

JESSAMINE IS DYING!

Death Curse Strikes Again



Merchant's Ward – After weeks of rumors and speculation, Merchant Prince Jessamine's estate has finally confirmed that the Merchant Prince is afflicted with the so-called "Death Curse."

Jessamine, best known for her dealings in exotic plants, was not always the business leader she is today. In her youth, she worked in Calimshan for one of the prominent pashas in the region. Her work resulted in her death, but her benefactor paid to raise her from the dead. Her current illness is a direct result of that resurrection.

Zitembe, a priest of Savras, said this of the Death Curse, "Many foreigners have traveled a great distance to our homeland in search of the source of this curse. I am confident that Chult is not involved, but should it prove otherwise, I am certain it is Ubtao's will that we will triumph over this evil and restore the balance." Losi, Jessamine's primary assistant, said,

"While this terrible curse has struck my Mistress, we are actively pursuing several leads which may, in fact, extend the amount of time before death strikes." When asked for additional information, Losi replied, "I am not at liberty to discuss the details, but if anyone manages to collect Breath of the Dead or Tears of the Dying, the estate will make it worth their while."

The herbs, according to the local alchemists, are very rare and are typically found only in the most dangerous, undead infested locations in Chult. Enforcers strongly advise that only professional, seasoned adventurers attempt to collect them.

TYRIK AND BANANA CANDY MISSING

Authorities Are Baffled

Merchant's Ward -- A splash of blood, a scrap of cloth, and some jumbled footprints are all authorities have to unravel the mystery of a local celebrity's disappearance.

"We are obviously concerned," Enforcer Won said during the press conference. "When a person of his status disappears, it affects us all."

When asked what they knew about the disappearance, Won replied, "Tyrik was last seen at the Thundering Lizard

celebrating his latest victory in the races the evening of 19 Hammer. His family reported him missing the following morning when he failed to return home. We've assigned our best investigators to this case and are confident in our ability to unravel the mystery as soon as possible."

Tyrik, youngest son of Merchant Prince Ekene-Afa, rose to fame as the jockey of Banana Candy, a juvenile Tyrannosaurus Rex popular in the weekly dinosaur races.

If anyone has any information on Tyrik's disappearance or current whereabouts, please contact Enforcer Won or Merchant Prince Ekene-Afa's estate. Information leading to his safe return will be rewarded.

DIRTY PLATYPUS GRAND OPENING



Mainland Cuisine in Port Nyanzaru

Port Nyanzaru -- The Dirty Platypus Inn and Tavern, located just off the main thoroughfare in the Grand Souk, opens its doors on 29 Hammer at 10 a.m.

The original establishment, opened by the Company of the Dirty Platypus in Triboar, boasts hearty food and drink for reasonable prices. When asked to describe the Dirty Platypus experience in Port Nyanzaru, Ghelryn Foehammer, manager, said, "If you want fancy-pants food served in portions unfit to feed a starving sparrow, go somewhere else. We've only generous portions here. If it's frou-frou drinks with tiny umbrellas that yer craving, this is not yer place.

"We're simple folk serving simple fare."

Opening a second location so far from the first took months of planning. "The Company is very fussy. Everything had to be just so before they'd let me get on with my job," Foehammer said.

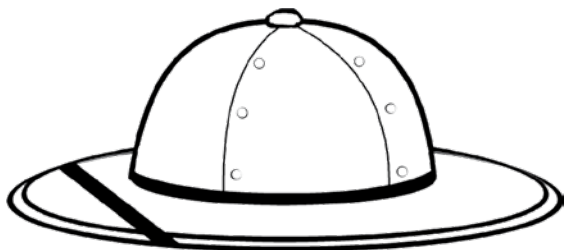
"I just love the decorations," Thathya gushed. She is one of several locals hired to work in the tavern. "They have the coolest talking statue. And the cursed sword hanging behind the bar is fascinating."

"Ignore the blighted statue," Foehammer advises first time guests. "It's like

that cousin no one wants to admit is part of the family. Best not to encourage it, really."

But where did all of these strange and wondrous items come from? "That's easy," Foehammer said. "The Company is a special bunch, if ya know what I mean. This is what survives after their adventures."

Whether you're an adventurous local looking to sample mainland cuisine or a weary traveler looking for a slice of home, the Dirty Platypus promises to deliver an experience customers will not soon forget.



