

**While all Life comes to an end, we must ensure the balance is kept**  
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Following on from our success in the catacombs below Grand Sulis, the party have reconvened to clear Half Penny Farm of invading spiders.

We were also joined by the dwarf Duran Duranson, recovered and ready to fight as the hardy dwarfs are known for.



Meeting at The Golden Lion for breakfast, we were horrified to find basic meat prices have almost doubled due to the crisis. While I was able to buy myself a fried egg sandwich, Cavill bought and shared a pair of "Golden Lion Feasts" for the rest of the group.

We approached Half Penny Farm and found it covered in thick webbing.

Duran spotted movement in the closest tree and Ithryll's first instinct was to set it on fire! We heard the popping of several arachnids before Ithryll showed her mastery of the elements and froze the flames.

Investigating the two buildings, Inana found the farmhouse full of spiders!





While Ithryll showed inspirational accuracy in throwing a fireball into the building from afar, several of the spiders were able to incapacitate Inana!  
As we cleared the monsters and revived Inana, Ithryll checked out the barn, revealing more spiders, including a massive Red Poison Widow that struck and poisoned the elf druid!



While Sir Pending dashed to aid Ithryll, Vasha managed to slay the beast with some fancy bow work  
Myself, I waded into a large spider attacking Cavill, allowing him to aid Duran, swarmed by a clutch of spiders.



As we cleared up the myriad of monsters a nearby shed shook and shook, a massive monstrous spider breaking free!



As the beast lurched forward, Inana let loose a flurry of arrows, wounding the monster. However it's screams called forth the rest of it's brood – a large clutch of spiders attacking Vasha and dragging the Khet unconscious!

Cavill proved himself a loyal and fearless monster hunter – standing astride the fallen warrior and fending off the spiders until myself and Duran were able to pitch forward to help



Inana again demonstrated remarkable skill and another flurry of arrows impacted with the beast's face, killing it!

As we fought our way clear a giant spider wrapped Vasha in it's web and began pulling the khet away!

Thankfully I was able to cure Ithryll of her poison and revive Vasha in time – neither were ready to join Grenth!



As we cleared the rest of the arachnids, we investigated both the Barn and the Farmhouse – in which we found the farmer Ken and his family, fallen and wrapped in webbing.

Duran, with a dwarf's penchant for treasure, hammered open a chest, revealing it to be a mimic!



Between the dwarf, myself and Inana's archery, we were able to slay this unusual beast.

Vasha and Cavill secured the area while we cleared the buildings.

The party piled the spider corpses with the remains of the shed but also added the farmer's family.

I argued but the party thought it the best method, obviously Sir Pending's Order known for following the flame.



Regardless, we returned to Grand Sulis to raise the issue of the now abandoned farm but with the good news the catacombs and farmstead have been cleared of spiders...