

# The Brighthelm Babblers

13/06/1313 – The Truth, The Whole Truth, and then Some More!

## War Declared!

On Gaul! Yes, finally that considerable workforce with their thousands and thousands of acres shall be liberated from their suffering under the boots of their cruel Sordanite overlords! Under the courageous leadership of King Samuel, the noble soldiers of the King's army began operations to remove the lands and holdings of this country from the despicable knaves who hold decadent “parties” in stately homes while the poor suffer and endless cycle of toil and death. No more shall the innocent be oppressed by the sinister machinations of evildoers! With strong leadership and unquenchable discipline Albionese forces will pave the way for the poor of Gaul to rise above their station and topple their unfit rulers.

Albionese troops have already been welcomed into many Gaulish townlands with shouts of joy as the chains of oppression were broken and the foppish dandies who held the reins were scattered by the steadfast ardour of the brave men and women of the King's Army. Also of some note were the battlemages recruited from the great learning centres around Albion, not least our own colleges of magic here in Brighthelm. Civilians sheltered in strong fortifications formed out of the earth, while fires were lit under dozing sentries from miles away by the skilled mages of red (under of course direct tactical direction of the Army generals, many of whom are leading figures in the Temple of Mallan.)

In recent months, the number of volunteers for the army has increased 1800%, a jump that is said to be caused by an efficient recruitment drive and attractive range of benefits for joining, aside from the obvious glory and favour of the noble gods. There is still time to join up, but with the war expected to be over in a matter of weeks, get in contact with your local recruiter today to sign up for your share of the glory!

## “Secret” Activity

Several reliable sources have informed us of some strange behaviour, Orcs have been spotted on several occasions going in and out of the Dark College.

Since when are Orcs interested in magic? Since when are scholars interested in Orcs? As the Dark College charge hugely unreasonable fees for teaching people glorified self-harm, we can rule out Orcs being taught magic. Not to mention, why would the College even allow Orcs who aren't bright on a good day in when there are lines of elves waiting to join?

Some more likely theories stand out, 1) the Orcs have hit rock bottom and are hiring themselves out to the Dark college for experiments. 2) The Orcs and Drow are teaming up for some unknown and shadowy purpose. 3) The Orcs are trying to muscle in on the weakest College in the hope of moving out from their (frequently on fire) slums. 4) The Dark College want to hire Orcs to stand outside their College to make them seem more intelligent and attractive in comparison?

Do you have any theories? Or even better, are you one of these Orcs or mages? You're obviously not hiding this very well so you may as well tell us your views!

# Ugly Little Men Spotted- feedback from citizens!

As strange humanoid creatures are spotted running around the city and gibbering with increasing frequency, we at the Babbler ask what might be going on.

"It's probably goblins, only uglier. Take your mind off it with my notorius peppered swogsages!"  
-Frederic Smyd, butcher

"These creatures are no cause for alarm. If you see one, alert a nearby watch-member and it will be dealt with" -Kyle Mubsy, watchman

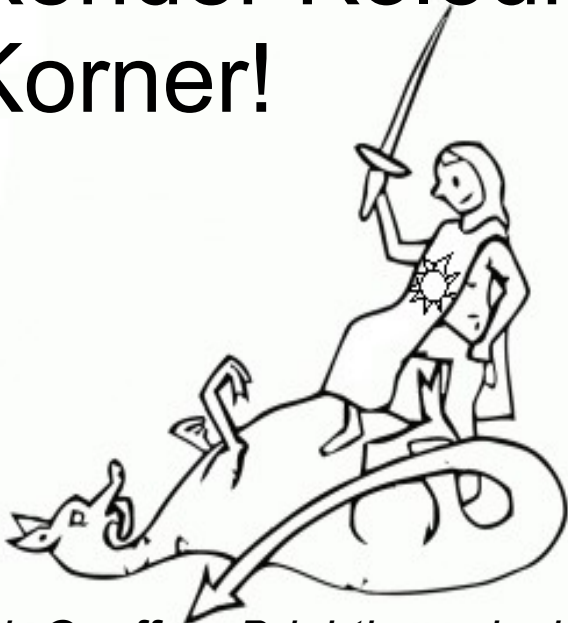
"It's the Fae, come to abduct us all back to Lady Luca's realm, where we will get Probed!" Old Bill,  
local eccentric

## Seeking Atlantian Treasure

Do you have any scripture or artifacts relating to ATLANTIS?

Crassus Caecus Scruto will give you cash in hand for any leads or legends you may have!  
Find him in The Sussex Arms on Thursday evenings.

## Kender Colouring Korner!



*Sir Geoffrey Brightlace slaying an evil beast! Colour in a bright yellow sun!*

"It's definately not Swogs, and I would know"  
-Swogwatcher Dave, local anachronism

"What monsters? The only monsters I see is all those goblins!" -Jenny Blunge, alchemist

"I don't know what you're talking about" -6a,  
suspiciously ugly vagrant

"I blame the vivamortions, and/or magic" Henrietta Grey, Atenite.

"We don't know what these creatures are, but remember that you can buy our speciality anti-monster charms for only a shilling at all reputable stores" -  
Lady Eleanor Pound, entrepreneur.

"I bet Finn Jager will fix it, he's a hero!" Little Jimmy,  
impressionable child

Who knows what's really going on? Certainly not us, or anybdy else, it seems! Rest assured, though, that we will be following this story as it develops, and will keep the public up to date on this insidious menace.

[maybe more hyperbole, hysteria sells papers -ed]

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