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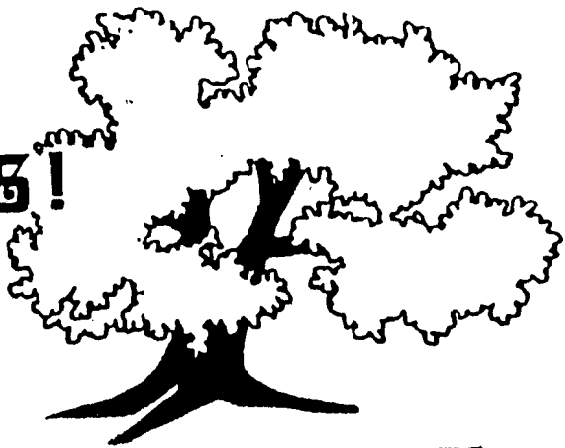
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CHARACTER REFERENCE GUIDE...is being worked on now. For more info, see the editorial.

TIMELINE: The timeline is presently being updated. There is a mini-timeline on page 8 of this issue for your reference until the update is complete.

MAPS: There is a new edition of the maps for TVH, the same maps with new keys and a booklet containing the map keys. If you have not received your copy, please send us a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE) with a request for the maps.

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603 C Harbourtown
Noblesville IN 46060
- *Ben "Talon" Thomas
5307 Linden Drive
Roeland Park KS 66205
- *Sharon "Rainforest" Stanford
2407 Arrowhead
Huntsville AL 35803
- *Laura "Seamripper" Craig (Windhaven Holt)
1643 Mulberry Ct #6
Elgin IL 60120
and a move for...
- *Nikki "Nightfire" Wieleba
2714 N Kedzie, 1st floor
Chicago IL 60647
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9321 Linda Lane
Richard MI 49083 - sorry, Buzz!
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2 SPECIAL THANKS TO ANN PURTELL



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DOWN IN THE VALLEY

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(Well, I guess I can't put it off anymore...everything else is done. Time for the "editorial".)

Hi! How's everybody out there? My apologies for those of you who are waiting for letters from me, between Contraption, putting this newsletter together, and starting back to work (nothing special, just temporary so far, so hold the congratulations for a while), the time has gotten away from me. Once this is mailed out, though, I plan to go through the whole huge stack as soon as possible. [Thanks for SASEs!]

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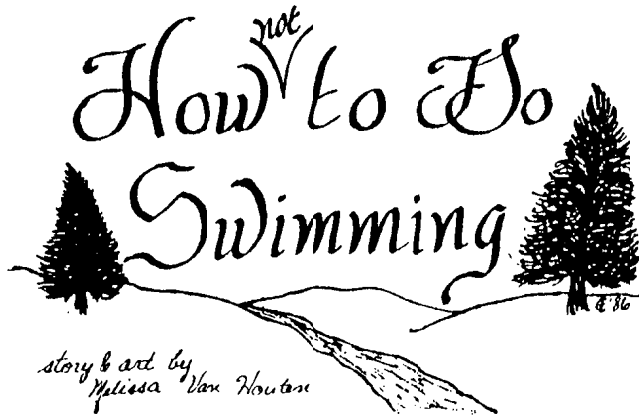
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****Starlight?***
****What is it this time?***
****I'm tired, I'm hungry, and I'm dirty. Can't we camp for a while?***
 Starlight let out a heavy sigh in mock annoyance. She was raking her teeth over her upper lip as her eyes scanned their surroundings. Then her gaze settled back on her friend. "No."
 "Why not?" Smoke protested. "What's wrong this time?"
 "Everything."
 "Like for instance..."
 "This place is too open."
 "So we'll see an enemy approach--if there is one."
 "No cover. No protection from the sun," she tried again.
 "We can make tents with our cloaks. We've done it before." He smiled smugly at his ability to counter all her excuses.
 "No food." Starlight crossed her arms in a purely 'so-there' gesture.
 "What do you think you're carrying around in your pack? And there is fresh water here in this river."
 "All right, all right. You win. We'll make camp here. But only for today and tomorrow. Remember that: At sunset tomorrow we leave."
****Starlight, what are you running from?***
 "What makes you think I'm running from anything?!" she screamed defiantly.
 "I've got to find dreamberries soon..." he muttered.
"WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?!"
 "Nevermind." Smoke dropped his pack, unfurled his cape, and began to make himself a shelter from the sun. When it was finished, he crawled inside and fell asleep. Starlight, on the other hand, decided to explore her environment.

Sandstorm walked up the steps to 'Fox Perch. She wished sometimes that the others could understand her better. There was nothing wrong--that is, she wasn't sad or anything. She just wanted to think. She reached her favorite haunt and sat down.

****SMOKE!!!****
 The frantic sending woke the storyteller instantly. He sat up and looked around for Starlight. ****Where are you?***
****I'm in the river! Hurry up!***
 He ran to the water's edge. ****Where? What happened?***
****I got caught up in the current. It's carrying me away! Now, would you hurry up and DO SOMETHING?!**** By the time she had finished, he was running along the riverbank almost even with her. ****What are you doing?*** she sent, ****Toss me a rope or something!*** Suddenly, Smoke stopped dead in his tracks, staring downriver. ****This is no time to stop and think! Do something!***
****T-turn around, Starlight.*****
 She did. Maybe an eight-of-elf-spans ahead of her, the riverbed stopped. She knew what that meant, and she knew if she didn't do something quickly, she wouldn't have to worry about a rope. She opened her mouth to scream, but it filled with water, so she coughed instead.
****Starlight, there's a rock in the way before you reach the falls. You have to try to reach it. It's your**



