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MYSTERIOUS CREATURE SPOTTED

CREATURE SPOTTED JUST OUTSIDE SEADRAKE, WEST OF THE DREADED BONEWOOD. TOWNSFOLK FRIGHTENED.

By: Larke Wendt

Residents throughout the Seadrake area are buzzing about a mysterious creature roaming the forests that border The Bonewood. All drawings of the hulking monster have been fuzzy and hard to make out clearly. Throngs of people have taken to the woods for a glimpse of the terror.

Since the Carver's Day Celebration, all talk has been about just what this creature could be. Rumors abound, and descriptions vary, but one thing is the same in every report - the feeling of dread in looking upon this beast.

Farmers in the area have also complained about an uptick in ravens on their land and disturbing their crops. Some cry coincidence, but those in the know swear they are



Actual drawing of the beast of the Bonewood by a credible eyewitness.

connected to the monster.

The Seadrake Wood Cutter's Guild has deployed scouts in the area to record the movement of the beast. The Guild Captain said, "While we aren't equipped for a fight if it wants one, we know the forest and our best scouts are in the area. Sleep well women and children of Seadrake. The Cutters' axes are always honed and ready for the chop."

This reporter admittedly did attempt to lay her eyes upon the beast, but I was unsuccessful and heavy rain caused me to turn back for Seadrake.

I had the chance to speak with several residents who expressed a growing concern. One said, "Where is the Del Mar militia? Must we endure an attack before help will come?" Citizens are being warned to stay away from the area for their safety until the

matter is handled and the area secured.

Anyone with information about the beast of the Bonewood should contact the Seadrake Wood Cutter's Guild immediately.

A call has been issued for brave adventurers to travel into The Bonewood to discover the truth of the thing. One can only wonder what this creature may be, why it is here now, and what it intends to do.



ASK NINA



Dear Nina:

My garden has been overrun by punker bugs! They're eating all my stingberry, which you know they love! I have tried everything. I even bought a delving gopher, but for some reason he doesn't want anything to do with these punkers!

What in the Copperbind am I supposed to do with a delving gopher now?

Anyways- thoughts or advice on how to dispose of a bunch of stinky punkers?

Thanks, Phitra C.

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Dear Phitra:

Whoever sold you that delving gopher should refund your coin at once! Everyone knows those good for nothing

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(Ask Nina cont'd from pg 1)

gophers have lost their taste for punker bugs and just end up laying around all day in the sun.

I called upon my friend the herbalist for a bit of help on this one. She said the stingberries can be a tasty treat for punker bugs. You can protect your stingberries by planting them with trickle rush beans, as punkers get bloated from even smelling the beans. Your stingberry should be safe with the beans around!

In the meantime, stop on by The Poison Stone. I have some trickle rush bean spray that may help save what's left of your stingberry. Please refer to last week's article where I warn against personally ingesting anything purchased at The Poison Stone Trading Post.

Til the next trade, Nina

OBITUARIES

Richter Bellsnout

Richter was taken too soon when a little bark screech owl scared poor Richter who happened to be enjoying some wall meat at the time.

Skrish the Quick

Skrish split the party. Burst into a room full of doom and rolled a 1. Leaves behind his party: Kat the Druid, Bingle the Warrior, and Krag.

Garrick Morkas

Chased a Wampus Sprite into the forest and rolled down a ravine. Services will be held at the pilgrim's shrine north of the Fang Rat Inn.

Azariah

Fell out of a tree. She was a terrible rogue, but a great cook!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ryan and Melissa attended the Meadieval Market on November 25th Thanks to all who stopped by!

Scale & Feather Meadery 1050 N Fairway Dr Avondale, AZ 85323

Ryan and Melissa will be at the Frostfall Fantasy Faire December 9th Noon to 6pm!

The Silver Key Lounge 1837 W Guadalupe Rd Mesa, AZ 85202

A FANTASTIC WELL MET goes out to Daniel O.

Winner of a Windstone T-Shirt for signing up for our newsletter at the Meadieval Market

ENTERTAINMENT



Across

- 3. feathered secret keepers
4. punker bugs love to eat them!
6. Lord of the ...
7. famous trail that cuts through the Copperbind
8. Keeper of the Heart
10. blue neck garment

Crossword puzzle grid with the word WINDSTONE across the top and various numbered squares for other words.

Down

- 1. keeper of the Fang Rat Inn
2. dwarven mountain range
5. melodic class of adventurer
9. stout-hearted fantasy race

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Nina's Stone & Sundry - by Farnis Wolfshire

Comic strip panels showing a character being teased about their name and a centaur, with a 'CENSORED' sign and a '10' rating.

ADVENTURERS WANTED

FOR SALE

CHIRK-ROOT POWDER

Me pa left a storehouse of chirk-root powder when he passed. I need to get rid of this stuff! Potion binder and thickener. Make me an offer- I won't refuse.

+1d6 Potion Bonus

PEPPERTRIP FORK OF STUFFING

Makes every bite taste like a million. No self-control, tired of buying new tunics as my waist expands. Want to trade for a walking wheel. Contact me today.

-1 CHR, -1 CON

CERULEAN WOOL SCARF

Handmade of the finest Cerulean wool. The wool harvested was the deepest blue. Always felt pretty wearing it. Call for price if interested.

+1 CHR

HARDENED CLAY POT

Made from the fynest clay in the Copperbynd. Whypped it up on me potters wheel and fyred it in me kiln. Good pot for cookin. Free - you just haveta pyck it up.

