

2017-06-13 - Seven Weddings

We are in Freeport drinking at the Belching Beaver

- **Freeport** is under martial law
 - Previous leader of town fell ill
- The **Red Claw** have the same information as us and are likely heading to **Luketown** as well
 - We don't know if they are going after **Lillian**
 - **Terry** remembered some information the Dragon gave us
- The group does some shopping in **Freeport** before heading out
- We made it out of **Freeport** without randomly murdering anyone and headed for **Freeport**
- Uneventful first night on the road
- During our travels we reminisce about **Pope** (who died) and **Retards** fire cock, **FiZi** drinks one of his fine wines
- The weather takes a turn and we make camp
 - During first watch **Terry** thinks he hears something but nothing comes of it
 - Second watch is uneventful, weather stays shitty
- **Terry** sends out Peck to do some scouting
 - We find out we're nearing our destination and things seem deserted but it could just be the shitty weather
- **Terry** and Retard show off their shit to each other while **FiZi** heads off to do something useful and scout the town solo
 - Terry sends **Peck** with **FiZi** so recon information can be relayed nearly real time (TACTICS)
 - **FiZi** finds people leaving their homes and notices some strange behavior and dress for the local villagers
 - **FiZi** can't tell what's going on
 - **Terry** can't either
 - **FiZi** tries to interact with one of the villagers who is walking backwards
 - There is a wedding going on in **Luketown**
 - **Marcus** is getting married (again) according to the villager
 - Villager recommends leaving town, says the weddings are more like wakes than weddings
 - Anytime **Marcus** gets married the bride dies on the altar
 - Turns out the villagers are all acting strange out of superstition
 - **FiZi** asks about a **Lillian**, villager unable to help
 - We get back together and head over to the wedding

- At the wedding
 - **Marcus** is yelling at someone named **Felderman** swearing things will be different this time
 - **Felderman** is trying to talk **Marcus** out of it
 - **Retard** tries to convince the group to stop the wedding
 - **Terry** tries to convince **Retard** else wise by lying to him about having a gig at the wedding and needing to get paid
 - It doesn't seem to work
 - **Marcus** and **Felderman** start getting louder and louder
 - "and then suddenly..... and then suddenly..... **Ghouls** (6) emerge from the ground" (literally)
 - **Terry** formulates a plan to try and convince the bride to marry him
 - **Retard** sets him straight by reminding him about his IRL life choices
 - We destroy the first **Ghoul** with out breaking a sweat
 - The **Ghouls** go after the crowd but suck hard
 - We wreak the second **Ghoul**
 - A **Ghoul** takes out a woman from the crowd
 - **Terry** calls dibs on the gown from the dead woman
 - A **Ghoul** lands a hit on **Snowrunner**, he shrugs it off like a man
 - **Retard** crits the next nearest **Ghoul** and sends it right back to the containment unit
 - **Terry** crit fails trying to cast a spell on a **Ghoul** near him
 - **Snowrunner** kills the **Ghoul** he's engaged with
 - **FiZi** hits the nearest **Ghoul** and lightly annoys him with an arrow hit
 - **Ghoul** misses **Snowrunner**
 - **Ghoul** misses **FiZi**
 - **Terry** crit fails again trying to cast a spell on a **Ghoul** near **FiZi** and **Retard**
 - **Snowrunner** gives his **Ghoul** a hard whack and it keeps coming (we think this is the leader **Ghoul**)
 - **Snowrunner** is immune to Ghoul aids
 - **FiZi** deftly moves away from the **Ghoul** next to him and puts an arrow into him
 - **Ghoul** swings at **Retard** and hits
 - **Retard** avoids getting **Ghoul** aids
 - **Boss Ghoul** swings at **Snowrunner** and misses
 - **Ghoul** moves away from **Snowrunner** and dodges the AOO
 - **Retard** crushes the **Ghoul** next to him
 - **Terry** crit fails AGAIN trying to cast a spell
 - **Snowrunner** swings at **Boss Ghoul** and connects
 - **FiZi** fires and lands a solid hit on **Boss Ghoul**
 - **Boss Ghoul** heads back for **Snowrunner** and connects
 - **Snowrunner** avoids Ghoul aids but takes some damage
 - **Retard** charges **Boss Ghoul** and hits for like max damage and wipes out **Boss Ghoul**
 - **Felderman** starts giving Marcus shit for the ONE person who died
 - **Felderman** thanks us for saving everyone
 - **Terry** starts questioning **Felderman**
 - What's up with the weddings, how many times?

