session 6 (30/03/2024)

- Gloomreach day of arrival
- Shadowfell echo of Waterdeep
  - grotesque carricature of Waterdeep
  - no light
  - skeleton dudes
  - it oozes dispair
  - *it's fucking silent hill*
- there are shadar-kai
  - "people" here are psychos
  - they do *anything* they can to feel emotions
  - otherwise they disappear
- other prople here are called shadowborn
  - less infused by the plane
  - they aren't as much at risk of disappearing
- some people here still have color in their eyes
  - visitors from other planes ?
- it is easy to get lost here
  - roads seem to move
  - Nybarg tries to smell the road back home
    - it smells of dust and decay
      - like when someone is been away for a while
      - abandonned smell
    - not able to smell a route
- party is in the equivalent of the Dockwards
- Jez interrogates a bystander
  - slamming that person on the wall
  - Jez wants to know who is very good at magic here
  - appart from the dragon

    > “ Maybe one of the Unkind

  - the ones who enforce the raven queen
  - they are a bunch of ravens
  - more could be known near the castle
    - the dragon is weirder now
    - he goes through phases
    - god of death and undeath for dragonkind
      - Kronapsus: god of death
      - He Who Shall Not Be Named: god of undeath
  - Jez stops holding him to the wall
  - bystander points out to Calcine she should extinguishes her hair

    - it is super bright to denizen of the Shadowfell
    - even if it doesn't give Calcine light, she becomes a lighthouse and a blinding beacon
    - if needed the party can buy shade lantern or seeing googles
  - lately more people arrived
    - few days ago a mass influx
      - people at a festival arrived not knowing what happened
    - cultists are regulars here
      - coming and going
      - he doesn't know how they do it
      - the cultists travel to the Barrens
        - no one knows what they are doing there
        - not even the Unkind
        - doesn't seem to be an issue to the cultists
        - everyone else passes with boats to avoid the region
- party goes and tries to find a tavern
  - large building
    - ruckus noise inside
      - 2 well armored flying through a window
      - not pulling punshes
      - they both seems to enjoy it
      - on cut the tip of the finger of the other
      - they stop and go back inside to drink together
    - a lot of species here
      - mundanes and not
      - waiters are shadowfell quicklings
      - some pets
        - only take shape when looking at them
        - otherwise looks like a small ball of arm of hadar
        - *inside of the "mouth" is a big nope*
    - a goth cantina
    - people enjoy the place as an oasis
  - Roystone tries to be crazy for a while
    - Jez and Vincent stop him
    - *for now*
    - he still is talking to random people in the bar
    - asks the 2 fighters what is a good souvenir from here
    - they show daggers made in the Shadowfell
    - Roystone asks if he can have one
      - he has to win a 5 fniger fillet
      - Roystone is allowed to cast magic to help himself
      - best of 3
        - Roystone wins it by a land slide
        - the shadarkai stabs himself on purpose ?
      - Roystone get the knife
  - Jez buys food and drinks for everyone here
    - a lot of mushrooms and cave aged cheeses

    - thick ale
    - all is bland and muted
- Vincent goes over to Calcine
    - she is not feeling good
    - Vincent hand a cigarette to calm her
        - *Vincent called her* "*darling*"
    - she is burning *hot*
        - tried to raise her temperature to fight the cold feeling the plane gives
        - the place is cold
        - the places makes her feel cold
        - not working so far
    - proposes to go towards the bar to get info with her
        - to go ask for information
        - maybe trade work for a way out
        - Calcine sticks with Vincent giving her a task to focus on now
- at the bar
    - bartender
        - female elve shadowborn
        - not shader-kai
        - Khala
    - Vincent mentions the cultists going in and out of the Barren
        - asks information about them
        - people here don't trust them
        - rumors say they are not from here
            - obvious from the smell (smells like hell)
            - no one knows what they are doing here
        - cultists just are here
            - don't interract a lot
            - come here from time to time to buy stuff
            - sometimes have scuffles with the Unkind
            - most of them are "alright"
            - keep the undead here in check
    - Vincent asks them if they recruit in exchange for a way out
        - bartender realises we didn't plan to come here
        - some sorcerer are powerful enough but are dicks
        - unkind are not feeling well now
            - Vincent asks if it is because of the dragon god state
            - the bartender feels unsure about what she can say
            - Vincent tries to reassure her to the party's intentions
            - rumors that the Ravenqueen has abandonned the place
                - Ravenqueen is one of the things that keep the dragon "in check"

