



The Tarantulas Guide to the Underdark

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Following the ascension of Val'sharess Ginafae Karash-Morr, who we now believe has been taken to serve at Lolths side, I have taken charge of this faction until such time as a new Val'sharess is chosen.

I have asked Chancellor Tarran and Hal'adrin Kirashaar to serve as my advisors.

Together we stand as the voice of the Val'Sharess

Tz'arkan Arryvandaar

Late in the year of 1114, an expedition was launched in secret to the Great Rift, the colossal chasm that spans under the southern reaches of Teutonia.

This expedition was launched in a bid to finally track down and end the threat presented by The Guardian. At the time of the expedition his forces were assaulting the blessed city of Dyur Turic, but his weakness showed in the method of his attack. For the first time his armies marched. His ability to rely on his ancient pillars to move his forces had obviously diminished, and our army's scouts were able to track them back into the Great Rift.

After several days searching, and fighting the myriad of creatures that inhabit the great rift, I am pleased to announce:



Karuil Na-sar Arryvandar, better known as The Guardian, is dead. His pattern condemned to the brutal mercy of the Ancestors.

Sadly this expedition has cost the faction. Whilst The Guardians forces were so weakened by our efforts as to offer little resistance, the perils of the Great Rift cost us three of our finest warriors, two belonging to The Wolverines and one of my own household. Whilst this expedition sought out The Guardian, the 3rd Army – known in the military as The Spider Reavers - lost scores of soldiers holding The Guardians forces at bay outside of Dyar'Turic.

This enemy has cost the faction much over the years, but finally I can say that this dark portion of our tale is over.

Jathal Maethria
High Diplomat of the Tarantula Faction

Olath Z'Ress Most Bored City?

Olath Z'Ress has been declared The Most Bored City in The Underdark by the Edreja. In a report commissioned by the Command Regime, Olath Z'Ress was described as "Appallingly Bored," "Bored," and "Bored."

The report attempts to take a snapshot of Faction life at the turn of the year. But while otherwise unremarkable places like Guallidurth and even Nakkiga meet with the approval of the Command, Olath Z'Ress comes in for a bit of a pasting.

The report found that "Although Olath Z'Ress is possible to stomach, and short term visits remain relatively attractive, in spite of the influx of scholars, clerics and Daemons, the City they serve, Olath Z'Ress, remains in a state of boredom.

"All the inhabitants interviewed described themselves as 'bored,' some going as far as 'bored shipless' (although this individual did not seem to be a seafarer but was rather drunk) and one claiming that 'I've had all the life bored out of me by Olath Z'Ress. Please kill me now. I beg you.'

"There seems to be no end to this malaise," the reporting concluded. But cheerfully Olath Z'Ress residents seem to have taken the report in their stride. "I couldn't care less," said the City Overlord yesterday. "I'm not interested. I can't be bothered to read it. I'm not in the mood. Stop pestering me."

Anon.

Notice From The Academies

In recent years some of the instructors of the academies have been very informal in admitting subjects for training.

This has put a great strain on the academies and has made it impossible for us to honour all the requests for training that we accept.

This year any requests for training must be made directly to myself, where I will then arrange time with the instructors

Ilharness Rusalka Rea'Morda
Mistress of the Academies

Sshamath Trading Emporium

If anyone has items of any variety that they want to get rid of I am always in the market to purchase.

Weapons, Armours, Trinkets,whatever you have, regardless of thaums of power or durations of the magic held within I will appraise it and give you a cash purchase offer or arrange to advertise and broker a deal for you for an agreed commission.

I also currently have the following items in stock for sale or trade:

Medium Armour

+1/Immune to Through (not artefact)
PR5 - 27/05/15 - 13 gold

Amulet of Dark Rejuvenation

1/1 Unliving Regen (not artefact)
PR6 - 06/05/15 - 60 gold

Shadow Amulet of Dark Rejuvenation

1/1 Unliving Regen (not artefact)
PR6 - 06/05/15 - 60 gold

Injestic Antidote

PR0 - 01/07/15 - 1 gold

Vampire Creation Bite

150 gold - UNDER OFFER
Available at the 1115 Gathering only.

Were Creature Creation Scratch

150 gold
Available at the 1115 Gathering only.

Paralysis Scroll x5

21/08/15 - 3 gold each

Repair Unliving Scroll x7

21/08/15 - 1 gold each

Embody Unliving x1

29/08/15 - 11 gold each

Other scrolls of all varieties available on request.

