

*Greetings from Gianfrancesca di Bonacolsi, Sarvos Civil Service Executor,*

*My congratulations to you on the purchase of the Scaligeri Kennels. I hope that what you encountered within the kennels has not put you off the property too greatly, although it certainly explains why the Grendel executed the former owners. My apologies that we could not do an earlier audit of the property's contents, but it seems wise in hindsight that it has been delayed.*

*Examination of the materials found in the laboratory indicate that they are an array of mundane, albeit extensive, alchemical and medicinal materials. There is nothing particularly unusual about the many tinctures, salves, poisons and tools that the Scaligeri were using, although the purposes to which they were putting them is certainly questionable. It is unclear to me how much of what they were attempting would actually work, but you would be better advised to seek the counsel of magicians and the like on the matter.*

*The creature that you encountered seems to have originally been a simple hound, twisted and warped by the Scaligeri into its monstrous form. Examination of the carcass indicates that the poor beast was doomed. The damage done to its body from the bizarre growth of its own bones and the tumourous bulk that it gained would probably have killed it within a few weeks. If they were seeking to breed some new form of war dog, their final experiment was not successful. They created a monster fated to an agonising and short existence, and no more.*

*Beyond that unpleasant matter, the kennels seem intact and functional, ready to return to business with a new stock of hounds.*

*In duty and service, Gianfrancesca di Bonacolsi, Sarvos Civil Service Executor*