

1 Fellow Travellers

- Debbs (Tim)
- Willhelm (Paul)
- Luca (Tom)

2 Diary of travelling in the land of Joiry

2.1 Session 1

While travelling to the Spring Fair at Latour-Rose the party discovered a stash of fine Murano glassware, perhaps abandoned due to the recent troubles, and decided to cart it to the fair to sell.

Several days out of Latour-Rose as evening set the party were set upon by a group of goblins and very large timber wolf. Before the wolf, filled with feral cunning beyond what is normal, could attack Willhelm ensconced the creature. I rushed forward and smote one of the goblins with my scepter and the remaining fled.

I bribe the wolf with a ration of dried meat, for which it was satisfied and disappeared into the darkness.



- Use ration for wolf

We travelled on into the darkness, spying what looked to be a giant on a hill some distance away. We hurried on towards a flickering fire in the distance, finding the fire outside a small stony bothy by the roadside.



A group of half a dozen ne'er-do-wells were already occupying the bothy, with a tarp set up to give extra cover. On a fire was a pot with a rabbit stew.

Their leader, a slim man called Evander, invited us to join them. They all looked like brigands except a young woman called Elene, a servant to Andrea de Courte, a merchant from Latour-Rose. I could not determine if she was a captive or not, but we were outnumbered so nobody wanted to push it.

- Small wiry fellow
- Woman with cudgel
- Large man with cudgel

Fortunately Luca and his dog turned up with a brace of conies, enough meat for all our group with some to spare. I broke out my jug of honey wine and shared it around the whole group, reducing the tension and quite possibly saving us from violence.



Both parties eventually settled down for the night, with each group setting a watch. Some time towards dawn the wolf made an appearance but the remains of the stew were enough to keep it from devouring anybody. We left at sunrise and headed along road to the next town.

Reaching the town of Lac-de-fer in the early morning and purchase a meal at an inn called the Leaping Fish. I am incensed to hear a cult known as the Tideborn has occupied and desecrated the church in the village.

- Spent 2sp for good breakfast

However mindful of the valuable cargo we were carrying and our few numbers I held my wrath in check. We were forced to sell one of the glass goblets to the local bargeman for passage across the lake.



On the barge we were accompanied by The Three Players, a troupe of entertainers named Y'slen the Magnificent, Breagle the Strong and Eloise. As we crossed the waters a small fishing boat approached and we were accosted by one Carlu the Corsair, a cruel-faced fellow with an impressive moustache. He claimed to be searching for a Lady An-nawyn and demanded to search and stab the womenfolk on the barge.

With swift action from Willhelm and Luca the corsair's bowmen were robbed of the bows and with a mighty push by Luca the barge lurched away from the boat, causing the corsairs to plunge into the water rather than leap aboard. Both the boat and the barge hastily rowed and polled away, leaving them to flounder.

2.2 Session 2

We enter the town of Latour-Rose and are greeted by local guard and gardener named Antoine. He recommended going to Monsieur Boutin, the stall manager, who is at the center of the town.

- The Juggler's Zeal
- River running through the center of the town
- Castle falling down
- Baronial square has palace

Monsieur Boutin recommends two stall holders, M d'Salice and M d'Courte, for selling the glassware to, otherwise we can hire a stall in the main square, at the cost of 100sp per day and 1/20 of the sale as taxes. The alternative is to set up in the Pauper's square, which costs nothing, apart from the tax. However selling valuable items in the pauper's square is to invite theft and there will be few buyers.



Henri the guard clears a path to M d'Salice and M Boutin quietly suggests not taking anything less than ten talens for glass. After a short discussion we depart, followed by an non descript character by the name of Martin.

At M d'Courte he offers to sell it on our behalf, taking a fifth as his cut. We sell two pieces to him for a gold talen and 100 silver pennies. Afterward we return to d'Salice and sell the remaining items for ten talens and 200 silver pennies, immediately splitting the money so each receive two talens. We are recommended the Hungry Cock by Martin as a place to lodge for the night.

Spend the remainder of the day shopping, encountering a number of strange people including Talak the Thred Merchant and Lady Snika.



- Spent 1 talents buying a new set of cloths
- Spent 1 talent on book and hourglass

I purchase a new set of travelling robes and boots, an hour glass and a book containing local folk songs.

We return to the Hungry Cock and while supping our evening meal are set upon by Martin and a crew of thugs. Somehow Lady Snika gets involved and steals a boot from right off Luca's foot. After a short fracas the thugs leave with the badly beaten Martin and the inn keeper is forced to hand over 212 silver pennies for this part in the ambush. We depart for fresh lodging. In the proceedings Lady Snika and her dog show they are not what they seem, but some sort of fey creatures.

2.3 Session 3

Monsieur Boutin, market-master, has a favour to ask of the heroes having helped them when they arrived in Latour-Rose.

