

The Rotbottom Gossip

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Drinkin' Brews and Tellin' Futures

We have lunch with Madame Toadlicker

Life is terrifying. Day after day, we are subjected to such uncertainty and chaos. While this is the common human condition, it may be truer in Rotbottom. We all strive to find anchors in the turbulent seas of our lives, looking for something to grasp onto and find meaning in. Some look to the cults of the city, while others look to the bottle.



"Horoscopes? Mine are more like horror-o-scopes."



Why do I keep drawing this card?



I'm not high enough for this.

But then there are those who look toward the future.

I recently caught up with Madame Toadlicker, Rotbottom's premier fortune-teller. She was on her second hunk of bread and fifth glass of wine when I joined her, and was in quite the talkative mood. The experience was spellbinding.

"Everyone says they want to know their future," she scoffed with a mouthful of rye. "They think if they know what's coming, they can avoid fate. The thing is, most of these lazy Rogue bastards wouldn't get out of the way of a speeding cart if it was less than a block away. Knowing the truth won't help, if you're not willing to do a damn thing about it."

During the course of her diatribe, her hand had somehow moved to my knee, and she started to (cont)

Ask a Life Coach

Dear Phinneus,

I don't have much in life. There's my husband, and there's my horrible gambling addiction... that's it. So after my last delve, I went to the gambling hall to unwind. It didn't go well, and now my husband wants to leave me. What do I do? How do I balance these desires?

-Unlucky in Love and Cards

Dear Unlucky in Love and Cards,

Do you hear that terrible ringing? It just won't stop. I even hear it in my dreams, forever droning on. I've searched everywhere for the source, but can find nothing! I have not eaten in days, for it only gets louder when I attempt the act. Shall I soften my brain with booze? It may be the only way to make it stop! I beg thee, find the only greased ferret (cont)



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