

# CAULDRON CRIER



## STORMBLADES

### VICTORIOUS! KOBOLDS VANQUISHED!

Noted Cauldron citizen Annah Taskerhill and her band of Stormblades have once again ventured into the bowels of twisting natural caverns and abandoned dwarven mines known as undercauldron and returned to tell the tale. The brave adventurers have brought to heel a filthy tribe of kobolds... vicious, murdering dog-men whose sole purpose is to shed the blood of the surface races in the name of their scaly gods.

We tip our hats to you Stormblades, for venturing where few dare to tread and keeping the rest of us safe.

## COUNTERFEIT COINS FOUND!

The city Watch has uncovered a hidden cache of gold coins bearing a jester's face instead of the Sovereign Cauldron arms. Lord Mayor Severen Navalant has personally issued a warning for shopkeepers, merchants and tradesmen to keep vigil against such counterfeit coins and reminds all citizens that these \*jesters\* are not legal tender. He has asked the Watch to seize all counterfeits without recompense, leading some to name these measures \*the fools tax\*.

## ORPHANS ABDUCTED!

### CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT VOWS TO BRING EVILDOERS TO JUSTICE

The spate of recent abductions plaguing our fair city has reached a heartbreaking low. Four innocent children were stolen from the Lantern Street Orphanage in the night, the abductors leaving behind not a single broken lock or battered door to alert the Watch. Voicing the outrage of the people, underpriestess Jenga Urikas of the Church of St. Cuthbert has vowed to bring the criminals responsible to justice and end Cauldron's nighttime terror once and for all.

Jeneer Everdawn, counted among the missing, is said to have volunteered at the same orphanage. Mere coincidence? Perhaps Miss Everdawn stumbled onto evidence of an evil cult and needed to be silenced. Or perhaps the clever halfling was a kidnapper herself and disappeared in order to better cover her tracks. Sir Skellerang, Captain of the Watch, continues to urge citizens against speculation.



- ✦ *Tiervan Wispart (male gnome, age 91): A local alchemist, Tiervan lived with two cats and ran a marginally successful business. He disappeared 88 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Jord Seerstin (male gnome, age 72): A law clerk who worked for a local gnome barrister named Aeryk Gylbar, he disappeared from his home 83 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Azmi Dresker (female human, age 19): A known prostitute who plied her trade at the Slippery Eel Tavern, she disappeared from her residence 81 nights ago. She and a coworker, Shellen Rycar, rented the house from an old woman named Matira Hathaway, who was asleep in the house that night and didn't hear anything.*
- ✦ *Shellen Rycar (female human, age 20): Another prostitute who frequented the Slippery Eel Tavern and shared a house with coworker Azmi Dresker and their landlord. Shellen disappeared 81 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Krylskar Endercott (male human, age 24): Kicked out of the local militia for drunk and disorderly conduct, Krylskar vanished from his parents' home 74 nights ago. Neither parent hear or saw anything suspicious, but they believe Krylskar may have robbed them and fled the town in disgrace.*
- ✦ *Callum Sunnyrush (male Halfling, age 37): He groomed horses and ponies for the Lathenmire noble family. He vanished from his room at a cozy local inn 69 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Gryffon Malek (male human, age 32): He worked as a barkeep at the Tipped Tankard tavern. He disappeared 66 days ago, three days before his planned wedding to tavern barmaid Imelie Deranti.*
- ✦ *Ozordra Callagher (female human, age 35): A self-proclaimed sage, she ran her own small bookstore. She was last seen 60 nights ago by her 18-year-old Leagan, a mason's apprentice.*
- ✦ *Jembar Kalavar (male human, age 25): A local minstrel of some repute, he vanished 52 nights ago from his room in the Laughing Horse Inn.*
- ✦ *Bruth Mercadi (female human, age 36): A local chandler who disappeared from the apartment above her shop 47 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Deven Myrzal (male human, age 18): A lamplighter who vanished 45 nights ago. Guards found the pole Deven used to unhook hanging lanterns in the street a few blocks from his home (which was not robbed).*
- ✦ *Jeneer Everdown (female Halfling, age 42): A jeweler's apprentice who did volunteer work at Bluecrater Academy, she disappeared 40 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Lorthar Ironfold (male dwarf, age 125): A skilled Cartwright. He and his wife Dondor, vanished from their home 35 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Dondor Ironfold (female dwarf, age 127): Wife of Lorthar Ironfold, she and her husband disappeared 35 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Rikaldo Vesker (male human, age 34): His ransacked home contained blood droplets and blood-encrusted knives not surprising, since Rikaldo worked as a skinner. He disappeared 31 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Lestor Coldwater (male human, age 22): A trained scribe and struggling poet. He and his girlfriend, Jelluth, vanished from her home 26 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Jelluth Sirlara (female half-elf, age 33): A struggling shoemaker who inherited her father's failing business, she vanished (along with her boyfriend, Lestor) 26 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Elethor Ashstaff (male half-elf, age 58): A wizard and trickster who occasionally performed minor feats of prestidigitation at birthday parties for upper-class children. A dead rat possibly Elethor's familiar was found in his home. He vanished 22 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Maple (female Halfling, age 32): Last name unknown. Maple was rumored to be associated with the Alleybashers. She disappeared 18 nights ago.*



- ✦ *Corystar Pike (female human, age 35): A retired adventurer who was living on stolen loot, she walked with a cane. She disappeared from her modest abode 16 nights ago.*
- ✦ *Gasper Drundlesput (male gnome, age 74): A reclusive and eccentric mathematician who worked at Bluecrater Academy, he is believed to have vanished nine days ago. Pieces of parchment covered with numbers and symbols littered the floor of his ransacked house.*
- ✦ *Deakon Stormshield (male dwarf, age 20): A bright dwarf, Deakon was taken from the Lantern Street Orphanage three nights ago. The orphanage took him in when he was six years old, after his parents failed to return from an adventure.*
- ✦ *Evelyn Kadavac (female human, age 9): A quiet, sullen girl, she was taken from the Lantern Street Orphanage three nights ago. Her father and mother succumbed to the filth fever plague that struck Cauldron seven years ago.*
- ✦ *Lucinda Aldreen (female human, age 8): A gregarious but superstitious child given to the Lantern Street Orphanage at age four by her poverty-stricken mother. Lucinda was abducted from the orphanage three nights ago.*
- ✦ *Terren Kharatys (male human, age 9): This orphan, taken from the Lantern Street Orphanage three nights ago, is a dour and temperamental lad. His parents died shortly after his birth (circumstances unknown).*

Kazmogen, it appears that business has been brisk as of late, but there is such a thing as being 'too successful' in this business. Ours is a trade that flourishes best without the unwanted attention of jealous competitors or interfering do-gooders. The citizens of Cauldron are like an angry nest of bees. If they are kept docile, an intelligent beekeeper can slowly harvest their honey for years to come. Attack the hive like a clumsy, starved bear though and you are bound to get stung.

Your control of the abandoned Dwarven fortress has been useful, and our arrangements profitable, so I will chalk up the recent short-sighted and unsustainable increase in abductions to your unfamiliarity with the overworld. Continue on your current path though and I will not need to take action – some other offended party will take care of you for me. You have been warned.



## CAULDRON COAT OF ARMS

