

# LIONS PACK UP AUGUST 2012: OOC SECTION

## Editorial

Hello all!

This is my first time stepping into the large and fragrant shoes of Mr. Folens, and while I can't possibly hope to reach the dizzy heights of random hilarity found in his editorials, I hope I'll do as good a job of putting pack ups together for you all. Major thanks must go to Gav for all the work he put in in his five years on plot team, as well as for all the pack ups he put together and the many cases of laughter-induced oxygen deprivation his editorials caused.

You probably noticed the slight change in pack up layout this time. The IC and OOC sections of the pack up are now clearly separated so that the IC section can be read and distributed at events, and hopefully more characters will have a reason to send along adverts, stories, articles and other bits and pieces to fill it.

I hope at this half-way point in the LT season, the weather has made its mind up to go a bit easier on us, but even if it doesn't, the Lions have proved keen enough, stalwart enough and insane enough to slog through knee-deep mud for the sake of roleplay. Fingers crossed we'll have none of that at the next few events though. I don't think my boots will ever be the same again after Middlewood!

So, no matter what it to be faced, come evil doppelgangers, crazy cultists, crown-kidnapping elementals, sundry criminal types, last-minute rituals to save the day, the massed forces of our enemies or even the dreaded uphill walk or (shudder) paperwork, the Lions Faction will face these adversities head on and we'll do our best to have fun doing it!

See you in the field!

Aoife (it's pronounced EE-fa.)

## Character and Group Backgrounds

Have you ever wondered what would happen if the past came back to haunt your character? If the fate of your character's brother was not what you thought? If a group of angry-looking Orcs came knocking on the gate, asking for you? Or a letter is found, stained in blood, with your name on the cover?

Well, submit your background to Plot Team, or you'll never know!

Here at Plot Team, we can't get enough of your submissions, and love each and every time we receive one. Please send them (and group backgrounds) to [plot@lionsfaction.co.uk](mailto:plot@lionsfaction.co.uk) it's the right decision ;)

Note: By doing so, you are giving Plot Team the power to mess around with you in all manners and forms! Don't worry, we love you all!

Barry,

Head of Plot

## Research requests

If you submit a research request to the LT please follow this up with an email to [plot@lionsfaction.co.uk](mailto:plot@lionsfaction.co.uk) with the details of the research so that we can ensure that you receive a timely and accurate response.

Thanks,

Barry

Head of plot

## A LIONS OF LANTIA PRODUCTION

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*Special thanks to Bruce Myers for the use of the Lions Logo.*

### Tip of the Season:

Apparently the Summer Moot will be following this year's theme of ALL THE MUD. Extra socks are big and clever.

# Lions Faction Dispatches

August 1112



*- No Lion Stands Alone -*

To all of my people,

So again we will come together as a Faction at the Summer Moot. Let us hope that the weather in Caledonia is better than the weather was in Londinium and the Southlands earlier this year. Our hosts for the Moot are the Bears Faction, long standing allies and friends of the Lions. I am sure it will be a hell of a session for those who do indulge, and a hell of a fight from those enemies of the Heartlands who always try and come for the Factions when we gather.

I will make no bones about the coming months, they will be hard. Our enemies have already proven that a few times over and we have never backed down so there is no need to worry that we will now.

Doubles of our friends and family have been walking amongst us, reasons unknown.

Consangua and her minions move against us and target key individuals in the Lions for execution, and the rest of us for wanton slaughter. She has killed those dear to us and threatens all. In her insanity riddled mental state she wants the people of Lantia to fear.

Time elementals have enslaved other elementals, attacked us repeatedly, taken our lands and killed our people. They have even kidnapped my wife and your Crown Princess, Lenia. It appears that they will try and turn her into one of them. Probably in the hopes of demoralising you, our people, and I, as she is my wife.

They want the Lions Nation to fear.

They want to make me, and all of you, fear them, and capitulate to them, and surrender to them.

But I say NO!

We will not fear those too cowardly to face us. We will find them and drag them into the light to pay for what they do

We will not fear those who prey on the weak. We, in turn will stalk and take them down, because we are Strong!

We will not know fear because we are the Lions!

And whether you hold position within this Faction or not, are sworn by Oath or not, be you a King or a farmer or anything in between, you are all Lions and Lions know no fear! Lions refuse to step back, refuse to give up.

We are one people and we say NO!

So when we go to the Moot we do so with our heads high and we will show our enemies the Lions Teeth, we will show our foes our claws, and we will make the Heartlands shake with our Roar!

And, so help me, when we go to Asgard to the Wellspring at the Gathering, we will go with all force because one of our Crowns has been in the hands of those Elemental Scum for too long, and we will get her back, whatever the cost. Because it is what we do!

So join me, join me and stand against these and other enemies of our people. We all come to these gatherings and moots, games and parliaments to help protect our populace, and to strike at those who would harm our people. Join me and let us stand for the people of Lantia.

We are the Lions Faction and we have no fear!



