

Report to Queen Amlaruil Moonflower on House N'Letur's Right of Assistance

Chapter 108: Part 1: The Elfeater (Greengrass 1371)

Granted permission by Elasha Evanara, your head librarian, to investigate the assistance rendered by tu-laranla Iliana N'Letur, I proceeded to question all involved. The lady Iliana excused her uninvited help by claiming the right of assistance as qui-Coronal of Shantel Othreier. After careful research and discussions with lore-master Daerian Sunstar I had to admit that such a statement, odd as it may be, was indeed within her right to make. Of course, the lady Iliana immediately went for the utter border of what was acceptable by declaring nine people as trusted family retainers: a wood elf, a wild elf, a half elven rogue, three humans, a shield dwarf, a demon touched human, and her ~~two~~ dark elf companion. You had forbidden his entrance as companion of tu-laranla N'Letur, so to bring him under this guise can only be construed as a total lack of caring for your standing.

Regarding the time of arrival I discovered that their means of transport was a dragon shaped sloop, which was damaged due to a rather abrupt landing. It could fly because of a 'major helm'. Specialists of the Navy told me this was restricted magic, but that indeed her highness was allowed such access. They told me that the flight time would have been dependent on the power of the person flying the sloop, but that that person would lose all access to the Art for a day. As it turned out the lady Iliana used a trick to empower her familiar (a pseudo dragon), which allowed our master navigator to estimate her flight to about 2 hours. With spell preparation taking into account, this matched her statement that she was warned by Laeral Silverhand Arunsun. About half of the group made use of a separate transport, likely created by the shield dwarf, the clanless Grimwald. As he used divine magic granted directly by Moradin, I did not further investigate the legality of this matter.

On her arrival slightly more than three hours after midnight – about ten miles due south of the main temple area of Corellon Larethian – she convinced those she met of her right to have a human present during our time of need. This human male, Zay, is a follower of the sublime way, although our analysis shows that he does not follow any pure style. Although she did not know where the temple was, and had never visited before, she stated with conviction the assumption that the temple itself was under attack and that their presence would be needed to stop the threat. They joined the company of Nelaia Ithomill, sixth circle priestess of Aerdrie Faenya, who was lucky enough to have her gear stored outside any pocket dimension. Also present was the centaur Hargill, an experienced ranger, who showed that the centaurs will always be ready to support the elven cause.

Vital though speed may have been, the lady Iliana insisted on going north on foot. Although taking of in hurricane strength winds with a damaged sloop might have been a bit hazardous, she would have arrived at least a full hour earlier at the main temple. She also only allowed those well quipped to join her, her 'adventurer' background clearly overruling whatever military training she had. Only a mile north they were intercepted by one of the many Beast of Malar prides scouring the forest. Likely because they did not see her as the most dangerous person in the group, the beasts attacked priestess Ithomill and ranger Hargill, allowing lady Iliana and the human Zay to slay them. This depleted their healing, but did not slow down their progress much.

Even when they discovered the trail of Ityak-Ortheel they did not change course, the lady Iliana stating that whatever it was, it was bound for the main temple anyway. If so, then why did she not fly? In any case they encountered another pride, and were attacked by Oslavan Brennsill. It is still unclear if he believed them attackers of the isle (but why did he did not attack the beasts, nor target the human Zay first?), or if he was a traitor like the murderer of your beloved husband. Priestess Ithomill, ranger Hargill, and even the human Zay protected an unarmed group of lesser priests against the beasts when the Ityak-Ortheel arrived. As it craved elf souls and the lady Iliana was undoubtedly the brightest spark in the area this was to be expected. As all others fled the lady Iliana, supported by the human Zay and Nelaia Ithomill managed to disrupt the Ityak-Ortheel even as Oslavan Brennsill and the centaur Hargill slew each other in a brutal hunt.

Your obedient servant, Ryul Starglow

*S*overeign Majesty, I can fully understand the need to have a member of the Starglow family write the official report on lady N'Letur's unexpected help, but I feel that some addendum is needed for a more balanced view. The prediction of the Fall and the Seven alone is reason enough not to look down on the human race, and it is clear that, whatever their parentage, fate is heavily entwined in the lives of this group. Truth is that her ladyship has always gone her own way, but, by luck, fate, or planning, she always picked a path compatible with the Seldarine. The 'trusted family retainers' might be a spur of the moment decision, but they were properly bound, and it shows her capabilities to have such a capable and diverse group handy at such a short notice. It might be noteworthy that the 'Beast of Malar' first ignored her because she was carrying, the trace showing Malar is beastly, yet not depraved.

Elasha Evanara