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Summer Solstice, 1569

Upon this parchment the Royal Court of the Sixth King proclaims the new heir to the throne to be the King's first daughter and second heir, Syndiax Medecre, when her father, King Bednex Medecre, meets his life's end. So shall it be written the Knight Grand Cross has admitted to plotting out the King's death with the King's seventh son and twelfth heir, Prince Damainien Medecre. So shall it be written assassination attempts on any member of the Royal Family is deemed high treason, punishable by death. Though death be the written punishment, the King claims expulsion to the kingdom's fallow outer reach will be more tortuous to Prince Damainien and the former Knight Grand Cross as they were raised in the lavish lifestyle provided by the castle. So shall it be written the treason, initiated by the King's seventh son, has been claimed not as an act of defiance, but as a righting of wrongs conducted onto the King's first son and first heir, recently deceased Prince Bednex Medecre II. It should be noted the cause of death was a self-inflicted stab wound to the abdomen. The Prince's left-handed crafting scissors, which were found in his left-hand after his death, match perfectly with the entrance wound. His corpse was found

locked in his chambers, a room that can only be locked from the inside. No windows were open, or had been opened inside of his chamber, eliminating the possibility of another person's entry or exit. The night of Prince Bednex Medecre II's death, a letter was found on his night stand written on his personal letterhead, in his handwriting, with the ink made especially for him by the Lavender Priestess. So shall it be written the letter includes the known information that the Prince, as the King's first son and therefore rightful heir, would ascend the throne when his father meets his demise. The letter states the known information that as the first and rightful heir, Prince Bednex Medecre II would marry a Princess from one of the five neighboring kingdoms to produce an heir legitimized by two Royal Bloodlines. So shall it be written, the letter concludes with the Prince's confession that he cannot complete his Royal obligation to the throne on account of his love for another, the Knight Grand Cross. Therefore, his only option for freedom would be to take his own life. Prince Damainien Medecre knew of his brother's love affair, as the two had grown to be close confidants between their daily training and schooling. So shall it be written a conversation

had occurred between King Bednex and Prince Bednex II four nights before the Prince's death. It is stated the conversation pertained to the heir status of Prince Bednex II, and how he wished to relinquish his title as first and rightful heir of the throne to his sister, the first daughter and second heir of the King, Princess Syndiax Medecre. The King refused his son's request on the account of its allowance in royal court only if the first and rightful heir meet their demise before being crowned King or Queen. So shall it be written the assassination plot conducted by the King's seventh son and the Knight Grand Cross was completed with belief that the King is at fault for the death of his son, Prince Bednex Medecre II, since the King would not enact a Royal Decree to allow a transition of power without the death of the elder heir. So shall it be written the King has taken no responsibility for his eldest son's death, and he is adamant on having had no knowledge of the Prince's love affair. This information is confirmed by the witnesses to the most recent conversation between the King and Prince, as they did not hear the royal family members talk about the Prince's love for



another. The King has placed a shrine of remembrance for his son, Prince Bednex Medecre II, below the Tree of Knowledge, which was known to be the Prince's favorite place to read and study within the castle grounds.