

lord's room. it's not important
north. don't ask what i was doing in my loser liege
lord goodbye i let the pigeon loose and follow it
without asking permission or telling my loser liege
and deduce it belonged to the assassin.
raters of my loser liege lord's room
FIND A LITTLE caged pigeon in the



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eleventh day

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my men have to wait outside the city walls for like
token that would have gotten us into the city, so
confusion of leaving i forgot to take the
inforce a city he's taken, but in the
v LOSER LIEGE LORD sends me to re-
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sixth day

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tenth day
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ON MY WAY BACK to my loser liege lord's
city i realize i won't be able to collect my
men from my fake liege lord until i bring
back my loser liege lord's head. this would have
been a great thing to think of before i got myself
in this situation. i go back to my loser liege lord and
ask him to rescue my men, and he tells me that if
he could sack my fake liege lord's camp he already
would have. that doesn't change the fact that my
men are still trapped. they're prisoners, even. i go
back to my room to sulk



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seventh day
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AND MY LOSER liege lord finally joins me in
the city, it turns out he's actually a pretty
cool guy, and he isn't even that mad at
me for letting the wizard steal his wife. i decide to
shoot my shot but i'm really nervous and keep on
stalling because what if i mess up our relationship
and by extension jeopardize the security of my men,
and eventually he just says goodnight and goes back
to his room, where an assassin is in the process of
setting up to kill him



AND SOME SORT of wizard wanders into camp, my loser liege lord wants to execute him for being a wizard but i convince him to let the wizard stay, because i want to do more weather-based strategies and i'm pretty sure having a camp wizard can help with that. after the welcome to the team banquet the wizard steals half the treasury and my liege lord's wife and leaves



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eighth day
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AND MY LOSER liege lord tells me to fake defect to his rival warlord, the one i originally wanted to ally with, to find out if he was the one who sent the assassin and why. but my whole way over to the rival warlord i'm worried that this has something to do with the wizard thing or how awkward i made it last night

DISGUISE MYSELF as a wizard and enter the camp of the coalition leader the pieceon led me to. in the middle of my little sleight of hand performance i make eye contact with the coalition leader's second-in-command. IT'S THE WIZARD THAT STOLE MY LOSER LIEGE LORD'S WIFE. after the banquet i corner the fake wizard and ask him what the fuck is going on and he just says "wouldn't you like to know" and leaves. i don't know what to say to that so i just let him go



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ninth day
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TRY TO TACTFULLY ask my fake liege lord if he sent the assassin to kill my loser liege lord and it turns out the idea of using assassins never occurred to him, but now that i've suggested it he's really into it. in order to save my loser liege lord i volunteer to be the one to kill him

GO BACK TO my loser liege lord and tell him everything, urging him to join with my fake liege lord to attack the coalition leader according to the weaknesses in the nursery rhyme. he tells me frankly that he doesn't trust me anymore. i ask him to execute me if that's really true, because i can't bear to live if i can't protect him and i can't protect my men. he agrees to attack the coalition leader



fourteenth day
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share any more. she doesn't need to. through a bizarre coincidence of homophones, it's the poop version of my misinformation nursery rhyme

BRIBE A BUNCH of kids to start singing a nursery rhyme i carefully crafted to spread misinformation and further my strategic ends but they change the lyrics to be about poop and the enemy isn't misdirected at all



second day
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third day
as a second century warlord



LURE MY ENEMY into a narrow valley and send a team of archers to shoot them from the high ground but there was a feral hog napping on the trail up to the overlook and they couldn't decide whether to try and shoot it or just go around and by the time the hog woke up and left on its own the enemy had already passed safely below

out in a line
can clearly see there's like twenty of us all spread
just rained so there isn't any dust and the enemy
look like there's a lot of us but i forget it
HAVE MY MEN tie branches to their
horses' tails to stir up dust and make it



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first day

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fourth day
as a second century warlord

WE ATTEMPT TO join a battle on the side
of the guy we want to ally with but he
and the guy he's fighting have really sim-
ilar names and it's finally dusty and i misread the
standards and attack the wrong guy. so now we're
stuck with this total loser of a liege lord, because
how the fuck do you explain that after a battle?

UE TO THE information in the nursery
rhyme, and thanks to my loser liege lord
reminding me of the weather conditions
multiple times while planning our battle strategy,
our alliance carries the day. my loser liege lord gets
his wife back. my men tell me that our fake liege
lord actually treated them really well and they'd
like to stay with him if i don't mind. i do mind,
now that neither the men i love nor the man i love
have any use for me, but i don't tell them that



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thirteenth day
as a second century warlord

I'M HONESTLY SO sick of not knowing
what's going on, so i adjust my wizard
costume to passably disguise myself as a
woman and break into the women's area of the
camp, where sure enough my loser liege lord's wife
is. i ask her what she's doing here and she tells me
the fake wizard overheard her singing a poem she
overheard on the street, not knowing it contains the
coalition leader's formation's weaknesses. the fake
wizard kidnapped her and assigned an assassin to
kill her husband before they figured out the poem's
significance. she shares the first couplet with me
but i'm discovered and thrown out before she can

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I'M PREPARING TO leave to i don't know where, maybe to try to become a wizard for real, when my loser liege lord stops me and asks me where i'm going. he says he had hoped i would continue to work as his advisor. i was unaware i was his advisor in the first place. i agree, and he tells me he's truly honored to have me in his service at last. he has known i am a rare and talented man with a strategic intelligence far above his ever since the day he witnessed me tying branches to my horses' tails in six inches of mud, and could not for the life of him figure out why

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