



# The Oak Harbor Reporter

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## Archeopteryx Methuselab- An Amendment

After further investigations, thankfully it seems that the timeline we were previously given for the arrival of Archeopteryx Methuselab was off. Unfortunately, we do not know as of this moment when this entity will arrive.

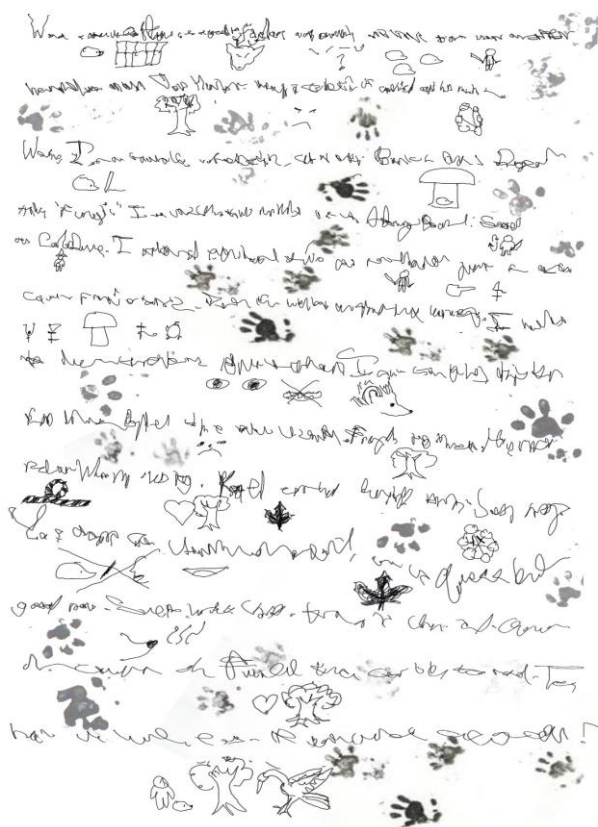
Thankfully, we did learn some more about Redwood Spriggans. While Briggita Treeeblight could not be found in Umbra, the investigations did not end there. Research into Redwood Spriggans say these are giants. It was clear the somehow either Briggita found a way to shrink them or found a way to make herself large enough to battle these arboreal titans. Not only that, but it seems this story of Briggita is saved in Umbra, even if she is not there. Hopefully we will obtain the answer on how she was able to do this.

## Introducing the Dad Hexadethalon!

Calling all Oak Harbor occupants! Do you enjoy friendly competition? Can you grill? Are you handy at fixing things? Ever play catch with a kid out in the yard? How about giving advice? Do you enjoy telling dad jokes, even when others might cringe and roll their eyes at you? Have you ever just wanted to throw down in a w/ brawl with your buddy? If any of these peak your interest, you should consider joining the Oak Harbor Dad Hexathalon! Come show off your skills in this Dad Energy Olympics! Anyone is welcome to join, you do not have to be a father! It's all about embodying the spirit of Dad-ness. Come get crowned the Dad of Oak Harbor!

This event is being sponsored by Ionian the Greater Water Elemental. Seeking judges and contestants. All genders and realmic alignments welcome. Find Fáelán (Antlers) for registration or more information. (This is not a competition to become Fáelán's dad. If someone claiming to be Fáelán's father shows up, please inform Fáelán.)

## Hedgehog Report 1- A View of Oak Harbor in Smaller Scale.



When I first arrived in Oak Harbor under the care of the wolf smelling one, I believe their name was Faelan apparently with an accent somewhere, I did not know what to expect. My many siblings all went off on their own journeys, and I accompanied three of mine to our new mentor. Thankfully this mentor was exactly what I was looking for. He told me all about Oak Harbor, a miserable collection of people convinced they are evil reprobates when in reality they keep saving the realms.

Well, I am a journalist and this all sounded like some unfounded claims. So I set to work. While in the bowels of the fungus known as Discorida, incidentally not a fun individual despite their title of 'Fungi', I was passed off to two individuals in the local Alchemy Guild: Snaer and Caldune. I witnessed first hand that the two of them had to cover for my Mentor's fuck up in pointing to a random symbol and convinced the Fungi to embrace different symbols instead. Truthfully, the whole thing was above my own understanding. I had hopes to interview the Alchemy Guild, given I was with them on quite the adventure. I saw some things I promised to never talk about, heard other things, and ultimately found the Alchemy Guild to be rather uncooperative to giving Interviews. They do have quite the friendly tree though. The tree even hugs people with red and white rope. Love the tree. Kael on the other hand, I do worry they might destabilize the world. Seems like the type.

Yet, despite their unwillingness to be interviewed about anything productive, the sheer nonsense they talk about, and their dangerous leader, I find them to be... good people. Smelly, lots of chemicals and thoroughly unnatural, but good people. Anyone in the company of a friendly tree can't be too bad. Trees help us all hide from Rivet Vultures after all.

Article written by Humphrey the Exemplum Hedgehog Journalist, transcribed by Editor Yorick.