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FEDS PLAN PROTEST

Dinosaur Rights Activists Promise Peace and Love

Grand Souk -- The Society for the Freedom of Enslaved Dinosaurs, often thought of as a radical fringe group by city denizens, is calling for a mass protest to call attention to the general mistreatment of dinosaurs bought and sold during the next auction. The monthly dinosaur auction sponsored by Merchant Prince Ifan Talro'a is scheduled for 24 Hammer in the Red Bazaar.

Azuil Zuberi, president of the Port Nyanzaru chapter of FEDs, released a statement earlier in the week promising "nothing but a peaceful demonstration in the hope of raising dinosaur rights awareness." Authorities granted her request for a protest permit as long as it does not interfere with normal business or the auction itself.

Less than a week after Zuberi was released from confinement for the defacement of Talro'a's business office in the Harbor Ward, the self-proclaimed dinosaur rights activist hopes that through education and exposure, more Chultans and the explorers they hire to capture dinosaurs will join their cause.

"Dinosaurs deserve humane treatment," Zuberi is often quoted as saying. "Beating and starvation is not the way to train them. Ubtao's children are not our slaves. They shouldn't be domesticated like a house cat. They are wild animals that deserve to remain free of human captivity."

Merchant Prince Talro'a, when asked to comment on the planned protest, said, "She is obviously a disturbed and misinformed individual that has surrounded herself with equally delusional personnel. We welcome dissenting opinions as long as she stays out of our business."

Enforcers are asking everyone to please stay out of the Red Bazaar on the 24th unless they have pressing business to attend to.



Executioner's Run Live Event 27 Hammer

Draza, partner of Belym has been accused of stealing by Atuar Atu, exotic fruit merchant and cousin of Merchant Prince Ifan Talro'a. Unable to pay the fine and return what was stolen, he has been sentenced to Executioner's Run.

The run starts promptly at 9 a.m. Use discretion when bringing young children and elderly family that may have trouble moving out of the way in case of escape.

PIRATES SIGHTED IN THE BAY

Mariners Band Together in Concern

Harbor Ward – Just beyond the protective headwaters of the Bay of Chult lies a stretch of the Shining Sea known as Pirate Alley, and it is arguably the most dangerous stretch of ocean surrounding Chult. Over the past year, privateering incidents have more than doubled, which is a cause for concern for the Board of Tourism and Trade.

Harbormaster Zindar, the man in charge of all ship traffic into and out of the Bay, said, “Between Aramag and aggressive pirate tactics, it’s a wonder any ships make it into port intact. What we need are ships and crews capable of hunting the filth sharking around the harbor.”

Chultan authorities have posted a reward of 5000 gp for proof the pirate menace has been eliminated. Contact Harbormaster Zindar for details.



IT'S AMAZING!

Grand Souk -- In honor of Ubtao’s blessed solstice festivities, several local establishments have banded together

to give their businesses a fresh coat of paint, complete with a variety of mazes designed to challenge all ages and skill levels.

“We wanted to bring this ancient tradition into the modern age in a way that would engage locals and visitors alike,” Ugor Balan, proprietor of the Emerald Eye, remarked outside his popular jewelry store.

“Now there is a place to trace the mazes and honor Ubtao in a safe environment,” Belym added. Belym and a small army of volunteers helped clean and paint the structures.

The mazes are free to the public, but donations to help support other outreach programs are always appreciated.



HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

Professor Roark, noted Chultan scholar, author, and expert on many of the Lost Cities, was reported missing on 15 Marpenoth 1492 by his fellow explorers in the League of Allied Chultan Explorers.

“Every day we hope that today will be the day we receive news on the whereabouts or disposition of our colleague and friend Darvin Roark,” Sir Petrio Irlingstar said. “His knowledge is sorely missed in this, our time of troubles.”

Roark disappeared shortly after accepting a position as lead archaeologist and anthropologist for a private expedition funded by a mysterious backer in Baldur’s Gate. The entire expedition, including their guide, is considered irretrievably lost by Chultan authorities, but the League holds out hope.

Explorers venturing into the jungle are asked to keep a watchful eye out for Roark or his party. The League has posted a reward of 300 gp for information leading to his return, alive or dead.