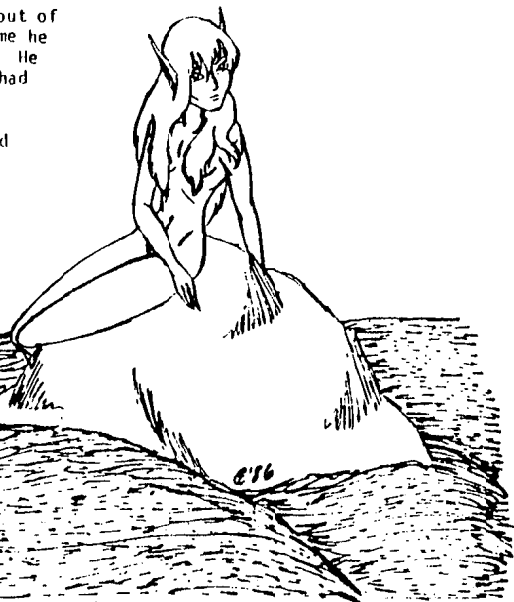
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only chance.** Starlight's head popped out of the water for half a heartbeat. Next time he saw her, she was climbing onto the rock. He let out his breath without realizing he had been holding it. **Stay there, I'll be right back.**

"'Stay there', he says," she mumbled to the air around here. 'Like I'm really going to be going anywhere... ID10T!'"



Smoke ran back to where they had set up their camp and found as much rope and lengths of leather thong as he could. He tied them all together, testing each knot with all his weight. Then he headed back to where his childhood friend was trapped.

Hi, I'm back.

**Did you figure out how to get me out of here?*

Yes. He threw one end of the rope at her. On the third try, she caught it with one hand. **Tie that end around you. I'll fasten this one to a sturdy tree or something.**

He looked around for a tree that he hoped would support her weight and secured his end to it. When he was certain she was carefully and securely attached to the tree, he sent the one thing she didn't want to hear.

Okay, now swim for it.

Are you crazy?! I'll go over the edge!

But you won't fall. The rope will stop you. It's the only way.

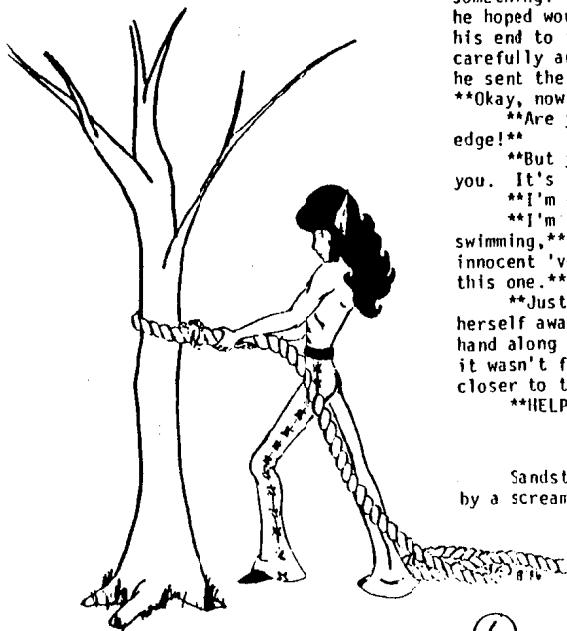
I'm going to get you for this!

I'm not the one who decided to go swimming, he sent in his sweetest and most innocent 'voice'. **You got yourself into this one.**

Just get me out of it! She pushed herself away from the rock and went hand-over-hand along the rope as fast as she could. But it wasn't fast enough. The water pulled her closer to the falls and eventually over them.

HELP!!

Sandstorm was startled out of her thoughts by a scream for help. She could barely hear it above the Two Falls' roar. She looked around, but couldn't see anyone who was in need of assistance. Then, a section of



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the Sheercliff wall fell past her by the waterfall. She looked up and saw an elf dangling by a rope. She scrambled down the steps and ran to tell Nightstep about it.

Smoke went to the edge of the cliff; at least, as far as he trusted his footing. He dug his heels into the ground and began to pull on the rope with all his strength. Just as he was sure his arms would give out, he saw a hand rise above the cliff wall, then another. Not long afterwards, Starlight was standing next to him pulling on her clothes and muttering obscenities. Smoke began to laugh.

"What's so funny?"

"You are. You look like a drowned hopper, and you're so into your self-pity, you probably didn't even realize there are elves down there."

"Who cares if there are...elves? Did you say elves?" Smoke nodded with an ear-to-ear grin on his face.

"How do you know that?"

"Because they were sending to us while you were screaming something about a troll-wench and a human and how their offspring would be just like me. Their chief's name is Nightstep."

"Wonderful. So how'd they get down there without killing themselves?"

"There is a pass down into the valley a ways from here."

"It doesn't matter. I've had enough of this area. Let's pack up and get going!"

"They have dreamberries..." he said quietly. Starlight spun on her heel until she was facing her companion. He knew the look in her eye immediately and he smiled.

"Well, what're we waiting for? It's been two years since we've been in the company of elves," she said merrily.

"Right. I know you, Starlight, and if I remember correctly it's also been two years since you've been in the company of a dreamberry bush."

"Whatever. Let's go."

"I think they said the pass was that way." Smoke pointed southwest as Starlight shouldered her pack and walked away.



