

Report to Queen Amlaruil Moonflower on House N'Letur's right of assistance

Chapter 113: Part 2b: In the Island (Greengrass 1371)

Defeating the colossal crab brought them to the slaughterhouse. The remains of the defenders of that entrance lay strewn about, overwhelmed by the evil that attacked this place. The dwarf correctly identified the attackers, either a feat of impressive knowledge, or showing some of his illegal gotten intel. To my regret it seems that the report that the angelic traps expert Ullenska Eroth had helped the enemy, an act for which she had paid with her life, had some base in truth. The dwarf showed some respect for the dead, but the dark elf started looting immediately. To my dismay I have to report that the Argent Silvoeth Agreimal was as much part of it, but at least he had the excuse that he was allowed access to equipment of his fallen comrades 'for the duration'. One of the small look-out posts lay in rubble, but the lieutenant decided that hunting down the intruders took precedence over building cairns for the fallen.

Again our wards proved ineffectual as the dark elf just ignored the illusions guarding the entrance, and it seemed most defensive wards had been deactivated by Ullenska. The mental barrier remaining took some effort for lieutenant Sovelliss Kellnin and the argent to cross, but neither the dwarf, nor the dark elf had any problem with it. That the most important of the three escape tunnel was so easily taken by the forces of evil, and so easily found by forces of 'good', shows that such knowledge must be limited to a more select group.

Rancor for the living drove the Deathbringer, a ten feet high abysmal undead, who craved physical pain, and hungrier for combat. He, two drowned and four shadows of the unfortunate defenders were waiting for them in one of the secret alcoves as a rearguard. Secret, yet not secret enough for the dark-elf, who, I was told, picked them out at more than thirty paces. If this was due to illegal information or due to the fact the Mythal malfunctioned I have not been able to determine. In any case this knowledge allowed them to attack first at range instead of being ambushed, and the creature and the drowned were not up to the might of the Argent and the Lieutenant. The heavy armor on the dwarf shielded him from most damage, and the dark-elf, as is their racial wont, waited for them to be distracted before he struck. The shadows were freed of their bonds, a prayer showed, even not hating being attacked by a dwarf and dark-elf.

Knowing that only a Nightcrawler and an unidentified humanoid remained of their opponents, the dwarf claimed to let it focus its attacks on him as he could easiest withstand the creatures draining and deadly swallow. He then took all oil and holy water of the rest of the group, claiming some ancient dwarven battle tactic. Yet when the creature crawled out from the ground, he needed vital seconds to collect his courage to step in the unhallowed maw, seconds that costs the life of the argent. I can only guess that the dark-elf was ready to kill the lieutenant so these two 'retainers' had sole access to the Deep One's blessing, when guardian Ambros Thrasnill, who had lain undiscovered in the rubble outside, arrived and stopped any such plan.

Your obedient servant, Ryul Starglow

Earlier I noted that the blind following of illegal orders by the defenders of Sumbrar placed Evermeet in a diplomatic problem. This rapport however almost goes as far as to call the family retainers of the quicoronal of Shantell Othreier thieves and murderers. A rapport as this will eventually be seen by her, or worse, by the copper elf Kendalan, or the dwarf Grimwald. Kendalan is on a mission from the High Forest's elders and could name us N'Ebrath, or worse Aryvandaar'Shil, and the dwarf Grimwald has stood up to Test-of-Worthiness according to my Neverwinter informants. It would be the third clanless dwarf in my records to do so, or, if I may be so bold to guess, the first. Again. And to insult the Ever Order after what he had done...

Noteworthy is too that this rapport mentions that there are three escape tunnels. Why write this down, and how did Ryul get this information? Some rot has been removed, we're yet far from blemish-free.

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