

Lost Child of Amber 006



Life aboard the Airship Pericles was comfortable for the four visitors. The two ladies were given the cabin of the First Officer (Major Franks) and the Medical Officer. Morgan stayed in the cramped on-board stables and Aleyn had to share with the crew.

Captain Jackson is welcoming. They all seem a bit “off”, obsessed with bombing the mutinous natives back to the stone age! At least it makes them too distracted to probe too hard into the tissue of lies surrounding our heroes.



As they approach the Helio tower, it’s clear the thing has been burnt down and the small fort around it has been overrun by Zhaguli Riders – about a hundred of them remain. The hatred of the crew is palpable, and it takes some convincing by Aleyn and Cassie to stop them swooping over the riders to take pot shots at them (and getting the airship within range of 100 muskets)!



[GM: Because Esther’s player couldn’t make the game, Esther Trump Teleported away in response to a call from her home shadow – Belisar and they made up some lies about her being bed-ridden with a recurrent illness and then finally said she disembarked early in the confusion when they arrived in Londra. They have Trumps of each other so should be able to re-unite]

A couple of days later they arrived above another Helio Tower and were able to confirm that the Airship they were chasing (with the Unknown Soldier aboard) had stayed at the previous tower a couple of days to refuel and re-stock. It seems the uprising by the local desert Cossacks had happened soon after they left. The troubles hadn’t reached here yet and the Airship had been heading for Londra non-stop.

They sent a message via the Helio tower to say – detain the Unknown Soldier as we have passengers who MAY know who he is. They arrived in Londra at the Great Peckham Military Airfield, two days after their quarry.

Cassie got some troubling headaches during the voyage. Firstly she was badly shaken by a nightmare – about which she remained very vague and dismissed it as nothing. The day after passing the burned tower, she tried to contact Fiona to find out what was going on with Caine and Gerard. She didn't manage to get through – Fiona was blocking.



Soon after, she then had the feeling somebody was ALMOST Trumping her but then backing off when she tried to accept the call. There were brief pauses between the attempts which Aleyrn (a military man in many different centuries) identified as morse code – Q... U... A... Quarantine.

They weren't exactly sure whether it was Fiona in Quarantine or them or both, probably them! Probably due to the RAGE Infection which had seemed to almost overwhelm Aleyrn when he trumped Caine at the Fort. If Cassie hadn't put her hand over Caine's card, who knows what would have happened to him.

Pechkam Military Airfield & Military Hospital



They disembarked with the outlandish war horses and medieval costumes onto the military base and headed for the Hospital (a psychiatric unit for what they referred to as shell-shock). They hadn't pre-arranged their alias and story so made the guards very suspicious. They asked to speak with Doctor Baker who they had been told was in charge of Patient 451 (The Unknown Soldier).

Instead they were introduced to a lady doctor who was now responsible for Dr Baker who had become violent earlier that day.

Yesterday, when Patient 451 had been told that "friends or family" of his were coming to identify him, he had suddenly got very violent, biting Dr Baker and punching out three of the guards before escaping the base by vaulting over the 12 ft fence. He displayed surprising strength and speed.

Dr Baker came back to work today and has had to be restrained in a strait-jacket as he attacked some of his colleagues and tried to bite them. They are trying to treat him for an obscure form of rabies!

Aleyrn and Cassie keep avoiding telling her who they think Patient 451 might be and she becomes suspicious. Cassie attempts to steal the file on 451 but is spotted and Aleyrn has to restrain and gag the poor Doctor, tying her to her chair.

The photo of Patient 451 looks similar to the Trump they have for Finndo, but younger and not exactly him – probably a son – apparent age about 25.

They rejoin Morgan and the four alien war-horses and exit the Base just before the alarm is raised. They attempt to vanish into the crowded smog-filled streets of Londra – Victorian with steam-driven horseless carriages and Airships drifting overhead.

They manage to find (using Cassie's Shadow Manipulation ability) some Victorian clothes with a handful of coins in the pockets and then locate an abandoned warehouse near the great river.

How will they find Patient 451 in this Victorian setting?

How will they stop this RAGE Infection from spreading – across Britannia and, more importantly, to other Shadows?

If it's transmissible via trump communication, that seems like a MAJOR problem.

That morse-code trick seems like it would take Advanced Trump Mastery to pull it off – maybe only Fiona could do it.

Has Caine already transmitted it beyond this Shadow?

Cassie has now identified the third wild monkey from her visions in Tir'na'Nogth – they were Caine, Julian and GERARD! If the vision is related to this situation, Caine and Gerard are likely to be infected already.