

## ***Dharva***

Bill reported some new guests at the inn. Said the little girl has a funny smell to her and is traveling with a tiefling. Must raise prices for garlic, wolf's bane and incense with 60% next market.

New arrivals came over to my home. The tiefling indicates they are part of the Iron Throne, but the ride mercenary clearly has Zhent written all over her. The Zhents lost a lot of territory. Elven raids on their caravan's and strongholds in the north, the loss of their recruiting grounds on the High Moor and of course what started it all: their defeat at the hands of some book thieves and an alliance between the Flaming Fist and the Red Wizards. It is bad enough to get the Zhent drifters passing through here, let alone them taking an interest in my place. Might they want to expand southward? They had their eye on Naskell for some time and now with the war in Amn they may want to make a move with Greenest as a staging point. The little half-elf is clearly something else. Seeing how it eats probably some werecreature. From their speech and manners it is clear they are not Waterthavian, but lets play along for a bit and see what they are up to.

The travelers came back pretending not to know about my associate and trying to convince me they are siding with me and are willing to help me. Amateurs, far too soon and without common interest. Still it is good to know more about the cause for the diminishing crops, even though they may have caused the problem in the first case just to try to get me to trust them. Just what I need, more big people bringing their problems here to disrupt our lives. Must tell my informant to keep an ear out to see when and how the offer to my associate will arrive, perhaps he can find out who is really trying to move in on our business.

We are finally getting somewhere. They are here to sabotage an independent caravan carrying poison. Probably just a smoke screen set up by them so they can slowly work their way up to incriminating the caravans of their rival trading costers over the years. How to pinch this in the bud so they won't fight out their trade wars here in Greenest? Perhaps a show of strength is in order or should I let this play out a bit longer? They are leaking secrets like a sieve or is that itself a ruse?