

THE VALORIAN LEDGER

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Rampant Rumors

Master Blaythen to take on new apprentice after mysterious vanishing of the rather unpopular Brunk, his previous apprentice. || || House Crandall to renew their family crest; Sir Crandall's illness worsens || || The Duke of Valoria "happy to see" the burgeoning town flourishing so mightily!

The Sightings

TAKE NOTE! Orcs have been seen migrating from the North West to the North East; Goblins remain heavily throughout the west; Dread creatures still seen primarily wandering through the North West near Menenthere.

Astrology

Waters on the Bay churn restlessly, signaling an early change in the seasons and the self! What will the Bay hold for you this May? Check your horoscope on page 3.

The modest Madame Ma'Hez reveals all!



Murder! An assassin strikes...

A dewey morning massacre rang through the peaceful sunrise shining on Layne Manor last Sunday as Marabelle Bigby, the Lord's faithful Chicken Maiden was found viciously slain. Marabelle was the caretaker of prized hen Dyna, who was also apparently stolen during the ordeal! Dyna was well known for laying the Lord's prized dark speckled eggs. The prominent Lord Layne has called for aid from the people of Valoria and any neighboring heroes who would aid in his quest for recovery and revenge! - "Rewards and respect are for the taking"-

-Lord Layne of Tylvin, Southwest of Charru





Our Valley of Plenty!

An editorial by Baruk Renton

Upon a drifting walk or a lazy sunlit stroll, the Valorian Valley holds many riches and the woods offer much mystery for those who know what to look for! Just the other day I harvested a COMPONENT and a bunch of COMPONENTS just down the road while out prodding my thoughts!

I kept strolling to find the biggest (and smallest) surprise yet: a tiny ornate wooden box! Once I pay the Merchant's Guild to disarm any pesky traps, I am sure it will hold untold riches!

My traveling companion came with me most recently and not only found some copper buried in the dirt but also the broach I lost last week, my favorite one from my sister! So keep your eyes open on the trail and off of it, who knows what you might find!?

The Duke Speaks!



A reminder to all Valorian citizens, new and old, young and mature: The Laws of Valoria are for everyone's safety and are intended for all our best interests. Here are some kind reminders:

- **Ignorance of the Law is not a defense.**

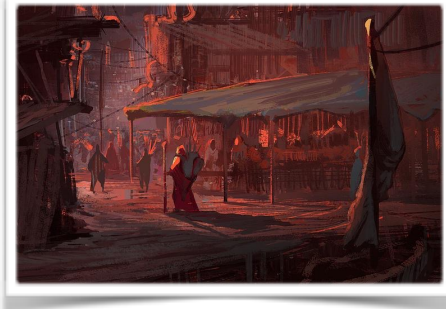
- All persons, regardless of their station, have the right to peaceful existence. It is a crime to force one's will upon another person by force of arms, magical conjuration, or any other means available. These means include, but are not limited to: Thaumaturgy, Charms, and Hypnosis.

Penalty Minimum: Fine of 5 Silver Pieces

Penalty Maximum: 2 Deaths

Keep each other safe, Uphold the Laws and the Rule of the Empire will likely continue to support our far away endeavors to the fullest! Break the Law and the consequences will be swift and just. **Valoria Prevails!**

-Duke Barrus Audrock



Valorian Vocabulary!

Learn to talk to your fellow Valorians in their native tongues!

The Elven Unity:

Queen: **Reine** | pr. rhen
 Friend: **Ami(e)** | pr. ah-me
 Help Me: **Aidez-moi** |
 pr. eh-dim-wah

Romany (Gypsy):

Leave: **Pokidat'** | po-key dat
 No: **Net** | Nn-yet
 Trade: **Sdelka** | is-deal-kah

Humans:

Mayhap: Perhaps & Maybe
 Seeing Eye to Eye: Agreeing
 Cut Corners: Bad quality

Dark Elves:

Hate: **Hass** | hass
 Master: **Meister** | my-stah
 Run: **Lauf** | L-ow-f

Astrology Unraveled

Your fortunes from the stars...interpreted by Madame Ma'Hez

The Ram: You may be feeling full of energy and eager to continue toiling for your purpose, but other responsibilities might threaten to keep you from doing it. The results could drain your energy and put you in an off mood, but don't fall into this trap! Get the most urgent tasks done and then reward yourself endlessly.

