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Triel Cruentatus Absconds With Telantiwar Throne

At the Summer Moot of 1123 Triel Cruentatus was able to pull off quite the coup and slip the Throne of Telantiwar away from the grips of the nation, as well as from the eternally protective Bealnorn.

Triel was able to secure herself an opportunity to use the ritual circle at Mullingar (our reporters have yet to be able obtain a clear answer as to how that was possible), during which she had another ritualist utilise the power of the ritual to move the Throne of Telantiwar away from its home.

Thus far, we had been asked to keep this knowledge secret but these events have altered that narrative.

The Throne is Triels Phylactory.

As we have previously reported, Triel had not intended to turn herself into a Lich when she detonated the ritual circle at Telantiwar, as such the creation was somewhat chaotic. It is believed the power of the ritual combined with Triel's focus on protecting the Empire and Throne – as warped as her plans had been – created an intrinsic link between herself and the Throne. As such this is no mere game of political keep-a-away, Triel moved the Throne to protect her most vital asset, the only weakness she posses to her intended eternal reign.

It wasn't until the Gathering of Nations that it became clear that Triel Cruentatus has moved the Throne of Telantiwar to the ancient Spire of Lothiriel at the northern most reach of Lyonesse.

Aside from the obvious familial links to the Spire, there was no obvious political or strategic motivation behind this move.

At least, not until Triel launched an attack against the Gryphons Faction (who contorl Lyonesse) on behalf of King Briar. Closely followed by King Briar launching an attack against the Tarantulas Faction on behalf of Triel.

Obivously working together, despite being antihesis of each others personal motivations. Some new political game is clearly afoot, with the fate of the Tarantulas and Gryphons now entwined.

Eye on the Underdark

The recent Gathering of Nations saw a number of changes to the hierarchy of our Empire.

Iza, Memory of the Throne, has been elevated to sit directly at Barrans side.

Geoffery will act as an Advisor on Commerce and Economy, replacing *Alanna*.

Runa will fill the void left by the Memory of the Throne and will act as Advisor on International Relations.

Squeaker has taken over from Pippin as High Mage.

Our Prayers Answered

For the past year, our nation has faced silence from the Ancestors. The minds of our Ancestral servants have been silent, our prayers unanswered, and our temples bereft.

At long last, the trials and challenges faced by the nation were completed during the Gathering of Nations. Yai Kenafin, the eternal paladin of Megwandiir, personally oversaw the trial and saw fit to lift the curse that had brought us so much silence and pain.

Wherever you are, to whomever you worship. Let your prayers be heard.

