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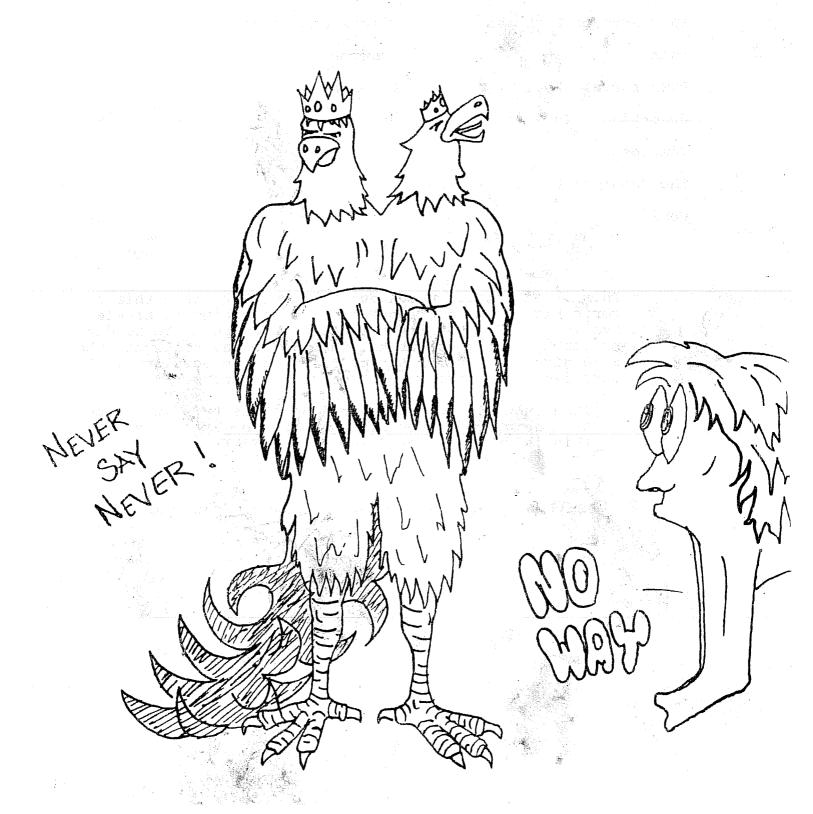


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* This was a totally unscheduled event, but since this is coronation week, there ought to be some kind of newsletter available. The Kingdom's letter was supposed to be done by our EX-king's concubine, who by the way still has the \$ 30 given to her for the creation of the newsletter. Hmm surprised, I'm not. - From one who knows -

Thank you all for the help in getting this 4th issue off the ground. You all know who you are and since this is an underground issue...NO NAMES in creation.

* DARK TALK IS NOT IN THIS ISSUE DUE TO THE RUSH.

