

Hi Pop,

Letter # 1

Just thought I'd drop you a line to let you know where I'm at.

In case you hadn't noticed, your youngest son (me!) got bored and took off around 3 months ago.

You know, living with you and Ma and all those Uncles and Aunts really gets me down man. Always squawking on about me having no sense of responsibility and stuff. Well I'm being responsible now coz I'm writing this stuff to you...

I tell you what though, things really aren't that much different out here either. Some silly little men said I needed a badge or pass or something if I wanted to go for a wander. Well, they reminded me so much of Aunt Winifred and her whining that they won't be bothering anybody no more... You'd have been pretty happy with some of the throws I made. One dude cleared two paddocks!

Just the other day, I met this really cute looking Dark Elf. She wasn't like the other ones we had for dinner for Ma's birthday. They were all dry and leathery. This little babe looks sweet (pretty short though!) Anyhow, a weird thing happened. Instead of running away like all the other elves do, this one tries to cast a spell on me, saying stuff like I gotta be her friend and stuff. Didn't work. I think she's kinda new to the wizard game.

Anyway, she was pretty brave to have a go at that and she looks really nice (love her red eyes) that I reckon I'll be her friend anyway. She says that her name is Maizy.

We were just wandering about near this hill yesterday when this old human dude turns up, spraying some stuff about him owning this hill, blah, blah, blah. I was gonna pitch a couple of rocks his way to shut him up, but he got in first, babbling on like he was gonna send us somewhere. Like yeah, right... Anyhow, turns out he did. While I was looking through my pouch for a skimmer rock, he did some wizard stuff and Maizy and I are underground somewhere (which was pretty neat). Sometimes I think there's too many of these sorcerer dudes about. It's ok if they look like Maizy though.

Well, there was no point getting upset about where we were. I brought plenty of food. I raided the ice cave before I left. Just being resourceful like youse reckon I'm not. Ha, ha. Showed youse all eh! Anyway, we open this door and there's like three little humans standing there wetting themselves. I was thinking that it could be cool to just scare them a bit before bashing them, but get this, Maizy starts talking to them!! Bugger me! Well anyway, I just stand there looking cool, just in case things turn bad. There was two males and a female, all dressed up in their tin suits. They sure

need a bath! One of the men (he looks almost as pretty as Maizy with his golden hair and all) starts asking if we're evil, like whatever that means.

Anyhow, turns out that these little dudes are lost in this dungeon place too and want Maizy and me to help them get out. One of them gave me some Elf Jerky to eat. It was kinda neat, but not really filling. I think it was curried.

Anyway, their names are Cathy, Gazza and Karby. They all talk real funny, splitting infinitives and stuff...

Oh yeah, I took that old sword youse had stashed at the back of the cave before I left. It's pretty neat and carries Bugbears up real nice. We found some of them right after introductions. One even tried to run away! That was funny! I got the sword stuck in the wall after I hacked him. That was cool too. Came out ok. A bit later, we found some more but I couldn't fight them coz they wouldn't come out of their little door. The humans went in though and hacked them up pretty good. Maizy also did some neat magic missiles on them. They looked cool.

It's been a bit boring in this place. Lots of wandering around through corridors and stuff. Some were pretty small, but I sucked up and got through. I think Gazza is a surveyor or something. He keeps measuring out the corridors and rooms and

stuff and then drawing it on his tablet. Sometimes I look at his drawings and think that they don't really look like where we're at. It's pretty funny though.

There was this other room too that had this well that spewed up old dishwashing water and dead goblins. I think the goblins were a little bit too soggy to keep but. The door to the room got stuck so I bashed it down so that the little guys wouldn't drown. I think Cathy tried to help, but she really didn't do much. I said she did a good job anyway, she tries hard.

I think the humans are happy that I'm here. They want me to meet their friend the Hydra. That sounds cool too. I think there was one that lived on the other side of the mountains where we weren't allowed to go when we were kids. This time I get to check one out.

Anyway, time for dinner.

I'll keep writing these things so you can read them when I get out of here in a couple of days.