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Wildwood
& Blackpaw

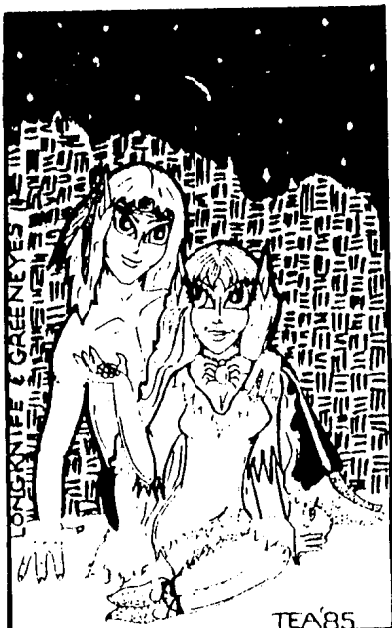
WHO'S WHERE WHEN

DF -653 LC BORN: Woodwreath
 -627 LC BORN: Two Star
 -622 NL BORN: Nightstep
 -596 WT BORN: Wavesong
 -550 HS LEFT VALLEY: Woodwreath
 -438 HS BORN: Goldenbraid
 -317 WT BORN: Silverhair
 -246 NL BORN: Hawkheart
 -204 NL BORN: Windrace
 -196 ?? BORN: Rosemist
 -152 WT BORN: Dawnwatch
 -151 HS BORN: Buckeye
 -133 NL BORN: Twill
 -128 NL BORN: Silverleaf
 -99 WT BORN: Trilight
 -98 NL BORN: Freshwind
 -73 NL BORN: Foxvire
 -49 WT BORN: Ferret
 -41 ?? BORN: Tempest
 -32 HS BORN: Sandstorm
 -31 NL BORN: Mooncrest
 -31 HT BORN: Redlace
 -22 WT BORN: Trace
 -19 LC BORN: Nightway
 -17 NL BORN: Hatfeather
 -17 WT BORN: Grassy
 -14 ?? BORN: Darkgem
 -12 HS BORN: Softwill
 -10 HS BORN: Duskdew
 -8 NL BORN: Wildwood
 -7 LC BORN: Twig
 -5 WT BORN: Quicksilver
 -2 NL LEFT VALLEY: Ferret

DF -2 NL BORN: Season
 1 NL LEFT VALLEY: Hawkheart
 1 NL THE DEATH FLOOD - many elves die
 1 LC RETURN: Ferret
 1 LC BORN: Younghawk
 2 NL ARRIVAL: Longknife, first stranger
 to come to Timber Valley
 2 NL BORN: Skyflame
 4 HS ARRIVAL: Greeneyes
 6 ?? ARRIVAL: Thunderhawk
 7 NL ARRIVAL: Frost
 9 LC ARRIVAL: Ivory; Shadowstar
 12 HS ARRIVAL: Big Axe & Blackfire
 14 NL ARRIVAL: Rogue
 16 NL ARRIVAL: Sapphire; Whitetale
 17 HS ARRIVAL: Smoke & Starlight;
 Knifeblade
 19 LC ARRIVAL: Larkspur
 19 LC DEPARTURE: Larkspur
 20 NL ARRIVAL: Nightfire; Skytreader;
 Whisperblade
 20 HS ARRIVAL: Shrike & Woodblaze &
 Oriole; Whirlwind
 20 LC ARRIVAL: Spidersilk & Hart
 20 LC RETURN: Hawkheart
 20 WT ARRIVAL: Archer & Pebble
 21 NL ARRIVAL: Morningdew & Windspanner
 21 LC ARRIVAL: Morningmist
 22 NL ARRIVAL: Everfell & Talan and
 RETURN: Woodwreath (together)
 22 HS ARRIVAL: Farlance

This is a list of TIV native birthdates, and wanderer arrival dates. If your character is not listed, I don't have their dates. Please send their dates (including seasons!) to me.

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THANKS TO MARILYN, MELISSA, DIANA, LAUREL, LAURA, TED, ALAN, ANN, MARK & TERRI, AND THE "HOLT LEADERS GRAPEVINE."

Here is a quick list of all the characters (elves and otherwise!) who live in the valley. Let me know if I've forgotten your character.

(M means male; F means female/
 N means native; W means wanderer.)

Archer (M/W)
 Arrowsong (F/W)
 Big Axe (M/W)
 Blackfire (M/W)
 Buckeye (M/N)
 Darksun (M/W)
 Darkwatch (M/W)
 Darkgem (F/N)
 Dawnwatch (F/N)
 Diver (M/W)
 Duskdew (F/N)
 Evenfell (F/W)
 Farlance (M/W)
 Ferret (F/N)
 Foxvine (M/N)
 Freshwind (F/N)
 Frost (F/W)
 Gemstar (F/W)
 Goldenbraid (F/N)
 Grassy (M/N)
 Greeneyes (F/W)
 Hatfeather (F/N)
 Hawkheart (M/N)
 Ivory (F/W)
 Jasmine (F/W)
 Knifeblade (M/W)
 Larkspur (F/W)
 Longknife (M/W)
 Mooncrest (M/W)
 Morningdew (F/W)
 Morningmist (F/W)
 Nightfire (M/W)
 Nightstep (M/N)
 Nightway (F/N)
 Nisse (F/W)
 Oriole (F/W)
 Quicksilver (M/N)
 Rainforest (F/W)
 Redlace (M/N)

Rogue (M/W)
 Rosenist (F/N)
 Sandstorm (F/N)
 Sapphire (F/W)
 Seabreeze (F/W)
 Season (M/N)
 Shadow (M/W)
 Shadowstar (F/W)
 Shrike (F/W)
 Silverhair (M/N)
 Silverleaf (F/N)
 Skyflame (M/N)
 Skytreader (M/W)
 Smoke (M/W)
 Softwill (F/N)
 Starlight (F/W)
 Starling (F/W)
 Sure Arrow (M/W)
 Talon (M/W)
 Tempest (F/N)
 Thunderhawk (M/W)
 Trace (M/N)
 Trilight (M/N)
 Twill (M/N)
 Two Star (M/N)
 Violet (F/W)
 Wander Wind (F/W)
 Wavesong (F/N)
 Whirlwind (M/W)
 Whisperblade (F/W)
 Wildwood (F/N)
 Windrace (M/N)
 Windspanner (F/W)
 Woodblaze (F/W)
 Woodwreath (F/N)
 Younghawk (M/N)