- This was wedding #6
- How often does this happen?
 - Every so often, maybe I'll tell you the story over a pint after they clean up
- Where is the tavern
 - We're given directions
- Do you know a Lillian
 - He knows her and says she has much to do with this story
- We head over to the Inn, get some drinks and food
 - **Felderman**, who turns out to be the mayor, joins us
 - We start talking about how we heard about Lillian, **Felderman** is surprise someone from **Freeport** knows her
 - **Lillian** hasn't been around for 30-40 years
 - **Lillian** was a Witch who studied all the bad stuff
 - **Lillian's** fiance was/is **Marcus**
 - We find out **Marcus** is like 80
 - **Retard** figures out the curse all on his own (we think he read **Jack's Wiki**)
 - It turns out **Lillian** cursed **Marcus** to never be able to wed. She wished for love eternal and crafted magical rings to seal the deal. She ended up dying in her experiments.
 - **Marcus** fell in love with **Alice** while **Lillian** was working and **Lillian** cursed/killed them
 - **Retard** says some sexist stuff about **Marcus** at this point
 - Turns out women just fall in love with **Marcus** and cannot be convinced otherwise
 - This has been going on for years
 - The **Ghouls** were new. Never happened before. Just for us apparently.
 - **Felderman** thinks NOW is the time that something be done about this curse. QUEST TIME!!
 - **Terry** finds out where **Lillian** lived and worked
 - Up on the hill north of town, villagers stay away from it
 - **Retard** asks where Marcus is
 - The cages near the town hall
 - **Terry** asks if they've ever tried to lockup **Marcus** before
 - This is the first time
 - We might have a ticking clock
 - **FiZi** says something snarky to **Felderman** that is ultimately pointless to the story
 - We offer to help the town with their problem but we want access to **Marcus** and **Lillian's** house... and a reward
 - **Felderman** is non-committal about the reward but wants the help
 - **Terry** asks for more details on **Lillian's** research
 - He doesn't know more than what he told us about the rings
 - **Terry** smells philosophers stones and wants to investigate
 - **Retard** asks where the bride is
 - She'll be kept safe at the town hall

- We head over to the town hall to question **Marcus**
 - We ask him about **Lillian**
 - He tells us she is dead (duh) and provides no more useful information
 - **Terry** tries to prod more out of **Marcus** by describing what her research was about and asks if **Marcus** knew anything about it
 - He knows nothing
 - **Retard** asks in the most polite way possible if **Marcus** had been unfaithful to **Lillian**
 - He either lied or didn't cheat on **Lillian**
 - He references an accident in the lab causing them to no longer be together
 - Says he came home one day and found her dead, shriveled and blackened in the lab
 - No burn marks
 - He says her spirit lingered and he visited her for a time
 - He visited her spirit in the mausoleum where she was buried
 - **Snowrunner** has a theory that if we get rid of **Lillian Marcus** will die as well
 - **Marcus** can't remember the last time he saw **Lillian**
 - **Marcus** only ever saw her at the mausoleum and she was always there waiting for her
 - **Terry** wants to talk to the bride (**Keylie**)
 - **Retard** says something charming about **Keylie**
 - **Terry** asks if **Keylie** ever talked to Lillian
 - She says no and thinks **Terry** is crazy
 - **Retard** takes the direct method and confronts **Keylie** with her decision to want to marry **Marcus**
 - **Retard** tries to convince her not to get married via facts and directly observable evidence. He fails like **Hillary Clinton** did. *Oh shit sick burn. I'm so good at this.*
 - **Terry** tries to convince her and fails
 - **Terry** goes and tells **Felderman** we need **Keylie** and **Marcus** separated to stop them getting married while we're away trying to fix everything
- We head over to **Lillian's** house
 - We cautiously explore the house wary of traps
 - The place seems "frat party wrecked"
 - **Terry** starts digging for books/notes
 - Terry finds a small painting of **Marcus** and we assume **Lillian**
 - Down into the basement we go
 - The stairs collapse on us because we're so fat and stupidly went down the stairs at the same time
 - **Terry** avoids getting hurt, **Snowrunner** falls and hurts himself
 - **Snowrunners** heart containers start to chirp

- **FiZi** tries to push **Retard** and fails
- We find a strange statue in the basement
 - **Terry** tells us not to touch it
 - **Terry** recognizes it as **Golem** (construct, clay)
 - Terry detects magic and finds the **Golem** and the east wall are glowing
- **FiZi** wastes two healing spells on **Snowrunner** cause he sucks at rolling
- **Retard** sets up an escape from the room using the magic rope in case attacking the **Golem** goes south
- We look really hard for a riddle cause no one wants to fight the **Golem**
 - We find a riddle "I can be stolen or given away and you will live, yet you cannot live without me"
 - First guess: Breath, not right but **Terry** makes the **Golem** blush
 - Second guess: Heart, ding ding ding
- The wall disappears and we enter the lab behind it
 - **Terry** searches and finds some books, scrolls and a set of rings meant for a bride and groom
 - Rings are next to book open to a page with a flower that has black and white pedals
 - We find a note that says:

