

The FALO Chronicle

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2003, January 11 - Yule Gather, Willow and Ellam's

The first Yule gather held at Willow and Elam's.

There was discussion about the Yule celebration at Crystalmyst, which included all of the Crystalmyst Nobility as well as Kittarina, Sabine, Stalzer, Falana and Galatyne. During the private feast in Caer Falken's Master Dining Hall, at the stroke of midnight at Yule, the unliving warriors (whom the guests had in particular come to see) came to life, putting to rest the rumor that Starshadow is the Lich King Zombie Lord. Kyara passed out when they came back to life.

Cliana is still wingless and complaining about her "human smell", Madhainn Duhbar accompanies her in his first visit in a year.

Rodin Rae brings Logofel, and a message for E'ile from her father, stating he is well. This is the first news she has had of him since the cataclysm, so she is understandably ecstatic. It explained that Morningstar Cove had survived the cataclysm, though it was no longer protected and Sandstorm, E'ile's father, swore Rodin Rae to secrecy regarding the location of the Cove. E'ile is not to go there as he feels it is too dangerous.

Hoot's "son" had run away from home and he just found him before the Yule gather. His father was maimed in the cataclysm, and many nefarious nobles have been claiming his is not really the Count's son. Hoot asked members for advice on how he could help the boy.

As Areanna's temporary mind loss severed connections with the Borandur demon, Cygnus now solely "owes the demon a favor," perhaps more than one. His service is of an unknown length or description.

Much of the meeting was spent discussing the clan's insurance and the increase in premium, and various alternatives to our current coverage. Options mentioned include pursuing official status as a non-profit organization, which needs to be researched further before a decision is made. The Chieftains announce that the Winter Summit will take place before the next gather.

2003, February 15 - The Moonlit Mug

En route to the Moonlit Mug with Granarinth, Stalzer's way was discovered blocked by unknown "beings" clothed in animal skins. The Tir Thalor encampment began to battle these marauders to clear the way. Stalzer attempted to go around the battle and get word to FALO & other Tir Thalor members of this hindrance. He was attacked by a small party of the beings, which seemed to be magically enraged when they saw his mystical mace. Stalzer was found unconscious and lying in the snow outside the moonlit mug by Falana, Galatyne, and Kiriannin. Kiriannin found a bloodied dagger in his hand and Falana found an animal skin in the other. He was brought within the tavern where Areanna & Galatyne healed him with their powers. Falana & Kiriannin have agreed to accompany Stalzer back North to retrieve the mystical mace he left

behind. It was discerned that the weapon amplifies people's thoughts. Kyara tried to get a sense/emotion out of the animal skin & knife, but got no response. They decided to start at the beginning with a visit to Fiona who found the mace in the Crystal Caverns. Khallil underwent the Rituals of the Elements, a nine-fold series of tests and ordeals to weigh his fitness to be ordained as a full Druid initiate in the Fellowship of the Tree.

After the successful completion of his rituals, Khallil appeared at the gather still suffering the effects of the ordeals he had just undergone. With the assistance of Starshadow, Galatyne, Rahne and Stalzer, Bart raised up Brother Khallil Duir as a full Druid, with the title of Sentinel of the Tree, to follow the druidic path of air.

Sadosed, gifts a magical extending fork to Stalzer. The fork enables Stalzer to acquire food off other peoples plates without having to leave his seat. This fork was acquired from a gnomish fellow named Thed, who was traveling in the same Caravan as Sadosed on his way the Yule gather. Some oddities were also made for Sadosed himself.

Jade Silent Storm returns to FALO after many years absence. The Hyiad was found wandering the forests near Crystalmyst by Areanna. Her memory has been lost but Areanna is working on the slow process of restoration.

Freya has been staying in Caer Falken with Kittarina at the tower for the last month to try to help figure out a way for Kitta to remember what she sees when she is entranced in the stone. The stone has not talked to Kitta when Freya has been in the room. Kitta left the tower a couple of days earlier than Freya, and while Freya was in the tower alone, the egg spoke to her. It told her that Kitta has unfinished business and that she needs to go find her bones.

Starshadow found fairies in the Mushroom Forest, a part of Crystalmyst containing monstrously huge mushrooms, after fearing they were lost in the cataclysm. We are not sure how long they have been there, but there were Giggles and Giggles of them. One theory is that Freya somehow summoned them, perhaps using the Eyrie Egg without knowing it. On a side note, the Caer Falken guards (recently returned to life) have been talking about a secret areas of Caer Falken used to hide ancient treasures. This has piqued Starshadow's old thieflly instincts and he has been investigating every draft, crack and loose stone. Starshadow unconsciously picked Khallil's pocket, retrieving his knife, which was later returned while trying to help the Druid upon his arrival at the Moonlit Mug.