                > “ mainly rumors

        - bartender offers a job here
            - Vincent refuses

        - Calcine asks if she can help in the kitchen to take her mind of for a while
            - Calcine can go in the back ask Mako the cook
    - Vincent buys 2 rooms for the night
    - it is currently about midday
        - there are clocktowers outside to check time
            - not always on balance when there is a quake
            - Vincent asks if there is a time parity with material plane
                - she doesn't know
                - hard to know from the Shadowfell
            - to help visitors mainly
        - shadowfolk don't need it and are open 24/7
    - Vincent messages the info back to Nybarg
        - Nybarg is first confused
        - info is still passed well
        - multiple options
            - hell smelling ppl
            - Vistani
            - Unkind
- Calcine goes to the kitchen
    - open kitchen
    - Nybarg watches over to
    - Markos
        - male Shadowborn Orc
        - big boi
        - very chill
        - *likes his job a lot*
    - Markos is impressed with her performance
    - Calcine learned Markos mushrooms stew
    - in exchange offers some Orangette
- Jez and Roystone in the bar
    - Jez is busy with a gay panic over the Shadar-kais
        - table of ex was safe today
    - Nybarg asks Jez if she wants help with a ice breaker
        - Jez is embarrased as hell
- Nybarg goes to the shadar-kai table
    - 1 male
        - name is Vale
        - looking 30
        - broken glass wrapped fists
    - 2 female
        - older
            - name is Breña
            - larger
            - double bladed weapon
        - younger
            - name is Tryn
            - bladed whip

- Nybarg asks them were they got the dagger
  - chipped the obsidian from the mountain
- Nybarg offers and arm-wrestle
  - caltrops are placed on the table
  - Nybarg shows the fire hand (crimson rite)
  - Nybarg goes hybrid
  - Shadar-kai picks a caltrop
    - hurs himself
    - starts raging
  - shadar-kai is winning at first
  - Nybarg counter attacks with his curse of bloated agony
  - Vincent cheers on the side (bardic inspiration)
  - Nybarg finsishes winning
  - shadar-kai enjoys the pain
- Calcine brings Shadar-kai and Nybarg some food
  - chef snacks
  - spiced up the mushroom soup with the spice pouch
  - Shadar-Kai feels the difference in taste :D
- Nybarg considers a piecing as a memento
  - Vincent is against having some himself

    > “Calcine, remind me to not get some

    - also Vincent wants his horns untouched
  - Duck makes a comment about handlebars
    - the Tieflings reacted *hard*
    - it is a sensitive subject in Faerûn
  - one of the female shadar-kai takes a professional piercing kit out
  - Jez wants a piercing
    - belly button piercing
    - obsidian one
    - Jez takes the operation like a champ
    - shadar-kai gives a goodberry to help fight infections
- the party and the shadar-kai enjoy bonding over a meal together
  - Vincent gets a bonus Orangette
  - Nybarg asks some questions about the cult
  - after some drinks
    - reiterate the information already given
    - they believe too that the Ravenqueen is distant
    - they heard the rumors also from friends in other Shadowfell cities
    - the influx of creatures in not only from the Prime Material Plane
    - death seems to have traffic jam
      - souls are no sent to the Fugue Plane
      - lingering in the Shadowfell
    - 2 hypothesis
      - Raven Queen has stepped away

        - Dark Ones might be involved
            - dark evil:tm:
    - some people are still alive when coming down here
        - they get converted after a while
        - note to self: *do **not** accept the fatality of the Shadowfell*
    - Barrens are further than it looks
        - like a shadow they can strech for an inch or a hundred feet
    - tip for Calcine
        - don't cast a shadow or it will come to life
        - consider taking a shadow lantern for non darkvision people in the party
- Vincent goes to bed
    - Vincent is not alone in the room after 20 minutes
        - takes his hand crossbow

            > “ I give you 6 seconds before i shoot

        - a kenku reveals themselves

            > “ oh nonono, please no shoot

        - kenku asks if Vincent is from the main realm and where in it

            > “ Waterdeep, and apparently this place is the reflection of it

        - kenku picks a book from Vincent

            > “ what's this ?

            - Vincent's private journal
        - Vincent agrees to answer if the kenku answers questions
            - name is Quickquick
        - Quickquick reflexively tries to steal
        - Vincent shows him the flute to distract him

            > “ you help me get back ? I'm from there.

            - Quickquick is from Baldur's Gate in the Prime Material Plane
        - Vincent asks Quickquick if he knows the Vistani
            - he knows them
            - when they show up it is heard from easttown first
        - Vincent asks about the cultists
            - Quickquick knows them
            - they cause a lot of trouble in easttown apparently
        - Vincent takes a closer look at Quickquick
            - ***REDACTED***
- Calcines goes to bed

    - pats Jez on the should when she leaves

        > good luck

    - casts guidance and doesn't turn back
- Jez goes on the offensive for Tryn
    - it goes better than expected

        > just me ?

    - rest of the party leaves
    - Jezz spends a night with Tryn but also Breña and Vale

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