

GRALHUND BLOODBATH

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Yesterday evening, the stately manor villa of the esteemed noble family Gralhund was the scene of horrific carnage. Over thirty people were killed in what can only be described as a deplorable assault on one of the most honorable and revered noble families in all of Waterdeep.

According to my sources, the entire family had been held hostage for over a ten day by that despicable and accursed gang of thugs and ruffians, the Zhentarim. Were it not for a bloody revolt led by the brave and strong Lord Orond, I imagine that the entire noble line might have perished at the hands of those ruthless thugs.

Lord Orond single-handedly defeated over a dozen Zhentarim, but not before those heinous criminals murdered over twenty guards and servants. Lord Orond rescued his beloved wife, Yalah, mere moments before she too was killed.

The alleged leader of this despicable crime is reported to be Urstul Floxin, a well-known and notorious assassin for the Black Network. Lord Orond bested him in combat, but the cowardly criminal escaped by jumping out a window to the street below. He remains at large and considered extremely dangerous.

Why the Zhentarim choose to abduct and then attempt to murder the Gralhund family remains a mystery. Robbery is a possible motive, as the Gralhunds reported that several items were stolen, including many priceless antiques, 20,000 in gold, and even Lord Orond’s prized falcon.

The investigator for the City Watch, Barnibus Blastwind, has promised a full investigation and vowed that those responsible will be brought to justice. It is just my opinion, but if the City Watch would make fewer promises and more arrests, the city would have fewer bloodbaths, like this one.

FIREBALL!

Three days ago, the quiet neighborhood of Trollskull Alley was rocked by a devastating explosion that shocked the community and left eleven citizens dead.



The names of the dead have not been confirmed and there are numerous conflicting reports identifying the perpetrator of this dastardly attack. Some claim seeing black-clad assassins flee the scene, while another source swears that they saw a man made of gold on the rooftops just before the explosion.

The City Watch arrived too late to do any good and quickly cleared the area, moving the bodies out of sight, pretending that nothing bad ever happens in Waterdeep. But we must remain vigilant. There are many nefarious people, with many nefarious plots and schemes, and it befalls to us, dear readers, to make our secret and anonymous “leaders” keep us safe and not hide behind the masks of cowardice.



Today is Dragondown. Celebrate Waterdeep’s victories over several dragons, like Kistarianth the Red, the dragon so evil, we killed it twice.

GRAND REOPENING

THE WORLD FAMOUS  
Trollskull  
Tavern

Home of the only  
Poltergeist Publican

AND THE ONLY PLACE  
TO GET THE LATEST  
FOOD SENSATION

POPCORN!!

DOCK TALK

The Sea Maiden’s Faire arrived this week to much fanfare. Hundreds of townsfolk swarmed the dock area to watch the ships come in, only to find that the ships had already arrived the previous night using the cover of darkness to slip into town. So as not to disappoint all the fans, an impromptu performance was held right on the docks, much to the delight of all the onlookers.

The Faire had arrived early this year to participate in the Dragondown Celebration. They are scheduled to remain in town until the Midsummer Festival.

TO THE EDITOR

Where is Neverember! Our supposed Open Lord has not been seen in Waterdeep since before Wintershield and now I hear he’s been in Neverwinter! Meanwhile, he has abandoned us when we have trolls at the gate and explosions in the street! Is anyone in charge? And I’ve heard rumors that that unnaturally long-lived witch, Laeral Silverhand, is back in town. Is this a coup?

Yawning Portal Tally

Adventurers – 1  
Undermountain – 19