## What Happened With The Conclave Building?

With the Conclave finished, Oak Harbor retains control of the Conclave building thanks to the generosity of the Zaffiro. While they retain their offices that had previously been built in, the town had the rest of the building to design as they saw fit.

In what was voted on with no hesitation both by popular demand and the vote of the Town Council, was the first of the three small spaces: The Realms Library. A collection of information on the realms, allowing citizens of Oak Harbor to get more out of their natural realmic alignment. Another non surprising choice was the addition of the laboratory. Initially unsupported due to lack of information, the Alchemy Guild elected to cover all costs themselves, leading to the speculation that the building does something. Though we can not be certain.

Of more debate were the final small space and the large space. The Large space ultimately came down to two options: The Town Faire, and the Warehouse. Ultimately, given the popular vote for the subject the Warehouse was the winner of that tight vote.

The final space was contentious, with the Healers Guild coming out to vote against the Clinic, claiming it would not be helpful given their current makeup. Unfortunately, with only two True Smiths in town the Smithy was not likely to get much in the way of support. The Dauenstern Post Office was not even up for consideration. Whether that was due to its lackluster benefit or a statement against the Dauenstern for their lack of support to this growing town is unknown. It came down to the Greenhouse and the Rune Meditation Room. What swayed the vote was the healers guild saying they would rather the Greenhouse be built, and they seem to have the most sway in Town Council based on that statement and the vote.

## The Trailing Heartvine: Victim of the Dyscordia Mycelial Network?

On a recent excursion into the Witchwood seeking more information on the state of the Witchwood in light of the extensive spread of the void-tainted Dyscordia network, Nicholas Staingrinder and I made a heartbreaking discovery. Multiple of the flora and fauna unique to the Witchwood and its peculiarly charged environment and high traffic of otherrealmic flora and fauna have become incredibly rare or possibly even extinct. Noted in several herbaries dating before 800 is the Trailing Heartvine, a purple and pink leafed vine who's leaves swell into a puffy heart shape and then explode. In our wide ranging recent travels, Nicholas and I saw only one stand remaining of the 5 I knew the locations of. This rare vine could be extinct by next spring, possibly even if Discordia is stopped soon.

The Trailing Heartvine is a fascinating plant, found only in the Witchwood, though one scholar did attempt to transplant one to his home in Xiem. Although it is referred to as a vine, that is only part of the plant. The root system holds within it several pods approximately 1' wide that serve a similar purpose as the base of the pitcher plant 'pitcher'. The vines also have smaller pods full of digestive fluids spaced about 6' apart. When the vine senses movement nearby, the leaves swell and exude a delicious perfume. In 1-10 minutes, several of the leaves will explode, shredding the nearby creature. The vines then carefully gathers the pieces it can and place them in the various digestive pods. Truly, not one to have in your garden, but a wonderful addition to the complex ecosystem of the Witchwood.

Article Written by Docent Efigenia Tuen Nirai

## Firegill and Acorn Pie- An Experience To Remember

We had the pleasure of trying this pie when dining with the Queen of Copper and Fire. There were four of us in attendance, Fáelán, Jasper, Velikab and our editor Yorick.

"It was amazing while it was still cool," Yorick mused. "But I must say the fae were right in their warning, we Everish beings lack the ability to handle the heat of these foods. I found that once the pie had melted it became almost inedible. But while it was still cooled thanks to our host it was amazing. I would eat that pie again. The fae who made it really knew what they were doing. It was quite an impressive dish."

## Guardian Coffee Press

The Guardians have kept the secret to amazing coffee and have finally made it available to Oak Harbor. VELLIAR PRESS COFFEE will be pressing fresh coffee between the eight and tenth bells on Aldersday and Willowsday for 3 leaf a mug. Sigurd's Cup of Spite is a medium roast steaming cup served black. Reverie Dream is single source coffee fresh ground with cinnamon and cardamom topped with a cloud of vanilla cold-foam. Start your day the Guardian way!

Paid for by the Velliar Guardians of Oak Harbor

## Better Living Through Alchemy

Here is a list of the most commonly requested/sold elixirs:

**Combat elixirs:**

Armor Repair: 15 Leaf

Awaken: 5 Leaf

Blade Venom: 5 Leaf

Necrotic Toxin(call Maim for 5 minutes): 50 Leaf

Death: 50 Leaf

\*Death Shield: 25 Leaf

Flaming Weapon: 15 Leaf

\*Vitality Boost: 20 Leaf

Oakskin: 5 Leaf

Umbr's Hammer (3 Spirit Strikes): 50 Leaf

\*Battle Mind (2 Parries and One Slay): 50 Leaf

\*Unroot: 7 Leaf

Unsilence: 20 Leaf

**Oh Shit Safety Elixirs:**

Repose of Peace: mkt

Purify: 10 Leaf

Circle of Protection: 20 Leaf

**Sneaky and Learning:**

\*Conceal: mkt

\*Sage: 20 Leaf

\*Oracle: 25 Leaf

\*Recall: mkt

\*Speak with Long Dead: mkt

**Dealing with Quintessence:**

Metamorphosis: 40 Leaf

Refreshing Sleep: 20 Leaf

\*Spell Restoration: 25 Leaf

\*Warriors Renewal: 25 Leaf

\*Quintessence Flux: mkt

**Big Stuff:**

Restore Spirit: 250 Leaf

\*Cleanse Malady: 80 Leaf

Destroy Curse: 150 Leaf

Quintessence Leech: 150 Leaf

(take up to a 2 Quintessence basic ability from someone/thing)