PRESERVERS

Pebble
 Shimmer

TROLLS

Catgut (F/W)
 Dripstone (M/N)
 Fishnibbler (M/N)
 Wormhole (M/N)

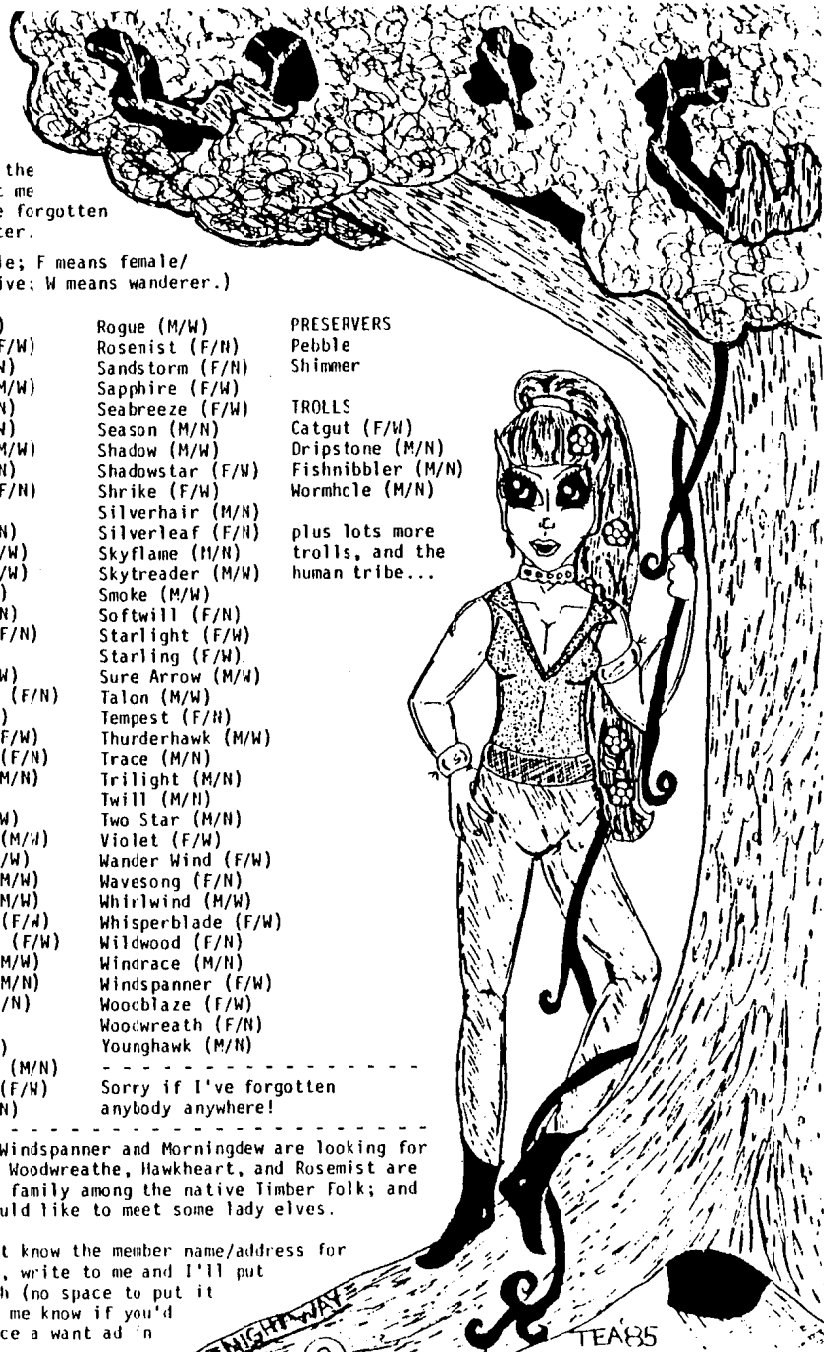
plus lots more trolls, and the human tribe...

Sorry if I've forgotten anybody anywhere!

WANT ADS: Windspanner and Morningdew are looking for a love mate; Woodwreath, Hawkheart, and Rosemist are looking for family among the native Timber Folk; and Farlance would like to meet some lady elves.

If you don't know the member name/address for these elves, write to me and I'll put you in touch (no space to put it here!) Let me know if you'd like to place a want ad in TIMBERS!

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Home Sweet Hometrees

Give your elf a home! To the right is a list of the hometrees and the elves that are established as living in them. If your elf isn't on this list, please choose a hometree (and two alternatives in case your first choice is taken) and send your choice to me. If your elf is listed incorrectly, please let me know so that the listing can be corrected in the next issue of TIMBERS!

The hometrees at Timber Valley Holt can hold two elves easily and three in cozy comfort. Four elves in the same tree have to be very...friendly. More than four is definitely crowded. This means that several of the trees listed with one or two elves living in them still have room for one more. If you are interested in sharing a tree, let me (or whoever takes care of the elf in question) know. And definitely let me know about any final decisions so that they can be printed in future issues of TIMBERS!

If you are interested in a treemate, but don't have any particular elf in mind, let me know and I'll put it in the "Want Ads" in TIMBERS!

If you don't have the hometree map, see page for information on how to get it.

Foxvine, Sandstorm, Buckeye, and Wavesong are all interested in finding treemates.



"WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'WHEN ARE NIGHTWAY AND I GOING TO MOVE INTO THE SAME TREEHOME'? WE'VE ONLY BEEN LOVE MATES FOR... 22 TURNS!"