Indigo found someone who knew a dwarf who claims to know his real father. He was told where he could find his remains. Indigo, Galatyne, Kiriannin, Sadosed as well as some additional adventurers who have not yet been named are going to search for him. They will also be traveling with Stalzer to recover his mace.

2003, February 24

Tallpine and Maya leave the clan

2003, March 15 - Willow and Ellam's

All were greeted with the news that Indigo was dead and that Stalzer is missing after they had set out to retrieve Stalzer's mace, the mace was recovered under 5-6 feet of snow, and Stalzer again began to age once the mace was back in his hands.

A dwarf named Gavin Stonecutter arrives and asks for the armor the party retrieved from the mine so it may be returned to the family - Indigo's half-sister. The request is denied, and a message to Lungwen is given instead - that if she wants the armor she should come herself. She has fallen under suspicion after the events of the quest. Shortly after Stonecutter takes his leave, much to everyone's shock, Indigo arrives, members of the clan believing him to be a doppelganger attacked him. Once they were fended off he stated he has been

searching for armor since the September gather. He placed a ring on his finger which gave him memories from the Indigo who perished. It appears that there is more than one Indigo! It's suspected that this has something to do with the hammer his sister gave him in September. Fiona, Aranek and Elam will be heading to Indigo's homeland to try to learn more, as his sister is not to be trusted. Indigo found out that his father was a cleric.

Hoot's "not his son" is traveling back to Dumonfor to try and find out what is going on, and to see his father who hopefully has not perished from his injuries while his son was away.

Loquitor has been given a message from Rodin Rae's homeland of Sheldon from her brother William Bellock who has risen in the ranks of the Merchant's guild. The letter invited him and Crescentwood to enter into an "exclusive" trade agreement which has Rodin Rae concerned. Loquitor, Starshadow and Rodin Rae are considering a trip there to learn more.

A surprise visit from faeries, Alura and Lavender appeared to join in the festivities.

E'ile's Aunt Igraine visited, speaking with Kiriannin to gather knowledge of the Seflannin healing practices. It came to light that she knows Rahne from when she was 17 and studying with the hedge witch Jacala. Igraine is teaching Sabine herbology, and Kittarina threw bones to see if Sabine should journey back to the Snowdrop Forest, when she turned to Igraine and told her to stop holding back information. Igraine admitted to knowing Sabine's grandmother, and produced a necklace from her that was in her keeping for Sabine. The necklace appears to be an Ivanneth flower, a powerful plant native to Snowdrop. Igraine does not know anything else about the necklace, only that it was precious to her grandmother. Sabine and Loquitor plan a journey to Snowdrop.

Willow's father Quinnareas arrived - the Tritons had been warring with the Drow over the Oracle, a large and powerful crystal that the Tritons were guardians of. Sensing the greed surrounding it, it self-destructed, causing volcanic eruptions and general disaster. It had amplified the Triton empathic link, so its destruction had left Willow unable to sense her father. The clan sang many nautical songs in honor of him. Quinnareas brought the 4th of the 5 items E'ile needs to consecrate the scrying pool. 600 years ago E'ile's Great Uncle Angus was shipwrecked attempting to find a safe hiding place for the dagger. He entrusted it to Quinnareas for safe keeping. Before the cataclysm Quinnareas was told by the Oracle to find Yelde Ana Rana Nen, E'ile's hereditary name from her homeland, and to give her the dagger.

Kittarina, Freya and Kelthous journeyed to Kelthous sloop. They stayed there for a few weeks while Kelthous tracked down a slave trader and then retrieved Kittarina's scrying bones. Kittarina and Freya returned to the tower, and the egg began again to show her things, but this time spoke to Freya as well. The egg has been communicating things to Kittarina to write in her book. The words are in the elven tongue, but Kittarina has been translating them to the more common language. This first journal entry was shown to Starshadow. It seems to reveal the thoughts of a knight in service to his queen in a time of trouble, mentioning an elven name that was not recognized by anyone, and the disappearance of the Menelhir (Elven name for Sky Lords).

2003, March 20

Satyr leaves the clan

2003, April 12 - Starhaven

Willow, Elam and Kiriannin met up with Indigo on the way to the gather. They claimed he was very obnoxious to them, treating them almost as if they were beggars. He wore a long purple robe and a hat with a

huge feather plume. He was on his way to the court of a ruling monarch that none of the trio had ever heard of. He was not at the gather.

Kiriannin's back is causing him pain. Stalzer attempted to heal it, Bart took a look and believed the ailment to be a concentration of energy, and Elam concurred. Kiriannin admitted to disturbing visions of late, of cold, ice and pain.

Starshadow was given possession of Ghostdancer's moonstone for safe keeping. It seems it was found in the hands of what was believed to be a drowned sailor, though no one knows what has happened to Ghost. Hoot and Aranek plan to quest to find the town of Three Rivers claiming to be priests of Cygnus. As proof they will show the townsfolk two Cygnus coins, stating they are priestly medallions. Cygnus believes that this is a bit extreme for a method of getting girls.