*Hengist MacConnell*

King Hengist MacConnell

Lord General of the Lions Faction

Jaguar of the Children of Malar

Gate Guard

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## Wanted: CORIN DRAPER

Male, Orc, Average build. Last seen on Andulus, wearing grey robes.

For: Criminal activities including racketeering, extortion, theft, livestock rustling, attempted murder, endangering the lives of Lions, impeding the Sheriffs of Lantia in their duties and resisting arrest.

Any sightings of Draper should be reported without delay to the local Sheriffs or Watch Guard, as should any information on the activities of the criminal gang known as the Caple Street Elite.

Draper is a High Dark Incantor, and should be considered extremely dangerous. Under no circumstances should the public approach him.

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### For the particular attention of the Lions Military:

Doppelganger activity has been encountered among the military. Individuals that have previously been confirmed deceased turning up for duty, and appearing to have a living pattern should be treated with caution. In particular, sightings of a man going by the name Gareth Redman, approximately six foot three, with long grey hair and wearing the sash of a Knight Captain should be reported immediately to your commanding officer. No such individual holds the rank of Knight Captain at this time.

In faith and service,  
Sincerely,

Knight Captain Neantóg Dreamstruck

Hello again my bardic lords and ladies, 'tis Sava here again. Barman at the 'Dancing Dryad' on La Lara near Camelot for those that don't remember me from my last story. My wife has been on at me again to write another one of the many tales I hear down for you all to read, so here it is.

So this woman walks in clearly drunk, staggering all over the shop. Eventually she sits on one of the stools by the bar and slurring asks me for a drink. She didn't take too kind to my commenting that she may have already had too much so I gave her a watered wine, heavily watered if you catch my drift.

She starts talking about her husband and how she's left him after he had a 'religious experience' as she speaks her voice gets clearer and clearer as though the thoughts are sobering her up as she speaks.

It all started when a wondering knight came to her village of Kitimati on Rysarius, apparently it's on the north western coastline. This knight claimed to be a templar of the kraken a right hard looking son of a bitch, scars everywhere on his face and arms. The following day 2 men disappeared from the beach while they were making their dinghy ready to go fishing, they were found the following day in the fields south of the village dripping wet in sea water rambling about 'the master under the waves'. 3 days after a married couple who run the local bakery didn't arrive at their regular dicing session at the tavern and when people checked their home they were found dripping wet, slurringly talking about 'the dark one'.

The village elder, an older man called Hardy summoned this mysterious knight to him in the village hall. An hour passed with them alone inside the hall when people went inside they found no trace of the knight and Hardy was dripping wet repeating the phrase

'blessed with salt and steel'. The knight was found back in the tavern and everyone in there said he'd been there all afternoon sipping his beer.

Many more things happened of the few weeks since the knight arrived, including the woman's husband. They all seemed to recover within a few days of hot soup and tender care but all embraced the worship of the Kraken.

When Farra, the woman, refused to join him in his new faith saying she'd always been a follower of Avalon and she left him. Evidently she'd been travelling and drinking for a few months now.

My wife took her in and she's here now, working as a pot woman in the kitchens and she's mostly of the booze, but by the ancestors she's a shell of a woman.

Anyways I must get back to running my establishment, you all take care now!

*To the People of the Lions Faction,*

*I am sorry to see that you continue in your attempts to stop the righteous worship of my Ancestor Tensangua. Her power is dark, it is great, and your worship is her due.*

*I am only glad that your foolish efforts are largely ineffectual, and I hope you will soon learn that what you are doing is futile. You will only hurt yourselves, in the end.*

*There will be blood. There is always blood.*

*Yours in anticipation,*

*Amelia Constantine*

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*Lightning Squad- Still Quality Service, Now Just One Copper*

*The leaders of the Lions Faction, in their wisdom, have decided to stop using the efficient and cost-effective Lightning Squad delivery service for official matters. As is their right, of course. But this decision has reflected badly on Lightning Squad's reputation and has affected business, so I must be clear: this decision wasn't based on any failings of my employees. There were no letters opened and read, no parcels not delivered. There were no Lightning Squad employees found engaging in criminal behaviour.*

*To give all the illustrious nobles of the Lions Faction a chance to see for yourselves how good our service is, we are offering deliveries from the Summer Moot and the Gathering of Nations to anywhere in the Heartlands that doesn't present immediate danger to the life and health of the Lightning Squad messenger for ONE COPPER.*

*Lightning Squad messengers will be present at both the Moot and the Gathering for several hours and will make themselves known at the Faction Camp. We will ensure your private letters, business missives or small packages are delivered to their intended recipients quickly and safely.*

*If any of the leaders of the Lions Faction have questions or doubts regarding the Lightning Squad or its members, please feel free to write down your concerns and send them back with the messengers,*

addressed to *The Patron of the Lightning Squad*. They will be passed back to me, and I will ensure responses are received.