The Bull: Your mind should be especially quick and penetrating. You could decide to tackle some in-depth research that you've been considering doing for a while on a subject that fascinates you; perhaps you will discuss the subject with someone close to you who shares this interest.

The Twins: Some vivid, beautiful chance meetings could awaken you and make you aware of new opportunities. They may be creative in nature, and you should consider taking advantage of them!

The Crab: You might soon decide to attend a group activity that is primarily concerned with an intellectual or moral interest of yours. You might meet a charismatic person whose conversation stimulates your mind and causes you to come up with new insights; look closely.

The Lion: An opportunity to travel to a place you've always wanted to visit, perhaps for business reasons, could come your way. This could be very exciting, but you might have some difficulty with the arrangements.

The Maiden: Today you might attend a group activity that puts you in touch with some interesting people from faraway places. You're apt to learn a lot from them. You'll want to stay in touch with them, so be sure to get names.

The Scales: Some big upheaval in your life could take you by surprise, but it's apt to make a very positive difference to you. Your public standing and income could both skyrocket. This could happen so suddenly that it has you in a daze, but try to remain focused and go with the flow.



Column of Yarr

Collected by Bren Silfoot

One enemy is too many and a
hundred friends too few.

Alchemist: "If you ever die, I will
pay a handsome price for your
body."

Valorian Citizen: "I'm sorry, but
the times when I sold my body
are long over."

In a field I sat dazed and
sharpening,
In a kingdom full of scabbards,
Much I marveled the silent fish
knife.
A splendid cry rang out!
I arose and flung my thoughts to
my happy dagger - tormentor of
my dreams!
Now by the graves I sharpen my
tiny blade, during my daze.
*-Found off a Valorian trail, near
rummaged personal effects.*

The Scorpion: Overuse of your physical and mental self could cause you to feel a little out of sorts. You might even wonder if the effort will have been worth it! A little careful attention to yourself will have you back to normal and likely happily rewarded in no time.

The Centaur: You always tend to have good powers of concentration, but you're more focused than usual, probably on a project that means a lot to you. Whatever it is, you are likely to accomplish a lot. Remember to congratulate yourself!

The Goat: A moody encounter could have you confused, and you might not be able to discern the best way to move forward. Analyze the situation; the best way is probably just to come right out and tactfully speak your mind.

The Water Source: You might want to spend most of your time outside, perhaps taking a stroll through a trail. You could have some serious thinking to do; sometimes things come together more quickly if you forget about them for a while.

The Salmon: You might have a tendency to blow your worries out of proportion recently, thinking they're worse than they are. Try to make a special effort to be objective; take a look at your path and further yourself, be true to you.



Recipes for the Ravenous



3/4 cup milk
 2 tablespoons white vinegar
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 2 tablespoons white sugar
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 egg
 2 tablespoons butter, melted and some for pan
 Chopped fruit of choice

PanCakes

Combine milk with vinegar in a medium bowl and set aside for 5 minutes to "sour".

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Whisk egg and butter into "soured" milk. Pour the flour mixture into the wet ingredients and whisk until lumps are gone.

Heat a large skillet over medium heat, and coat with butter. Pour small pools of batter onto the skillet, and cook until bubbles appear on the surface. Flip and cook until browned on the other side. Garnish with chopped fruit of choice, if desired!

Whipped Cream

1 Pint of Heavy Cream will take:

1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
 3 tablespoons of sugar

Chill your mixing bowl and utensils for ease. Combine heavy cream, sugar and vanilla. Whip that cream into butter: This will take longer than you think and having friends to help "tap in" will surely be appreciated!

Tip: Use a much larger mixing bowl than your ingredients will seem to need...the whipping gets everywhere!