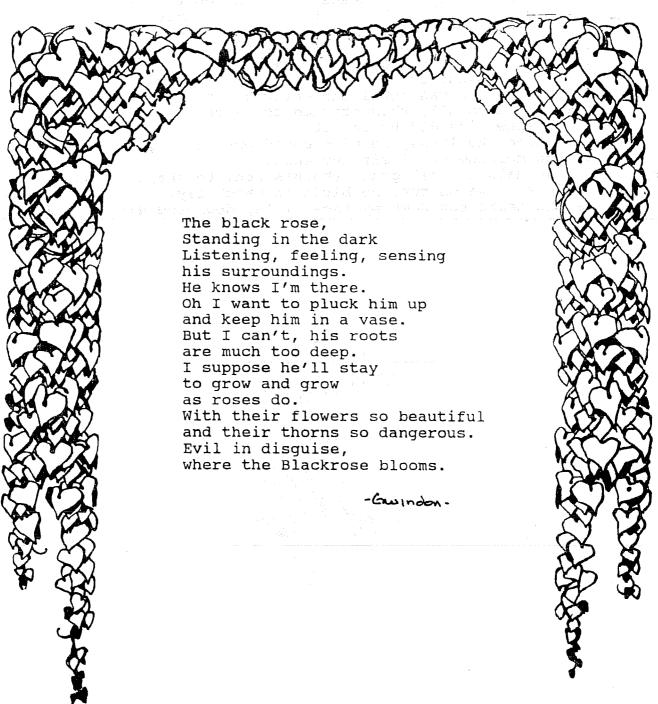
One Morning

In the morning sun I sit and wait. The light envelopes me, flooding the gates.
Animals of all kinds answer my call.
I am their master, one and all.
From the dawn of time I have been the one. I'll never leave until I am done. As the sunrises higher and travels the sky. The creatures around me all began to die. I sit and I weep, its not what I planned. Speaking to my subjects, I am told its because of man. What is this being, I don't recall its name. All my animals live in peace, can't he do the same. With the setting of the sun the land is empty. All my animals are gone, wiped out completely. This thing called man, will answer to me. I gather my energy and all my power. Before the night is through, all man will cower. My destruction was total man never had a chance. I slayed them all, then started to dance. In my wake fire did break out. Consuming the lands, nothing could put it out. In the morning sun I sit and wait. The animals are all gone, there's none to share my plate. No deer to watch run, no birds to watch fly. As the tears run down my face, I lay down and die.



A timeless land of sand and forest, ever streching onward, ever reseding back. A lone rider approaches from afar. He rides a foul creature yet what beauty it holds. A steed from Hell with its fur as black as night and eyes as red as the blood that flows through the rivers occupied in his master's mind, a place he alone knows as Hell. Dressed in sleek armour of black and silver, through wich no flesh can be seen, a sword in its sheath and a sheild on his arm. He wears the skull and the rose as his mark. A symbol of death and decay, of hate and evil, yet one of love and hope. Onward he goes to find his destiny in what we call reality. A misson to be fufiled, another life to be lived. He is the preditor, a vengful sort, prefering the dark to the light.

- Gwwdan -



In Search of Darkness

Down in the depths of darkness the dark forces sat, looking over the future plans for apocalypse. There was, however, one tiny problem.

"You know we can't venture further than the gates of Hades. Past the gates we can't even stand the light of night" the high generals complained.

That was a problem, for they would be blinded by the brightness and not perform as well in battle.

After days; ages even, a voice ended the problem.

"Send forth my six best demons. Send the cleverest and the strongest forth to the worked above for the answer" bellowed the deep, thunderous voice of the Master of the dark, dismal demesnes.

Aexhorthall swiftly prepared his tools of mayhem. Insuring the sheen of his weapons, he then flew to his commander's pit.

"I am ready sir" he told him. He barely concealed the excitement in his voice. A mission for the imperialist Master himself.

"You know the problem. You are to venture to the worlds above for the solution." the commander ordered.

Flying for the pit, he soared upwards to exit his realm. Flying through the darkness Aexhorthall swept through the gate to exit on Earth's universe. Pleased to be in the universe of humans, who were so easy to influence, he made his way to Earth as swiftly as possible.

After a year on Earth Aexhorthall concluded that a country called The United States of America was the best place to search.

Reasoning out that Sol was the brightest object humans had to face, who was most advanced? Japanese were, but; besides the fact that they were generally boring they had no experience facing the star without protective atmosphere.

Glad to be away form a land where cars and trains were too easy to crush and burn, he blinked into existence in Arizona.

"Some parts of Hell don't even look this bad", he thought.

Sheathing his swords, Aexhorthall glided upwards to glimpse more of his surroundings.

Seeing miles of wasteland all around, Aexhorthall decides; why not? Sending snow from the atmosphere, he then drifts towards New Mexico.

At about that time, the space shuttle was landing in White Sands recognizing that it was a space craft, he rocketed towards it. Ripping through the cockpit he tore the head off the nearest human.

Back in the pit Aexhorthall presented his shaded helmet to the Master of Nether.

Not even being able to fit the thing on his head, he ordered the eternal suffering for Aexhorthall.

Skragg materialized in the same plane, a millennium before, outside a dum-colored brick family abode. Shouldering the flimsy oaken door and bar aside as he strode into the kitchen, he first

noticed a frantically barking canine. Pinning the family mongrel's jaw closed and the wall with a knife for the humor was worth more that the pittance of vitality the beast claimed. The memory of the dog suspended by his jaw, whimpering and no longer barking would elicit a chuckle for many ages.

