

TIARA TRIBUNE

ADVENTURE NEWS

Six Feet Under seen entering the Emerald House in Tiara. Why do they consort with witches. We will follow the truth.

The Adventure Group Six Feet Under has found and rescued 13 members of the Light Blue Flame. All safe and sound. Missing for years and never having achieved their goal of finding the Kingly Great Hall. The ship that took them to the strange island, was the Falling Star.

LOCAL HEROES

Jason Pryn of Water's Vale has recovered the Bracers of Saint Camber. This artifact was lost before the forces of evil captured and tortured Camber.

It is with great excitement that we announce the marriage of Countess Rebeca Ecclesmont and Lord Edorek Storm. Their marriage will be on 25th of September 3767.

ON LOCATION

We ventured to the Birchwood Forest in Amaria and to visit with the Great Druid, Kaylore Brin. He was kind enough to show us the great elephants that walk his realm. They were awesome and peaceful looking creatures. The Birchwood has stood here for over 2000 years. There is a small population of humans living a simple life away from the turmoil of the world. We wish them well.

We visited with the church of the Master Smith. These clerics serve the God Hephaestus and are among the most skilled craftsmen of the 5 lands. Bern tells us their holy scriptures are called His holy scriptures are called, Teachings of the Master. They are a simple religion showing their faith through the quality of their work. And we some some exquisite work in their temple here. The defenders of the faith call themselves Hammer of Hephaestus. They are happy to teach new comers.

INN ROUND-UP ***

We visited the Azure Ram Wayhouse, in Starshine. Located in the Dwarven Kingdoms, on Regnum Eon. Formerly the Mighty Warlock Pub, it is now a well run dwarven pub. Yanalt the Black, is a former cleric of Dara. His staff was not that attentive and we found the food was good but not the best. The only thing we liked was that it was not expensive. A nice visit, if you like a clean place with excellent Mead.

MAGIC ITEM CORNER

The Robe of the Wizard, is a very rare item indeed. It allows you to switch places with someone you can see. It can reflect a spell that is aimed at you and it helps you speak, climb and you get an immunity depending on the variety of the robe.

BARDIC FESTIVAL

This is a great festival, and everyone comes to celebrate and enjoy entertainment in all its forms. It is a day for new works and new talent to emerge. It is five days in the summer. The world gets five extra days every five years, and they use these extra days for this festival. All who can come, do come. The food and entertainment are never-ending. The next Festival will be held in Zyiril, in the Land of Opal Fire. It will be June 15th, 3768.

The Bardic college sponsors the festival. The festival also hosts the Bardic competition, and those who compete and finish in the upper rankings of their competitions can present themselves to the college for entrance. To gain acceptance into the college is the great opportunity. It is from here that Kings and Queens make requests for future entertainment. This great festival is one of the largest in the known world. Attendees from the four corners of Aviron come for the entertainment and competition. Many of the college's professors put on performance, and they pack the house. It is rare for anyone on the Board of Governors to perform. The College announces where and when the next festival is at the end of the current festival.

THE BARDIC COMPETITION

College professors and those that sit on the board judge the events and cannot compete. There are nine areas of competition: Poetry, Song, Dance, Theatre, Story Telling, Mimicry, and Hymns. Each has seven levels of elimination. Each of the seven levels must have a separate original work. You must create the material you are using and then perform it. You must influence the audience with it. The five judges judge each participant on Performance (Chr), Creativity (Wis) and influence (Int). You use this modifier for those sections of the performance. The first level of competition is the weeding out level. There are thousands of would-be talents that accept the challenge. The college staff judges the preliminaries of all the areas of competition. On the levels 4-6 of the contest, at least, one of the Board of Governors are the judges. On the final Level, level 7, all the governors are present. The governors do partake in all of the festivities. It is then that many of the competitors shower their soon to be professors with gifts and other inducements to vote for them. Also, many nobles can hire their Court Jester here. Many of the losers can find gainful employment in a lesser noble's home.

Those that make it to level four or better can petition the college to allow them admittance to attend the college. If any of the winners in each of the seven categories wish to attend the college, they receive a fully paid scholarship. Others who want to attend must either pledge themselves to service for 5 years. Alternatively, they can come up with 200gc for each year of college they want to avoid.