. It is unknown if he is additionally skilled with weapons. He is slight of build and light of hair, but a more specific description is unavailable at this time. He is believed extremely dangerous and may have been casting necromancy and leading undead creatures as well. If captured, he is to be detailed for questioning by authorities.

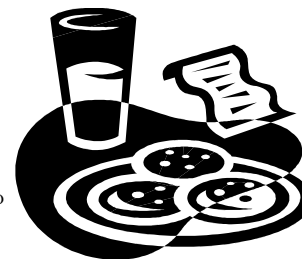
## Territory of Willowdark (Sovereign Nation of the Accords of Avalon)

The region of Mintergaus has seen extensive battle in recent months, with the lycanthropic forces holding back the forces under Lord Regent Teerik and the magics of the Elemental Warlord of Nannell. The challenges of battle amidst the Turma Mountains proves awkward. Warlord Tethrin has led smaller assaults on both Acralux and Appleton, deemed diversions for greater assaults on the Rangers and Militia already in Mintergaus. A man known as Lycor (also a former Warlord of the region) has not been shown to be a consequential threat of late. Elmrisen is under near constant attack by undead creatures from the region of Aerikin. Lord Tel'Daarn Ebonwyrn holds the borders there. The economy in such war-torn areas grows



## DARK ELF HEARTS

*No actual dark elves used in this recipe. The Sentinal does not support eating sentient race.*



### Ingredients

- \* 1 (10-ounce) jar maraschino cherries
- \* 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- \* 1 cup sugar
- \* 1 large egg
- \* 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- \* 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- \* 1/2 cup cocoa
- \* 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- \* 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- \* 1/4 teaspoon salt
- \* 1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate morsels
- \* 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk

### Preparation

Drain cherries, reserving 3 teaspoons juice. Cut cherries in half, and set aside.

Beat butter and sugar at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; add egg, vanilla, and 2 teaspoons reserved cherry juice, beating until blended. Combine flour and next 4 ingredients; gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture, beating until blended after each addition. Shape dough into 1-inch balls, and place on ungreased baking sheets. Press center of each ball with thumb, and place 1 cherry half in indentation.

Cook chocolate and milk in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until melted. Stir in remaining reserved cherry juice. Cool slightly. Spoon 1 teaspoon mixture over each cherry half.

Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Freeze up to 3 months.

# OOG WAR NEWS

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## OF NERO INTERNATIONAL...

I know that there are times when we as players and owners feel at odds with NERO International. In 15+ years as a chapter owner and nearly 20 years as a player, believe me when I say there have been many occasions when I've wanted to strangle Joseph Valenti and any other person associated with him - I know many of them have felt the same way about me. In the end however, we are stronger due to our association with one another and our continued dedication to the NERO vision of one game.

For those of you that have been paying attention to the national boards and have heard rumors of the fall of NERO, I am here to assure you that we are not going anywhere. Our partnership with NERO International is strong, and our local team of staff and owners are even stronger. Regardless what occurs, WAR will persevere, and continue to run great events. Please don't let the rumors and posturing cause unnecessary drama in your life.

Thanks for your patronage, and I'll see you all at Rockcrusher Forge!

~Mike Ennis

### EDITORS NOTE:

As always we are looking for more stories, letters and information. If you are interested in being a part of the players newsletter please send me your thoughts and writings to [dmbucler@gmail.com](mailto:dmbucler@gmail.com).

Our next issue is planned for July! Please submit articles before June 30th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Vargus May 22-24 Camp Myeerah

Lumberton Shire June 12-14 Camp Giscowheco

Lumberton Shire July 10-12 Camp Giscowheco

Rockcrusher July 24-25 Lewis Arboretum

Lumberton Shire Aug 7-9 Camp Giscowheco  
WAR's 15th Anniversary FREE EVENT!!!

Rockcrusher Aug 21-23 Lewis Arboretum

## DONATION NEEDS

**Vargus** is looking for quality make up powder in all basic colors, elf ears, horns and spell packets.

**Ashton** needs AA batteries, a tub large enough to transport claw reps, and SPELL PACKETS!

## SAFETY FIRST

'Tis the season of summer NERO which means staying cool. Please remember to drink lots of water between the waves of orcs and undead. Take a hard look at your costume. Anything that is polyester or vinyl will trap heat near your body. Try to wear cottons or linen fabrics which breath better.