Stretching his awareness, he found a more plentiful, more vital, life force almost immediately above him. A thrust of an open hand through the ceiling was rewarded with the rending of the life's flesh. Tasting the blood sent a wrenching, though not unpleasant, through his limbs. With a snarl he leapt to the level above, to see two humans, clutching at one another in abject terror. Humans.

The tastiest blood of all.

With a roar of delight he ripped the man and wife to bloodless gobbets of meat, strewn about the room.

Skragg had quite forgotten what he was about.

It was two days and three villages later that an engorged skragg was thrown into a deeper pit than was called for.

Doompterra was summoned. Listening to the details, she decided Earth was as good a place as any. She had to collect a debt anyway.

Debt paid off, the Faceless one as she was known here began her study.

Tired of pesky humans and their winning, she started a couple of wars and ruin of a tower to confuse some humans who thought they could build it to reach past the clouds and into other planes.

Moving to remote islands, she figured it out.

Teleporting home, she talked of the reptiles and amphibians she had studied and their protective flaps over their eyes.

Enraged by anyone thinking he would have to alter himself for a mere war with some other plane, he ordered her wings cut, and her brain snapped so she would wander like an idiot until she ceased to exist.

Nulloid heard his instructions, and presented his solution at once. "It's obvious. Rip the Master's eyes out." Nulloid was made to tread in his own vomit for thirteen thousand years, and it is said his eyes graced the Master's ears even longer.

Zapping into a plane unknown to Vhiscoioghus, he came upon a small mammal on a larger mammal. The larger one seemed to be having a seizure at his presence. Sending an energy blast, the mammals head exploded. The smaller mammal seemed to fall off, as the larger fell slowly.

"Chimgada Carbron!" yelled the small one.

Tiny thunderclaps sounded and Vhiscoioghus felt his armor penetrated a few times. Striding forward, he seized its head. Pulling, the top half of it came off. But the mammal still moved! How can it be?

Examining he found it was a covering, with a hold in the middle for your head! Tossing the puny mammal aside; it had gone limp. Anyway, he vanished to appear home again.

Presenting it to the Master, he bowed with a flourish.

"What awful taste! " he screamed. Rendering it to pieces, he ordered Vhiscoioghus to be lowered into molten iron one inch every 25 years.

Maerdepip flexed his pinions, filling them with the stuff of Void, and sought a different plane than his competitors, one he believed would hold the answer. Soaring in the arid desert air over barren mountains, the demon espied in the distance a curious thing: a stone spire, of smooth sides, stabbing the length of a gladiator field above the lifeless plain. Atop this granite needle sat a magician of primitive caliber, deep in thought or meditation. Into his face blazed the sun. As the demon soared closer, he saw the shaman's eyes were covered with an oddly shaped band of ebony, iron. Rending the protection as easily as the flesh of the shaman, he snatched the band from the corpse's pulped skull, undamaged. Observing closer, he found the mage's soul somehow transferred to the cold metal band. Setting the band on his head he found that he could see clearly, but without the uncomfortable blaze of the sun. Not only was his vision protected, but his entire body felt as if he had entered a cool damp cavern.

The legions of Hell had the answer, Maerdepip knew. The greater demons agreed, and awarded the discoverer his reward, a promotion in rand.

It is said that now and then the generals (and occasionally the Master himself) will walk amongst the planes, and may even occasionally be seen at Ampgaurd.

By: Cynewulf Plage and Xenos Perversus

Times do change in this land of ours
So many people have came and went
But still the dream lives on
And with the joining of the hearts, its nor over yet.

Not long ago in says of past
Warriors and wizards of each would clash
Yet the dream prevailed and would not die
New friends were made, old fears subside.

Now the time has come to test our faith Some of our own have sealed their fate A call to arms has swept the land Come one come all a war has to be planned.

Recently our scouts were sent out

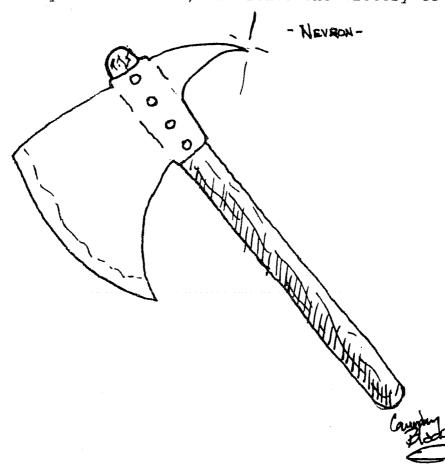
Just to see what these few upstarts were about

What they found was their own reputations

Which had managed to clear the feild, with only their clout.

