

# The Brighthelm Babblers

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## The Babblers's Back, Brighthelm!

Yes, after months of being out of circulation we're finally back in print! All the interesting and topical news you could need for Brighthelm. The Kings Army has moved on to it's Gaulish campaign, and Erik the Dreadful and his Zombie horde has followed. Unfortunately we are left with his slimy, ghostly, taxman, Batholem Reeve.

Our esteemed City Watch is being reinstated and rebuilt after the gutting that happened under Mayor Kendall. While the Army Reserves have done an admirable job, citizens have already expressed their relief at the sight of the familiar red tabards. "Those green tabards were intimidating. Bring back the Red!" said Jassin Evindal (257), Pyrokin and Apprentice of the Red College.

On the magical side of things, ritual circles have been exploding left, right and centre, apparently something to do with "too much white magic". We at the Babblers went and asked Journeyman Moonglow of the Light college what was happening and got the answer "Too much dark". And a lot of other irrelevant guff. Basically, the mages can't make up their mind and don't know either. We welcome reader submissions for interesting, amusing, and possibly even true explanations for these phenomena!

## JOIN THE CITY WATCH TODAY!

With our fair city finally back at rest its time for us to take up the mantle and keep it that way. The city guard are recruiting and YOU could be just who we are looking for.

Any and all races and skill sets are accepted. As a member of the guard you will be expected to take criminals in and prevent crimes, but do not worry! We are all one big family and we take any attack on our own very seriously.



## Mirrorlink Madness!

Another in the shocking litany of Mallanite atrocities that has been suppressed during the past few months is that of the supposed "miraculous" mirrorlink teleportation network. Do not be deceived, gentle readers, by the promise of fast, affordable travel across large distances – the price may be greater than you think! We at the Babblers know that nothing comes without a price, and the price of instantaneous travel is high indeed! For it is a magical contrivance, and as our magical affairs correspondent assures us, rituals as powerful as this can only be powered by one thing – immortal souls! With freedom to publish once again instated, we can bring you with no shadow of uncertainty the horrifying news that on several occasions, those who have stepped into such a mirror-link portal have not emerged on the other side.

While the mages responsible for these sacrifices blame these disappearances on "technical glitches", "getting caught in a temporary time loop" or "accidental misdelivery to an unknown location", our jargon experts assure us that what this boils down to is that in order to power the indulgence of instant translocation for the rich and powerful, these mages who profit directly from the system ensure its operation by "disappearing" those who won't be missed to grease the wheels of their infernal magics. It comes as our highest recommendation to avoid travelling using Mirrorlink, and to prevent others from making this terrible mistake – it may cost them much more than they think.

# Mages Lose Control

The cracks in an institution that was doomed from the start have finally started taking their toll within Brighthelm and indeed, throughout Albion and the wider world. While many have always thought that persistently drawing the power of fickle and capricious Elemental Lords and Ladies through the bedrock of our city was a bad idea, the Brotherhood of Magic has insisted on finding this out the hard way. Now even the Weaselling Warlocks are unable to maintain the illusion of a stable and smooth-running system, but are forced to admit that things are out of control, as mages everywhere admit they are unable to fully comprehend the ritual sites they were tinkering with and the virulent energies of magic escape into the world, leaving destruction and havoc in their wake.

Henric Ulm, Lightbringer of Aten, recommends all citizens maintain as much distance as possible from ritual sites until they can be dealt with by a properly trained priest – as has always been the recommendation from the Temple of Aten. It is thought that with the current ritual site problems, magical scrolls, foci as carried by mages, and perhaps even elemental beings such as elves may be acting in an erratic and dangerous fashion at any moment. Prudent citizens would be well advised to keep their distance.

HAVE LOSTMY SHINES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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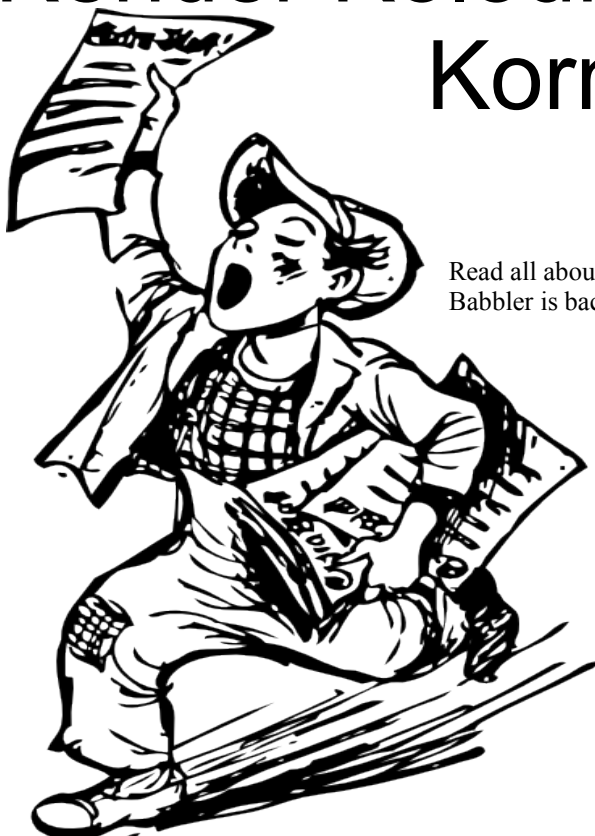
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Read all about it! The Babblor is back to stay!

### A letter from a reader.

Hello there members of the city. Extreme measures have taken place recently and we can now all hope that things will be Like they were in the Past. No-one should have to go through the Extreme Endangering events that we have all been through.

Don't sit around and wait for change, be the agent of change yourself, Encourage those around you to enact the change. Demonstrate the qualities you wish to be seen.

Really all anyone can do is be the best that they can be and Expect no less from those around them. Patience is a virtues, but do not be Limited by it You and only you can change the world around you.

When everyone is able to do this I will be happy, and You will have the world you have always wanted. Without this change we are doomed to live the mistakes of the past again and again. I for one do not intend To let this Happen.

Now that you have read this please go And change the world. Make a difference, Expect no less of those around you.

Jacob Ovensthrow