Say hi to Ma (but not Auntie Winifred!) Ha Ha

Bye

Malachi (the Younger)

Yo Pops,

Letter # 2

How's things with the tribe? As you can see, my handwriting's improved heaps since the other one I did before and I bet you can also tell that I'm writing slower now too, coz I forgot that you can't read too fast.

We've been in these tunnels for a few days now and at night when the humans rest up, they all get out their little books to write stuff. Probably just bitchin' about stuff, so I figure that I can do that too, 'cept without the bitchin'! Ha Ha.

Had a couple of interesting things go down over the last ~~couple~~ couple of days since we've been in this hole. The funniest was Karby calling me a "Stone Elf", but I don't get it. Shame he's dead now. He was the dude that gave me the Elf Jerky. The others are talking about getting him a raise or something. He got snap frozen by their friend the Hydra. Some friend! We went to it's room today and it was all bitey and kept blowing cold air on us. I hacked it up though coz that's not very friendly and the biting hurt a bit. It had heaps of heads too. More than four! Garza tried to help out, and Maizy did some cute little spells, but Cathy just whimpered out at the back of the party with her horny horse (tell you more about that down a bit further).

Before this though, there was other stuff that's happened. I just wrote it out of order coz that dude died and that's pretty important Maizy says.

We found this room that turned into a heap of mirrors. That was pretty neat to start with, but we got tired of Gazza combing his hair and posing all the time. While we were all looking for a way out, he kept flexing his little arms and looking at himself. I think he even tried to crack on to Maizy too, but she laughed at him. I did too, especially when that little tapping noise started in his pants.

We found other rooms that were all tricked up to cause mischief. The humans all agreed that somebody called Regina would be good here. I don't know what that's about or what she's good for. We got pretty bored looking at all this crap, so Cath and Gazza said we need to go to a different place where bad guys are. That's the spirit I say!

There wasn't much to chose from. Some wolves tried to get aggro on us, but I hacked them. For some reason, Cathy and Gazza didn't want to fight them. I kept the bodies coz you can't pass up fresh meat. I was going to give some to Maizy, but she sorta went pale and said no. She doesn't know what she's missing. I carried it and it went down real well.

There was some more bugbears too, so I let Cathy (before she got her horny horse) hack them first, but they started hurting her so I hacked them up for her. She tries really hard but panics when they crowd around and poke her. Gazza sooked off and wouldn't fight at all. Maybe he doesn't like getting covered in guts and stuff like Cathy does after we fight. She's like a magnet for that stuff. Looks pretty neat after a good fight too.

A bit later, Cathy calls out for a horse and this white one turns up, but it's got a big horn sticking out of it's head (that's why it's horny - Ha Ha). I thought that was pretty neat but she gets upset when I say we should cook it up. I reckon it looks like a lunch pack. She's still not happy. Now "Princess Cathy" rides this horny horse at the front posing and strutting around, wrecking our cool fighting formation. Karby reckons Gazza loves her horse.

On the way to find their friend the Hydra (you know how that turns out) we fight some shadowy things. Cathy reckons the shadowy baddies are souls of the dead and they sucked her strength out so now she has to ride at the back. Reckons she feels all weak or something. Whatever.

I think we're off to find the humans celestial buddies to give Karby his raise tomorrow. Junno

what that's going to do for him coz he's dead. If there's still something left after his raise, I'll offer to stir fry him. Got plenty of time for that though coz he's still frozen.

Maybe we won't be out in a couple of days after all. Probably next week though. If more interesting stuff happens, I'll write you about it.

Ciao! (Maizy said to use this word, sounds cool eh?)

Malachi (the Younger)

Hi Pops! - Maizy wrote this, bet you couldn't tell! Ha Ha.



Hi Ma,

Letter # 3

Maizy says that I should write a nice letter to my Mother, so that you don't feel left out. I don't think you can read, so I'll give it to Pop to read to you when we get out.

I'm having a pretty cool time at the moment.

Travelling underground is pretty neat, but gets a bit tight from time to time. I've lost a bit of weight too since you last saw me. See, you don't have to go outside to get some exercise! My pants will probably need taking in now, they're getting all baggy.

