

Call for Mercenaries

A call has been raised for capable and intrepid individuals in the town of Oakhurst on the Old King's road. A giant chasm has opened close to the village and creatures are issuing from it. Unconfirmed reports say these creature resemble bunches of twigs. They are causing nuisance and commotion in the community.

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Warning to All Travellers on the Kings Road North

Several travellers have been attacked by, or have caught sight of, Ogres and other monsters on the Kings Road north of Fallcrest as it winds through Gardbury Down.

"It took the Horse, thanks be to Pelor", exclaimed on such traveller who last fortnight was assulted by a hideous ogre while traveling in the Downs. "It was hiding behind a boulder besides a tree and jumped out at me. It seemed mighty hungry and took the horse our with one swipe of its club, and I managed to run away. I hope the bugger likes those turnips that I was planin' for the Winterhaven market"

All travellers should take extra precautions when travelling the road; travel in large groups, make the journey without pause or rest, and stay alert for ambushes and wandering monsters.

Fighting Errupts in Harkenwold

Iron Keep Captured; Baron's Fate Unknown

The Iron Circle Mercenary Band Blamed on Bloodshed

Harkonwold Villagers Flee in Terror; Refugees Arrive in Fallcrest

Vicious fighting broke out in Harkonwold this spring between the Harkonwold millita and The Iron Circle. The cause of the trouble is unknown at this time. It is reported that Baron Stockmer has not been seen since the taking of the Iron Keep in Harkon Village. Worries about his wellbeing are well founded as unconfirmed reports claim he is a prisoner of the Iron Circle and is being kept in his own dungeon below the keep; an ignominious tiding if true.

Little is known about the Iron Circle themselves. Some claim they have holdings in the city of Sarthel. Others claim they are from further south, and hail from the ruins of Nera. Whatever the truth their martial expertise cannot be questioned; they have swept away the valiant Harkenwold defenders with ease. Fears are being expressed about our own defenses here in Fallcrest.

"There is no cause to worry. The troubles in Harkenwold is a local issue. I believe the good Baron maybe have had an contractual issue with the Iron Circle. I'm sure it will be resolved in speedy manner to the satisfaction of all" replied the Lord Warden Markelhay when questioned on the matter.

"I am keeping a good eye on the situation as it delveops. There is no cause for anyone to start fearmongering or causing panic. Such aggravators will see a night in the cells below the watch tower." he also warned.

As the crisis worsens refugees from the Harkenwold villages have started to arrive in their dozens. Fallcrest citizens have risen to the challege and are providing food and lodging to these poor unfortunetes.

"I was run outta my farm there on the Whtie river", says one man who arrives with just the clothes on his back."Those Iron bastard took everything and killed my poor betsy." Betsy, it turns out, was this man prize cow. "They wont stop", he continues," they'll come for all ye. To arms. To arms."

Little birdies have reported that the Lord Warden has disbatched some of Fallcrest's finest to aid the noble Harkenwolders in the defence of their homeland. "They are our natural friends and allies", replied Sergeant Murgeddin about the Harkenwolders. "We should be doing more. If I wasn't a greybeard I'd be on a pony down south myself. We've caught a few of those Iron Circle lads up here, sneakign about, up to who knows what devilery. They gots what was coming to them. Those Harkenwolders have stone in their veins they'll be alright. Just you wait and see"

Reports from the refugees clain that there is a resistance to the invaders and that the Iron Circle do not control all the river valley and that the resistance is growing daily. We will keep you, our reading public informed of any developments in this story.

Iron Circle repersentitives refused to comment on these accusations.

Trouble at the Old Keep

Several reports from Winterhaven have indicated that there is activity, yet again, in the old ruined keep north of the village. It has a poor reputation among the locals who tell of a band of adventurers that cleared Hobgoblin Slavers out the keep only last year.

"Its a nuisance that place. Nothing but trouble," claims Tom Hogdart, Trader. "I need to travel the Kings road close to the place on the way to Oakhurst. We've been attacked by shadowy creatures on both occasions. Someone needs to do something about that place once and for all."

Lord Padraic has put out a call for the advertureous to investigate the keep and destroy the creatures for a reward.

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Growing Threat from the North

Reports from traders tell that the Tigerclaw tribes are warning of rumours of trouble among the orc tribes throughout the Winterbole forest and the Stonemarch.

The raiding between the tribes has recently escalated into all out war; The Bloodspear tribe have swept away the Black fang of Winterbole and the Severed Eye of the Stonemarch. Although elements of each tribe continue to resist.

There are rumours of a new orc leader and many have speculated that once the Bloodspears have quelled the trobes they will turn their attention towards the Nentir Vale once again.