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Triel Cruentatus Allies With King Briar

Triel Cruentatus has been a blight against our Empire for quite some time.

Whilst her past deeds should not go un-noted, her presents actions against our throne are not earning her many friends amongst our leadership.

In recent months it has become apparent that she has aligned herself with King Briar of the Gryphons.

Whilst we know plenty about Triel, we thought it best to ensure everyone understands our new combined foe.

Triel Cruentatus

Daughter of Uttuku Cruentatus, and granddaughter of Ineluki Mistrivven (better known as Dracos), Triel is a second-age Norn. As a young woman she rapdily proved to have inherited all her families best trait's having a remarkable aptitude for ritual magic and a fine skill for navigating the complexities of Dark Elven politics.

Unfortunately Triel also inherited her families darker traits. A short fuse and no limitations on the scope of her anger. Whilst this was kept mostly in check, it came to her head following the presumed assassination of the then Val'sharess and close friend to Triel. What followed was years of in-fighting between notable houses all vying for control of the Empire leading to tremendous bloodshed across the Underdark.

In a move that echoed her grandfathers legendary rage, Triel decided that the petty squables of these so called nobles dishonoured the memories of all those that came before, and none of them were worthy of controlling the Empire. She sealed the ritual circle at Telantiwar and drew in huge amounts of magic, before unleashing it all upon the city of Telantiwar.

The devestation was so great that the ancestor Eilistrae stepped in and sealed the city in such a way to prevent the devestation washing over the Underdark.

It was believed Triel had been killed during that ritual, but it since appears that the magic of the ritual transformed her into what we now know of as a Lich.

It appears her mind has not been swayed frm the idea that none are fit to rule, but has now come to the idea that she should take the throne of the Empire and is determined to take it by force.

King Briar

King Briar of Lyonesse and Empreror of Tebron is still the ruling monarch of the area, however recent actions have put him at odds with his nation.

Born in 1102 to Queen Joanna, he reportedly had a tumultous childhood surviving a number of conspiracies against him. Most notably he was believed to have been killed in 1107 during a Conclave attack. Later found and rose to the throne in the early 1110's.

His allegiance with Triel is particularly unusual given her unliving nature, not to mention the differences between the Sylvan and Illythiri elves. There are some concerns that he is being influenced in some manner by the far older and accomplished Triel, against his own will.

Obituaries

Once again we at The Web wish to mark the passing of those that were willing to put their lives on the line for the betterment of the nation.

> Gaius House Morghun-Grey First Paladin of Ineluki

> > **Boglin** House Micar Quartermaster



Guest Publication – Estragalian Echo

Durge bullies editor of independent press amongst allegations of illegal magic use

Fellow members of the press across the egg, I implore all to take the adequate precautions to make sure you stay safe while you perform the honourable profession of sharing the news. Threats of violence against the press are on the rise.

Durge, Member of the Forbidden Forest group in the Gryphons, has decided that the misspelling of the word gryphen is an offence that must be met with such violence. I advise all writers upon the egg to take great care, in case they also meet with this man's violence. I also advise you to keep an eye on yourselves, as it has been proven he is willing to use charm magics in pursuit of his attack on the press.

'What happened was a shame, and it is fortunate for all parties involved that none of our hosts overheard' Aurelio De Baldis, a gryfan magistrate stated after his assault.

Stay safe, friendly writers, and keep your eyes peeled for this threat.

I do apologise if words in this article, or any others, are spelled incorrectly.

- Tex, the friendly Gryphin

Special Note: Tex is currently covered by the Tarantulas Immigration Scheme for Exceptional Talent – and has all the protections that comes with.

- The Wrath of Dracos

Triel Hunting Lady Niobe

During a number of recent functions keen eyes have observed a growing warmth between Lady Niobe of the Gryphons and our own Lord Barran.

Given Triel Cruenatus interest in Barran, this dalliance has also caught her attention. Reports suggest that she is furious at Niobe's attempts to subvert Barrans attention.

Whilst these rumours remain unconfirmed, we feel given the high profile nature of the target we would be remiss not to report them.

Herbicide Ban Now in Effect

The Memory of the Throne, Iza Darkhide has issued an edict that all herbicides are banned with immediate effect.

The controversial decision comes in the midst of a rising epidemic of volatile plant life across the Underdark, linked to Mother Plants failing condition.

Many feel that decision may be short sighted given the rapid need to remove problematic shrubberies.

However given the new role the Memory of the Throne plays within the nation means this decision is unlikely to be overturned any time soon.

Boom in Headstone Sales

A surprising uptake in grave markers has led to a bumper year for profits in the industry.

The surprise increase has been credited in part to House Micar increasing their orders for high quality volcanic stone to make their headstone's year on year.

Quarries around the Lava Lake have been ear-marked specifically for delivery to House Micar, with some suppliers even claiming to have received orders several years in advance in preparation.

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