

The Sundering Spring, 04

Longwalker,

My steps have turned back towards Daggerford. Nandar Lodge has been cleared. We found vestiges of an abandoned gnoll camp. They are not to be found within the Southern Ardeep. I believe they are stationed somewhere in the North, however duty to the Duke turns us away from our search and return to Daggerford.

All is not lost however. Lady Oulfanen has again graced me with another message via one of her woodland servants; 'From Jolkoun emerged heroes victorious, they bore many perished comrades. Jolkoun is now empty. The rose bushes have died, burnt to ash by infernal fire.'

Isteval's Company has proven their mettle, for the moment. They now travel back to Daggerford and I expect we shall learn much of their tale from them upon our arrival. The dryad's words trouble me. Jolkoun empty? Does this mean there are no survivors of the initial assault by goblins?

Remember that Jolkoun's shrines to Chauntea, one in the open and the other secreted away underground, have alters sculpted to resemble rose bushes. Have these shrines been desecrated somehow? If so, what does 'infernal fire' refer to? Something

truly went amiss in Jolkoun and I look forward to this mystery being somewhat illuminated, soon.

Until we meet again,

Kelson

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