

# The Brighthelm Babblers

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## Drow Brutally Murdered!

In yet another racially motivated crime, a young Drow has been murdered at the Sussex Arms.

Kedric- a petty criminal known to the city watch- was cut down in full view of drinkers and hacked apart by Finn Jaeger. Finn, seeing no harm in his actions, openly admitting to the crime. He claims that it is completely justified, as “the drow was evil and needed to be killed”. After boasting of his crime to City Watch, he has been taken into custody and awaits trial.

This is not the first time an Atenite has been at the centre of such a scandle. A mister Heinrich Ulm recently generated protest after telling reporters that ‘All Elemental elves should be exterminated’, as part of his mayoral campaign.

We do not need to remind readers about who is currently mayor.

This reporter has heard stories of elemental elves- often but not always drow or pyrokin- being harassed and threatened by Atenites through no fault of their own. Many that I have spoken to- who understandably wish to remain nameless- report violence and intimidation against them by these cultists on an almost daily basis. One girl- a hydrokin lass around fourteen years old- reports being beaten into unconsciousness by a group of Atenites wielding clubs and canes. With this in mind, one has to wonder quite how far this church can go before something is done.

This reporter would like to remind any judges reading that the maximum punishment for murder is execution.

*-Carl Gainsburg*

## Dark Events At The Alchemist’s Guild!

Troubling signs of conspiracy emerge among the leaders of the guild.

Many of our established readers will be familiar with the minor celebrity Thomas Slater- or as he is more commonly known, the Miracle Swog Healer. In a recent conversation with The Babblers, Thomas explained that many swoggy ailments can be cured by a common doctor, and that often alchemy can be developed to work n the beasts as well. Apparently, his talents are nothing special- indeed he claims that ‘anybody can heal swogs’.

However, more disturbing facts were to come to light.

Thomas, as well as his professor, is one of the two creators of the ‘potions of water-breathing’. For some time now, the two alchemists have been engaged in a bitter dispute over who should claim credit for the dispute.

It seems that one party- the late Professor Wainscotte- was recently attacked by a band of hired thugs, who beat him to a pulp. When questioned on their motives, they claimed to be hired by Thomas Slater!

Thomas denies any involvement, saying “I’ve not hired mercenaries at any point in my life- I’m innocent and this is slander.” This reporter, at least, believes he was truthful when he said that.

However, more was in store, as the Professor was later found murdered in an alleyway, covered in vicious stab-wounds and with an unholy brand of Vivamort burnt into his face! A suspected cultist of Vivamort is currently in Watch custody, but denies any involvement with the crime OR cult.

So, here we have it- one brilliant alchemist assassinated and another at the center of a bizarre conspiracy to frame him. What’s going on here? Who are these people, and why do they want to silence Thomas Slater? Is there a connection between the cult of vivamort, and the current wave of alchemical monsters plaguing the city? What’s under the channel that they don’t want us to find?

I fear that no answers to these questions will be wholesome. Investigations are ongoing. - *Carl Gainsburg*

# Swog Savoior Suspended!

Local hero and renown Swog healer, Thomas Slater, has been mysteriously suspended from the Alchemists guild. Official guild representatives claim that Slater is charged with "gross misconduct" though refused to go into detail. Is it a coincidence that this suspension occurred the same day that the Babblers confirmed in print Thomas' amazing swog healing gift? Why is the guild trying to distance themselves from him? Are they afraid of his amazing talents? Or are they somehow responsible? Could Thomas himself be the product of their illegal and irresponsible research methods?

Whatever the truth may be, Slater remains the greatest Swog Healer in the city, if not all of Albion. We urge the cities farmers not to be put off by this poorly veiled attempt to discredit him, and instead encourage you all to bring your sick and injured swogs to him with all haste!

# Post-Election Scandal! Advisor Jailed!

In an almost unbelievable turn of events, a high ranking member of Henric Ulm's campaign team, Fynn Jager, has been arrested by the city watch for murder. Jager allegedly confessed to brutally murdering a drow tradesman just four weeks ago, and now languishes in a cell while awaiting trial.

Henric Ulm himself has not yet given up hope for his former advisor, and vowed to take the stand in Fynn's defence. Many believe that Fynn was framed, and point to the sudden increase in drow Watchmen, including the appointment of a new drow Captain of the Watch by the new drow Mayor, as evidence of the conspiracy against him. Other believe that the "victim" was himself an evil criminal, and that Fynn acted nobly in bringing such a monster to justice. Some even believe he should be rewarded for his service to the city.

But support for Fynn is far from universal. As the letter we received below illustrates, some citizens see it in a far more cynical light:

Known Atenite Finn Yager was arrested yesterday evening after cold heartedly attacking and executing an elemental elf going about his business. Such was the savagery of his monstrous assault that nearby medics and alchemists were unable to save the poor victim before he collapsed into his element. Were it not for upstanding individuals of this fine city speaking against him and informing the City Guard, Finn's devilish plan would have gone undetected.

How often he has gotten away with murder we can't truly tell. With no bodies left in his wake, who could say how many innocent citizens have been reduced to a flash of fire or light. Good people such as yourself who are guilty on nothing more than not being like him.

Despite this great multicultural city and even an elven mayor, some Atenites see themselves above the law and above decency. For year upon year we have seen the more zealous Atenites pursue their agenda of racial cleansing and hoarding power.

This writer says enough is enough. We must show them these actions are truly unwelcome in our grand city. Finn Yager must serve as an example and be prosecuted to the full extent of the law for his disgusting crimes.

# Kender Coloring Korner



A dirty savage from The Weald

This writer urges all of you to remember that not all Atenites are murderous psychopaths but realise that if we don't set an example here and now, that race is not a crime, then how long before they come for you? Speak up for your City!