

The Yorik Adventurer

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Yorik Plagued With Infernals of Fear

Yorik has recently received a familiar but unwelcome series of visitors; embodied fears in the form of infernals aspected to Kazzok, drawing power from primal fears of mortality.

These infernals, called forth in some obscure ritual, have already made their mark upon the town. With a touch, they seem able to immobilize their victims with a fear so deep that it causes the mind's function to suspend, leaving the subject incapable of taking meaningful

action.

While this effect may be resisted by those of substantial personal will, other means of resisting great fear, such as the *Bravery* spell do not appear to be effective countermeasures against this effect.

With Terror's Breach right around the corner, this uptake in fear-centered infernals is a worrying trend. Long time residents of Yorik will recall many Terror's Breaches where

Infernal forces have killed citizenry, burned buildings, and otherwise observed their holiday with rampant destruction.

Travelers in the Yorik area are advised not to travel on their own, and to report unusual incidents to the guard. By sharing information, you can help to keep your friends and neighbours safer, and to ensure that the existing issue does not escalate. If you see large, strange infernals, the standing recommendation is to flee.

Lunar Interference Impacts Astrologers, Astrology

The movement of the moon is just as important as the movement of the stars in accurate predictions of the near future. Recently, a feeling of lunar pressure has entered astrological readings, as if the force exerted by Fiona's influence has subtly but significantly increased.

Long-time astrologers in the region may be familiar with other times that this has had an impact upon the art of astrology, but for those that are newer to the art; astrology is the purview and gift of Clovis, serving as a basis for Fiona's greater art of Astrology.

With increased lunar pressure, it seems as if this relationship is, if not strained, at the very least impacted; visions may be more vivid, or more specific on otherwise difficult to attain information. Secrets may be revealed that otherwise could not have been accessed via Astrological methods.

It is considered likely that this influence will ease or ameliorate entirely by Clovis' holiday, Curtain's Watch, at which point the art of Astrology may briefly reduce in its efficacy as the strain is relieved, before returning to its normal standard.

Dream Conflicts Intensify

It is perhaps fitting that on the eve of the holiday of Bard, goddess of tales and dreams, that there is a brewing conflict in this field. In the past few months, a number of townfolk have been drawn into a strange 'dreamscape', guided by a powerful being in service to Bard.

While in the dreamscape, the adventurers have found that they have not had access to their usual equipment or abilities, but that they have been able to influence the world around them strictly based on the strength of their personal wills. While some powerful magics have

had an impact on this, it does not appear that outside forces will ordinarily have an impact on such encounters.

While conflict in this dreamscape has been common, there have not yet been any lasting deaths stemming from this issue.

While it is a positive choice in general to be resilient in will and soul, this conflict – combined with the potent fear effects from the recent infernal attacks – suggest that it may be fruitful to study a fortitude of mind uncommon in most persons.

Ask a Magistrate

Some questions of law have been asked, and Magistrate Oren D'vann is here to answer them! Please consult a magistrate or guardsman for case-specific legal questions.

Question: What is the difference between a magistrate and a knight?

One of the issues with different nations using the same title for slightly different job roles is that this can sometimes cause confusion when traveling somewhere that has similar titles, but with different responsibilities.

In Harodom, knights and magistrates

are social peers: both are non-heritable titles granted by a member of the landed nobility, and both take oaths to keep and uphold the public good. Both roles answer to their specific landed noble, and may be called upon to serve as officers in the armed forces in times of war. However, the specific job tasks of each role differ slightly.

A knight (sometimes called a dame, usually for female knights) is a noble warrior-at-arms. Their duties require them to be martially adept, and may find them leading military or guard groups. Frequently, knights may also serve as personal bodyguards to members of the landed nobility. They have authority in matters of armed conflict and are tasked with keeping

and upholding the law of the land.

A magistrate is an administrator, often specializing in paperwork, logistics, or questions or matters of law. They are a named surrogate for the power and office of a landed noble, and speak with their landed noble's authority in that person's absence. They are also required to be capable at arms, but will generally delegate such conflict to local forces or authority. If a landed noble has more than one magistrate in an area, it falls to that noble to determine authority or seniority.

