

# The Travance Chronicle

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## A June Wedding!



Ardn Silberbow and Mirwen Eloras hereby announce their intention to marry after consent was obtained in Qutnarta from the Eloras family according to the Qutnartian tradition. The date for their wedding will be in the Qutnartian month of Rising Ser'y, known as June in the Kormyrntan calendar, on the 1st day of the month at 3 bells past noon. All subjects of Travance are hereby invited to witness this special event. The ceremony will take place on the stone platform on the hill overlooking the bridge by the lake. Loremaster Anorniel Silberbow, the sister of Ardn Silberbow, will officiate. Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served on the beach near the Mage's Guild. Ardn and Mirwen ask that their guests do not bring gifts, as the presence of those they call friends in Travance is gift enough to the happy couple.



## The Hardest Type of Love

by Brother Bat Cooper, Cleric of Balos and Recruit of the Barontal Guard

Last moon we celebrated Saint Astrid. Though I am a Balosian and don't exactly practice as much love as I should, I hope that, like relics may come from a dog's tooth, so too can the wisdom of the Gods shine through me to you. There are several types of love but, as I trust in the ethics and goodness of the citizens of Travance, I spoke about the hardest type of love. Love of those who hate us.

I have heard two arguments against this type of love. The first is that expressing love towards people you don't like isn't useful. Our enemies do us no favors by definition. I would say this is not true because those who treat us badly help us to learn patience—the one thing that is required for not only all of the other virtues, but also even your skills. Just ask anyone who has learned to strengthen their will. The second is that you can't very well show love towards someone you are attacking and may very well be killing. I would say that they are the ones that you need to have love towards the most. It should be with a little sadness in your heart that you fight because, as a great general once said: "It is good war is so terrible else we would grow to love it too much." That very subject is what we spoke of at one of the Masses done in April.

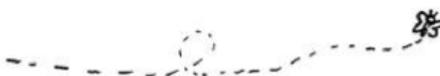
## A Journey to Spring

by Amizar Wuzwhir

At long last the winter snows appear to have gone their way. Even before the calendar said it was spring, I distinctly remember heading out to work one icy morning and being taken by the quality of springtime in the air. The sky was brighter. The air was warmer. The trees were reaching out towards the sun. The gifts of listening, stillness and quiet, which endow the winter months, renew and replenish all of life and empower the awakening of springtime. This season is about smoothly moving upward and outward with strength and flexibility.

Like trees, we reach for the sun and blossom by expressing ourselves. We are held and nourished by the earth – by those who care for us. We are continually shaped by the quality of the space that we exist within and by what we receive from it as inspiration. When we encounter obstacles such as rock, we are capable of effortless changes in direction – no frustration, no resentment. Even in springtime, the most potentially active season, we continue to drink deeply from the waters of possibility and renewal. Now our endeavors, resilient and flexible, can thrive through the abrupt changes the season has to offer. Be it strong winds, or a warm spell followed by a deep freeze, we as nature, are being called upon to remain flexible and strong, to be patient and enthusiastic, as we move along our chosen paths towards the summertime of our fullest expression.

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Spring is in the Air  
by Gwynedd

Down:

1. When the weather gets warm, we all go \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Inspires growth of plants
5. Plants used for flavoring, food and medicine

Across:

3. Tree spirit
4. Defends forest
6. Andorra's Holy Symbol



## A Londwynu Guide To Surviving The Wilderness by Sir Jack Cypher

My friends, springtime is upon us. We all know what that means: the forests and swamps are ripe with flora and fauna whose only wish is to try and kill us all. Fear not for I am here to help with a practical guide that I've painstakingly put together over the years! The study and sacrifices I've made to compile these notes is astounding, from eating food not prepared in a kitchen to sleeping on dirt and rocks. Though perhaps there may have been a very comfy goose-down bed between the two of us. Also a wooden floor, walls, and roof of the inn I was staying at. I assure you though the ale was watered down and the service abhorrent. The sacrifices I make for knowledge!

