

Guiding Notes - Session 04

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Characters

Cinnamon (Carter)

Rabbitfolk Artillerist Artificer. Far Traveler. From the Feywild. Tends to run away from problems. Came to Barovia to hunt down the werewolves that abducted children from his village.

Patrin (Chris)

Dragonborn Draconic Bloodline Sorcerer. Solider and Officer. Stubborn. Exiled from his clan for an accidental murder. Needs a mentor and teacher to show him how to use his magic properly. Came to Barovia by (forged) invitation of Kolyan Indirovich.

Weylan Lawbringer (Justin)

Human Paladin. Acolyte. From the city of Solangel. Worships the Protector. Grew up in his father's shadow, and left home to end the source of goblin raids on his city. Came to Barovia to follow a vision from his late father and earn his own glory.

Zarus (Greg)

Tiefling Barbarian and Undead Warlock. Haunted One. Strong sense of protection for those around him, due to the great loss of his family and friends long ago. Avoids entering his rage if possible, since he is addicted to his smelling salts. Has been cursed by Norganus, the Finger of Oblivion. Came to Barovia by (forged) invitation of Kolyan Indirovich.

Strong Start

The Party has just defeated the two “sisters” in the windmill, found the Tome of Strahd, and leveled up. With two children in tow, it would behoove the Party to return them to their parents in the village of Barovia. The clock is also ticking to return to Vallaki, which will occur at noon on 27 Oct; remember that the Baron has specifically invited you all as his honored guests.

Potential Threads

Return of the Children to Barovia

Freek and Myrtle are able to easily lead the Party to their home in the village of Barovia. The parents, Tural and Katerina Dargova, are surprised that the children have returned and ask the Party how they convinced Granny to return the children. The parents are cagey about why the children were given over to her in the first place (given that they are ashamed to be addicted to Dream Pastries) and insist that it was due to her orphanage being a safer place for the children. The parents don’t have anything of value to give to the Party, but are willing to share any lore that they know if the Party asks.

Festival of the Blazing Sun

If the Party returns to Vallaki in time, they will experience the “Festival of the Blazing Sun” special event. If they interfere with the Baron’s punishment of the guard and if they are thrown into the stocks, Lord Vasili von Holtz (Strahd in disguise) will ride up in a carriage driven by a well-dressed coachman; accompanied by another manservant, he will get out and charm the Baron, and then convince the Baron that he should release the Party since it’s a day of celebration. Vasili will notice Ireena standing with the Baroness and go over to make smalltalk, acting “surprised” to find out that the Party knows her already. After the match he will then get back into his carriage and ride off.

If the Party doesn’t interfere, Lord Vasili will still ride up and join the distinguished guests. He will introduce himself, make smalltalk (particularly with Ireena), and later head out in his carriage.

Per the faction notes, if the party forgets about the pastry they sold to the Araseks there will be consequences.

Wizard of the Wines

The druids will try to have their blights maintain distance during the fight in order to rely on their more powerful ranged attacks, having seen what the Party is capable of now. However, the blights will largely be milling about in the vineyard behind/beside the winery rather than in front since the druids don’t expect an attack anytime soon having driven the Party off already once before. Once a druid appears on the scene, he will command the blights to focus on Cinnamon’s cannon since they saw the destruction it could wreck last time. The Martikovs will have found out that there seems to be a head druid with a devilish-looking staff hiding somewhere within the winery.

Potential Treasure

- 20 gp discount for retrieving (and not opening) the used merchandise for Bildrath
- The ability to ask the Martikovs to deliver the last three barrels of wine to a destination of the Party's choice