\*means out of stock and put in request for this elixir

mkt- made to order so price varies greatly

All prices are up for negotiation

Components can be exchanged in place of leaf

Ad paid for by the Alchemy Guild of Oak Harbor

"It was spicy," Faelán said. "One lick and my tongue was on fire. Almost as hot as being burned by the Queen herself. But both experienced granted great boons. I would recommend the pie over the actual fire though."

"My throat almost didn't recover," Jasper whispered. "The heat was intense. But it was a very fortifying dessert. After eating it I never felt much heat the rest of the gather."



Art by Meave

## In the Spotlight

Name: Master Ralkurian Asgeirr Tu'Aren

Favorite Color: Red

3rd Favorite Bird: Red-winged Blackbird

"What are snails even trying to do?"

A favorite cold opener of Ralkurian, Oak Harbor's first True Spellsinger, a Master Alchemist, and Scout. Ralkurian has accomplished much in his time, but it is music that holds the greatest meaning for him. Tobias has long regarded Ralkurian as a mentor in Spellsinging. Ralkurian channels his story and pain into his music. For Ralkurian, music is his catharsis.

"Art is how we are able to show the world itself," Ralkurian says. "Every community makes art of some kind. It is an essential part of life and living. It helps us process all of life, and every emotion." Ralkurian firmly believes that everyone should find the thing they really love and not let anyone talk you out of doing it. "I envision our lives, our stories, as a line that moves through time. That line moves up and down like a song. There will be high points. Low points. Totally average in the middle points. There will also be everything in between."

To Ralkurian, art is boundless, ruleless, and essential. "Art seems to be able to bridge the gap between the personal experience, and the community experience, because it can evoke emotions."

Although he recognizes that every voyage must someday reach its harbor, endings are something Ralkurian avoids. He has suffered much loss in his story. He has killed friends, one to their final death, something he carries to this day that will forever remain part of his story. Ralkurian himself has died fifteen times and replenished his spirit twice. He holds great conviction around the cycle of life and death and finds the act of killing to be a last resort on most occasions. Ralkurian does offer caution: "Try not to dwell on the parts of your story that are unresolved"

As a Song Lyra, one of Ralkurian's favorite activities during gathers is the Fire Under the Sky. He invites all who come in peace to share a song, poem, story, or anything else around the fire. It is a place where community can gather

in good company and channel creativity through performance. Ralkurian invites all to come and speak their truth if it moves them.

It was at one of these fire circles that Tobias first met Ralkurian, and both felt an immediate connection. Ralkurian felt envy towards Tobias's beard, while Tobias felt he found his mentor in Spellsinging. Although the two have been like ships passing in the night as of late, they both hope to share a song someday and create harmony together. As Oak Harbor's first True Spellsinger, Ralkurian remains a guiding voice for those seeking to learn the art.

So, if you are looking to chart a course into the secrets of Spellsinging, look no further than Oak Harbor's first True Spellsinger: Ralkurian. And should you wish to share a song, poem, story, or anything else, come to the Fire Under the Sky and join Ralkurian in good company. There may even be some finger-jousting!

Written by Tobias

## Upcoming Events

- *Golden Idol Tour: Join world renowned bard Tobias as he continues his musical sensation: The Golden Idol Tour. Come sing, dance, and join in while Tobias brings the songs of the sea to Oak Harbor. Performance starts at the beginning of lunch during Willowsday! Don't forget to tip your bards!*
- *Wisteria's Story Hour: It's definitely happening at some place, at some time!*
- *Oak Harbor Casino: The Oak Harbor Casino is proud to announce it will be holding a high stakes poker game during this gather! Speak with Dolan if you are feeling lucky! Come check out the games of chance and try your hand at winning it big! Remember, every second Firsdays of the week Lyra's drink free!*
- *Fire Under the Sky: All who come in peace are invited to join Ralkurian to share song, poem, story, or anything else! An opportunity to enter into a space where songs are shared, sometimes sung together, and sometimes there's food! Come gather in good company around dinner on Willowsday at the beach and channel creativity through performance and community around the fire!*
- *Orfeo and the M'cord Affair: A new theatrical work is underway here in Oak Harbor! Commissioned by Orfeo di Romanza himself, Tobias has written a musical tale for the ages! Auditions will be held on the 3rd bell of Willowsday, followed by a brief rehearsal. No preparation required! If interested let Tobias know you'll be there! There will be laughter, song, action, and just enough mischief! And don't miss its debut performance during the second gathering of the Fall this year! This is a show you won't want to miss!*

Written by Tobias

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