

Phulleigh Dotfive's Journal

Day 1 of the Xterminators

Spencer and I went to the park to check on the notifications board, as was suggested by the most famourest of druids, my trainer (hopefully). We asked, but he hasn't given us an answer yet. Spencer suggested that we look for a job as he wants to upgrade his armor. He told me that he could definitely carry something heavier. But we don't have enough gold to get the shiny barding he liked (yet). And he's right, we're kinda spending more than we're making.

So we were counting snowflakes for a while, because the board didn't have any good jobs. After about a hundred, I noticed that several wierd looking people had taken up residence on the other benches. They were mostly human, except for an elf and a short stocky dwarf. When all of a sudden an official looking human walked up and pinned something on the board. A tall blonde guy with sunshine reflecting off his mouth yelled "Adventure!?" So I jabbed Spence hard with my heels in an attempt to snatch the paper while we rode past, but the dwarf grew really big and blocked our charge. By the time we got in front of the poster, everyone had magically teleported to the same piece of paper and tried to take a strip off the bottom. So I did too. I started to leave (Spence and I don't really like

crowds) when I realized what it said. It was telling adventurers to go see someone named X. I started looking around for the guy that put up the ad. I yelled at him and asked if he knew how to get to this place. His name was Librum and he worked for the city. He said he was just the guy that put up the notifications. When he realized that all seven of us were starting to gang up on him, he remembered where X's manor was and gave us directions. When we started towards the road, the others were walking with us. The dwarf introduced himself (can't remember what his name is... started with a G) and asked for a ride. I didn't want to hurt his feelings, and was going to say no, but he offered to buy me a drink at an interesting sounding pub. So I let him get on Spencer's back. He must have weighed a lot, because Spencer was going really slow. The others were walking with us but they didn't say anything. So to break the ice, I told them my name and that they could call me five. I turned partly around to the grey dwarf (I think his skin's grey, could be black and blue though) and explained my family's name dotfive, being a play on halfling, but I don't think he got it. The Elf said his name was Phineas something or other. I was a little distracted by his theatrical smarty pants voice like he thought he was very important (I've heard that elves can be stuck up). The big blonde guy said he was Zalted, or Exaltore. Not sure if that was his full name or

not, as the sun flashed in my eye when he talked. I forgot to ask because the really pretty lady said her name. Wiz are we rae. Not sure what she said after that, cuz the wind blew through her hair as time slowed way down and a choir started to echo in the background. The music cut off abruptly... someone said, "Vern. Just Vern." I shook the cobwebs from head and looked at a mosaic of the morning lord on Just Vern's shield. He made a joke about short people and that his god didn't like us. Grey and I looked at each other and wrinkled our eye brows. Not sure what to make of that one. Mama says priests are delusional and born with a stick in their butt. I guess we'll just have to make sure he doesn't hurt himself.

When we got to the manor, there were two gaurds with name tags that had an X on them. One was human, the other an orc. They checked out our little piece of paper and after some deliberation, let us pass. When we got to the entrance, an elf let us in and said the master would be with us momentarily. Then a little boy named Ellis collected our pieces of paper. He said he was 10 years old. Magravedisay Exiss told us to just call him X. That's good, cuz I can't pronounce that. He had a gray beard and his eyes had no pupils, so I couldn't tell if he was looking at me or not. But he can definitely see. Said he was an adventurer but retired and he sponsors new groups. He

offered us room and board in exchange for rooting out evil and correcting injustices. This sounded exactly like what the priestess and the marchwardens said I was here for, so before he was finished, I told him I'm in. Nathus Manivox, the house elf showed us to our rooms. He dressed in really nice clothes and wore white gloves. He probably uses those to see if things are dusty. I chose the room closest to the indoor grass so if Spence needs to pee at night, we don't have to go far. Still haven't been able to teach him the trick of using the chamber pot. It wasn't long before the rest of them came knocking and Grey snuck in and shut the door behind him. They said there were secret tunnels that connected our rooms and we should spy on Wiz Are We Ray. I told them that I didn't approve but I would go with them to make sure they didn't get in any trouble. We found Mathus and asked if it was okay if we searched the tunnels and he said it was okay but to be back for dinner at 6.

We found a long curving passage way that seemed to go past where the manor was. A crack in the wall revealed a large spider and before the rest of us could react (except for Exzalted, he grunted and became a tortoise behind his shield), Phineas shot it with a bolt of dark magic. Grey told us that it was poisonous and asked us if it was wearing a name tag. Wiz Are We Ray cleared her throat like she was

going to say something, so we all turned around and paused to look at her. She just pursed her lips and put her hand on her hip. I turned back around to get a better look at the spider to see what kind it was and it attacked Exalted. So I jabbed it with my spear and it curled into a ball. Someone said we should see if the vermin was a pet, as it actually did have a name tag like the guards did. So Phineas and I went to find X. When we found Mathus he looked like we were bothering him. I told him that Phineas killed X's pet and we didn't want to upset our host. When Mathus came back he was even more perturbed, and said no one had a pet spider.

By the time we got back down there, it was already time to eat. So as a group we headed upstairs. Not sure what we ate, because the choir intermittenly started singing again whenever the slow motion breeze blew hair across Wiz Are We Ray's face. It must have been good because Spencer kept bumping my elbow so he could have more. I looked around the table at everyone's faces and thought to myself (at least I think it was to myself) "Why would Meiliki place me here? What evil could this group of exterminators possibly be able to thwart?"