

After much debate Igrid decided not to go with the master work option for the cold iron knuckle dusters. This caused some consternation with the weapon smith as he had agreed to rework the cold iron morning star rather than give it to the Baron's son based on part of the rework being at master work grade. After some negotiating he agreed to do the work for us but we had to buy the morning star from him and then pay him to rework it. This compensated him for the loss of favour that he would have got from the gift to the Baron's son.

Late in the afternoon we were wandering along the main street that runs parallel to the Great North Road. We were looking at hostels etc for somewhere to stay in the town while the weapons were being forged. As we were walking along a carriage pulled up and two people got in from a hotel. One was Adriana and the other was a man that we did not recognise. The carriage set off towards the castle. A couple of minutes later a man on a horse galloped into town leading two other horses. He stopped at the entrance to the same hotel and ran in, leaving the horses outside. He was only in the hotel for a couple of minutes before he came back out and got back on his horse. He galloped off towards the Castle leaving the two spare horses at the hotel.

We decided to head off up to the castle and see if we could arrange a meeting with the Baron. As we were walking up the road to the castle we spotted the carriage enter the castle followed closely by the rider that we had raced into town. The coach stayed in the castle for just a few minutes before leaving again with the rider following on behind. When the carriage passed us Igrid looked in and spotted Adriana alone in the carriage. The coach carried on for a few seconds until a thumping sound was heard and the coach stopped. We assume this was Adriana thumping on the roof to get the driver's attention. Adriana got out and started talking to Igrid. Apparently the friend was Dmitri Orlov. The news is that the watch in Bellamy are looking for us as we were the last to see Gillian. We pointed out that actually the bouncer walking her home would have seen her not us. Igrid asked if Adriana knew of Lord Nathaniel which she admitted to knowing a little about him but as far as she was aware he was a squire not a Lord. Apparently the Baron is starting to hear news of the clearance and is not happy. Apparently Nat went over the Baron's head to the Earl. The Earl is based in a large city about two weeks travel south of here. The Earl in question is Earl Vandros. Adriana invited us to get into the carriage and ride back to town where we could discuss matters further. As we set off down the road again I spotted a figure crawling across the hill towards the castle entrance. I asked Adriana to stop so that I could go and investigate. I got out of the carriage as did Igrid and we approached the figure. This turned out to be a woman in studded leather armour who was badly wounded, training a broken leg and leaving a trail of blood. She was close to checking out. After a brief discussion it became apparent that this ranger had been involved in the land clearances and had got badly wounded in an explosion. It had taken her about 2 weeks to stagger and crawl back here. The attack was chaos. As far as she was aware she was the only survivor from her party. The rest were killed inside the cave when the explosion went off. We splinted the broken leg with a few of her arrows. Igrid worked a little medicine on her. Unfortunately she either could not remember her name or would not give it to us at that time.

The Hotel where Adriana was staying was the Williams Town arms. We headed back there to meet up with Morkoth and Adriana. We went round the back and were politely told the hotel was closed. WE explained that we were expected by Adriana. The doorman went in and checked before letting us in. There were arrangements being made for the Baron's Son's party. Apparently Adriana was hosting it. Getting back to the Bellamy watch looking for us. The reason was that Gillian was found dead with bite marks in her neck and drained. Apparently this happened two nights ago. However we were on the road heading down to Bellamy at the time. So the killing did not happen the night we saw Gillian and we were not even close to being the last ones to see Gillian. Never the less the watch want to talk to us because of our chat with Gillian and then our seemingly rapid departure. Igrid believed that the attack was caused by a Vampire. Some believe in these creatures others do not.

Apparently Nat is after land power and a title. He may be after Wroth's profit source as well as Wroth is the only independent merchant in Bellamy and he seems to keep coming up with uncut gems.

Further chatting to Adriana came up with some other interesting facts. Olaf Tomlinson was the uncle to the bouncer Magnus. Olaf was known to Adriana for occasional business dealings but nothing within the club. Magnus was going to give the cold iron sword to his uncle or so he said. We did not believe him when he told us this.

We decided to take two approaches to talking to the Baron. The Baron had an invite to the party but it was thought unlikely that he would attend. However Morkoth decided to get hold of some fine cloths and attend at Adriana's invitation. Igrid and I chose to go to the castle and seek to obtain an appointment with the Baron. We took the nameless one with us. When we got to the castle we first spoke to the guards on the gate one of whom went to get a steward who questioned us as to our reasons for seeking an appointment. We hinted at the nature of our information and that we wanted nothing for this information. We managed to get a private appointment for Thursday afternoon, the following day, at 2pm. We then headed back into town and found the shop where Morkoth was being fitted out. He had to buy the clothes and provided that they were in good condition he could sell them back at a reduced price. We managed to get the attention of the shop keepers who were fitting Morkoth out in the back of the shop. We told Morkoth that we had the appointment thus there was no need for him to attend the party. After some compensation paid to the shop keepers for their time and effort we all left the shop.