While there is overlap in these duties, it is quite clear that these two positions do have separate purposes and aims in their functions.

Time is running short – only one month to Terror's Breach!

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"Trust your blade to the brand displayed!"

Horoscopes

The future is an unknown country. However, ideas and visions of the future may stem from information of the present; your decisions help to make the world you live in tomorrow. To that end, we have published a generalized horoscope for each of the Calendar Birth Signs, and hope that it will serve to amuse and enlighten. Horoscopes provided by Seer Oren Freedman.

The Shroud (Dec 31st – Jan 28th)

A feather is light, but still carries weight; it may be the slightest weight that turns a burden that can be carried to one that cannot. Even if the individual piece that you are adding to your load seems inconsequential, think carefully before taking on more responsibilities.

The Harp (Jan 29th – Feb 27th)

Harmony emerges when different notes are sung at once; so it is with life. You may survive or even thrive working individually, but your prosperity will truly flourish when you come to work with others in coordination, the better to multiply your effectiveness.

The Fount (Feb 28th – Mar 30th)

Hard times make for strange allies. This may be a time to consider extending a hand to someone that you may not otherwise care for, in an effort to oppose a problem too large for either of you to face on your own. Your lucky numbers are three, eleven, and fifteen, and your lucky colour is green.

The Dice (Mar 31st – Apr 28th)

There is no night however long that is not broken by the day. Find the peace that you need in the knowledge that your

future will involve new things that are not currently occurring. It can be very easy to get tied down with whatever is currently happening, and forget that time and fate changes all things.

The Arrow (Apr 29th – May 27th)

Taking no chances will not protect you from peril; it will mitigate the peril that you get into *deliberately*. Taking your life into your own hands will often create better outcomes for you than putting it in the hands of strangers or fate or both. If you encounter someone seeking aid, know that you will receive dividends.

The Stone (May 28th – Jun 25th)

Patience can be a virtue – or a trap! If you spend all of your time waiting for a good outcome to come about, you may find that you lose so much time in waiting that it precludes some of the outcomes that you had been hoping to realize.

The Coin (June 26th – July 28th)

You will encounter a stranger who will make you an offer you will initially find tempting this month. Do your due diligence! Sometimes a good-looking offer will look good because it is good, but never imagine that you are so very clever that you cannot be overcome by a sufficiently clever adversary.

The Spade (July 29th – Aug 30th)

The work that we put into our passions will not always pay us dividends of gold, but may often reward us in other ways. You will have an opportunity to advance on a matter that is important or relevant to you in the near future; embrace that opportunity with both hands.

The Blade (Aug 31st – Sept 27th)

Doing the work in front of you is often all the authority that you require. You will encounter a task that, while not strictly unpleasant, will be laborious and time consuming. Taking the initiative on it will help you speak with authority on a related matter.

The Mask (Sept 28th – October 31st)

You are not your nature; you are a free person, with the ability to make decisions and calls about what you choose to do. At some point soon, someone will try to tell you that you must do something that goes against your moral compass; you *may* do so, but 'must' is not obligatory.

The Shield (Nov 1st – Nov 29th)

Your emotional protection can sometimes protect you from opportunity! In the near future, you may benefit from a collaboration or partnership with someone, but may need to make yourself emotionally vulnerable in order to do so. You may prefer a life half-lived but safe, but know that even the simplest of defenses can still make you vulnerable to missed opportunity.

The Hearth (Nov 30th – Dec 30th)

A home truth is not always welcome, but sometimes is necessary. You are likely to have a difficult conversation with someone in the near future, that will benefit you for having spoken the words, and them for having heard them. If you do not take this step, then hardship will befall one or both of you, as the truths revealed would have benefited you both.

Better Know a Nation: Harodom

Being familiar with the nations of the Lakes Region can help you to understand the subtle and delicate interplay of politics between nations. In this article, we will start close to home, with Harodom.

Founded in 1705 A.T. by King Haro I, the kingdom of Harodom is a feudal monarchy in the Lannean model, which has at various times been comprised of three to seven duchies. Haro I was famously a diplomat, and the kingdom was formed through mutual agreement between several smaller fiefdoms, allowing the kingdom to

better force-project, and thereby maintain control over a larger parcel of land than had previously been possible in the region.

