





# The Tarantulas Guide to the Underdark

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# Lolth Challenges the Empire

During the recent Moot in Caledonia the nation was visited by a servant of Lolth, accompanied by the Eyes of Lolth. Since the events of the Gathering 1121 contact from Lolth has been extremely limited with only select servants visiting the nation.

They came with a notice, that Lolth will be testing the nation during the coming year and that successfully completing these tests will reward the Empire with strings to the Harp of Lothiriel. The exact nature of this harp is unknown to us, however its provenance as belonging to Lothiriel is not something anyone in the Empire can overlook.

The first test was delivered by an avatar of Aurashnee, appearing from the Arc of Lolth they demanded a volunteer from the Nation and the Cup of Lolth. Zan'sas V'rinn, Head of the Order of Lolth and High Incantor, immediately stepped forward as the volunteer, and he and an ancestral servant of the avatar drank from the Cup of Lolth. The Avatar declared that their two fates had been linked by this act. This soon became apparent as drinking from the Cup of Lolth appeared to have poisoned both of them.

## House Eternal's: In The Vault

The Bank of Erdreja and Scouts Guild proudly present House Eternal's "In The Vault". An entertaining game of puzzles and surprises, with a prize for the quickest contestant.

On Friday night of the Great Erdrejan Fayre each Faction and Guild will be invited to participate.

During the Bank's Corporate event on Sunday afternoon in the Tarantula Camp at 3pm, the quickest time and the winner will be announced.

See Sticks of House Eternal, the Bank or the Scouts Guild for more information.

As this poison slowly killed them both, the avatar quizzed the assembled Tarantulas on the nature of Araushnee. Lothavelve Keltormiir of the Order of Lolth was quick to step up and recount the history and deeds of Aruashnee. This satisfied the avatar of Aurashnee and the poison was removed from Zan'sas.

The next day the same avatar of Aurashnee returned and asked the nation to tell her of Lareth. Now prepared the entire nation was able to step forward and tell of who Lareth was and the lessons she represented. This was not the test however, the true test appeared to be an offer to purge a city of heretics, an offer that was quickly identified as a temptation and shortcut to our own efforts. The assembled Tarantulas quickly refused the offer, and again the avatar left satisfied.

With yet more tests to come, the faithful of the Empire have been hard at work ensuring that all within the nation know the journey of Lolth.

These tests represent not only our route to this mythical Harp of Lothiriel, but also a chance to redeem ourselves in Lolth's eyes.

# Order of Lolth Appointments

During the Moot a number of notable appointments were made to the Order of Lolth, the first new intake in several years heralds a fresh push of faith from the Order.

### **Paladin Priestess**

Leeandra, of House Eternal

### **Paladin of Lolth**

Lothavelve Keltormiir, of House Micar

### **Paladin of Lolth**

Kaladar, of House Micar



# Message from the High Incantor

Our path along the thread of atonement in the eyes of Lolth continues. Let all who will attend the surface be aware two aspects of Lolth who we suspect may come to test our nation at the Great Erdrejan Fayre.

### Zinerena

The blade in the darkness.

She guides the blades of our scouts.

The Unseen weapon in the dark, the hunters calling.

#### Megwandiir

The spider Queen.

The clinical precision of the arachnid predator. Emotionless and free from remorse or guilt. Hidden and subtle using spiders as messengers.

Those who seek atonement and enlightenment in the teachings of Lolth should make themselves known to the order at midnight on the first night of the Fayre.

# Wedding of the Year: Barran & Triel

Our reporters have chanced upon what is possibly the best kept secret amongst Tarantulas High Society.

Barran Ironfounder and Triel Cruentatus plan to marry!

Whilst we have very little information at this time, it is easy to speculate that such a union is designed to bring Triel back into the Empire and bring this war to an expedient end.

Congratulations from The Web to the happy couple!

# Success In Caledonia

The recent Moot in Caledonia saw the Bears come toe to toe with the daemon Th'reza. This daemon lord led a force of daemons that had previously served our armies until they were controlled at Shindlyn and turned against our people. Whilst we were able to rout the forces from Shindlyn, they fled and started a fresh in Caledonia under Th'reza.

For many years the daemon Lord Nezanamiel has plagued our people. Originally summoned by Kanchelsis, the great daemonologist was unfortunately betrayed and killed by the daemon, who went on to spend centuries impersonating Kanchelsis.

Whilst this rouse was uncovered long ago, it is only following the siege at Shindlyn that Nezanamiel was finally, and quite permanently dealt with. However, with his bride Th'reza surviving, his legacy continued, and we were left with a task to complete.

Our armies suffered heavy losses fighting in Caledonia over the past few years, and we are led to believe that our faces engaging Th'reza directly faced a deadly assault.

With the assistance of several nations of the Heartlands, including our own, the Bears were able to finally defeat Th'reza.

Whilst we were invested to end this particular tale of our own, Th'reza has been laying siege to large portions of Bears lands, and her defeat marks a major victory in the freedom of their people and homes.

### Lonely Hearts

Does your heart yearn for something that seems out of reach? Write to use and let us find a way to fulfil that desire.

Seeking Dueregar Fur Trader at Thorintra. Fair price, bonus for expedient work. Find me selling flowers at the Grand Bizarre

Lonely Paladin seeks Dark Mother at Cave of Whispers.

Looking for an athletic and experienced team for a long-term commitment. Rewarding for all involved. Waiting at Zyliir.

House Grey looking for suitable suitor for Runa. All potential candidates speak to the Barman at the Tiki Bar. Includes free drink with this advert.

Missed a male Drow from Nuur Throth. Vhaerun tattoo in hairline. Raised voice to a priestess. Price negotiable. Proof to temple at Ammarindar.

Milliners wanted. Open contract, reward for all offered, bonus if trading in purple. See House Cruentatus for more information.

