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Abstract

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It was Dak who broke the silence. "There is much I have to tell you, Father."

Eldewin held up his hand. "And there are many questions to be answered. But not now. Rest and recover your strength. We shall talk later." From an inside pocket of his tunic Eldewin produced his pipe. He settled back and smoked, solemnly intent upon a spot somewhere above Dak's head.

For minutes neither one spoke. Then Dak said, "I made the chair, Father. The one you're sitting on. With my own hands. No magic. It's a present for you."

Eldewin rose to more closely inspect it. "Thank you, Son. It's a beautiful chair. I had no idea you could do such fine work. The etching especially is masterfully done."

Dak's head came up. In the back of the chair, deeply carved and incredibly detailed, was a small, blue-violet butterfly.

EDITORIAL

Welcome to *The Mythic Circle* #14. We hear raves from all quarters about the Tolkein Centennial in Oxford; sounds like a splendid time was had by all. Alas, we couldn't go, but we're enjoying the anecdotes!

We are inundated by work here, unfortunately: CISL is starting a new school plus trying to get her novels written, and Tina is shuttling among The Mythic Circle, her estate planning practice and the triplets (now toddling madly in three different directions). We are also inundated by submissions, so bear with us as we try to respond to all. We truly appreciate those folks who write LOCS, because we're a workshop and part of the understanding (we hope) is that our writers give each other feedback.

In this issue, we have an assortment of goodies: a wickedly funny tale of a reluctant hero who finds an enchanted sword ("Iorg and the Dancing Sword"); a whimsically horrific story of a father and son ("Fiddler of Sundown Lake"); tales of wizardly skill and ingenuity ("Color It Vanity," "To Kill a Wizard," "The Magic Carpenter"); and other stories, all worthy of your comments. (Hint. Hint.) We have a poem by lala heine-koehn, though we've gone light on poetry this issue to give space to the folks who've been waiting patiently to have their stories printed. And we have, as usual, splendid illustrations, including a cover by Tim Callahan. We have included a note explaining the cover on page 28.

Happy holidays to all, and we'll see you in early 1993.

Tina Cooper & C.I.S. Lowentrout

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