

# ... And into the mirror (S26 - 15/09/2024)

- party house
  - Herton downtime catchup
    - learning history
    - searching for some nice books to learn in
      - found a recipe book that Valkyss took
    - trying to get some books from the lanterns
    - Baz helps Herton to finish
  - Herton's Wintercrest present
    - large brass box
    - size of a book
    - button at the top of the box
    - on a press it unfolds into an arcane occularium
    - *it's a microscope !*
    - identify as a ritual once per short rest
    - looks at the gloves
      - can change color and texture
      - can reach dimensions through mirrors
    - looks at the mask
      - cast the dream spell on a person seen in the last 24h
    - looks at the kaleidoscope
      - yeah, it just makes you go to sleep when you look into it long enough
    - looks at the pocket watch
      - extra compartment in it
        - contains 44.2525
        - the age of baz
      - no other info given
      - Baz tries to move the dial back but it doesn't work
  - Baz tries to talk to his cape
    - the cape told him a while ago what it did when he wore it for the first time
    - casts detect magic
    - no success into talking with his cape
    - Herton inspects the cape
      - hard to look at
      - 1/lr cast mirror image
      - advantage on stealth checks
  - Valkyss cooks one of the recipes
    - nicely cooked
    - it is tasty
    - everyone takes one poison damage

- codex of eldritch rebirth is placed in the portable hole
- Valkyss takes the immovable rod from the portable hole
- party wants to help Emma
- Crowe family house
  - Valkyss brings the promised apple and chocolate tart
  - the atmosphere is dire
  - Sebastian, Veo and Pluto are here looking tired
    - Emma is still having nightmares but is improving
    - Veo is distracted
      - looking at the map
      - reaching for her neck for something missing
  - Pluto offers to share the story of their dive
    - investigating the silver order
      - escalating activities in a worrying way
      - creating battering rams
      - crafting alchemical oils
    - Queen's men
      - in buckledown road
      - might be a base house for them
      - they were found and capture
      - the Queen's men took some of their belonging
        - Veo's father's badge
          - a memento
          - she is very affected by it
        - Veo asks if the party can help recover the badge
  - Valkyss asks if the three saw his old party

“ no we don't stay near these jackasses

- Quest asks about aging problems
  - none
  - party shares about theirs findings
  - party shares the news about Paracelsus' death
- party discusses about how to help Emma
  - Baz, Quake and Herton go to the manor to retrieve the mirror
    - the manor is still creepy
    - there are some wintercrest decorations
    - inside
      - the bedroom has a foul stench
        - black sludge leaking from the mirror
        - the mirror don't have a reflective surface anymore
        - it has become a reflective puddle on the floor
      - bathroom
        - filled with rubble
        - chunks of land and islands
        - party looks in the rubble

- no coins from the disk is here
  - it smell rotten in the house
    - it started from the front door
  - Quake asks Lump to go fetch the rest of the party
- Valkyss and Ques go to the forge
  - Valkyss takes the promised tart
  - Emma is forging and everyone is looking
  - Quest says happy wintercrest
  - Valkyss presents the tart
  - Emma is not in a good mood
    - the dreams are bad
      - the big bellied devil is there
      - eating something
      - flies buzzing around
    - the shadow of the bone devil quivers at the story
  - Tobias offers to use his silver to make a mirror if needed
  - Lump arrives
    - Quake can communicate through Lump
    - tells the news to Quest and Valkyss
    - Quest tells Quake the news about the dream
  - Quest tells Tobias that we'll need a full body mirror
    - would be ready tomorrow morning
    - Quest tries to give him 10gp for it
    - Tobias starts refusing
    - Quest tries insisting
    - doesn't go anywhere
    - Valkyss hands the tart to Tobias

“ that would be 5gp

- Tobias takes the gold
  - pays Valkyss and leave a 5gp tip
  - Quest and Valkyss go to the manor
- Manor
  - Baz try to looking for the ice lady
    - found big footprints
    - the smell worse
    - th wood on them are rotten
  - Quest and Valkyss arrive
    - they are given the info found
  - Baz starts follows the footprint
    - smell is strongest in the nursery
    - party follows
    - the door is still opened
      - different position than the one Valkyss left it in
      - now completely open

- ray of sunlight from a giant circular hole in the roof
  - wasn't here last time
  - Valkyss can't make it if it was made inward or outward
  - 15ft wide hole
  - Baz turns on the spectral lantern
    - nothing revealed
- party runs back to emberwood and the Crowe as fast as possible
- Crowe family house
  - Quest starts asking questions to Sebastian
    - she is suspicious of him
    - his story is sound
    - Quake asks Valkyss to check the roof
      - no signs for rotten or footsteps
      - after a while looking he comes back down
    - Baz tells what happened to Emma
      - Sebastian mentions it looks like the story of her book
        - Baz blushes a bit as it is the wintercrest present of a fairy tale
        - Baz reads the story
      - Baz mentions that he found some more things in the house
      - Sebastian asks for more details
        - Valkyss fails to draw his mom
        - Sebastian asks for books
          - Party manages to hide the codex of eldritch rebirth
          - Valkyss shows the cookbook
        - Sebastian wants to know more about why he is this way
          - can make stuff out of shadow
    - Quest asks if he ever has transformed into a winged demon
      - Sebastian admits he can summon a shadow hound
      - this is not what the party is after
    - Baz shows the shadow cape to Sebastian
      - Sebastian recoils at the sight of it
    - Sebastian was raised in the academy
      - only heard good about her mother
      - he has a spark of magic
      - Quest pep talks him and tries to open his eye about more views
  - party decides to stay here for the night
    - Quake will use her mask for dreams
    - Emma want to read her book
      - Quake asks if she can read out loud
      - chapter 2
      - it is a friendly rendition of the tales of the party today
    - party will do watches
    - Quake and Emma dream
      - **REDACTED**
      - Quake look cold and shivers
        - Quest places a blanket on her
      - an hour in there looks like there is a struggle

- Herton casts intellect fortress and lesser restoration
- coldness begins to lift
- Quake becomes incredibly hot
- Herton removes the blanket and it returns to normal
- Emma went through the same
- Quest stays up all night
- next day
  - Quake tells what happens
    - the demon is scared of something
    - it wants to get away
    - wants to talk
    - looks scary but doesn't want to hurt Emma
  - Tobias managed to made the mirror during the night
  - party asks the family to stay out of the room for their safety
  - Quest reaches out and touches the mirror
    - it ripples and shows a study on the other side
      - small
      - shadowed
      - library
      - astronomical instruments
      - lots of paper on the desk
    - bone devil is here
    - beckons the party to join on the other side
    - party steps on the other side

“ you've come but you don't have long

- the mirror hums faintly
- bone devil is here bound by Eventide
  - betrayed by her
  - bound in her shadow
- talks about unraveling the shadow binding him to unravel the link
- the mirrors flicker showing Orcus
- the bone devil says that he is approaching
- the bone devil says that if freed he'll leave
  - that will free Emma from her dreams
  - looks like he is telling the truth
- name is Izorith
- there is a door behind with a faint fog coming from it
  - this is where to unravel the shadows
  - there are servants of shadows in the other room

“ time is running out

- party goes through
- veil beyond worlds

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