You'll be happy to know that all those years of watching you cook have paid off. I'm using all the kitchen stuff I took with me when I took off. I managed to curry some bony old wolves the other day which were pretty nice. I almost had a chance to fry up a dead human too, but he got raised (that means raised up from the dead). I'll have to keep an eye out on this lot so it doesn't happen again. What a waste. I'm sure that he'll be all leathery and stringy now. He was tinned, so he was probably only good for jerky anyway. I got to drag his body from the Hydra room to the Celestials. I made sure his head dragged on the ground so that his helmet made sparks. That was funny. I thought Maizy might think they were pretty, but she just looked away. I don't get her sometimes.

There's some weirdo people down in these tunnels. Cathy made a bargain with some dog headed dude. I'm sure it wasn't a mask. He didn't bark at all so I don't know what his story is. He pretends to be all regal like cousin Cyril. I think he's a bit soft like that too. Anyway, the bargain was that coz the dog head dude raised up Karby, we have to go North to bash some fellas named Angus and Magnus. For somebody who ponces around like he does, that dog faced dude is pretty aggro too I reckon. He hasn't even met these two guys that he wants us to bash. He wants us to beat up on some Irow too. If they're nice like Maizy, I'm not gonna do it.

Garza is losing the plot a bit these days. He tried to speak to Cathy's horny horse yesterday. He got real pissed when it wouldn't talk back. It's like "Dude, it's a horse.. Like it's gonna talk to you!" Pretty sad really. Maybe he banged his head fighting the Hydra.

Hey, cool thing I saw too. The tunnels where we're gotta go to bash the bad dudes are covered in meat! It's like growing out of the walls. That's a bit suss though I reckon. I'll have a go at cooking it later, but I think it'll have to stew for a few days.

Cathy's getting a bit slappy too. I was almost going to belt her for it. She wanted us to hurry up and go

through this tunnel, but when I didn't "snap to", she started slapping me. I was just about to go through on my own anyway, I was thinking what I could do with that wall meat and then "paff", she hits me. Ever since she's got that horse, she thinks she's a princess. I think I'll take it off her if she does that again.

We got attacked by these blanket things too. They look like Uncle Rolf's tartan blankets, except they've got eyes and mouths and aren't tartan. I call them that anyway. Garza was too slow and got wrapped up by one of them. I cut it apart at the seam like you told me to. I know you wanted more cloth to make new curtains with, but I don't know if there was enough left of the tartan blankets to use for the front room, so I didn't take any.

Later, we found a room with pile of black gooey stuff in the middle. After Karby and Cathy went running into the room saying that the black stuff was evil, a strange thing happened. Cathy started trying to hack Karby! It was weird. Garza joined in too. I think Cathy must've been upset that Karby stole her thunder by yelling out that it's evil blah blah. Humans are funny like that. I finally had the chance to do some rock skimming though. The black stuff made cool squeelchy noises when the rocks hit it. The stupid horse tried to fight too, but it cut the

black stuff in half with it's horn, so there was two pieces trying to get us.

After Cathy and Garza hacked Karby until he fell down, Cathy just stood around like her brain was jammed in neutral, but Garza must've had his blood up (no tapping noises this time) and tried to have a go at me! Silly little man. I didn't want to hurt him too much so I just tapped him on the top of the head with the handle of my sword a couple of times. His eyes looked kind of cool when they rolled up. He dribbled a lot and some teeth fell out just before he fell over. Maybe I did him some good and he'll stop trying to talk to horses now!

Turns out that after belting Karby, Cathy then fixes him up! Weird! Then she gets all annoyed coz he doesn't want to stand next to her anymore.

After we finished off the black stuff we all had some laughs when Cathy thought that Garza's helmet looked a bit flat on top now. Turns out that Karby lost his armour in the fight too. I was right about him being a bit stringy! It got dissolved off his body by some acidic stuff that was on the black thing. Lucky I had a spare set for him in my pack.

