



I send this message to all of House Kenafin, and to reaffirm my commitment to the agreements that have been made.

We were deceived and betrayed. When our Lord K'hafran was killed, my grand-daughter Calistra Kenafin believed she had located him within the Ancestral Planes. When she reached out to seek his power, it was not he, but another who answered. All the advice, power and guidance my "father" has gifted us has instead come by the hand of Maediir, one of Satuuns most devious lieutenants.

His aim was to use our family, to use our pain to further spread Satuun's influence and to further destroy the Dark Elves and their empire.

I have no love for the Dark Elves, the Paladins of Lolth tore my family apart and imprisoned all of my kin for centuries. I do not know if we will ever be willing to consider forgiveness, but I am certain that I will not allow our people to be used by anyone, least of all by the memory of Evron Satuun.

In an attempt to control us, and our forces, Satuun attempt to hold myself and my family to ransom. He felt that by holding us, he could bend all of the Demonfey to his will. Luckily my daughter Xephonis is not so easily swayed. She sought out the leaders of this "Tarantula Faction" and she convinced them that there was an alternative, and that we could be of use to each other.

Right now, I am inclined to agree. These Tarantulas led a rescue attempt, and were able to release the seal that held my power in check. These mortals risked much to assist us, a move I could not have predicted. A move that leaves much to be considered.

So I instruct you all, rise up against the false forces claiming to be of Lord K'hafran, re-join our family at Trentarus, and trust in my guidance, free of the lies and deception perpetrated by Satuun.

Ilharess Sarya Kenafin

Eye on the Underdark

New Faction Appointments

Regent

Tathal Maelthra

Chancellor of External Affairs

Barran Ironfounder

High Healer

Elspeth

Val'sharess Triel Al'tath has announced that Tathal Maelthra of House Maelthra is to act as Regent, he speaks with her voice and interests and leads the nation through any absence.

With Tathals rise to Regent, the position of Chancellor of External Affairs has been passed to Barran Ironfounder of House Karrash-Morr. Whilst not known for his diplomatic tact, he has always had his fingers on the pulse of the nation.

In a surprise move, Tockoles of House Rea'Morda has retired from her long standing position of High Healer, and has passed the role onto her trusted deputy Elspeth of the Wolverines.

Whilst not having been granted a new position, Cypher of House Karrash-Morr has been recognised as one of the Val'sharess' (and the new Regent's) most trusted advisors, and is to be shown the respect and honour that such a role entails.

On behalf of the editors at The Web and our readership across the Underdark, we wish to congratulate them all on the honours of the new roles.

In Brief: Neeloc Raye

With this new feature we aim to bring you a little information about each of our ancestors, and their origins. We begin with an often overlooked member of our pantheon.

Neeloc Raye Nimesin, founder of Clan Nimesin, was one of the original 13 Dark Elven clan leaders.



He is commonly known as The Rememberancer.

There is a sad irony in this brief however. As is fairly common knowledge, much of our history pre-sundering has been lost or destroyed over the many centuries, and records during the assorted dark elven empires are even more scattered. This stings doubly so for an Ancestor such as Neeloc Raye. His primary focus is on knowledge, learning from our past and ensuring that it persists for future generations.

Despite having little to work with, we do know that many of the records we have are thanks either to Neeloc Raye or his followers and descendants. Even for those of his descendants that don't necessarily give him worship, they still follow many of his teachings and Clan Nimesin has provided many of our finest scholars and academics.

On the rare occasions that Neeloc Raye has brought on Avatar to Erdreja, he typically assumes the form of a young Elven child, typically carrying a number of maps and scrolls. It is assumed this is to portray the curiosity of youth, and that constant drive to learn more.

Join us next time as we have a brief look at Selvertarm.