Owing to considerable diplomatic acumen by Haro I, the first few decades were marked by peace and trade between the known kingdoms of the Lakes Region.

The current king of Harodom, King Francis Alexander of the house of Haro, was crowned on King's Day (June 30th) of 2013. His own diplomatic tasks have been considerable, with the time immediately

preceding his coronation including the Michian and Estovic wars. King Francis Alexander's first acts included the repatriation of Michian land, as the Estovician war had sufficiently reduced the effective combat strength of the Harodonian army, and recovering these troops was essential for consolidating his rule.

The legacy of Haro I was key in negotiating the settlement of the Eldershire war, begun by a border dispute between the Portnos and Sashkissed. This negotiated settlement was able to bring about

a lasting, if fragile peace.

Harodom's recent combative history has left the nation with a number of allies but few close friends. The primary exports of Harodom take the form of raw industrial goods such as stone, iron, lumber, arsenic, lead, and silver. Harodom also has a lion's share of the adamantium found in the Lakes Region, and benefits from this in her balance of trade.

Harodom is also situated over a large consolidation of Golden Age ruins, which is a source of both weal and woe, with ancient mysteries unearthing themselves.

Community Board

This section is reserved for information about the community, and may include unverified information as well as community events.

Any or all forms of art are encouraged, provided that they are suitable for public display. Please contact editor Oren Freedman for details.

An eccentric physician in Buriden's Elbow is said to be suggesting the consumption of plain cereal grains with milk for breakfast, to prevent 'impure thoughts'.

The *Adventurer* continues to offer a full year-long patronage or any artist or artisan willing to produce one piece of sponsored work within a calendar year.

A large 'grandfather oak' has gone missing from the settlement of Wicktown. This tree, thought to be centuries old, was missing, roots and all, after a powerful storm last week.

Portents: Strange dreams of flight through a shadowy fallen temple. Unusually intense visions of cheese and other old commestibles.

If you have **news**, an **announcement**, a clever **contribution** or a piece of **art** you would like displayed, don't keep it to yourself! The *Adventurer* is happy to help you reach a broader audience!

Yorik can be dangerous.
Monsters might try to kill you.
***Don't put up with that shit. Get some
armour.***

The only cheap thing at Sunbeard's Forge is the price!

Armour so good that the smith wears it himself!
"When in duress, dress for success!"

Editorial: Permission to Be Joyful

How can we be happy when there is adversity?

Indeed, this is a question that rises often and is often given voice. We find ourselves fairly consistently in a place and time where we are in adversity, facing strife. To rise to this challenge, we must therefore take matters seriously- where is the time for levity or joy?

In truth, this question answers itself. When facing things that threaten your way of life, it can

be useful – necessary even – to remind yourself why that way of life is worth preservation!

It is easier to stand against the forces that would destroy you if you stand with friends. Take the time to attend the celebration, raise a glass, break bread, play a hand of cards. Few soldiers can truly rally around an abstract concept like crown and kingdom, and why should they? These are not concrete things, but ideals. But to fight for the soldier beside

them – this is real. This is manifest. This is an ideal upon which a nation could be forged.

We none of us know how much time we have. The joy we now have a chance to participate in may be gone by the morning, or it may persist – so indulge while you can. True, dark stormclouds may gather, and the rain may fall, but to eschew joy because there may be hardship is to take upon yourself another hardship.

Oren D'vann Freedman, Editor

Matters of Faith

Holy Days Just Past

August 8th: Mushroom Feast (Blythe)

The holy day of the god of rot, poison, and disease is one most often celebrated with a visit to the local physician. While the faithful of Blythe may be abroad on this day – and every reasonable care should be taken to avoid them – in Harodom and tradition has formed for ensuring that your own health is good... and not leaving your food or drinks unattended.

September 18th: Day of the Blade (Hemulis)

The festival of Hemulis is frequently viewed by His faithful as a chance to test their mettle against one another in holy combat. However, it is also a day to begin great quests, and in military or guard organizations, it is also frequently a day upon which new officers or NCOs are named. Hemulis famously trains with his faithful on Ariel upon this day.

