

# The FALO Chronicle

2014

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*Penning by Falana WyvernStryke*

*18 Jan 2014 ~ Yule gather at Fealinne an Emandu*

Snow greets the clan as they travel to the Yule gathering; some find the roads impassable and are unable to make the journey. Rodin Rae and Loquitor tell of a great battle at the portal at Stalzer's temple – though they fought bravely, at least four demons were able to survive passing through the portal to E'atara. Galatyne, Phairlen, Khallil, Rinka and Falana exited from the abyssal plane in different locations, and no one knew whether their efforts to release Stalzer from his prison had actually resulted in his freedom – there was a circle from which Stalzer needed to find the strength to break himself free. As the light faded, the group decides to try using the box that had allowed Stalzer to communicate with them last Yule. A short time later, an image of Stalzer is seen, although he seems at first unaware of the clan, instead conversing with an unseen entity. As the clan gains his attention, it becomes apparent that Stalzer's physical form is somewhere nearby, and his image – his spirit – is urged to return to his body. Stalzer is found with an artifact bound to his chest, an artifact that contains a demon who demands release in return for Stalzer's life. There is some debate over whether such a deal should be made, as there is no guarantee that Stalzer would survive. In the end, however, this demon is released, and the clan puts effort into restoring Stalzer to some measure of health. When he is able, he explains that the demon that had been bound in the artifact was in fact once a cleric of Tefnut who had fallen and turned to darker powers. Stalzer has pledged to bring her before Tefnut's judgment – but now he must find her again.

## **~Meeting Announcements~**

Dues for 2014 are due.

The elders announce a new policy for late cancellations for gathers: each person is permitted two late cancellations in a calendar year without repercussion; however, that person will then need to pre-pay the gather fee via PayPal in order to attend.

It is announced that there will not be a formal Springfest this year. Instead, the clan is invited to suggest locations for a more informal, open gathering. Suggestions should be submitted to the elders, and include as much information on the location as possible.

## *22 Feb 2014 ~ Gather at Redgrave's Retreat*

Winter's grasp loosens slightly, & while the ground is still covered with snow, the sun shines warmly – almost as much warmth as the clan brings to the house for the gather.

Alaric & Alfrieda encountered a group of youths chasing an apparently human youth on the way to the gather. Alaric & Alfrieda chased off the pursuers, but the rescued youth turned and hit Alaric, leaving him with a black eye, then ran off. When they tried to follow, he simply vanished. Alfrieda also mentioned that there is a group of humans living in her wood that had seemed relatively harmless, but a squirrel informed her that they had a young woman who was not there voluntarily.

Loquitor is still trying to discover who and why he was hunted by many assassins when he returned to A'Etara after being on the alternate Crystalmyst plain. He is not sure what the connection is to the Demons he fought (and ran away).

Stalzer has traveled to the gather with Rodin Rae, who has not enjoyed the experience of several days' journey in the war-wagon and spends some time explaining exactly why. In her discourse, it is revealed that, for some reason, Stalzer's acolytes had apparently taken her clothes – she is additionally distressed at the loss of her wardrobe - though Stalzer also points out that his acolytes have been strangely absent from their duties since Rodin Rae has been at the temple, which leads to speculation on what manner of distraction she has provided them. Rodin Rae also complains that Kitta has been bringing children to the tavern – two dozen, at last count. They are temporarily being put up in Morgandy Inn (Rinka has decided to visit other places for a while). It is suspected that Kitta may have been paid to relocate these children, but it doesn't seem that Rodin Rae (or Rinka) have received a cut of the profits, quite possibly because the good captain "offered to help" when she might possibly have been better served by negotiating a contract.

### **~ Meeting Announcements ~**

The elders are evaluating moving the FALO website to Meetup, as several members have reported difficulties with GuildPortal, & the provider has not been providing technical support. There will also be an effort to encourage the scheduling of different kinds of activities (crafting, outings, game/movie nights, etc.) outside of gathers. Events do not have to be garbed events and the size can be variable. It is asked only that the events be related to things that revolve around FALO and the ideals we have created together. If there is any question about whether your event is appropriate to include under the FALO gather umbrella, contact the gather reeve or any elder.

Schmaltz and Alaric receive Welcomestones.

## *22 Mar 2014 ~ Game Night at Tammerdale Forges (Fiona's)*

A small number of the clan travels to a day of camaraderie and gaming.

## *3 May 2014 ~ FALO-Ship of the Stout at The Captain's Quarters (Rodin Rae's)*

A Guinness-themed celebration of food and friendship is enjoyed by a small party, who think everyone else missed out by not attending.

*7 Jun 2014 ~ NJ Renaissance Faire, Bordentown, NJ*

A small group travels to this relatively new faire, and enjoys a wonderful day.

*28 Jun 2014 ~ Midsummer Fantasy Faire, Ansonia, CT*

Several stoneholders meet at this small faire, and witness historical sword demonstrations by Alaric.

*June 2014*

Galatyne resigns his positions as Gather Reeve, Treasurer, and Scribe

*12 Jul 2014 ~ Gather scheduled at Fealinne an Emandu*

Cancelled, due to hostess injury.

*30 Aug 2014 ~ NY Renaissance Faire, Tuxedo, NY*

*18 Oct 2014 ~ Gather at Mountain Laurel Ekele (Aravis')*

**~ Meeting Announcements ~**

Pooka receives her Welcomestone.

*22 Nov 2014 ~ Gather at Fealinne an Emandu*

At last, the clan is able to gather once again, and share company. The air is brisk, and snow falls by day's end. Word comes that Schmaltz was called away by someone claiming to be his uncle, to attend urgent business.

As many of the clan have not seen one another for several months, there is much talking and exchanging of news. Rodin Rae is still at a loss for what to do with the numerous "orphans" now at the inn – at last count, there were nearly 60. Rahne suggests apprenticing them out to older sailors in Cullyport.

E'ile and Khallil, still trying to keep Leif and Griffin hidden from those who pursue them, encounter some trouble with their wagon on their way to the gather, but it does not appear to be sabotage.

A shadow figure is seen at the edge of the trees. It gestures to Regar, but flees when he moves to approach. This prompts Lorelei to mention that she was followed by shadows as she travelled, but they disappeared when confronted. Galatyne later tells that he pursued a shadow figure in a different direction.

Angelica, ordinarily brimming with lighthearted mischief, is noticeably darker at this gather, with the mark of the raven covering much of her face. Even more disturbing is the fact that Clianna, Lavendar and Fuchsia also bear similar marks, to varying degrees. Lorelei is unmarked when she arrives, but a mark appears on her as the gather progresses. The faeries claim nothing is amiss for much of the gather. Eventually the clan learns that Angelica, in saving an innocent soul from a dark fate, brought into herself a measure of that darkness. It is unknown what effects will linger.

The shadow figure is seen several more times during the gather, and the clan makes additional efforts to pursue it, to no avail. Speculation abounds as to what it might mean, and what its intentions are.

### ~ Meeting Announcements ~

Rinka has stepped down as elder. We thank her for her service.

Gather fees will be \$10 going forward (\$5 for children). Members will have only 1 free late cancellation (cancellation after the RSVP deadline). Beyond that, gathers must be paid for in full.

Dues will continue to be \$20 and will be due by the end of the calendar year. Members who do not pay their dues by the end of the calendar year will automatically be removed from the roles. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the elders.

There is a lost and found section on the Meetup discussion board. Please check it as there are several items listed.

The clan bids merry part to Phairlen, who will be moving far to the south and does not anticipate being able to return.