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| TREE # | |
|--------|--|
| 1 | Nightstep, Freshwind, Skyflame |
| 2 | Silverhair, Moncrest |
| 3 | Dawnwatch, Willow, Season |
| 4 | Goldenbraid, 'wo Star |
| 5 | Trilight, Silverleaf |
| 6 | Foxvine |
| 7 | Nightway, Sofwill |
| 8 | Grassy, Redlace |
| 9 | Windrace, Rosemist, Younghawk, and Hawkheart |
| 10 | Duskdew, Quicksilver |
| 11 | Frost, Knifeblade, Sapphire |
| 12 | - |
| 13 | Ferret, Trace, Hatfeather |
| 14 | - |
| 15 | LorgKnife, Graeneyes |
| 16 | - |
| 17 | - |
| 18 | - |
| 19 | Sandstorm |
| 20 | - |
| 21 | Blackfire, Big Axe |
| 22 | - |
| 23 | Diver, Thunderhawk, Gemstar, and Arrowsong |
| 24 | Morningdew, Windspanner |
| 25 | - |
| 26 | Buckeye |
| 27 | - |
| 28 | - |
| 29 | - |
| 30 | Wavesong |

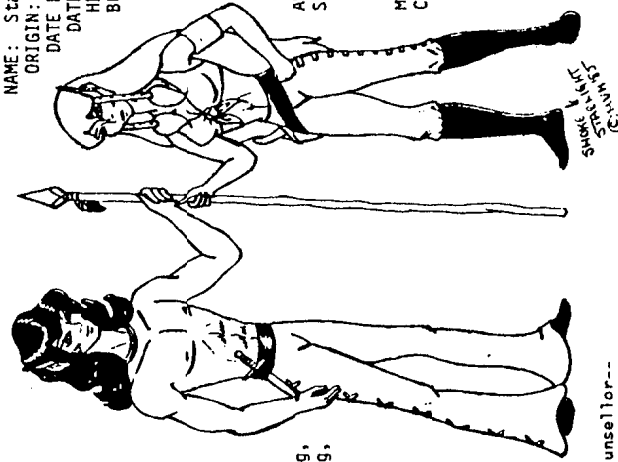
(There is room within the Thorn Barrier for more hometrees if necessary.)

PROFILES

NAME: Smoke **SOUL NAME:** Arta
ORIGIN: wanderer (Swiftwater Holt)
DATE BORN: DF -234 LC
DATE OF ARRIVAL: DF 17 HS
HEIGHT: 4'1" **SKIN:** fair
BUILD: broad-shouldered and muscular
EYES: grey, narrowed but expressive
HAIR: black, wavy, shoulder-length, parted on side
MARKS/SCARS: none
MATE: Willowbrook (D)
FRIENDS: Starlight; generally friendly
FAMILY: left behind at Holt of origin
ANIMAL FRIEND: none
SKILLS: hunting, tracking, scouting, sewing, cooking, storytelling, climbing, swimming, non-magical firestarting, herbalist, rope-making; knowledge of Upper World
MAGIC: Sending; Animal Bonding
CLOTHING: summer/wide black leather belt, grey leather pants, black boots; winter/add light blue long-sleeved tunic and dark grey hooded cloak (unlined)
WEAPONS: spear and dagger
JEWELRY: gold neck ring
MISCELLANEOUS: Will only hurt another creature when necessary; intelligent and wise; loves animals and children; appears to have no temper at all; soul brother to Starlight; nocturnal; good counselor--but waits until asked; appears passive but isn't; very observant; HUMANS/wants to understand them; TROLLS/likes unless given reason not to; PRESERVERS/mindless but likeable; DREAMBERRIES/goes lightly. Gentle-natured and easy-going, friendly, extroverted, patient, understanding, loyal, protective, trusting, easy to get along with, charismatic.

