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RIKORO OF DRELIN

1) Do you plan on looking for a job or do you plan on living on your savings?

[Rudy] Use his savings at this point since the well of herb purchases has dried up.

Room and Board were paid last tenday.

2) Do you want to do some gambling and, if so, how much will you risk?

[Rudy] No gambling for the K'norrian

3) Is there anything you would like to purchase or sell?

[Rudy] Nothing needed

4) How will you spend any skill maintenance points you get (e.g. what skills do you want to improve)?

[Rudy] Rikoro's plans this ten day are:

1 hour each day - Ablution & Prayer (also he'll donate one time 10 silver)

At the temple I assume. (+2 piety)

First Day - Rikoro will spend in STUDY to learn "Fyvrian Friend".

Where do you practice and for how long (in hours)?

Remaining 9 Days - Rikoro will spend time at the Peonian Temple helping to tend to the injured. So he'll spend it on PHYSICIAN tending and SPELL casting under the guise of prayer (until he is tired, but not ready to collapse). Resting in between to regain strength. Spells he would use are [Balm of Gresan, Eye of Perfection, Hand of Iliam, Balm of Herl (if a rat or something is available) and Nature of Isla]. If there's time or skills left practice STAVES

Assuming 10 hours a day for 9 days and 1 SMP per 4 hours, that is 22.5 SMP rounded up for 3 development rolls resulting in +1 physician, +1 Balm of Gresan, +1 Eye of Perfection. 15 SMP for personal practice is 2 development rolls for +1 staves.

5) Do you wish to "bank" any money at a money lender?

[Rudy]: Still to poor :)

6) Do you plan to observe any religious functions (including prayer)?

[Rudy]:

4th of Azura visit his family for dinner as it is:

Peoni - Lesser Sapelah (lay mass)

Peoni - Saint's Day: Harvest Home Festival

You and your father got into a huge argument about the type of person you wanted to marry. (-5 estrangement)

6th of Azura attend Valere (low mass) at Save-k'nor temple

+0 piety

7) Do you plan any romantic activities (not necessarily sexual)?

Required at least once per month for humans. Not required for Sindarin or Khuzdul.

[Rudy] To earn points with the family he will ask for an arranged introduction, but he'll be sure to point out he's not ready to settle. He would like to court someone (with the proper chaperone of course). Rikoro's realized now that he's seeing marriage plans float about he's been neglecting that side of things. [Sadly since his long haired love Davas was taken by the shrewd wench Berina, Rikoro has no alternatives. Isiel is too soft and Thiird is too hard. :)]

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ISIEL OF LAELIN

1) Do you plan on looking for a job or do you plan on living on your savings?

1) Continue working at Mistress Bae's, using some of his pay to supplement glass projects of his own. Let me know how they turn out?

He has kept his job and managed to save 5d of his tenday salary.

2) Do you want to do some gambling and, if so, how much will you risk?

2) No.

3) Is there anything you would like to purchase or sell?

3) Isiel has some skill in drawing, and I'd like him to have the tools necessary. So, what is usual for artist supplies in this setting? Does the average artist make his own paints/charcoal pencils/etc., or are there some things he can buy (or barter for)? Paper, I imagine would be kinda spendy, but see if he can pick up a sheet or three.

The amateur artist makes (or makes do) for what they need. The professional artist purchases their materials in better quality. Barter is always a possibility and you often get a better "price" and less regulation with barter than by sales.

Pencils...what are those? ;-> Charcoal is normally 2f per bushel but there is none available during this tenday...everyone is gradually stocking up for the winter. However, Mistress Bae uses charcoal in her forge and you can get one piece to whittle down into a stylus. A pint of black paint can be purchased at the alchemist's for 3d 3f. The current price for paper is 127d per 3'x3' sheet.

4) How will you spend any skill maintenance points you get (e.g. what skills do you want to improve)?

4) Glassmaking, Psychometry, and Drawing, if he has a chance to get supplies. He'll spend some time with Berina, when it's convenient for her, asking more about her time with Divlena so he can get a better sense of what his cousin is like, while working on his Harnic.

You get 25 SMP for work for +2 glassworking. During your personal time, you get 13 SMP for +1 psychometry. You were unable to find Berina or Davas during the tenday.

5) Do you wish to "bank" any money at a money lender?

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5) No.

6) Do you plan to observe any religious functions (including prayer)?