Merchants and other travelers have complained of raids on the northern road. The bandits seem to have made their camp in an old ruin, long crumbled. The ruin is said to be haunted and perhaps cursed, and given the guard are largely volunteers it is proving hard to get anyone to investigate.

The curious thing is the bandits appear more interested in taking captives than treasure, though they take that too. So far no demand for ransom has been received nor prisoner released...

Surely however the heroes, who are brave
and armed with faith, steel and magic, will
prove up to this task.*

*Having spend some time in Latour-Rose the party have
picked up some followers and a mule. We acknowledge
the favour owned to Monsieur Boutin and after collect-
ing additional equipment and supplies from the town vow
to set forth as the fair is winding down.*

- Maurice the Muleteer
- Didier the Didier
- Armand the Mendicant
- Rayée (mule)



*We head north from Latour-Rose and after a while meet
The Three Players, whom we had encountered previously
near Lac de Fer. Towards the evening we reach the path,
heading off to the left into pine forest, but elect to con-
tinue on for another hour and make camp in an existing
clearing next to the road.*

*After an evening of song, dance and tricks all have a safe
night and leaving the group the party heads back south
to the path. After maybe half an hour we encounter a
group of peasants gathering snails and mushrooms. They
say there is a group rebuilding the ruined temple deeper
in the forst and that they had started before the winter.
While they group is not particularly large, and might hes-
itate attacking a group of five there has been a giant feral
cat stalking the area for the last few months.*

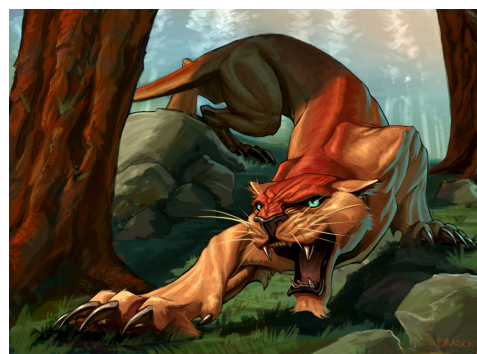


*We pay an old woman five silver pennies to show us way
to the temple, another three to four hours further into the*

*forest. After a while on the path the mule refuses to budge
so it is tied off in a thicket some way of the path.*

*We continue on for a good hour before discovering some
conceiled leycap mushrooms, a little way off the path.
While gathering them the cry of a wild cat is heard and it
attempts to ambush the party. With swift action the cat
is taken down with a couple of crossbow bolts and as it
lay wounded a cloud of darkness seeps out of its body.*

*I present the Holy Fingerbone and calling forth the power
of our Lord banish the evil back to the Pit. The cat shrinks
back to the size of an ordinary feral animal and the party,
rather than slay the beast or leave it to die, patch it up
with bandages and salves.*



*We track through the forest for another couple of hours,
staying near but not on the path. Nearing the temple I
stash my cart a little off the path and while doing so hear
voices approaching along the path towards us.*

*Carefully stealthing through the underbrush we spy two
people in black robes pushing a cart with a corpse loaded
onto it. In conversation they say it will only be another
few nights before the great work is done. We track the
cultists to a stream where there a number of bodies, possi-
bly even half a dozen, dumped near the water.*

*An ambush and melee ensue and both cultists are right-
fully slain. The corpse is that of a merchant who was in
Latour-Rose for the faire, by the name of Vincent Guerin.*

*Leaving the stream and grisly occupants we return back
and after an hour and a half reach a stone wall. Beyond is
some sort of chapel or temple, and the sounds of a couple
talking.*

*Another melee ensues with one of the cultists, a woman
of unknown description, animating two corpses with foul
necromancy. I destroy one with my vial of holy water and
the other is eventually beaten down.*

*Inside the temple there is a dark alter which is being re-
stored by blood sacrifice but it cracked by me striking it
with my lit censor. The woman manages to escape using
some sort of darkness magic but leaves her book behind.*

*After it all over we capture two cultists, a woman with a
burnt face and a large burly man. We rescue two teenages,
who are the son and daughter of Vincent Guerin.*

By the alter are stairs going into a cellar and within is a chest and a statue of of a toad god, which is destroyed. Around the cellar are strange runes carved into its walls and on reviewing the book it seams the cultist leader was attempting to transcribe them.

The chest reveals nine gold talens, 466 silver pennies, a beautiful inlaid wooden box worth perhaps 400sp, a box containing one and 1/3 Lightsucker candles and a pair of very familiar Moreno goblets worth 200sp.



The book contains one and 3/4 spells, which Willhelm claims. We rescue another two people leave the temple, pushing hard to get back to the road by night fall. The following day we return to Latour-Rose and hand over the captive cultists. Later we are feasted by the town and my spend items replaced by the church.