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# Mouthpiece

Special  
Celebration  
Edition Featuring  
**NATHAN**  
The Valley Hero!

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# Nathan is Our Hero!

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## Our Lad Returns Triumphant Alliance Warden Saves Wolfhold Unaided!

Plucky Priest **Nathan** has returned from another plane, having saved every man, woman and child in Wolfhold from **Certain Destruction**. The Valley Alliance has leapt at the chance to reward the **Wonderful Warden** by naming him a true **Hero Of The Valley!**

Our intrepid reporters were able to track **Nathan** down by a skilful combination of sleuthery, information gathering and reading the proclamations of Heroism that the **Noble Nathan** obligingly posted on every door, wall and table in the Towers.

"How did you manage to save us all on your own?" we asked. "Silence, ignorant worm!" quipped the **Plucky Priest**, "I will now tell you how I, **Nathan the Hero**, saved Wolfhold from a **Fate Worse Than Quicksilver!**"

Sadly, space does not allow us to recount all of Nathan's marvellous exploits so we have picked out the highlights and the **full story** is published on pages 7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13.

In brief, **Nathan** managed to:

- Rescue **Guild Leader Felix** from **Certain Death** at the hands of a **Vampire** although he was unable to dissuade the foolhardy Sorceror from senselessly killing himself later
- Rescue the **Wolfhold Tower Key** from **Certain Destruction** and returned it to the proper Authorities
- Rescue **Tower-Leader Dalvain Spellsword** from **Certain Death** although he was unable to dissuade the foolhardy Sorceror from killing himself later
- Rescue all the inhabitants of **Wolfhold** from **Certain Death** at the hands of **Crazed Inter-Planar Assassins**
- Rescue a few foolhardy **Valley Adventurers** from **Certain Death** trapped on a plane full of **Crazed Inter-Planar Assassins**

**Nathan** heroically stepped forward with all his customary arrogance and inflamed egotism to accept the acclamation of his peers, the Tower Leaders.

A hapless band of bunglers **Nathan** had kindly taken the time to rescue on his way was left to face the ire of Inquisitor Sebastian and his cronies.

Asked what he regarded as his greatest achievements,

**Nathan** listed Meditating Twice In One Combat, Deposing a Dark Goddess, Meditating Twice In One Combat, Disrupting the Ritual Magic which held together an Entire Plane, Meditating Twice In One Combat, Rescuing a Paladin from The Hunt, Meditating Twice In One Combat, Saving Valley Members from an Undead Shambler, Meditating Twice In One Combat, Turning the Skaven against their Evil Masters, Meditating Twice In One Combat, Meditating Twice In One Combat, Meditating Twice In One Combat, Meditating Twice In One Combat and Meditating Twice In One Combat.

**Wow! What a guy!!!**

We here at the Mouthpiece wouldn't be surprised to see **Hero Nathan** rise to high office soon and we will throw every shred of influence that we can command to support this **Noble Priest**.

Asked what the future holds, **Nathan** hinted that he may soon go to save **Galadrin**, Guild Leader of the Warden, Part-Time Nazgul and Three-Times Gobylympic Dwarf Frightening Champion from the clutches of the **Evil Morgothians**.

"I'm sure I'll be able to rescue **Galadrin** from **Certain Undeath** as well as pick up any stragglers in the area," he promised

We're sure that **Nathan** will deliver the goods in his usual Heroic fashion. **Hurrah for Nathan! Hero of the Valley!**



**Nathan** (Valley Hero and Warden) shown here hard at work saving all of our Towers single-handed.

## My Secret Life Tullan tells all.

Shocking revelations have been brought to our attention by an anonymous, embittered informant. Tullan, darling of the Green Magic community, has been harbouring a dark secret for many years. Yes, it appears the Tullan is none other than Sir Arias De Rogue, Battlemaster and close confidante of Sethan. The first question that sprang unbidden to our minds was "Who?" and it turns out that we are not alone. Tullan, it appears, is still the best kept secret there is in Sheamus' happy band of bunglers.

"He could at least have had the decency to be someone famous or important in his other life," complained a spokes-assassin, "Quicksilver, for instance."

In line with our standard policy, we continue to protect the identity of our sources. Thanks, Mekket.

## Belem Trevani: An inspiration to us all!

Belem Trevani, the Valley's newest role model, has been publicly recognised for the devotion and atmosphere of trust that he has brought not only to the White Retreat but to the Kern Valley Alliance as a whole. And not before time in our opinion.

Trevani, who reveres Hero Nathan, has ascribed his success to a perfect combination of posture, attitude, breeding and focus.