6) Is there a Holly Grove (or other consecrated site) nearby? If so, he'll visit and pay his respects to Sweldre--I don't imagine there are enough Sindarin around to have a full-fledged ritual. If not, well, he'll just do some communing with nature time in the local woods.

You are unable to find any consecrated sites nearby. The nearest woods is Orgael Woods (at least that is what you heard it called sometimes but, more often, called the gibbet woods – the reason for the name becomes immediately obvious). You are unable to meditate in those surroundings.

7) Do you plan any romantic activities (not necessarily sexual)?

7) No.

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THRRID OF TYNATH

1) Do you plan on looking for a job or do you plan on living on your savings?

1) Keep the job at the Spurs if he'll have me.

Thrrid kept his job and managed to save 3d 1f of his wages.

2) Do you want to do some gambling and, if so, how much will you risk?

2) No gambling

3) Is there anything you would like to purchase or sell?

3) No purchases

4) How will you spend any skill maintenance points you get (e.g. what skills do you want to improve)?

4) Would like to continue practicing my Harnic (should be easy working at the Spurs), and any extra time spent practicing Club/Mace.

Working at the Spurs and talking to the customers, you get 25 SMP for +2 Harnic. During your personal time, you get 12 SMP but your skill with clubs did not improve. (For future reference, combat skills do not improve due to training or practice past ML 70 – then you improve only in actual combat.)

5) Do you wish to "bank" any money at a money lender?

5) No banking.

6) Do you plan to observe any religious functions (including prayer)?

6) Offer thanks to Serenel on occasion, but no heavy duty prayer or anything like that.

FYI, For any in-game benefits, you must pray or meditate for at least an hour at a time.

7) Do you plan any romantic activities (not necessarily sexual)?

7) No romance for the Khuzdul. Who'd want any of these ugly humes anyways?

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Another ugly hume or one paid for their services? ;->

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JOSREL OF ASWAIN

1) Do you plan on looking for a job or do you plan on living on your savings?

Unless the Ibarti has found something for Josrel he will go back to duties at the Temple.

The Ibarti finds Josrel a job as a court recorder for the cases tried at the castle. For this he will be paid 28d in wages and an additional 8d per day to compensate for his room and board. During this tendar he was unable to save any of his wages.

The new house that Lillia inherited is in a better part of town (on the Heru Road) and he finds that room and board for his new wife and himself comes to 213d. He pays for the first tendar.

http://www.duttond.topcities.com/Harn/Kaldor/TL_House.pdf

2) Do you want to do some gambling and, if so, how much will you risk?

No

3) Is there anything you would like to purchase or sell?

No

4) How will you spend any skill maintenance points you get (e.g. what skills do you want to improve)?

Josrel would like to start his training with Davas if Davas has time.

For his work, Josrel gets 25 SMP for +2 Lakise. He is unable to find Davas or Berina.

5) Do you wish to "bank" any money at a money lender?

No

6) Do you plan to observe any religious functions (including prayer)?

Ablution every day 1 hour Attend Velere on the 6th and any other sermons throughout the week.

Ablution each day (+1 piety), daily mass (+8 piety), monthly high mass (+3 piety).

7) Do you plan any romantic activities (not necessarily sexual)? Required at least once per month for humans. Not required for Sindarin or Khuzdul.

Well, I think I have something On the 29th but can't seem to recall exactly....Oh yeah Josrel is getting married. So Yes to romantic activities with Lillia that is.

At their marriage, their wedding gifts included enough household items (furniture, bedding, dishes, etc.) to fit their needs. The value of Lillia's dowry comes to 540d but she tells him it cannot be spend until she has their firstborn.

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BERINA OF KYFA & DAVAS OF FAINOVIRS

Two things Berina has little or no control over determine when the trip will occur: When will the agricultural decisions be

made, and can Davas and Berina get the time off from work to go at that time?

The agricultural decisions are made on the 29th and it's about a three day journey so you can just make it if you leave now and walk quickly.

Berina will ask to go when she meets with Lord Odasart to find out about her status (vassal or not), and tell him of her plans to marry Davas (or ask his permission to do so), assuming Obras gives his consent. Also, it will depend on whether Halime will give Davas the time off as well, as opposed to just firing him.

Lord Odasart tells you he is happy for you and tells you that you are not currently his vassal. He will gladly accept your allegiance if you are offering it and he thinks it would help you in your dealings with the authorities. As to the merchet, since he doesn't want that to influence your decision, he offers the expected merchet as a wedding present.

