

Spring 1221 Adventure (27 July 2019)

Main characters:

- Zuan Baldovini (G) - Vicki
- Petruccio Baldovini (G) - Tim
- Agnola, the lady-in-waiting (G) - Lisa
- Ginevera, the bard (G) - Mark Potter
- the Weaver (G) - Marcy
- Lenuzo the Brewer (NPC, Grog, specialist) - MISSING
- The Tavernkeeper Guild leaders (The Ringleaders behind Lenuzo's disappearance)
- Antagonists...
- Others...

Locale

1. Venice (aka Serenissima)

Obstacles

Lenuzo the Brewer has been kidnapped by an important noble who doesn't want to lose his source of beer.

Fortunately, Lenuzo is well known.

Outline:

1. Grogs are waiting in the plaza where they agreed to meet in the morning before traveling to Schwartzburg am Spree.
2. Lenuzo hasn't arrived. He's very late, and the characters' patience runs out.
3. Someone know where he lives, so they go there.
4. Lenuzo's home has been ransacked. The grogs FIND a button of a guard from the noble house of Filippo Contarini (it is a plant). Filippo is a guildmaster of the Brewers & Vintners Guild.
5. Meeting Filippo Contarini. This is difficult as his factotum will block an audience from commoners.
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7. Members of the Tavernkeepers Guild have kidnapped Lenuzo and are keeping him in one of their taverns.

Taverns involved in the kidnapping:

- Il Mercante
- Basegó
- Al Canton
- Osteria Alla Cuirma
- Longhi

Session Notes:

The PCs followed the planted leads to Don Filippo Contarini, guildmaster of the Brewers & Vintners.

Agnola interviewed Lady Contarini's ladies-in-waiting.

Clues eventually led the PCs to find Lenuzo in the Longhi tavern under the watch of two drunk bravos (. Lenuzo was well fed and drunk during his captivity.

The party resumed its journey to Schwartzburg am Spree.

End of Season Activity Notes:

Each grog PC gets 5 adventure points.

All other characters get normal end-of-season experience or study.

Next games:

- August 11, Sunday
- September 28, Saturday
- October 19, Saturday
- November 16, Saturday
- December TBD

Emails from Marcy:

Kris,

Looking forward to our Ars Magicka session tomorrow (later today I guess)

Below are the two letters Ines Fane conveyed to Barchek's care.

Marcy

Winter 1221

(**Note:** I've forgotten the names for these characters so I've made up new names for them. Alma the Younger is the forester in the Royal Harz forest that discovered that Ines (pronounced Inez) could be talented, who shares Ines' love for music and who introduced her to her teacher and mentor in Venice. Ines' teacher/mentor is Pietro of Cydon and he resides currently in Venice. He is a merchantile trader and sponsored her to her glassblowing school while he mentored her and prepared her to be a RedCap.)

Greetings most Illustrious Alma,
I hope this letter finds you safe and in good health. May the forest continue to grow and the does of the forest produce many young deer for His Majesty. Since I last wrote our company has arrived safely at our new post on the River Spree. We are not far from a newly established market town.

We have begun to reestablish the broken trade routes, but to fully effect this mission I would request a copy of the best map in your possession of the Royal Roads. I am thinking perhaps of the Via Imperii, Via Regia, Via Carolina and the Itallian Way. We have not yet established a safe route to the Orient, but will do so in time.

The nearby community has begun to assert its position as a market town and to assess tariffs. (staple rights) If you could request a safe conduct letter (Geleit) for our cobalt and glass trade it would be a help to us as we face the local burghers. An armed escort is not necessary at this time as our relations with these towns are harmonious. A newly discovered mine nearby has an insufficient market for its cobalt production and we wish to expand the reach of our markets. If you require such materials, please let us know.

Ever your pupil and protege,
Ines Fane
River Spree Outpost

To my Beloved Benefactor Pietro of Cydon
Resident of fair La Serenissima

Warmest greetings of the season to you. Our travels to Schwartzburg was unremarkable. The covenant was further in disrepair than anticipated, but our presence has brought fresh prospects to this long neglected hearth. The direction forward for the keep is not clear and indeed it is a half-wild place.

An entrance to Queen Polynaria's faerie realm has been discovered almost at our front door, which was an unexpected surprise. I have not met her in person,

but have been advised that her realm is working at cross-purposes to our own, exactly why is unclear. Several captives have been freed from her control and some of them continue to reside with us. We have begun to restore the defenses of our dwelling.

Wanderers and strangers are finding succor at our gates, but we are still awaiting the people promised to Sour Agnes Celeste by way of her father's estate. You might recall being introduced to her Father or remember her by her given name of Danica Bruno. I am told she was put away to the convent when her father's fortunes took a turn. Please be discrete in your inquiries as Danica does not wish to cause her father further embarrassment.

She tells me the estate rights have been preserved and vested in her name as a part of the peace negotiations. Are you in a position to effect any change on Danica's behalf, either by letter or other means? She also left behind her map case with the map of the estate and at a minimum will require a copy for her work here going forward if she is to maintain it for her father's future purposes.

The promised household members were to include:

- 2 body guards,
- a maid or lady in waiting who is proficient in all manner of plant identification; the preparation of cordials; setting up preserves and pickles; embroidery and textiles;
- a bard;
- a brewer; and
- a weaver.

If a weaver cannot be spared, then perhaps a falconer or someone to work the aviary.

Our explorations have not yet encountered any source of salt. However we do have a plenteous supply of charcoal, timber, and cobalt for trade. In time we also anticipate doing a fine trade in multiple types of utilitarian and decorative glassware. We have had the occasion to meet a few of the senior members briefly. Several are traveling. I regret to report that Agnes of Flambeau has passed to Twilight.

The library is slowly being returned to order, but there are gaps in its materials and certain items we expected to be here are missing or in possession of the traveling wizards. We travel ourselves soon to visit the Leczyca Covenant and I hope to send you word again at the soonest opportunity.

This is indeed a wild land as you had foretold. I miss our golden days together in Venice and the steadiness and wisdom our daily discourse provided.

Ever your student,

Ines Fane
Schwartzburg on the Spree

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