



Imperial Civil Service Report

Subject: Rosamund Holt's True Liao Vision.....

Report: Looking at the information we were provided with, the key elements were that the visionary believes their vision was pre-Imperial, linked to the Midwife's Recourse ritual, and linked to creature or herald of the Spring Realm. This, unfortunately, did not give us much to go on.

..... In fairness to the visionary and guide priest, even if they had provided a family name, place of residence, and a calendar from the year of the vision, there is probably very little we could add. The events of the vision clearly pre-date Emperor Nicodar, which means that we are immediately have next to no primary sources to refer to.....

..... The Midwife's Recourse ritual pre-dates not only the Empire, but also the Marches. The ritual's low magnitude and its life-saving significance are strong indicators that it was possibly one of the earliest Spring rituals to be widely codified and used, but that is conjecture.

..... The Visionary's notes refer to the Vallorn. It is a widely accepted belief that the Vallorn arose at the fall of the ancient city of Terunael, either as a cause or consequence of the fall. The name given



by the Visionary of Melliana or Mellinara does not seem to be Nadari in style, so this implies slightly that they were not Nadari, and probably post-Vallorn. My opinion, for what it is worth, is that the name feels more like pre-Imperial Dawn, which would be post-Terunael and post-Vallorn. I regret I cannot confirm whether briars pre-date the Midwife's Recourse ritual or not.

.....On the matter of briars, the most commonly claimed origin of briars is attributed to Yaw'nagrah, called the Green Mother or Queen of the Forest. Yaw'nagrah's interests do include life, in infinite diversity and combinations, and so it is possible that Yaw'nagrah would have an interest in the Midwife's Recourse ritual. This is particularly pertinent to one Herald of Yaw'nagrah, whose name is Ylith Silthar. Ylith's approach to promoting the diversity of life that interests Yaw'nagrah is the promotion of fertility. Ylith's "mission" as a Herald is, apparently, that if one in a thousand births is unusual then encouraging twenty thousand births will create twenty diverse forms of life, which would please Yaw'nagrah.

.....As with much of this report, there is a great deal of conjecture. We have nothing that definitively links Ylith Silthar to either the ritual or the vision, short of asking Yaw'nagrah or her/its herald directly.



.....I hope that this provides some context for the Visionary as to the probable veracity of their True Liao Vision, even if we cannot specifically identify the Melianna referred to in the vision.....

Signed by:..... Isabelle De Alicer.....

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