Maizy got some bumpy wriggly things crawling under her skin from going in that room. Karby wanted her to take her clothes off so he can examine her. He

sounds funny trying to talk with his tongue out like that. He said something about cutting her arm open to see what was making the shapes. Even Cathy was getting in on this game and started trying to touch her. Maizy didn't seem to be hurting from them and said she just wanted to sleep. Fair enough I suppose.

We went back to the base to rest up (that's what they call the room where we sleep now). We all shared a room with three glowing balls that talk. Karby did some more weird stuff. He started rubbing a couple of them together, trying to get them hot he says. I don't know what that's about, so I left him alone with his balls and followed Cathy to the forest room where she's taking her horse to sleep. She seems a bit depressed these days. Must be coz Garza prefers trying to talk to her horse instead of her and Karby doesn't want to stand near her. She didn't talk to me while we were walking which is ok coz I managed to think up some cool recipes for horse pasta along the way. If we stay here too long, I'm going to run out of chillies.

We found more Tartan Blankets today. They didn't look like they wanted a fight, so I was bored and wasn't really interested in hacking them. They don't take much effort to unpick, so I really think that the humans should use them for practice next time. Maisy got her first kill though which is good. She

managed to zap the last one with one of her magic energy darts. She was pretty stoked about that.

Now that Cathy's got us taking on more work, I don't know how long we're gonna get stuck down here.

It's still a bit interesting though, so I don't mind too much.

Say Hi to everyone and I'll see you soon.

Malachi (the Younger)

Hiya Pops,

Letter # 4

Well, I dunno that I'm doin' the right thing now, hanging out with these humans and all. They are sooo whingy. A few days ago, Cathy was renting all over the place, and now, Gazza's lost it coz he can't take a joke about his mapping. It's like, I'm gonna strangle someone if we don't get a move on. Too much B.S. going down. Maizy didn't think too much of it either. I'm sure we could just take off and get stuff done by ourselves.

Oh, yeah. Got a closer look at Gazza a few days ago without his tin hat on. He's a bit girly looking. Very nice skin, wavy hair and perfect teeth! I think he looks more like a frail than Cathy does.. "Iude looks like a lady" - cool name for a song eh? Ha Ha.

Still no sign of the sexy Irows we're meant to be lookin' out for. We ran into some lanky grey skinned freaks with tentacles on the ends of their arms though. For once, Gazza couldn't spit his pacifier out as one of the lanky dudes covered up his mouth and made him choke. That'll teach him I guess. He always sooks when we get into a blue.

Anyway, the grey dudes were pretty boring. I'm getting better with this old clearer of yours too. Hacked three of them in one go. Neato.

Can't say I think too much of the artwork around here either. We found this statue that looked like half dark elf and half spider. And I tell you what, we're talking real ugly! As if anything would ever look like that. Anyway, the neck looked a little thin, so I thought I'd give it a tap to see if the head would stay on. It didn't. Pretty poor job by whoever put it together. Oh yeah, there was this flaming dust stuff that nuked the little guys. I think it came off the statue. Ma would have a fit if we let stuff get that dusty at home! Don't they have cleaners round here?

Anyway, really bizarro stuff happened next. Maizy goes off, wailing about stuff. Kirby starts making weird whooping noises and dribbling and frothing like Gazza does. He tries to run off somewhere, but I collar him coz it's not safe for him to be by himself, especially now that he's got his new armour on all wrong. And then Gazza, get this, he sprouts four more legs and starts making spider impressions!! I knew I shoulda wacked him, would've saved some grief later on! I kept an eye on Cathy to see if she'd freak out as well, but she just laughed and wanted me to squash Gazza too. Damn, I shoulda listened...

Anyway, Maizy sorted herself out in a bit and Cathy and me are happy coz the wailing has stopped. For a



little frail, she makes a heap of noise. Never found out what was getting to her.

A bit later after that, Garza loses his extra legs and stops trying to spin a web in the doorway. Cathy and I aren't happy about that coz our opportunity to squish him has gone and he's all whiney again. Damn, I knew I should've listened to her first time!

