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The Crown Prince Returns!

Royal family and subjects rejoice!

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For those who haven't heard the cry that has been ringing through the country, the Crown Prince Talon returned to the public eye early this past November. While details are short as to where Talon had been, his return to active participation has raised morale across the country.

Arriving back to the capital in late October, Talon emerged a few weeks later and has quickly resumed his duties, recently attending a banquet to honor the Baroness Grey during her recent promotion.

Whatever the Prince had been doing, his return has laid to rest concerns and rumors that he had gone missing during military maneuvers. Most people this humble scribe has talked to don't care what happened in the past, they are simply happy to have the most inspirational of the royal family back. It's easy to understand why, the sense of security the follows the Prince around is something anyone honored by it remembers.

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Baroness Grey Resurrects.

Crown prince honors baroness for heroism during respite.

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It is a rare event for a noble to resurrect, even during these dark times. The now Baroness Grey was recorded on the rolls of the Earth Guild as having resurrected late on the October evening that the corrupt violated the respite for the first time in recorded history.

Resurrecting in Hopes Reach, the Baroness is credited for raising the alarm about the corrupt assault, and she was seen escorting the Crown Prince back to the capital shortly after.

The Baroness is also credited for creating and leading the Grey Blades, a militia force that has helped hold the corrupt line at bay. Truly she is one of the most inspirational nobles of our day, and the country has been weakened even as her spirit was.

Corrupt Attack During the Respite!

Cause of deadly attack unknown

The cherished safety of the respite proved false for the first time in history, the corrupt assaulting the kingdom's defensive lines almost two weeks earlier than expected. Luckily, while casualties were high, they were far lower than expected.

Military officers interviewed credit this extremely high kill ratio to the corrupt seeming to be disorganized, with less magic than usual. Baron Idden in charge of border defense had also canceled leave early for unknown reasons, bolstering the number of soldiers available.

Local Sheriff Retires after Obliteration

The local sheriff of Hopes Reach retired from service in late October shortly after being obliterated for treason. The local deputy has assumed the role of sheriff.

Baron Idden on the Front Lines

An interview with a soldier

The following was taken from an interview with Larsen Mhyre, brother of Kevin Mhyre who permanently died six months ago after refusing preferential assignment due to the number of resurrections he had undergone.

“I’ll tell you, it had already been a rough night, half of us on that line had already resurrected once that very evening holding out against the corrupt at another assignment, no don’t ask, I’m not allowed to talk about it.”

“We were tired, sore, angry at having been called back to the line weeks early, angrier still at the Baron sending us out into danger without so much as telling us why. I’m no coward, heck after my brother died earlier this year I’ve been taking some of the more dangerous postings, after all that’s the way he lived and I suppose that some kind of tribute to him.”

“Anyway so there we were holding the line in front of Hopes Reach, worse off the Grey Blades had been called away to escort some VIP so the walls were a bit light and most of the casters were tapped. I mean I know now why the blades were escorting the Prince, but at the time we didn’t know any of that.”

“The fight went poorly, the corrupt were disorganized, like I’ve never seen them, just charging the lines in a blind assault, that was the only thing that gave us a fighting chance. It wasn’t enough, the sheer press of that many bodies was too much for us, we were exhausted, and tired of fighting already and before long I looked to the left and right of our fighting star only to see the corrupt pressing around us.”

“I’ll be honest I was at the point of taking a deep breath and getting ready to visit the circle again, hopefully my spirit is as strong as my brother’s was. That’s when the Baron showed up, couldn’t even see him at first, we could just heard the sound of someone hacking their way through the corrupt lines.”

“When I saw that bonded sword rising and falling, every minute getting closer, I have to tell you it was one of the greatest moments I’ve yet had in life. It’s easy to dislike the baron, he’s a hard man and puts his duty above just about everything else, but that night he reminded all of us that he is still the King’s personal Knight”

“He got to the front line with the rest of us and covered the brunt of the corrupt attack while people got back into position. Once everyone that could be up were back on their

feet, he announced that the prince had returned. Let me tell you, after that combination of seeing a true knight in action, and news that the prince had return, I don’t think a single spirit on that line felt tired. The Baron stayed with us the rest of the night, and even took camp with us once the attack was over.”

“Let me tell you, I slept like a baby that night, my first assignment when I woke was delivering the last casualty reports from the line to the Baron’s tent. I don’t ever think I’ve seen a man so tired, he was dictating a letter of condolence to the family of a woman who had suffered permanent death the previous night. When he was done it was added to a basket that was full of these letters, it must have taken all night to fill.”

“I don’t know much about what it means to be noble, but as hardnosed as I always say the new baron to be, I believe his strength was what pulled us through that night.

University Moves to Restructure

Guilds retrench and restructure.

In light of recent developments such as the rise in the adventuring population and the weakening of the mist wall, The University elders have moved to restructure the Gaden Guild systems as they stand. Various high ranking guild officials have been reported around Gaden as they visit guild houses to prepare and plan for the changes. Proposed changes include reordering of the guild ranks as well as requirements for advancements within the guild system. New guild heads have been assigned to the frontier ranges as the guilds attempt to support and educate the fringe and adventuring population. As the guilds attempt to bolster their numbers after a long dry spell under the war, they are welcoming all comers to informational meetings. Such meets are being held two hours before noon at taverns and guild houses in populated areas.

Francis March of the Earth Guild, and Endikar Darkmason of the Celestial Guild, both spoke highly of the efforts and both made sure to make the point that existing members of their respective guilds would be granted a similar rank under the new structure so that should not worry about the changes.

Plans to visit local towns during their market days, specifically on Saturday mornings have also been developed to help potential members know when to inquire about membership or anyone in need of service to ask for aid.