Fiona was extremely upset to learn that she had missed Sarpana's appearance. It seems that Sarpana was "stuck" to Stalzer's mace. She had found him in the astral realm talking to himself, and attempted to take the mace. They agreed that she would return him to E'atara, and return his mace there. Fiona, missing this, claimed she lost her chance at being first in line to volunteer "hacking off" Sarpana's arm to free the mace.

An old injury to Bart's knee stemming from the attempts of a bumbling healer to aid him many years ago, seems to have flared up again as Brother Bart was climbing in the branches of a frosty tree. He slipped from its branches, receiving many injuries that he is now capable of healing, but alas, he can do nothing for the knee. Bart admits that the dwarf otter that he carries on all occasions is actually his familiar.

Rinka Tur discovered an old note and bracelet, upon deciphering the note it appears to be from Rook to Granarinth, the bracelet very possibly being for Dreck Bane.

2003, June 7 - Camp Nooteeming, Salt Point, New York

2003, September 12 - Moonlit Mug

Starshadow was unable to sing or play music because his recent mishap at sea resulted in a siren taking his muse. Kiriannin, upon taking up a walking stick that had been left at the Moonlit Mug by Songfinder, lost the ability to speak in the common tongue. He was able to speak with Areanna, due to her prior experience linking with his mind; she did so again and discovered he seemed to have a rift between his spirit and the magical energy in his body. He also could speak to Falana and Ellam, as his people have historical links to both. Strangely, his writing and singing were unaffected.

Ellam, Khallil, Kiriannin, and Galatyne agreed that they were overdue to go forth and do something heroic, although the specifics of their quest were left mostly undefined. It may relate to Theta Tarn's investigation of the new caverns under Illyr.

Sadosed introduced his wife-to-be, Maeve (it's an arranged marriage, which neither seems pleased with) hOOt and Aranek tell tales of their journey to Three Rivers, or rather what was Three Rivers before the cataclysm, but is now Two Rivers. It seems the village was cut off by the cataclysm, and Aranek found a route suitable for wagons to follow.

Indigo collapses, and when he is coherent again, he reveals that he is one of twelve Indigos (one having died on the quest to retrieve his father's bones).

Areanna and Kyara decide to take him to his home, and try and figure out how to round up all the Indigos and bring them to one place.

Willow hires Regar to help with moving heavy merchandise with the caravan.

Areanna agrees to tutor Javier in healing magic, or rather, healing magic in this land; after the cataclysm he found himself on E'atara unable to utilize his healing skills.

Ellam receives his Welcomestone.

Willow receives her Moonstone.

2003, October 11 - Starhaven

It came to light that Starshadow, after vanishing from Rodin Rae's ship was helped to shore by a siren, only later did it come to light that his muse, and all musical abilities vanished.

Rodin Rae arrived safely back from her homeland, New Sheldon. Much had changed there since the cataclysm - her brother is now in charge of the Merchants Guild, her father and mother are in exile (not dead, as she had feared), and the Assassins Guild is all but gone - their lands taken over by the State and the women dispersed among the Islands. Rodin Rae was not happy with the 38 marriage proposal messages she had to deliver to Kyara, nor the sheep and livestock that accompanied her on the Emerald Lady. She was distraught to hear of Starshadow's lost muse and his lack of enthusiasm in gaining her back. She has vowed to help him seek it, and has promised to ask her people, the Sea Elves. And, since she no longer gets land-sick after the cataclysm, she has decided to take up horseback riding.

2003, November 22 - Willow and Ellam's

The Seflites turned up again, with the sword, and when Kiriannin drew the sword out of it's sheath, his inability to speak or understand common was healed. Their priestess told him the wedding would happen in three days. It was all very confusing.

Loquitor and Rodin Rae went out for a ride, and were attacked by a group of drow, Rodin Rae was arrow-shot in the attack. Loquitor said he killed all but one, at which point several Tir Thalor mercenaries charged out the door to find the drow. When they found the drow, they dragged it back, and learned from her that Rodin Rae was not the target. The mercenaries disposed of the drow, which seemed to make Galatyne very angry.

As promised, E'ile's aunt sent her messenger. E'ile passed her a message to give to her aunt, and told the messenger the answer was no, she would not go to the aunt.

A small puzzle box turned up in Rinka Tur's bag, and when she arrived at the gather, she found herself drawn immediately to Indigo, who is all back to being in one piece again. The box held a crystal on a chain, which Indigo said was the crystal that caused the whole multiple Indigo problem during the cataclysm. There was also a message for Indigo in the box from his grandfather. Galatyne took the crystal away from Indigo, at which point it started to glow. No more information is currently available.

We have gained 1 new member this year, but lost three members. This brings our total to 31 Stoneholders.