And Karby? Well, he's a mess. We lock him up in his ball room and go for a walk. I figure the forest could be cool, just for a change of scenery. I also want to get a better look at what the horny horse eats and make sure that it won't affect his flavour. Some see-through mushroom critter bites the horse which is really rude coz it's not cooked yet. I dice up the mushroom thing but I didn't keep any coz I wasn't thinking about Horse Stroganoff at the time. Oh yeah, while we were in the forest, it rained. The humans don't smell so much now.

A bit later, we go back and Karby almost feels better again. Then something snaps inside his little head and he tries to run away again. What a cute little game. Shame we've got more important things to do (see I'm being mature again!). Anyway, I chuck him back in his box 'til he's good again.

When we got back on the road, we found this skeleton of a Celestial (apparently). Karby drained

the blood that was left in it (damn, that'd be an excellent gravy!). I took the bones coz I can use them for stock if I can't have the blood. The neat thing is though that I got hungry a bit later and thought I'd taste one and they're bloody beaut! Nice and crunchy and it's like they clean your teeth as you chew. Cooooo. Shame I've only got one rack. The humans don't think so but and they say that it's bad, but Kirby is happy to clean up after me... Whatever, tastes good to me eh!

Oh yeah, apart from his whiney stuff, Garza was acting a bit strange for a bit there. He kept walking in front of Cathy trying to be brave or something. He even went in for a bash against some tentacle snake thingy's. They whupped him up pretty quickly though. Kirby seems to be his personal pit crew or something. Has to keep fixing him up after every brawl.

We must be in the snakey part of the tunnels coz there's lots of these things around. They don't all look the same though which makes it bit more interesting. One was all gluey and stuck up Cathy more than usual so she couldn't move. I tried to help, but even my clearer got stuck. That was a surprise. The snakey thing lost it's stick pretty soon after that coz I hacked it off her when I got the clearer back. There was a couple of big ones there too. They were fun except Kirby got excited

and broke his sword near one. He reckons he hacked it good, but really, he hit the floor and snapped his little sword. I think he's still a bit sick from before.

After we bashed up some more snake things, we finally found something else to talk to. It's called an Incredible (how up itself is that?). It looks like a metal horse with human and bird bits and it says that it's a lawyer. That's the worst bit. Anyway, he chats a bit about stuff around this place and how politics are between his lot and Sandpit's Celestials (that's the dog head dude). Funny thing is that his lot hate the Irons as well. All too confusing for me. I got a headache talking to this fella. A bit earlier, Maizy found some papers with some really bad hand writings on it that only she could understand. I thought she was making the stuff up until this Incredible thingy said that it knew a name (Mohair) that Maizy had said and that this guy had put the meat on the walls. My headache got worse after that coz I thought that Ma's cardy was made from Mohair. Anyway, I took off coz my head hurt. Also, I didn't want to see his bill.

Karby is actually pretty funny now. I think he's still sick, but that's ok. He's making jokes up about cutting up Cathy's horse into steaks. What a funny guy. As if you'd waste a horse on just steaks! It's gotta be casseroled. What a guy.

A bit later we found another Incredible. There must be a family of them down here, although I don't think these two could really be related. This dude called itself Wet-ex. I feel another headache coming on. Anyway, it turns out to be the "get it" guy. Karby wanted some new armour, so this guy gets it for him. Costs Karby some holy water. Karby doesn't seem too fussed coz he says that he's got this Old Gold on tap and can make it whenever he wants. I didn't think he was a brewer, but that's cool if he is.

Cathy wanted this Incredible guy to get her an erotic saddle. I have no idea about what that is, but she said that it helps her strap on to the horse? Anyway, she gets that sorted, and we're off again.

Nothing too exciting after this, except that Garza and the Horny Horse (with it's strap on Paladin) fell into a long, deep pit. I managed to grab Maizy though, before she got hurt. They're lucky I've got rope...

Anyway, I'm getting pretty tired and bored with this place. I reckon I'll be home in a week or so now (just gotta sort out the Irons).

Say Hi to everybody and I'll cop you a bit later.

Malachi (the Younger)