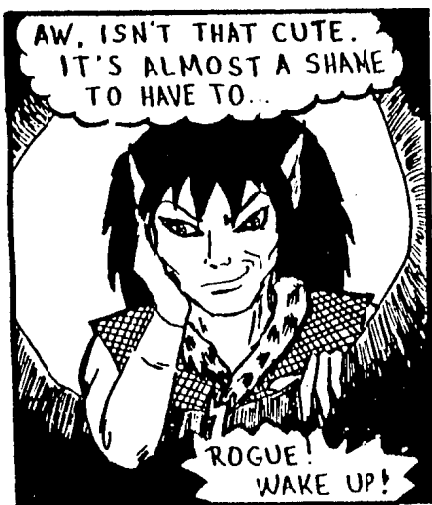
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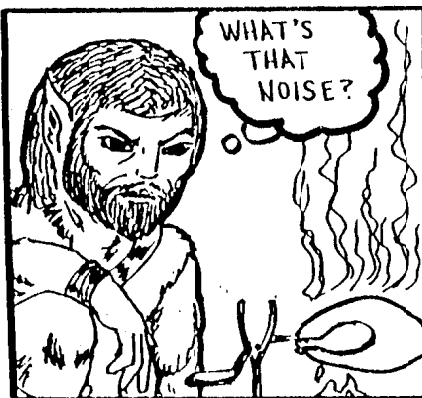
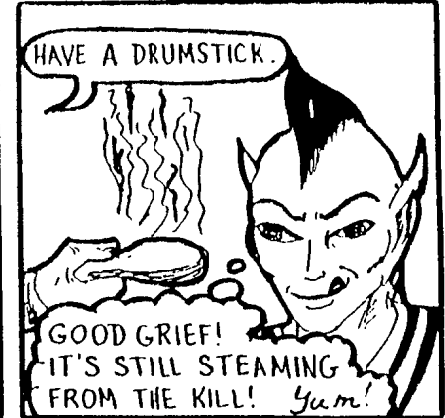
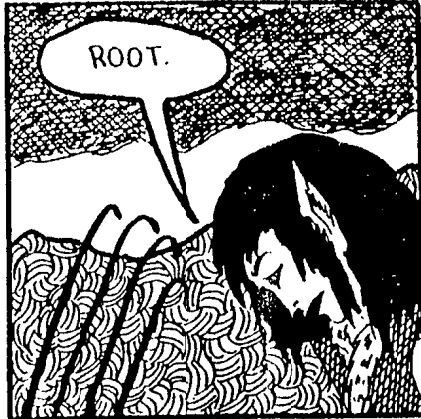
NAME: Starlight **SOUL NAME:** Kulu
ORIGIN: wanderer (Swiftwater Holt)
DATE BORN: DF -292 WT
DATE OF ARRIVAL: DF 17 HS
HEIGHT: 3'11" **SKIN:** lightly tanned
BUILD: long-legged and curvy
EYES: bright blue, large and rounded
HAIR: silver-white, hangs to hips, bound and wrapped in front of ears, bangs
MARKS/SCARS: claw marks on left arm, covered by arm cuff
MATE: Redfern (D); Rogue
FRIENDS: Smoke
FAMILY: left behind at Holt of origin
ANIMAL FRIEND: none
SKILLS: warrior, stalking, fighting (weapons or hand-to-hand), swimming, tanning, carving, gambling, knowledge of Upper World, can hunt but prefers not to
MAGIC: Sending; Animal Bonding
CLOTHING: summer/tan finely-woven cloth halter tied at bust, white leather pants tucked into black leather knee-boots, wide black sword belt; winter/change tunic for brown long-sleeve leather tunic and add white fur-lined hooded cape
WEAPONS: sword and throwing dagger for fighting; spear for hunting
JEWELRY: hammered silver cuff, upper left arm
MISCELLANEOUS: Mostly nocturnal though she has been known to venture out during the day; not super smart; HUMANS/hates and will kill on sight; TROLLS/distrusts. Will kill if provoked; PRESERVERS/annoying; DREAMBERRIES/a lush! "addicted". Good-natured but quick-tempered, stubborn, loyal, impulsive, impatient, protective, determined, a bit moody at times.

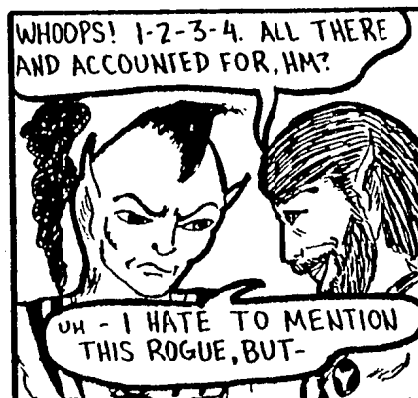
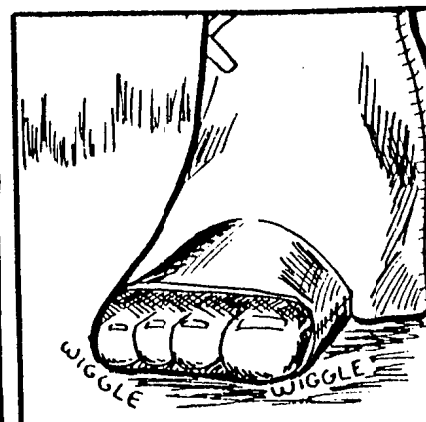
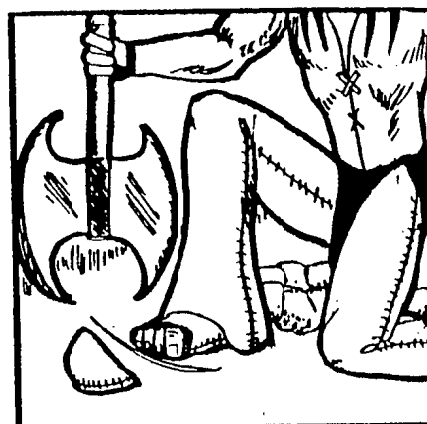
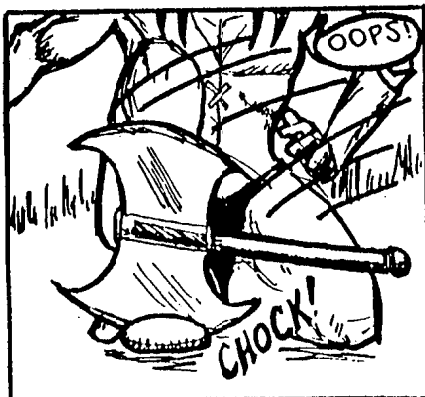
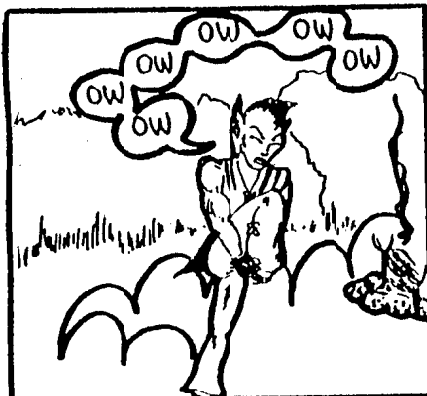
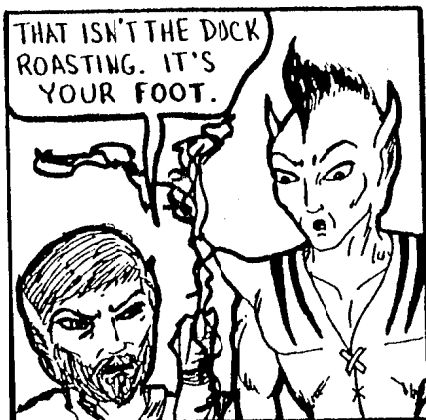


Starlight explosive when angered--but it passes quickly; will hold a grudge if badly offended; prankster; won't pick a fight, but won't turn one down; easily frustrated; prone to casual lovetating; slow on uptake--not stupid, but not super smart; HUMANS/hates and will kill on sight; TROLLS/distrusts. Will kill if provoked; PRESERVERS/annoying; DREAMBERRIES/a lush! "addicted". Good-natured but quick-tempered, stubborn, loyal, impulsive, impatient, protective, determined, a bit moody at times.

