

Session 4

Main Ideas:

- Final Puzzle: Trial of Spirit
 - Sort of like Suffering Game: Forgive/Forsake
- Lavender Library
 - Queue with others getting library card
 - Gaelor the Harencong seems to recognize the irony of forbidding animals
 - Varinn
 - Sorcerer's Silver Lore: give learn that it is related to chronurgy magic
- Travel to Gallant Grasslands
 - Lori arrives with horses (beasts of burden)
 - Encounter (with more warlocks?)

Details

-----Final Puzzle: Trial of Spirit-----

- Sort of like Suffering Game: Forgive/Forsake

You find yourselves standing atop a teleportation circle in the center of a rectangular stone room. About 60 feet in front of you, you see two wooden doors. Moments after appearing in the room, the doors begin to light up and a swirl of magical energy coalesces into an ethereal figure. The amorphous translucent energy settles into form of an old man with a long jagged beard wearing wizard's robes. The man's mouth doesn't move, but you hear a voice speak telepathically:

Greetings, Lavender Library Applicants! To have made it this far, you have proven yourselves worthy of mind and of body. Now before you lies a choice. The ghostly figure gestures to the wall on your right, which suddenly starts to become transparent, revealing an adjacent room. This adjacent room appears to be identical to the one in which you stand, featuring a pair doors at one end. In front of those doors, an identical spectral wizard is gesturing toward the corresponding teleportation circle, upon which stands a group of 4 humanoid creatures: an enormous goliath wielding a whip, a rugged-looking monk wearing brass knuckles, a human woman wearing Zarunite garb, and a 3ft tall hovering pink fairy all stare back at you.

Observe your counterparts. They face the same decision: COMPASSION or SELF-PRESERVATION.

The spectral wizard flicks his wrist and a quill magically appears, whereupon it hastily etches the words compassion and self-preservation into the stone above each door.

Your group must choose one door. Consider wisely, for your choice combined with theirs will determine the nature of the challenge each group faces.

- When compassion is met with compassion, challenges are more easily overcome for both parties. Many hands make for light work.
- When self-preservation is met with self-preservation, challenges are made significantly more difficult. An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind.
- When self-preservation is met with compassion, the selfish walk through unscathed while the burden of both challenges is borne by the compassionate

Choice happens 3 times. The challenges are

	1	2	3
Basic	Rhino	Scorpion	White Dragon Wyrmling
Hard	Rhinox2	Scorpion+Spikes	Blue Dragon Wyrmling

-----Lavender Library-----

- Queue with others getting library card:
 - Kebo-Wan, Thalor, and Moosra are waiting in line to get their library cards too
 - Kebo-Wan is researching better BBQ recipes, Thalor is looking for dance forms and Moosra is just there for the cafe
 - Varinn is seen teleporting in through the member's entrance and walking to his vault
- At the front of the queue, Gaelor welcomes them

Welcome to the Lavender Library, the realm's largest collection of arcane tomes, magical scrolls, comprehensive treatises, cryptic texts, and, of course, publisher of Wizard Weekly, winner of Best Magical Magizine 372 years in a row! Make sure to check out this week's article "Mastering the Mirror Realm: 6 Common Mistakes Traversing Alternate Planes and How to Avoid Them."

My name is Gaelor and I'll be reviewing your application. *magically creates holo-replay* mhm, mhm, took a few tries, but that's fine. Yup.. mhm, almost died to the constructs, but who hasn't? Okay.. [Reference whatever choices they made in the third trial].... Congratulations! Your application has been accepted. Please step this way *takes photos and prints out cards*

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Don't forget to stop by The Sorcerer's Sips. Here's a voucher for one free Lavender Latte.

- Tries not to let the squirrel in: No animals!
 - Gaelor the Harencong seems to recognize the irony of forbidding animals

• **Varinn**

- walks back from the premium tier9 area with a scroll in his hand [Arcana check]

Ah, what a coincidence! It's always a pleasure to see familiar faces. Zarus has surely blessed us by intertwining our paths.

I wish we were meeting under happier circumstances. You see, one of my closest colleagues was recently found murdered not far from Zaridel. This loss has taken a heavy toll upon not only me but the countless citizens who looked up to and relied upon her. We certainly live in very dangerous times! Those who leave the safety of Zaridel's walls risk such great peril. When I learned of Morgana's untimely demise, I was worried sick that something terrible might have also become of the gracious visitors we welcomed into our city. If memory serves, your group of travelers set out on the very same night that the tragedy occurred. Indeed, I seem to recall that you had even set out on that *very same road*. I thank Zarus above that *you* were not also killed.

For your own safety, I feel I must offer the hospitality and security of Zaridel to you once more. Now that you understand the severity of the danger, you will surely reconsider the offer. [Wisdom Save or be Charmed]

- Varinn starts to cast a spell, but Gaelor interrupts
 - SHHHHHHH no spell casting is allowed in the library
- Sorcerer's Silver Lore: give learn that it is related to chronurgy magic
 - Varinn realizes he shouldn't force the issue and departs.
 - Anyways, I have pressing business to attend to. If you ever change your mind about Zaridel, you will be welcomed back with open arms. I'm sure Zarus will cross our paths again.

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