Our advance team was there waiting to be met
Only the mighty Zeus barred our path, he was all they sent
Surprizingly the barbarian knew he was out classed
So without even putting up a fuss, we all sat back and laughed

If its war they want, its war they'll get
But they'll have to show up, or face the endless quips
Perhaps they thought it was wise, and who would have guessed
That they'd stay safe at home, and leave the victory to the best.



Dawn for all Evil

Darkness falls across the land.
Wind sweeps through trees and sand.
Peaceful times have come and gone.
This morning is different; evil's dawn.
He comes through the gates of Hell
eager to regain the place from where he fell.
His minions swarm underfoot
anxiously waiting to take root.

With sword and shield in hand
Lucifer leads his vile band.
Up to the gates on heaven
to confront the Holy seven.
The land burns where he steps
though faith in God is still kept.
Rivers turn red with boiling blood,
soon to be a killing flood.

Men and women run aimlessly about while children cry over their doubts.
A cry is carried on the dark winds through the forest and across the fins.
The prince of darkness has come at last be warned ye light of heart, look to your past.
Atop the churches the crucifix burns
He will make man learn

By the battle of powers; of dark and light.
Only one will prove ultimate, and right.
Prey for your soul that it be the light.
The stars fall through out the night while others explode in intense light.

Man stands below transfixed in a gaze
Wondering if this is the end of his days.
The world is burnt and black
with raging red rivers, but water they lack.
For days the war wages
of conflicting ideas and rages.
Of power is seems, the dark is stronger
but loyalties exist no longer.
By greed they are, again divided
neither which, in heaven are invited.
Back to Hell they fall in ruin and shame
with only themselves to blame.

The winds die down again one can hear sound of nature and life now existing in less strife. Peace on earth and heaven While Hell shakes in war and sin.

The Unfortunate Incident

During the reign of our sovereign, King Ivan of the Wolf Pack, it came upon us a time of celebration for the third year of our glorious kingdom. In honor of this event, a special gathering of nobles and commoners took place in the Barony of Tanglewood. Visitors throughout the realm of Amtgard came to celebrate our kingdoms' anniversary. They came from as far away as the Celestial Kingdom and as near as the Duchy of the Golden Plains. All was in order for the exalted event until the Unfortunate Incident occurred.

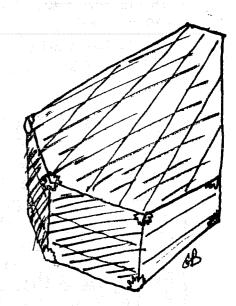
Alas, Duke Sir Garath Blackhawk, Defender and myself were not present at the start of the peasant revolt began however, we were not far behind the instigators of the so called 'noble hunt'. The commoners had us out numbered vastly and we could find no defendable ground. As Garath and I joined our fellow nobles, His Majesty, King Theo and Duke Sir Nevron Dreadstar came to the conclusion that the best defense was a good offense, thus we rallied our forces and attacked. It seemed at first that the plebeians would have us, but they under estimated the power of the nobility. It is worthy to note that we are unmatched in our chosen disciplines therefore one noble equals three lowly countrymen. Also, they lacked professionals in the mystical and combat arts while we had a Wizard of great renown, an Antipaladin, and several warriors all of whom are unmatched in skill. Add to that a healer who is close enough to her chosen deity to keep them fresh and unwounded and the odds are more in favor of the nobility.

The battle raged on for hours, each inch of ground was paid for in blood. Many a time I rushed to the aid of a fallen ally hoping it would be the last only to find myself rushing to the aid of someone else. I, myself, would have perished had not Sir Nevron the Nasty bent his code and used his power to restore a soul rather than steal one. Also, were we without the imposing power of master mage Sir Garath Blackhawk, I fear this tale would have a different ending

Fireballs flew, swords sparked and clashed, men screamed and women cried as death and destruction swept through the battlefield. After the dead drew their last breath and the badly wounded put out of their misery it was not the peasants but the nobles who stood alone upon the battlefield, victorious. Although, one would wonder why I and other nobility refer to this glorious battle as an Unfortunate Incident, but the explanation should be obvious. There were no peasants left after the killing ended therefore, we had expend our energies to replace them so that we could enjoy the power repressing the wretched and weak gave us. For without someone to step on what good is being noble?