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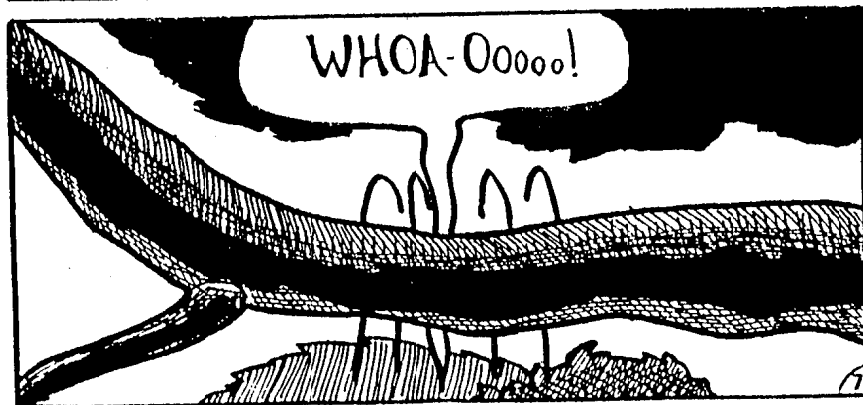


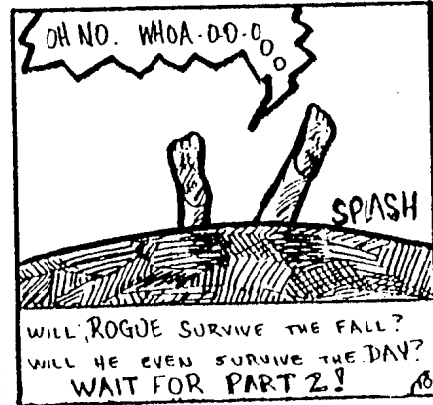
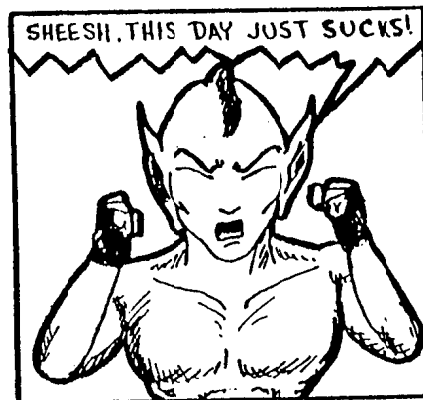
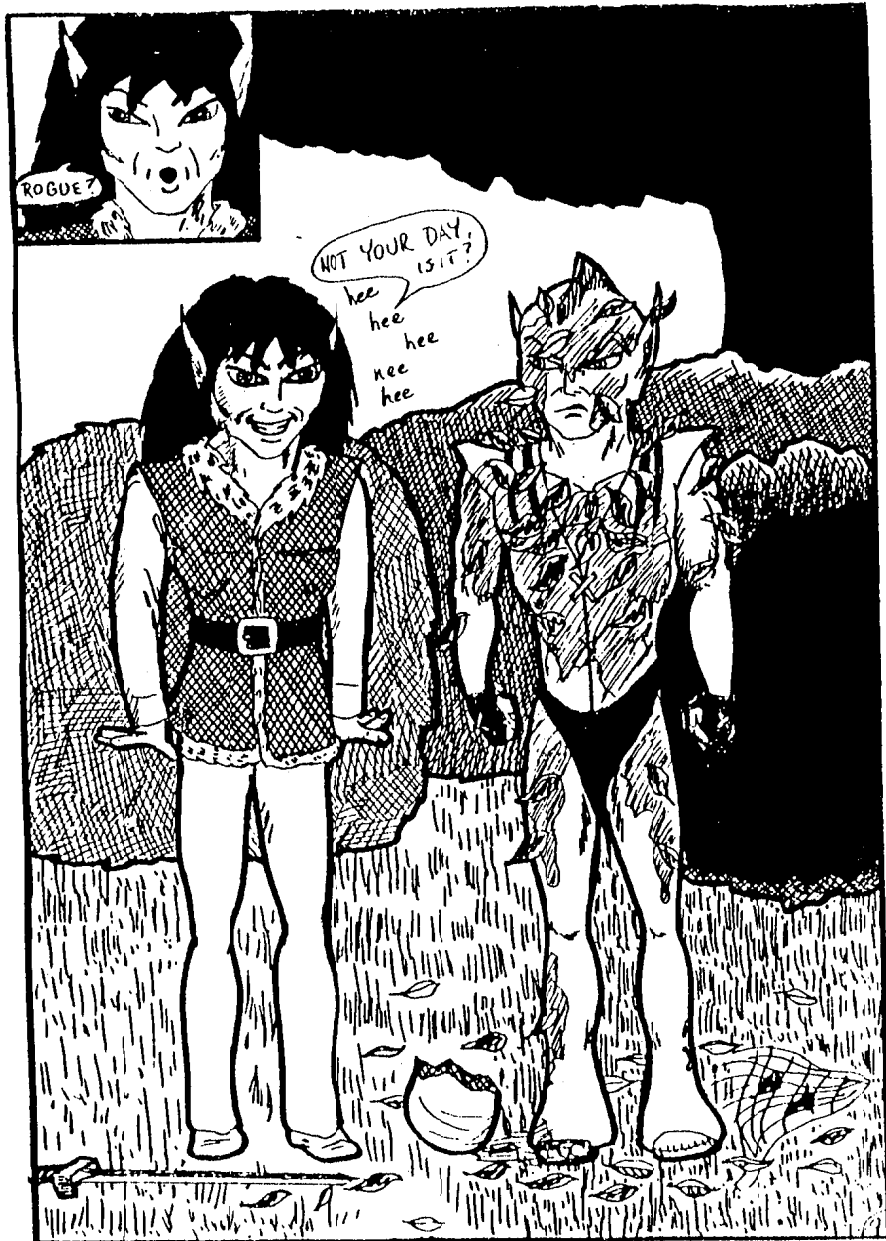