"He may be a mincing baboon, but at least he is completely trustworthy and devotes his life to furthering the best interest of not only his own Tower, but the entire Alliance too!" enthused a Wolfhold spokes-villain. "We would like to encourage him to continue on exactly as he has been doing thus far."

## Is it or isn't it? Quicksilver impersonation competition a big success

An increasingly popular event, this year's premier "Am I Quickie?" event was bigger and better than ever before. Although some still question the tastefulness of these competitions, no one can deny that they remain popular with fans of "The King."

A particularly good turnout on the day saw multitudes of make-believe ice-elves wandering aimlessly around, wearing dresses and repeating catchphrases such as "Run for it!" and "Give him the staff!"

As usual, few were able to reproduce the lilting musical presence of the Country and Western idol, although Sven's heart-achingly beautiful rendition of "Ze Vunder Off You" will stay with many of those present for a long time.

Even King Michel is rumoured to have taken part in a former event in his student days, although the White Retreat (which has never officially sanctioned these events) refuses to confirm or deny this.

It is sad to note that along with all the fun, there is a darker side to such days. Some of the more ardent fans of the great Quicksilver seem to become so wrapped up in the myth of their hero that they end up believing that they actually are the great man, born again. Leaving aside the obvious flaw of not being old enough to have reincarnated the Great Man, they convince themselves that it is really true.

One such (tipped to be amongst the most promising entrants) has become so convinced that he is the true Quicksilver that he has officially changed his name and arranged to have himself kidnapped, so missing the competition completely. The judges caused a real stir by only awarding him second place in this year's competition, with a special mention for all the effort that had been put in on his entry. The actual winner was Tullan, who had only popped in to see if his dry cleaning had come back yet.

### Lost: Dark Tower Leader

*Last seen clubbing a well-loved Guild Leader to the floor with a rock.*

*He can be easily recognised by his large ego and general air of spickiness.*

*If found, the Leader should be returned to Inquisitor Sebastian for a suitable reward.*

*No farmers need apply.*

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## Felix Kidnapped, Valley Saved!

Worried missives have been flooding in from the Celestial Bureaucracy regarding the disappearance of Felix, Something-or-Other in the Blue School of Magic. They are concerned that Felix's whereabouts have been known for some time and that he has singularly failed to disappear or be kidnapped for months.

Accordingly, the Primus has acted with a measured response which balances the safety of the Valley Alliance *in toto* against the needs of the individual, the individual in this case being Felix.

The happy-go-lucky Guild Leader has been permanently slain, taken to a plane that is probably no longer contactable from Orin Rakatha and buried next to a near-identical Felix which differs only from ours through having been dead for slightly longer. Shame.

The most kidnapped being in the Valley gave a final press conference before leaving but we were late for the event. All we heard him say was "...right off, the lot of you." We're sure that we missed a jolly session of light banter from Felix, well known as he was for his sense of humour. There is no truth to the rumour that Felix was considering changing his name to Quicksilver.

## Grey School Weapons Trial

Garbled reports have reached our office of the disastrous first showing of a new Metal Magic Super-Weapon.

Scheduled for a field-trial against inexperienced Valley trainees, the exercise was unexpectedly interrupted by a group of heavily armed Shadowsfall. The Grey Sorceror in question is said to have been caught unarmed and with his trousers down.

The Shadowsfall have filed an official complaint with the Mystics about these sorts of tactics, saying "At least we knew where we were when Quickie was around."

We tried to get an official response from the Grey School but the only spokes-warlock we could find shuffled off looking embarrassed and muttering something about Monks and Chaotic Wizards

## Aunty Scrag's Problem Page

Dear Aunty Scrag,

No one takes me seriously. What should I do to get the respect I deserve so richly?

Ignored Baron

*Dear Ezekiel,*

*Please write again when I have less time.*

A.S.

Dear Aunty Scrag,

Recently I have been feeling certain strange desires. Hair has started to grow from places I was unprepared for and my voice is going a bit funny.

I find myself drawn to staring at, er, well, parts of people I shouldn't.

I just can't stop! What should I do?

Distraught Humacti

*Dear Silverheart*

*Don't worry, it's a perfectly normal phase to go through at your stage of development. It happens to everyone sooner or later.*

*Why, I remember that even Dippy Dunstan and Volminor the Impaler had similar troubles.*

*You only need to really worry if you develop a preference for, say, a Drow Scout on all-fours from behind. That really would be unnatural.*

A.S.

