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Lake Wobegone says

Recap: Went to city of Brass. It was warded and there was a monster Syd killed with an anti-magic grenade. Party went back to Ironhold.

- Populists/Nativists are angry in Ironhold. Natives are becoming more wealthy due to iron smuggling
- Queen Amelia of Thros is ill.
- Village of Normas Crossing has been wiped out (no vertebrates. Defilers?)
- Thran army making progress in the west.
- Ghosts in the woods and the mines in Ironhold
- Castellian politics are getting interesting, all the murders.
- Cain wants introductions to the new party members. Aura gives him a briefing. Volker, Giada, and Katavina are introduced.
- Cain thinks Volker looks familiar. Katavina is a trueborn of Ironhold, acc. to Cain. Kat's title is now "Dame".
- Barton is loaned to Volker as a tour guide
- Cain greets Giada, she mentions seeing the Essence Reaper. G says she does not know who her parents are or where she is from. Cain welcomes her into the group.
- Aura and Cain talk afterward about how trustworthy people are. She tells him about Great Leviathan
- Cain has heard rumors about a Defiler to end all Defilers. Aura tells him that GL will murder everyone and there is no defense. Also we get IKG!
- Paula's gear:
 - Passage into the palace, most of the clothes are here
 - Coer gets the awesome Secret Set
- Barton escorts Volker around to the poor parts of town
- Volker goes to a pear tree and thinks it is familiar. The small patch of blossoms is also familiar.
- Barton says Volker looks like... someone
- Barton takes Volker to Grandmother's.
- Grandmother waters down Barton's beer. Volker eats hearty food.
- There is a church of Priam.

- Gieda failed a drunken religion check
- Aura goes to talk to the Willows, about the Yew. Zoe goes with her
- Syd heads to the Inverted Tower
- Rap on the door, the Queen is worried about Pavla not fucking the King. Zoe masquerades as the ~~Queen~~ Pavla and makes things right
- Syd stopped in Norma's Crossing on her way to the Inverted Tower
- Syd finds a whole lot of Leman grabs. She continues towards the Inverted Tower
- Aura takes Katarina to Felix the Ever Faithful's camp. The troops eventually talk about Katarina's husband. He died valiantly and saved a lot of people.
- Bayton leads Volker to someone. Milena. Reimann.
 & tells his slave story
- Volker finds Gildar's church/orphanarium.
- Aura follows the apids and finds Guin. She looks like she has grown.
- Aura meets the Willows. The trees are disagreeing
- Some of the trees think on century timescales. Other think millennia, so there is sound conflict.
- The trees do not murder one another
- Some trees want to murder all life to fix the Great Leviathan problem. The Citrus and the Mulberry are on this side
- There will be a sign from Willows prior to the mutation.
- Aura asked the Willow/Guin about the un Seelie/Winter Court
- They are to the east.
- Aura needs to touch the Willow and bind herself to secrecy. Aura does it. They have weapons to defeat the Ash Beast in their sanctuary.
- Katarina and Volker go to the Temple of Brian.
- Volker and Milena are ~~are~~ siblings.
- Gieda goes into the center of town at noon and pulls in all the sunlight. Soldiers are all over that shit. Everyone is eventually convinced Gieda is not evil