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CHIPPED STONE AXE

It's been in my family for 4 generations, I can't stand to bear its weight anymore. Will sell to a dwarf with a stout heart. Deep Blessing from a Scorchclaw.

+1 STR

THE FANG RAT INN LOGO TEE



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WANTED

TRADING CARVAN ESCORT NEEDED

I need three adventurers to escort me from The Poison Stone to Findrin's Pass. Could (will) be dangerous. Carrying cargo that attracts Prickleback Wolves. Will reward well for successful trip. - A Trilithian Spider Silk Vendor

LAKE MONSTER!

Something is stealing all the fish from the fisherman of Stonearrow Lake. We are looking for a few able anglers to help hunt this thing down. - Ask for Glem TroutStory.

MISSING DIAMONDS

Seeking experienced delvers. At the base of the Ashburrow Mountains a bag of my diamonds, yes they are mine, jumped out of my hand into a fissure in the earth. It was a little narrow for me to fit through, but I am guessing a party of adventurers would have no problem in finding my diamonds. Yes mine. Small finders fee offered.

CATCH 'EM ALL

A single Sky Fellum was seen circling near the Hollow Lake. Before the heavy snows hit I want to scout the area and see if we can track it down. Need mountaineers and a falconer.

PERSONALS

DWARF SEEKS ELF

Is there an Elf Maiden out there who is as fair as the legends of the Charred Sky Mountain? Will our love sing louder than the Singing Pools themselves? Find me at the gates of Trilithia - ask for Drandal Quicktemper.

A LOVE SCREAM

Every night I walk the Pilgrims Trail, near the Landing of the Lost, listening for that sweet wail that shatters my ears. I am in love with a ghost. I know we were destined to be. If you know of my true love find Grel Longheart.

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THE PLUMED ORACLE



The streams of your life, like the currents of the wind, are interpreted by the Del Mar Daily's Plumed Oracle. It is known that unborn souls ride the realms on the backs of birds. Its cry will be that what ushers you into this realm and that which will signal your departure. It is the type of bird that you will share your traits and fates with in this realm. The wisest of readers will check their portents at the start of every season, and look upwards to the skies.

Unsure of which bird accompanies you through life? Let the Plumed Oracles' D12 see into your fate.

SPARROW: As the days grow shorter, your feelings will be quick to flare. If you are not careful, they will guide you down the wrong path. To stay on the right path, control the fire within, check your passions, and control your anger.

GOOSE: Evil forces are gathering in the shadows, they mean you harm. You will need to gather your energies and your friends to face what is coming.

QUAIL: Dig deep, this is a time to gather your inner strength. This will be a season of trials and tribulations. Only you can answer the questions to come. Slow down, breathe, and act decisively.

TRAILRUNNER: This is not the time to take a break. Keep running as fast as you can. The horizon holds the promises that you seek but there will be MANY dangers to overcome.

WOODPECKER: All your work is about to pay off. The next phase of your life will be brimming with prosperity, however, don't overstep as you could lose it all.

HERON: Trust your intuition during this time of change. Stay true to what you know is right. A kind word will travel as far as the eastern winds. You are being drawn to people of power.

OWL: The stars beckon you to wait. This is a time to practice your patience and silence. Do not act rashly and do not forsake the smallest of creatures.

ALBATROSS: Now is not the time to hold your secrets within your heart. Letting your friends in will help you through the dangers ahead. Avoid anybody with promises of smooth waters.

FINCH: Your joyful spirit will shine as the hearts of your friends darken. It is a time to be brave. Be wary of a man who doesn't appear to be what he seems.

CRANE: You will be drawn to riches and praise but be wary for they will come at a cost. Do not let your heart be corrupted and still the cruelty of your tongue.

EAGLE: This is a precarious time for you. Those aligned with the sign of the eagle will be the first to fall. Hold true to your friends around you; you will need them more than they need you.

DUCK: The season is coming-it may be time to move on and change your focus. Others are coming into your life with a message you need to hear.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Gross misuse of a dwarven likeness"- is what meh attorney calls it, and I couldn't agree more! What in the Copperbind gives the author of "Forging a Dwarf" the right, nay the privilege, to print meh likeness without one bit of coin comin meh way? I woulda been 'appy with a couple a pints - old **Windstone** has a new brew over at the Fang Rat Inn I wanted to try, but now they got meh beard in a twist!

Copycat Warble-Bellied Cookies

These flavorful cookies were a hit at the Carver's Day Celebration! Now you can make your own and have them any time you want one. Thanks to **Eithana** for sharing her recipe!

Servings: 32

Ready in: 3 full cranks

Ingredients

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ C hand-ground flour powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Ashburrow rock salt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp soda for baking
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C plains sugar
1 large egg from a flarchingale



Instructions

- Get your fire roaring hot
- Dump the ingredients in a bowl and mix them up
- Roll your dough into balls about the size of a dumfry haul
- Flatten them with your thumb
- For the "Warble Belly" add a scrapnut on top

Cook over an open flame for 3 full cranks. Enjoy warm with a cup of honeyglow apple cider!

And didja see meh own two brothers on pages six and seven? Could 'ardly tell how ugly they are, what with the artist being so generous. I mean, there's not even a crumb in the beard or a crook in the nose.

Well, I wouldn't read it (again) meself, and I recommend against it for your esteemed readers as well. Leave the forging to the **real** dwarves of the Copperbind.

- a litigious dwarf

