

Poormina Times

W E A L E R T . Y O U A B I D E .

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Cydonia under attack on all fronts
- Chizoba Sect controversy
- Panic in the city as horrors stir below
- Illegal potions dominant black market
- Can the latest heroes be trusted?

SHAPESHIFTERS INVADE CYDONIA?

A collection of odd stories from across the kingdom has led some to speculate that shapeshifters are currently plotting against King Tougard IV.

Have you seen the man pictured here? Even if you have, chances are you will not see him again. Wiklund is a suspect in a variety of crimes and rumored to be a doppelganger.

Officials in Poormina would not comment, but two local incidents have raised eyebrows. The first was the attempted kidnapping of Zannan, respected businessman and owner of The Silver



Wiklund, suspect in local disappearances.

Unicorn Inn. The second incident was the sudden change documented in Captain of the Guard, Hornan Dawntracker. The details remain unclear as Hornan was never missing from his station.

A source refusing to be identified by name commented, "Captain Dawntracker was at his post all the time, and could always be found in the barracks issuing orders to his men." He asserted that he never suspected foul play, "He showed up all of a sudden beaten and bruised and ordering any remaining men to hunt (cont, p. 3)

GUARD CAPTAIN DAWNTRACKER UNDER SIEGE AS PIRATE RAIDS CONTINUE.

When Hornan Dawntracker was promoted to Captain of the Guard two years ago, it was with a promise of safer streets and less surly behavior from the town guards that patrol Poormina. While Dawntracker has reduced the number of tavern-room brawls initiated and other unruly behaviors by Poormina guardsmen, residents of the city continue to feel unsafe.

The latest increase in pirate activities off the coast of

Poormina has Dawntracker on the defense. He continues to call for increased financing to patrol the waters, "We have no (cont., p. 3)



ILLEGAL POTION CACHE BUSTED. ROGUES ON THE RUN.

Recent raids have resulted in the arrest of numerous criminals in Poormina. Authorities have seized control of numerous crates of illegal potions, destined to be sold in back alleys to the youth of our fair town.

The alleged leader of the gang, which is referred to often as the Port Rats, was taken into custody. Kelson, the manager of a rowdy pub in the docks is now resting in

jail awaiting his sentence. A trail of evidence was blazed for officials after a recent skirmish between Kelson's henchmen and another group. It is rumored Morgoth and his companions were involved in forcing Kelson to abandon his caution, which resulted in his capture.

Numerous other criminals remain at large, and their connection to the illegal potion trade is unconfirmed.

Perhaps the most notable suspect of interest is the dwarf, Dorwin Farringwray. The rogue has been seen in Poormina in recent months, although his current whereabouts are unknown. Dorwin has frequently skirted the laws of Poormina and other towns in the kingdom.

He is not considered dangerous at this time, but contact the guard if you see him, as they hope to ask questions.



Dorwin Farringwray, suspected criminal mastermind.

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presence is lurking in the sewers below.

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The streets of Poormina are jagged and any twist or turn could lead to danger. Our citizens have always known this, but another threat seems to be gurgling.

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Rumors from local taverns

HIDE YOUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN!

state that a group of adventures boasted of clearing out a nest of dire rats and their wererat leader many months ago.

If this were true, then the bones and tattered remains of our loved ones would not still be clogging up our outdated sewer system.

A local scholar on were-

culture speculated, "It is highly likely that multiple factions could reside in the sewers. Not all were-creatures are the same, nor do they follow each other."

Could there be other were-creatures terrorizing Poormina? If so, then we need a massive charge into the tunnels below to clear out any remaining vermin.

ADAMAR ARRIVES AT AYLAMIDST ALLEGATIONS! TOUGARD IV RESPONDS.

King Tougard IV voiced his strong support for High Priest Adamar of the Chizoba Sect in prepared remarks last month.

"I never doubt his commitment to the quest of improving the lives of everyone in Cydonia. His work through

the Chizoba has given countless people a shining beacon of hope in these dark times."

Adamar has been out of the public eye recently as he arrived at the secluded resort paradise of Ayla. We question why Adamar would indulge in luxury at a time when many

are decrying the Chizoba as a front for illegal operations in the kingdom.

Adamar has implemented many programs in Cydonia to reduce human suffering, but rumors continue to swirl about his private life.