Destruction at Tol Galen



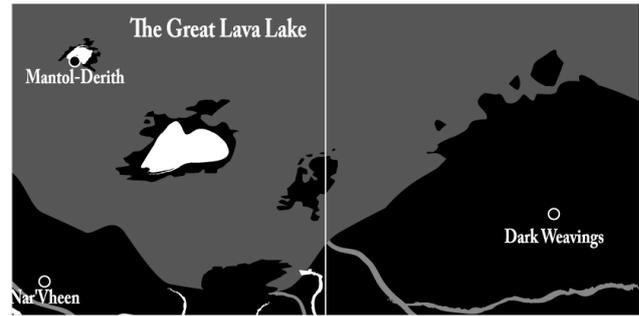
Earlier this month we reported that there had been large quakes across the underdark, whilst reports are still coming in the Tarantula's scouts have been able to map out some of the damage.

We begin with tragic news. The entire city of Tol'Galen has been destroyed. Tellectus, Shimmer Shadows and a number of smaller towns along the coast of the Great Lava Lake have also been destroyed.

The two maps above show the extent of the damage, the left shows the area south of the Great Lava Lake as it was, and the right shows what our scouts have been able to map.

Early reports estimate the casualty count upwards of ten's of thousands, potentially into the hundreds of thousands. Those that have escaped the carnage have been seeking refuge at Chi'Chitl, although this small town is ill equipped to deal with the large influx of people.

You may have noticed amid the destruction shown on these maps, a new feature has developed. Whilst our scouts have been able to identify a distinct new land mass within the Lava Lake, they have as of yet been unable to determine a way to reach this new island. There is however a strong desire to reach this new destination, as the scouts have confirmed the existence of several structures upon the island.



This information was made possible thanks to the Nilbog scouts, who are now aiding with scouting further reaches of the Underdark for any other damage.

A copy of their original report is provided below

Big Shake. Big big shake. Everything shake. Not nilbog no. We hide. We watched, like pretty drow asked.

Other drow died. Let fire get them. Silly drow. Lots of fire. Lots of screaming and lots of fire. fire even eat rocks!!

Drow home gone. fire and screaming, now just gone.
All gone.

New thing appeared. In the fire! Something new!

Then fire got near. Big nilbog told us to run. We run.

We keep running but fire keep coming. Had to run far far away. Safe now. Shake stopped. fire stopped.

The Well Dressed Drow

Image is important to us all, but for those with their sights on the higher echelons of society, how you look can be an almost vital part of your day to day routine.

We've consulted with some of the most beautiful drow at court to see what tips they have to offer our readers to help them navigate the delicate world that is Underdark High Society.

First of all we spoke to one of the Underdarks veteran's of dealing with the intricacies of court, the newly appointed Regent, Tathal Maelthra.

Fashion changes and so should a good male, never allow the ladies to get bored of your plumage. Always try to emulate the cockatrice, flamboyant and stunning, yet deadly in the right situation.

When grooming, a simple cut clean and tidy will always catch the eye. Beards will always offer a certain gravitas, but should never be left unkempt. A well groomed face is key to success.

Every good wardrobe wouldnt be complete without plenty of leather. It has many advantages, and is suitable for day and night wear. For really special occasions, crushed velvet is always a good choice.

Next we caught up with High Corruptor Zan'sas V'rinn, Champion of Megwandiir at the Cave of Whispers - and he was kind enough to offer our loyal readers the following advice.

1) Attend your regular appointment at Salon Shiang: *Lloth has given you your gifts but it's up to you to maintain them! Salon Shiang* is the only Order of Lloth sanctioned establishment qualified to see to your faithful needs. * Please see your city appointed inquisitor should you wish advice on attending other "Heretical" establishments.*

2) Its all about how much you stroke it: *Ensure your handpicked retainers see to your needs as often as possible. The salon recommends at least a thousand strokes a day to maintain your hairs long and thick appearance, key aspects to the perfect swish and essential if you're looking to be the chosen patron to a high priestess of Lloth.*

3) You are what you eat: *after a day and night of devout slaying, praying and dedications in Lloth and the dark pantheons name you may feel the need to seek sustenance. For those with special dietary requirements it can be temptation to snack upon a passing kobold or human lesser, but do not cheapen yourself, rather think, what would Megwandiir do?*