Your father tells you he has been planning for this day for a long time and had almost despaired of its arrival. He gives his consent and tells you not to concern yourself with your dowry as he has saved it over the years. Although he does remind you that your dowry cannot be spent until your first born arrives.

Halime tells Davas he is happy for him and of course he can have some time off to visit home. Once again, it is with the condition that Halime can be invited to the wedding as "You have such interesting friends," he tells Davas.

After I've heard from Bruce about Berina's and Davas' 'religious discussion' (assuming it didn't torpedo the impending marriage), I'll work up the happy couple giving Obras the news.

Once her cold has cleared up, Berina says to Davas after they both have returned home from work one day:

"Davas, my love, will you come up to my room, please? There's something we need to discuss, and it should be done in private."

After closing the door to her room, Berina goes over to her bed and sits down, motioning to Davas to sit next to her.

Davas smiles his assent and follows Berina, a slightly puzzled look on his face. He sits when invited to do so and looks at her as she speaks.

Starting out: "As you and I worship different Goddesses, I think we need to be clear about how we feel with regard to each other's religious practices." Taking a deep breath, and obviously marshalling her thoughts, Berina plunges in: "Peoni is an excellent Goddess, and I have no problem with you, or anyone else, worshipping her. In fact," she goes off on a slight tangent, "my cousin Cyben is an Ebasethe of Peoni...in Kiban I think, but it's been a long time since I saw her last, so I can't be sure where she may be now."

Getting back on topic: "I know that you do not have a high regard for Halea...you've made no secret of this. Sadly, you're not alone in that sentiment."

"I'll wager that you know more about Hlean religious practices than most non-adherents do...coming from Ovendel as you do."

Smiling quietly, Davas listens to Berina, obviously looking for the reason for the important talk Berina suggested. As she talks of her family, he concentrates, staring at the floor and trying to remember what she says.

Surprised by her apparent change of topic to Halea, he looks up quickly, sighs and shakes his head. "It's not ... Halea so much as ... well ... some of her worshippers. Not you of course ! " he adds quickly, smiling at her gently "no, not you ... but I'm sure you've met some of them. Those that give themselves over completely to ... well, you've met them I'm sure".

Berina gets a look of amazed wonder on her face and digresses: "I was surprised to find an active Hlean congregation in Ovendel. The worship of Halea doesn't tend to do well in small, rural communities. We are found mostly in cities and large towns."

"Anyway, in a small village like Ovendel...where everyone knows everyone else, and what they're doing...you'll have heard all there is to know about Hlean religious practices," here she gives him a wicked little grin, "and more besides."

Giving Berina a huge grin, and in a suggestive tone, Davas says "oh yes. Many things were well known ... who with who and such ... but in a village, children belong to the village anyway". He sighs gently, still smiling to himself. "When I was young, I used to think that some of the stories I was told were ... well, made up. You know. By other kids wanting to shock me ... or get me to believe ... now ...?" he looks a little embarrassed and grins at her "now I'm not so sure. Nothing Edilid did would surprise me ... so ...". He shrugs, indicating she should continue.

Berina says, "Let me explain the basics. Worshipping Halea is all about the giving and receiving of pleasure. While there are many subtleties, the things that give rise to the most controversy, are the use of drugs, and having sex with clergy and other worshippers, regardless of gender."

"While I have used drugs...mostly Elprequir and Perigwar..." At Davas' blank look upon mention of the two drugs, Berina explains: "Elprequir and Perigwar are aphrodisiacs..." she gives him a look with some lust in her eyes "although with you, I have no need of such."

As Berina mentions having sex with clergy, Davas gives a little shudder, closes his eyes a moment and shakes his head quickly. After her explanation of drugs and aphrodisiacs, he looks up, grins and gets that slightly silly look on his face, before looking away and back. By the time he does so, Berina has begun again.

"Anyway, I have stayed away from stimulants and hallucinogens...especially hallucinogens. Not that those things are not useful for others, but I'm a fire-mage. Can you imagine what could happen if I had a hallucination that went bad?" She visibly shivers.

Gently taking her hand, he looks at her lovingly, smiles, and says simply "I cannot imagine you doing anything to harm anyone ...". His smile turns into a grin again as he adds "... unless they deserved it of course".

Her mood brightening noticeably, Berina goes on: "The sex now...that is wonderful! I have resolved, however, to restrict the

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sex I have during services to just other women from now on." she says, matter-of-factly.