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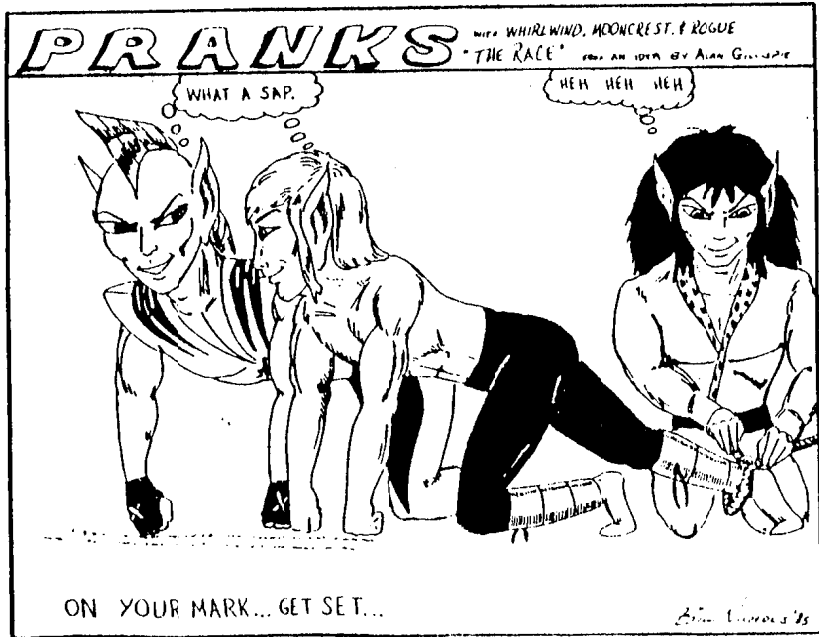
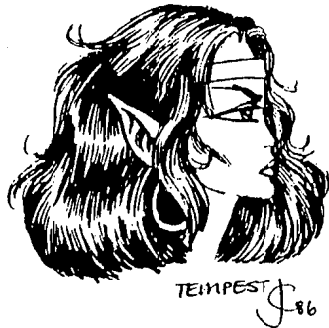






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DOWN IN THE VALLEY (editorial) continued from page 3

WINDYCON info is: November 14, 15, 16, at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield. Prereg is \$15 till November 1, then the price goes up to \$20. The con rates for the hotel are \$59 per night for a double (not bad for a Hyatt Regency). The con address is WINDYCON XIII / PO BOX 432 / CHICAGO IL 60690. TVHers expected...me, Nikki, Laura, Yvonne, Roger, Stacy, Alan, Bill (all listed before) and lots more. I expect a huge multi-Holt gather'n'howl, with Timber Valley, Timberlake, Rapid River, Windharen, Crab Apple, Grand Oak, and possibly Holt of Restless Winds (if Marilyn "Starling/Darkwatch" Morey really can make it).

I have lots more to say but I'm running out of room, so this will have to be brief (stop laughing!)...CHARACTER INFO SHEETS (CIS) and the CHARACTER REFERENCE GUIDE need each other. The TIMELINE and new HOLT GUIDE also need your CISSs. You can send in your completed CISSs whenever you can, but if it's not by the deadline of July 1 (sorry that I didn't give you a deadline before), your character info will probably not go into the TIMELINE update and the new HOLT GUIDE. I'm planning on doing something different with the CHARACTER REFERENCE GUIDE, but all the details aren't sure yet. Just let me say that, if all goes as planned, you'll never be too late to be included in the CHARACTER REFERENCE GUIDE.

As promised, the new TVH native birthdates are in this issue of TIMBERS! Check out the "mini-timeline" on page 8 for the new birthdates. And please let me know the dates of your character's arrival at TVH if they are a wanderer as soon as possible. Anytime after DF 4 NL is fine, the earlier you make it, the more stories your character can be included in.

SUBMISSIONS...I still need stories and art. Especially art. Thanks to all the artists who've offered their services--you'll definitely be hearing from me soon. But incidental pictures of any/all (yes, I'll take group shots) TVH characters are most welcome. If you need to know what a character looks like, write me (or the person in charge of the character) and ask--for artwork, I'm always glad to oblige. And we need COVERS! now, because of our new format. You can include the newsletter title "TIMBERS!" on your cover drawing, or it can be added later. (Special thanks to both Teds--Blasingame and Delorme--for their collaboration--or should I say 'co-conspiracy'?--in this issue's TV Road sign cartoon/covers. Road sign cartoons are still welcome, by the way.)

I still want your hometree preferences, but if you don't write and tell me, you might find yourself ASSIGNED a hometree. You've now been warned.

And finally (not really, but this's all the room I have left!)...anybody interested in a "Reader's Forum"--otherwise known as a "letter column"? If you are, write a short note for next issue. Let me know if you have a catchy name for it. But remember, because of length/size considerations, your letter may be edited to fit.

That's all for now. Take care and see you in ninety!