Dear Aunty Scrag,

I am a well-loved ex-Saint and all round Nice Chappie and yet it seems that my own people are reluctant to keep me up to date on recent events. I feel out of touch with what is going on. How should I sort this out?

Ill-Served Tower Leader

*Dear King Michel,*

*I have the answer to all your problems. Unfortunately, we have to clear the release of that information through Quicksilver*

*and we have had no reply to our request. Unless you count a note slipped anonymously under our door telling me to say I hadn't seen anything. Which I hadn't.*

A.S.

Dear Aunty Scrag,

I am worried about the reputation of my Guild. Every time I tell some people about my profession, they start to laugh uncontrollably.

It's really starting to get me down.

What should I do?

Concerned Valley Tower Warrior

*Dear Jharkor,*

*Lie about being a Ranger. It's the only way, unless you join the Iron Guard.*

A.S.

Dear Aunty Scrag,

Mmmmmmmf mmmmmmmmf mmmf mmmf mmmmmmmmf mmmf! Mmmmmmmmf mmmf mmmmmmf mmmmmmmmf mmmmf?

Mmmmmmmf mmmmf.

*Dear Quicksilver,*

*You were absolutely right in coming to me with this problem. It is less common than you might think.*

*Even with the stupendous healing available in the White Retreat, you are quite beyond any help.*

*I suggest you try to live out what little time you have left as figurehead leader of a pointless crusade or as puppet monarch of a dead nation. Better yet, see if you can manage both.*

*You won't be any happier for it but it will give the rest of us something to laugh about for a bit.*

A.S.

*PS I loved your last album. It was a smasher.*

## Valley Zeros win the day!

### Prizes galore for our boys!

The 12th Annual Valley Picnic was a resounding success, as ever. This year the proceedings were livened up no end by a storytelling competition in which luminaries of all three Towers were invited to recite stories of their own devising on a subject selected by the judges.

Inquisitor Sebastian, heading an All-Tower panel, gave the working title "What We Did On Garrison Duty" as this year's theme.

Astonishingly, every entrant bar three came up with exactly the same story. This situation has not arisen since the infamous "*Have I Got Guild Leaders For You?*" incident. The three dissenters, Grasshopper, Djem and Zenith, started off in the same way as all the others but one of them got so excited he keeled over in mid-sentence, one just stopped half way through and the third seemed to miss out large chunks of the story completely.

In accordance with precedent, every contestant was awarded first prize and declared to be a Valley Zero. Some of them for the second or third time. Raucus has asked if there isn't some way to avoid seeing the same tired-looking faces, day-in, day-out. We advise him to stop shaving and engaging in any other activities involving mirrors.

Quicksilver was not seen at this event.

## Shambler Racing Makes The Big Time!

Sports fans have been delighted by the recent elevation of Shambler Racing to its new status as an official Goblympics event. Special recognition must go to both Jharkor and Lancorin for their efforts in bringing the sport into the public eye.

"There is no finer sight" said a spokes-paladin "than that of a Ranger being chased round a table by an enraged, undead Shambler. Power Eight, what a hoot!" No decision has yet been reached on the direction in which the races should be run.

## Rangers plan to save the day!

### New Energy saving Warrior unveiled

A "great new leap" in military technology has been unleashed by the Valley Alliance Tower. A new concept in infantry techniques has recently seen successful trials completed during a high-profile mission to Save the World (or Wolfhold at the very least).

Jharkor, test-subject for the new advanced techniques, said he felt "Fresh and ready for anything" after a gruelling few days rescuing Wolfhold from a plot to install a farmer in the place of Dalvain "That's *Lord* Dalvain" Spellsword.

A spokes-ranger explained how the new technology works. "Essentially, if the modified Ranger is left inactive for a few minutes, he will start to shutdown an unnecessary functions. This will start with the legs and eyes, progressing until the system is entirely suspended, or "asleep" as we call it. The Ranger can be readied for action quickly from this state and made available 24 hours a day, if not more."

Having seen a demonstration, we were impressed by the savings this could make if implemented across the entire guild. Some settings still need to be fine-tuned, though, as Jharkor keeps going to "sleep" in mid-sentence.

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The White Retreat has today issued two official denials. While the original texts run to several thousand words, they can be summarised as follows:

- 1)Quicksilver is not King Michel's love-child, borne from the unnatural coupling of the King and his dead wife, whose shade he raised for one last night of passion.
- 2)Quicksilver is not now earning , has never earnt and does not intend in the future to earn a living wage as a Felix impersonating strippergram. There was, apparently, just that one isolated incident with the teleport scroll and that was all.

Thanks for clearing up all that confusion, boys. You make this job *so* easy!

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