"Doolb fo a nerw, evmon fo a gerptnan restnep, htob epslat fo a luosmoolb wolfre... I nacton mees ot worg eht luosmoolb. Lliw a busitsetut useciff? I tsum evah eht gnir aeryd rof Ramsuc eberof eht dewgnid eceromyn ebsnig. Rofvere ym evol..."

Blood of a wren, venom of pregnant serpent, both petals of a soulbloom flower... I cannot seem to grow the soulbloom. Will a substitute suffice? I mush have the ring ready for Marcus before the wedding ceremony begins. Forever my love...

- We find this diagram:



We ***think*** this might mean **Lillian** is trying to take over the body of brides and that's causing them to die

- Looks like **Lillian** tried to sub out the Soulbloom Flower and shouldn't have
- **Terry** digs around and finds the venom and blood in a vial
- **Terry** grabs the vials of venom, blood and the notes
- **FiZi** grabs the rings and then bolts out of the lab after everyone else has gotten to safety first
- On our way out of the lab two town folks bump into us at the front door
 - One of the towns folk throws something at us and combat begins
 - Turns out they are Hobgoblins
 - **FiZi** takes a few hits and almost goes down
 - **Retard** swings and misses
 - **Retard** action surges and hits
 - The **Hobgoblin Retard** hits screams and two more appear at the door
 - The two new **Hob's** charge **Retard**, one swings and misses the other hits
 - **Snowrunner** moves up and swings at the **Hobgoblin** that hit **FiZi** and punches it's shit in, literally, and it dies
 - **FiZi** quaffs a Healing Potion
 - **Terry** re-positions to the clam of safety
 - The remaining original **Hobgoblin** comes at **FiZi** and downs him
 - **Retard** takes a swing and misses (**FiZi** did the roll for him because **Retard** was shitting.... literally)
 - **FiZi** makes his death saving throw (1)
 - **Terry** casts hold person on the deadly **Hobgoblin** but she saves
 - **Hobgoblin** throws a few daggers at **Retard**, some connect
 - **Retard** attacks the **Hob's** in front of him and misses, second winds and hits
 - **Hob's** swing at **Retard** and miss
 - **Snowrunner** attacks the closest **Hob** and crit fails
 - **Snowrunner** drops his weapon
 - **Snowrunner** picks up his weapon and does unarmed strikes missing the **Hob**
 - **FiZi** fails his death saving throw (1)
 - **Terry** administers a Healing Potion anally to **FiZi**
 - **FiZi's** up and hard
 - **Hobgoblin** attacks **Terry** and hits one of **Terry's** duplicates
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 - **Hobgoblin** attacks **Terry** and misses
 - She melds back into the shadows afterwards
 - **Retard** rolls a crit and just straight murders a **Hob**
 - **Snowrunner** attacks the remaining **Hob** and misses

- Swings again and hits breaking the skin of the **Hob** but knocks him down
- **FiZi** fires at the **Hobgoblin** and it does a pathetic amount of damage
- **Terry** casts chromatic orb at the **Hobgoblin** and misses, not a crit fail this time, so an improvement
- **Hobgoblin** throws three darts at **Terry**
 - First misses
 - Second hits the last mirror image
 - Third hits and draws some blood from **Terry**
- **Retard** swings and misses the **Hob** on the ground
- **Hob** swings at **Snowrunner** and downs him
- **Snowrunner** makes his death saving throw (1)
- **FiZi** fires at the Hob in front of **Retard** and misses
- **Terry** magic missiles the Hob in front of **Retard** and hits him and then finds a nice place to hide halfway down a hole
- **Hobgoblin** comes at **FiZi**, miss and two hits and downs **FiZi**
- **Retard** attacks the Hob in front of him and misses
- **Hob** swings at **Retard** and misses, tries to run
 - **Retard** swings at the AOO and knocks out the **Hob** trying to flee
- **Snowrunner** makes his death saving throw (2)
- **FiZi** makes his death saving throw (1)
- **Terry** pokes his head up, fires a magic missile and hits the dirt again
- **Hobgoblin** casts a spell, (haste?), and runs away
 - She says "The Red Claw will be your doom as she runs away"
 - **FiZi** and **Snowrunner** swig some Healing Potions
- We'll interrogate the captive next session

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