The most recent allegations

involve three women from the village of Ramacharda. Their husbands claim Adamar enchanted their wives and committed a litany of sexual misconduct over the course of the next 24 hours. It is not the first time Adamar has been accused of sexual impropriety.

MEET THE CHIZOBA—BROTHER LAURENCE



Brother Laurence of the Chizoba Sect

While the Chizoba Sect continues to be shrouded in some level of contro-

versy, Brother Laurence in Poormina routinely demonstrates his unwavering support of his faith by providing services to the resident of Poormina.

A former renowned adventurer, he hung up his mace in favor of the maroon and yellow robes of Pelor, "I am guided by her light, and her blessings allow me to help those less fortunate."

He bears a long scar along his face, which is a constant reminder of his bravery and dedication, although he is unwilling to discuss the origin of the

jagged line, "It was a long time ago, and such things are best left to the past." It is rumored his scar was acquired while defending Castle Cydonia from a violent orcish invasion decades ago.

He currently presides over worship in the Temple of Pelor. Those familiar with Brother Laurence define him as an honest man with integrity and deep compassion. A parishioner exclaimed, "His desire to help is endless. He is everything you'd ever want in a cleric."

SHAPESHIFTER MENACE?

(continued from Page 1) down an imposter." The unnamed lieutenant confided, "Some of us honestly thought he had one too many ales."

Regardless of these local events, towns across the kingdom are riddled with strange behavior from citizens from all walks of life.

Sources from the northern

towns of Ooljee and Budur report that their citizens have been kidnapped, murdered, or otherwise replaced by doppelgangers. How high up does this infiltration go, and what are their goals?

Authorities refused to respond to our inquiries but chastised the press for, "fanning the flames of panic and paranoia."

Regardless of official confirmation, we urge all citizens of Poormina to take caution. Do not travel alone, even along city streets in broad daylight! Report any strange behavior to the town guard, even if it is your spouse or children! If you see the man known only as Wiklund, alert the guard immediately! We should all practice constant vigilance!

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DAWNTRACKER DOWNTRODDEN!

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ships, nor the men to sail them properly. We've been turning to local militia, but we can't pay them as well as the scallywags we're trying to bring to justice."

As the pirate attacks escalate, local businesses have been harmed, and the already struggling economy is now also being choked to death by a pirate

blockade that is stealing anything of worth.

"We are taking steps to get this under control. We have new information about where the pirates are coming from." A defensive Dawntracker implored the citizens to remain patient, "This threat is not being ignored, and I assure everyone that we will bring the pi-

rates and their leader, Lockes, to justice."

We remain skeptical as Lockes was captured and residing in a Poormina jail cell approximately one year ago before a huge bombardment from the sea caused enough chaos for him to escape. Lockes appears multiple steps ahead of our dimwitted Dawntracker.



Poormina Guard Captain, Hornan Dawntracker

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A TIME FOR HEROES, BUT WHO WATCHES MORGOTH'S MARAUDERS?

They are fawning in the streets. They are saying we have a new group to light our darkest hour. They are saying that true heroes once again walk the streets of Poormina. They are *wrong*.

I am here to educate you that the tief-ling wizard, Morgoth, and his motley crew is a scourge to our city. They appear to hide under the cover of the Chizoba Sect as they have often been seen consorting in the Temple of Pelor.

Who decided these miscreants could act outside the law? Witnesses report the wizard and his friends clearing out entire bars and city streets with their destruction. Yet these men and women are not even investigated!

And what of the reports of verbal abuse toward our Captain of the Guard, Hornan Dawntracker, or their involvement in the prison break of Lockes, the notorious pirate? Surely the squashing of local kobold and goblin uprisings is not enough to shield them from public scrutiny!

I for one believe that these men and women deserve to answer our questions. For instance, why is a new member of the Chizoba, Brother Washington, traveling with this half-demon, as well as a renowned Halfling footpad, Gryphon Nighbrook, and an elf wench, Lelu? What are their plans, and why are they so interested in "cleansing" our city of "evil"?

Could it be that they are mere plants by the shapeshifters? Are they a part of the Chizoba Sect meant to ensure domination over the peasants in the

kingdom? Or are they associated with a more vile and currently unknown power?

I am not fooled, good people! The wizard, Morgoth, and his group must be stopped!



What do we *really* know of this wizard and his band of adventurers?