Prices are negotiable and accurate as at time of print.

I will consider a special deal on bulk purchases.

I will also consider renting out items to use for a campaign you are attending on a case by case basis.

Alternatively, if you would like anything in particular sourced or crafted for you I can also facilitate this.

That is all.

Master Narcissus Cruentatus
Master of the Corruptors Guild

Miracle Alchemy, Discount Prices

The Alchemy guild's oppressive monopoly on Potions, Suspensions and other Ingestives is finally coming to an end

A group of independent and free thinking Alchemists have come together under what can only be classified as a genius to bring to you the type of potions you need at a price you can finally afford.

Ask at your local market district and we'll make sure someone comes to talk. Alchemy Freedom is True Freedom!

Visit Dyar'Turic

We of House Rea'Morda would like to welcome you to visit Dyar'Turic, the most cosmopolitan city in The Underdark!

With a vibrant and thriving community of mixed species living in the Foreign Quarter of the city, what better place could there be to find a warm welcome and helping hand for your own particular needs.

To further assist newcomers to settle in and feel a part of Tarantulan society, we are holding a number of seminars, help groups and open days that everyone is welcome to.

Future events include:

History of the Tarantulan Nation

Languages of the Underdark

50 Shades of Elf - Dark or Drow, Ice or Norn

And the return of the ever popular...

Knowing my place in Drow society

Am I bowing low enough?

Dealing with a Fae infestation

Freedom of worship, in private and quietly.

For those interested in learning how to live in harmony with their Drow masters we guarantee you will enjoy your visit to our city and live a long and happy life knowing that you are equipped with the knowledge and ability to avoid those tricky, and often fatal, social faux pas that can ruin an otherwise happy home.

The Ancestral Signs

Dracos - The Unbeing of all (21 March-20 April)

Today is full of potential, something incredible could happen - although it probably won't. People think you're a violent sociopath with anger problems, they always forget how their behaviour causes your 'episodes'.

Eilistraee - The great bard (20 April-21 May)

A rare planetary alignment in the cosmos has no effect whatsoever on your life today. You were supposed to have a marvellous day today but The Moon went and messed it right up. Sorry.

Lloith - The Queen of The Underdark (21 May-21 June)

You wake up surrounded by strangers, quite embarrassing - specially for the people performing your autopsy. With motivation, inspiration, determination & purpose, you will succeed - as you have none of these, this information is useless.

Selveta - The Champion of Lloith (21 June-22 July)

You read a handwritten message today which has capitals mixed in with lower case. So, who's going to die first? Take no risks, Kill everything. You're so busy today, so busy that you don't have time to be reading this - get back to stealing stuff.

Vhaerun - The Black mask (22 July-22 August)

Like a lion you must prove you have the ability to be a leader, but killing & eating a zebra at the temple is "not acceptable" apparently. The world has so much to offer with so little time, you somehow have mixed these two up.

Ergosal - The bloody handed (22 August-22 September)

You could take pride in your work, but you know you won't get any recognition or appreciation so don't bother. One problem leads to another, firstly, someone writes 'effect' when they mean 'affect' and now you have a body to dispose of.

Kanchelsis - The Waterborn (22 September-23 October)

You will be irritated by little things, or 'children' as you may call them. You may be a scout today, you move seamlessly from one place to another without detection - really though, you're being ignored.

Ishmael - The Dark Father (23 October-22 November)

You exaggerate your life to others in the hope of not appearing to be lonely & dull, but they already know. They always have. You find life today to be very easy, well, it usually is when you have such low standards.

Ku'rath - The Handmaiden (22 November-22 December)

Some signs romantically connect to other signs, but not your sign - your sign hates everyone. Even your own sign. You give up on defeating stupidity today, their numbers keep growing and stupidity levels are increasing too.

Skiasca - The lady of the Moon (22 December-20 January)

You miss your last chance of true happiness today. Nice one. You give a man a fish today, you teach another how to fish. They are both perplexed by your odd & suspicious behaviour.

Schandalun - The Crafter (20 January-19 February)

You find someone who makes you smile and vow to never let go of them, the militia call in the hostage team. You are the exception that proves the rule that misery loves company. You're always miserable and would rather people avoided you.

Neeloc Raye - The Rememberancer (19 February-21 March)

A secret code will reveal what you really are. It's true, there are plenty more fish in the sea. Some are massive and can kill you! You can also drown at sea. Life is about balance. Some people are happy, caring, loving & kind. And you bring balance to this.