Vampress

The sun goes down on our town, and the darkness creeps around. The clock strikes midnight and she awakes. Burning eyes, filled with hate feeding a thirst, she cannot sate. She walks the street searching for one to meet fire burns, she's filled with hate this lady is looking for a date. He is found, by her eyes he is bound. No man can resist her deadly kiss. She makes not a sound as she steals his soul, with teeth so sharp and heart so cold. Another sent to his bliss. Then the darkness wanes, as light will rule. She sneaks back to her crypt waiting for the dark of night slipping away into Hell to hide from the light, only to raise again at night.



- Sir Gwindon Blackrose -

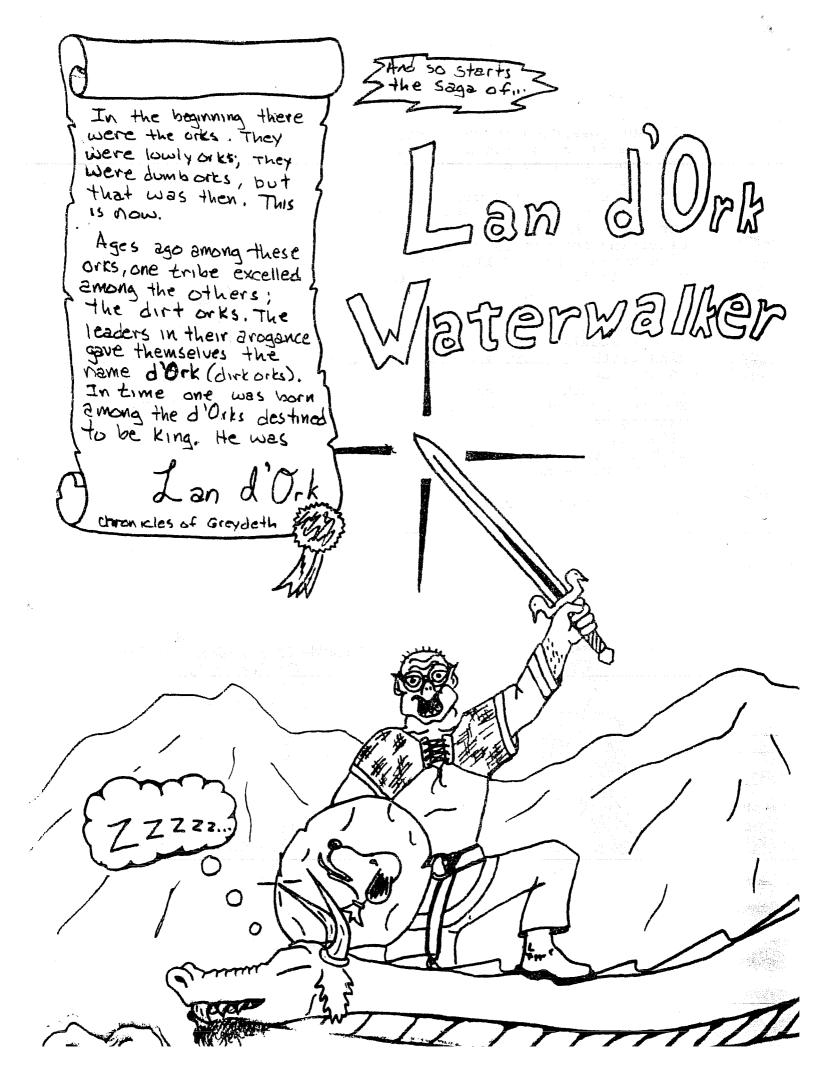


Grackle Snipes, Grackle Snipes
Coming up fast
Better watch out
They'll kick your ass

Hiding in the brush
They'll make you shiver
Then when you're near,
They'll split our liver

So make note of little birds
Don't take them for granted
Because when they grow up
You'll be six feet under, planted

Xyphus

















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