*Yours in business,*

*The Patron of the Lightning Squad*

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### **SQUAD D's LIST OF SERVICES!**

*Demolition services:*

- *Single building\** - 2 gold
- *Small town\** - 5 gold
- *Castle\** - 10 gold

*Siege\*\** - quote given after evaluation of job.

*Body guarding* - 2 gold per hour

*Additional services:*

*Debt reclamation* - Quote given on evaluation of job

*Merciless slaughteration of vampires and unliving* - *Free or as offered*

*For bookings and any further information please contact Brick - Boss nob of Squad D*

**SQUAD D- UPHOLDING CHAOS SO YOU DONT HAVE TO!**

*\*Due to recent grievances we are now required to give notice and gain permission of the land owners before de-constructing any building.*

*\*\*In the event of Squad D being hired to lay siege to any form of populated area we retain the right to detach ourselves from any political, social or other forms of backlash from the job. Signed and witnessed parchments will be required of any one hiring us for such services*

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*Poetry Corner, Dictated by Morbo.*

***Soulful Haiku:***

*Small Pheasant landed,  
Feathers ruffle so calmly,  
Morbo then ate it.*

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***Intense Haiku:***

*War bears the Standard,  
Warriors gather greatly,  
Morbo then ate them.*

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***Tearful Haiku:***

*Child weeps in silence,  
Innocence lost holds heavy,  
Morbo ate something.*

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***A Sonnet:***

***'Stupid Giant Dream Butterfly'***

*Oh Stupid Giant Dream Butterfly,  
What is Morbo done that make you hate Morbo?  
When Morbo want dream about trees made of meat,  
You come along and those trees you eat,  
When Morbo want dream about world full of rabbits,  
You come along and ruin Morbo habit... (of eating nice rabbit),  
Why you such a dick, Stupid Giant Dream Butterfly?  
Was you not hugged lots in your cocoon?  
Why does rhyming have to be so hard?  
Last time Morbo checked, Morbo technically a Bard, and they are good at rhyming.  
Is Cosaint good are rhyming? Morbo will ask him next time he sees him.  
As for you, Stupid Butterfly,  
Morbo thinks you a spy for asshole Mind Wizards.  
Morbo is onto you, asshole Mind Wizards.*

*A Song by Idiom the Bard, Commissioned by Illyrio Darkendale and first performed at the Entertainers' Competition the day after the First Spear Remembrance Ceremony*

*Illyrio Darkendale's Male Grooming Tips*

*Verse 1*

*Young men of the world, your salvation is here,*

*From a hero of Lant'a, the man of the year!*

*His new publication is sure to put right,*

*Your long painful years of sartorial plight!*

*And its title is:*

*Illyrio Darkendale's Male Grooming Tips!*

*Illyrio Darkendale's Male Grooming Tips!*

*Verse 2*

*When at the high council, make sure your beard's trim,*

*So your rival won't notice your insulting him.*

*If attending a party, use beeswax instead.*

*For the ladies prefer a well polished head.*

*And there's more than this.. in*

*Illyrio Darkendale's Male Grooming Tips!*

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*Verse 3*

*The best man at a wedding should outshine the groom.  
If you're lucky, his young bride will come home with you.  
At your grandmother's funeral, wear colours that clash,  
If the granddaughter's there, then you'll want to look flash.  
And there's more than this... in*

*Illyria Darken dale's Male Grooming Tips!*

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*Verse 4*

*So worry you not if your flashes don't match,  
Or you can't tell the difference' tween sable and black.  
For a mere half-a-fortune, this classic of prose,  
Will make you look dashing, in last season's clothes!  
For it's all in his:*

*Illyria Darken dale's Male Grooming Tips!*

*Ilyrio Darkendale's Male Grooming Tips!*

*Coda*

*For it's all in his:*

*Ilyrio Darkendale's Male Grooming Tips!*

*Ilyrio Darkendale's Male Grooming Tips!*

Can you Live for Ever?

No?

Then Write a Will!

We all know we should make a will, but it's one of those things that many of us never seem to get round to. In fact, more people die without a will than with one. So statistically having a will will keep you alive.

Not making a will can mean chaos and financial worry for your family or dependants after you've gone. Without one, your hard earned money and property will be taken by crooked officials and thieves.

If you die without a will, everything you have or were will be gone in an instant. Leaving a legacy is important. None of us want our stories to be forgotten. With a will from the Hollow Embassy, we will make sure your story is remembered through the ages..

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Ley Stone Address: [hatgirl41@hotmail.com](mailto:hatgirl41@hotmail.com)

Please tag all Ley Stone subject lines with 'Will Writing Gathering'

# Legal Problems? Untimely demise imminent and need a will? Need a Contract? Require Escrow Services?

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Alsager. The Magistrate with morality.

The ONLY Magistrate of the Court of Endings Approved and Recommended by the Hollow Embassy, for your piece of mind.

Ley Stone Address: [hatgirl41@hotmail.com](mailto:hatgirl41@hotmail.com)

Please tag all Ley Stone subject lines with 'Will Writing Gathering'

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