

# Summary - Session 04

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## Story Notes

### Oktober 26

The party left the windmill and returned to the village of Barovia. After speaking to Ismark about the missing children and the true nature of Granny and the pastries, they returned Freek and Myrtle to their parents; the father answered a few questions about various goings-on in Barovia and the Vistani. The Party then headed over to the chapel, took a long rest outside of it, and then headed down the Svalich Road towards Vallaki. Upon reaching the lower bridge across the Ivlis River, they took a detour they noticed that ran west into the woods. The Party luckily noticed the spike trap set into the path and avoided it before continuing onwards through the woods.

### Oktober 27

Passing the Tser Pool, they made it back onto the Svalich Road above Tser Falls and made it to the gates of Vallaki without further incident. The guards at the gate were reluctant to let the Party in during the night, but were persuaded once the guard remembered he had previously seen them there on official business. The guard mentioned that there used to be a mad wizard seen on the north shore of Lake Zarovich, but that had been quite a while ago. Once inside, the Party headed to the Blue Water Inn and rented a room from Urwin to pass the morning. After a long rest, they headed to the Arasek Stockyard and refunded the Araseks for the bad pastry; Gunther was unable to sell them any weapons or armor since those are tightly controlled by the Baron to keep his guards armed. The Party returned to the town square and spoke with Ireena again once she arrived for the festival; she said she has been generally enjoying her time there, although is a bit creeped out by the Baron's enforcer, Izek.

When the festival was set to start, it began to rain and a guard let slip a laugh when the Baron's torch failed to light the wooden orb. The Baron punished him, claiming he was clearly a servant of the devil for undermining his authority and mocking the festivals that protect the town, by dragging him bound behind his horse around the square and then having him locked in the stocks. While he then oversaw villagers adding more oil to the orb, the Party met Lord Vasili von Holtz, a charming and well-to-do resident of Vallaki. Ireena in particular seemed enamored with him and they chatted amiably throughout the entire festival.

The Party then investigated Rictavio's carnival wagon, and seemed to hear something locked inside. Gunther and Yeselda didn't seem to know anything about the wagon past that it's owned by Rictavio. Upon returning to the Inn, the Party spoke with two grizzled

hunters who refused to take part in breaking into someone else's property. They then spoke with Rictavio in his guest room on the second floor, who claimed that he knew nothing about any animals being inside his wagon. Getting nothing further from him, the Party left and resolved to break into the wagon.