Happy 27th birthday, Matías! Love you!

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## Halfling Menace Strikes Again

NEW CYRE, BRELAND—Leonus Randy Zecrum, international menace and enemy of the Dragonmarked Houses, was last seen at the site of a refugee camp. He was performing unauthorized surgery. Dr. Caub d'Jorasco, who leads the Jorasco medical team there, informed the *Chronicle* that Mr. Zecrum cut off a human man's leg and nearly set most of the camp aflame.

This isn't the first time that Mr. Zecrum has been embroiled in controversy. He first made citywide news as part of a research team that claimed discovery of a black dragonshard deep within the Cogs. But before any other scholars could investigate, the research team – and the shard – disappeared off of a skybridge.

Mr. Zecrum has also been associated with strange rumors about the Mark of Death, the cryptic House Karalak, and the horrible ear-bleeding screams of a thousand voices. He is also associated with a mysterious stain, which has appeared as far away as the monster nation of Droaam.

His most recent visit to Sharn was quickly followed by the destruction of a beloved community temple in Lower Sharn. After casting several divination spells near the resultant rubble, high-ranking members of the Sharn Watch believe that it was Mr. Zecrum who caused the explosion. "The necrotic spell signature matches the kind of diseased magic that Leonus Zecrum is known to radiate," said Nancy Wright, a diviner who works for the Watch. "Also, viewed from up high, the rubble approximates the shape of the stain."

Witnesses have also seen Mr. Zecrum near a House Cannith-owned building, which has since sustained serious property damage. Strangely, House Cannith has yet to press charges against Mr. Zecrum.

Experts say that Mr. Zecrum is dangerous and deranged. House Jorasco and House Ghallanda recently held a joint news conference decrying Mr. Zecrum's activities in Sharn. "Leonus Zecrum was exiled from House Jorasco for a reason," said one representative. "We staunchly oppose his beliefs regarding free healthcare for all."

"How do you know the food he's serving you is safe to eat?" said another. "For quality products, consumers should eat only at places with the House Ghallanda mark of approval." She suggested Pie in the Sky when asked for an example.

Multiple eyewitnesses informed our journalists that Leonus Zecrum often carries two staves. One of the staves has a head that looks like the Mark of Death when viewed at certain angles. An artist's depiction sits below.

If you see Mr. Zecrum, we advise staying away from him and informing your local *Chronicle* branch as soon as possible. ■



## More Troubles for House Lyrandar

SHARN, CITY OF TOWERS—After the death of Brian d'Lyrandar in an airship explosion and the mysterious disappearance of Anemone d'Lyrandar, his less accomplished sister, House Lyrandar officials hoped to have time to grieve.

Unfortunately, a major official of House Lyrandar recently discovered that his private airship had gone missing. After hiring a Medani detective, he was told that someone named Valon Woodsrow was behind the theft. The official reportedly said, "Who the hell is Valon Woodsrow?"

The detective was unable to get a good read on other figures who might've been involved in the theft. She informed the *Chronicle* that she suspected two or three other figures who must've been "shapeshifters or really good at disguises or something."

House Lyrandar will pay handsomely for any information on its missing airship. Report to your local Lyrandar enclave if you see the airship or if you have any knowledge of how it came to be lost. ■

## Birthday Boy Really Cool Person

ROSS'S CAMPAIGN—Happy birthday, Matías! You're a beloved member of this roleplaying group, a wonderful artist, a fantastic data analyst, and a great friend. We hope this is your best birthday yet!