The Guide:

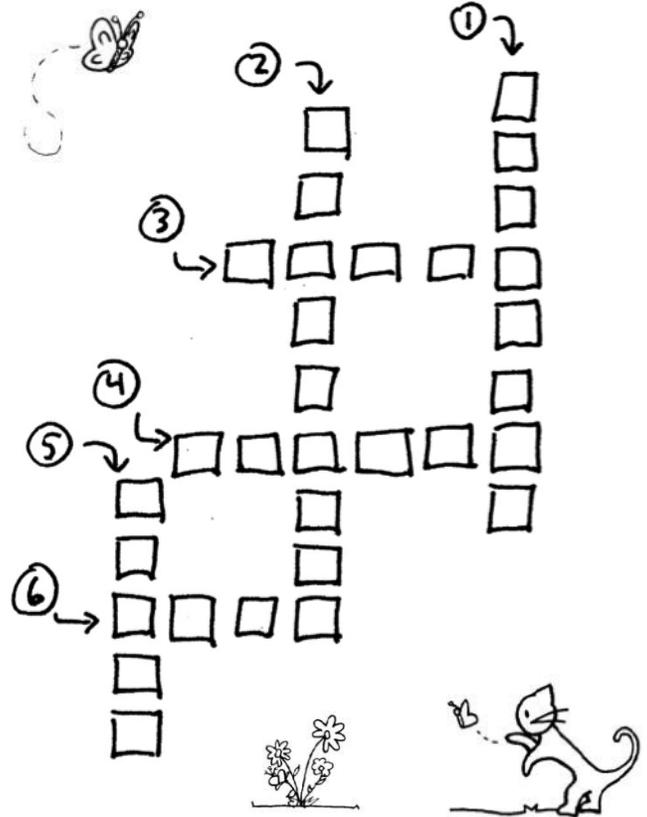
Consume honey from local hives. By getting that pollen in your system you can stop Nature from giving you dreadful springtime allergies. Take away one of it's most potent weapons! \*Note\* Do not punch bee-hives. They do not like it.

If you ever happen to find yourself randomly being chased by a horde of bees, do not jump under water to try and escape from them. They will in fact wait for you. Or at least wait longer than I can hold my breath for.

After a hard day of punching beehives for honey to immunize yourself from the wilds, you may find yourself being accosted by a bear. Punch it in the face. While this most likely will not kill it, unless you are Blade, it will at least be said you didn't go down without a fight. Then you can walk down the street and people will be like: "Hey is that the guy who punched a bear in the FACE?" Impressive.

When you have attempted to garner favor with the locals by punching a bear in the face and it surprisingly survived, do not climb a tree. Bears are amazingly good climbers. Really Nature, why do you have to do this to me? Next time I shall try jumping into water. Maybe bears are less patient than bees.

In closing: just stay inside. We wouldn't have built buildings if we liked, or even needed, to stay outdoors. Much less, having to worry about bees and bears.



## GinGinny GinRum's Guide to Drinking - Alisandria

Chances are you're already familiar with the taste of Alisandrian ale. It's easy enough as most of the ingredients in ale - wheat and hops - are almost exclusively grown in Alisandria and imported to the rest of the alcohol producing lands. If you want the best quality though made with the freshest ingredients, you're going to want to sample what Alisandria has to offer.

One of the most illustrious vintners in Alisandria is Lord Blackthorne himself. He has taken a considerable amount of time and resources to produce some of the highest quality wines this land has to offer. Lady Blackthorne is also a maker of alcohol, but her specialty is absinthe, also known as the Green Fairy. The rumors of its flavor and the experience of drinking the Green Fairy have been passed along in hushed tones and drunken legends for years. It is one of Alisandria's most exclusive exports - the ceremony of serving and drinking it takes at least 20 minutes - and is always presided over by its brewmaster, Lady Cassandra herself.

But if securing a spot at this prestigious table is a little out of your reach, there are a number of other exceptional wines and ales coming from this land. There is even talk of an exclusive hobbit-made ale reaching outside markets. As of yet the hobbits drink it all before it has time to get anywhere else. Interested in sampling something you've read about in this article? Head over to the Dragon's Claw Inn and see what's on tap!