Forthcoming Holy Days

October 6th: Dreamers Wake (Bard)

The goddess of stories and dreams, celebrations of Bard's holiday are always a little more pronounced around Yorik, where she was awakened from her torpor a little more than a decade ago. Storytelling deep into the night, especially around a campfire, is a blessing upon Bard – and not forgetting to pass along the wine to the storyteller, the better their thirst to slake.

October 15th: Harvest Song (Arkady)

A feast day, locally celebrating a successful harvest, Harvest Song is a benediction to Arkady and celebrates the beauty and joy of autumn. It is said that the turning of the leaves is a not from Atha to Arkady, as the trees dress with their splendour. Common practices include a feast with friends, wearing colourful clothes and masks, and a celebration of all beauty.

A Message of Faith

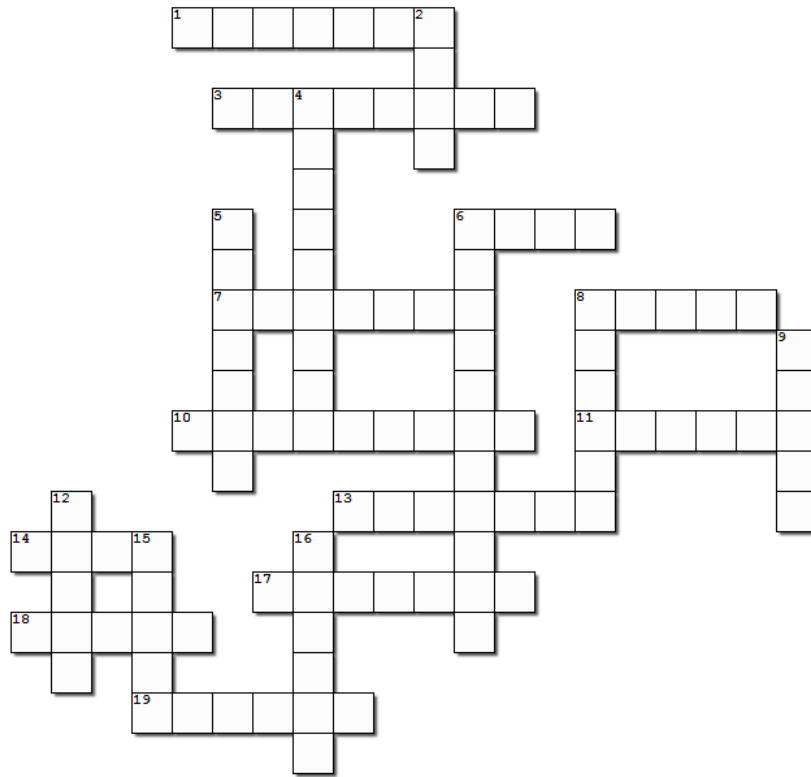
I would speak now on mercy.

Mercy is often controversial; of course, to spare someone is to offer the opportunity for them to betray you again, and to do so in a way that might harm you more than the act of denying mercy would have.

It is for this reason that mercy is a symbol of strength. It becomes weakness only when, overestimating your own strength, you overextend yourself. Pulling a muscle carrying a load of stones is one thing; pulling a figurative muscle by extending mercy when you cannot survive the consequences of that being a mistake is another.

It is for this reason that I recommend to those who might rely on mercy to respect it when it is given. A second chance is something all persons should have chance to benefit from. But if you sorely test those likely to extend such a chance, what you are likely to find is a short drop and swift stop.

Crossword



Across

1. That's not fact, just your _____
3. Bread - Filling - Bread
6. The ruling house of the nation.
7. To dash something to flinders
8. How much something is worth to you
10. Two heads, one body; stands still, runs faster.
11. Not as precious as gold
13. Fine glasswork, or natural geode formations
14. God whose holiday is celebrated Oct. 6
17. A valuable gemstone
18. A cut of cow meat
19. Use it to hit nails

Down

2. When all you have is a (?), everything looks like this
4. The Adventurer or Saga for example
5. structure projecting outward from the curtain wall of a fortification
6. Arkady Holiday, Oct. 15
8. A magical work that holds energy
9. 52 or 54 pieces of drawn upon parchment
12. Belief or deep trust
15. A skull component type, say.
16. A lumberjack's call

Dwarven Numbers

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