Davas looks a little shocked for a moment only, obviously having missed her previous reference to 'either sex'. As he is about to speak, Berina is again ahead of him.

"That is because when I have children...the Gods willing...there will be no doubt that you are their father." and she looks at him with such love. "I hope Halea won't be mad at me for further limiting my activities at services, but it is said that when someone makes love to another...no matter why, or with whom...they are giving devotion to Halea. I intend to give a lot of such devotion to Halea...and especially to you."

Berina scoots over next to Davas and snuggles up to him, laying her head on his shoulder and pulling his arm around her shoulder, with his hand resting on one of her breasts.

Sighing in contentment, she says: "I'm assuming that since you've known about my worship of Halea from the first time we met, that you took that into consideration when you agreed to marry me."

Grining again, this time at her mention of children and her choice of devotions, he sobers a moment to say quietly "I did ... and I ... understand. It's part of who you are. I hope you can be understanding of me ... in case I ... well in case I know too little of Halea". He looks away shyly.

Her voice takes on a dangerous edge as she says: "When we go to Ovendel, if that Halean priestess gives you any trouble, you just leave her to me...I'll straighten her out!"

Heh, heh...I already know what I'll do if I have to." Before Davas can ask about that, she says: "Don't ask. It should be effective. Heh, heh."

Turning quickly to her, he opens his mouth expectantly, closing it with a smile as she tells him not to ask. He leans back a little, possibly contemplating what an angry Berina might be like, before smiling again and saying "why does she not understand ?" With a quick look at Berina and a shake of his head, he adds "perhaps you can explain it to her, yes ?" He laughs, his eyes sparkling as he takes her hand and squeezes it gently.

Turning her head, and raising it a little to look into Davas' face, Berina whispers: "Would you like to start our devotions right now?"

Obviously surprised, Davas eyes open wide as he says quickly "is that proper ? ... would you ... could we ? " before he recovers a little, turns back to her and says simply "yes, if you wish it, then yes".

"I do wish it." she says. Shifting her position a little, Berina kisses him as she did before, but more deeply.

"I'm assuming you've had little or no experience at this, so please let me take the lead here." Gently, with a slightly exaggerated slowness, she disrobes him, and then, as she does the same for herself, she says: "I'll tell you and show you what I'd like you to do for me, and as I do things for you, let me know if you'd like me to make any changes to what I'm doing to make it better for you." and with that, she...

Fade to Black

1) Do you plan on looking for a job or do you plan on living on your savings?

Berina and Davas live off their savings while they travel north to Ovendel. Berina pays Davas' share of the townhouse expenses for the tenday (36d 2f) and they each spend 20d on travel expenses. Three days travel has them arrive on the evening of the 29th, four days visiting, and three days returning. Lord Dasaryune gives Davas permission to marry as long as he pays the proper merchet [OOC: I'll get back to you on how much that actually is.]

2) Do you want to do some gambling and, if so, how much will you risk?

3) Is there anything you would like to purchase or sell?

4) How will you spend any skill maintenance points you get (e.g. what skills do you want to improve)?

Skill Maintenance Points. Metalwork (using the forge Lord Odasart has made available to her), Polearm (glaive).

Assuming they do in fact go, Davas will try to improve his foraging, plantfinding and weatherlore (in that order). He will als practice each day with axe and sheild, just to keep his hand in.

Berina gets 11 SMP from personal effort for +2 polearm.

Davas gets 8 SMP but his skills do not improve.

5) Do you wish to "bank" any money at a money lender?

6) Do you plan to observe any religious functions (including prayer)?

B: Yes. She'll attend services at the temple of Halea as often as she can, given her other commitments.

D: Almost certainly some kind of Peoni service for thanksgiving/handfasting/engagement/promising ? ... assuming again that this happens :)

For Berina's prayers at the temple (once before she leaves, four times at Ovendel and once when she returns) and an hour's "prayer" with Davas each day, she gets no piety. For attending daily mass when she can, she gets 2 piety.

Considering the differences in their religion, Davas gets no piety for their betrothal.

7) Do you plan any romantic activities (not necessarily sexual)?

As Davas and Berina make their way back to Tashal from their trip to Ovendel, Berina says to Davas: "I talked to Lord Odasart, and I'm not his vassel. I'm not anyone's vassel, except the King's of course, as everyone is."

"He said he would be happy to take me on as a vassel, and in order to eliminate it as a consideration while I decide, he said he would make the merchet a wedding present. I don't think he's offering us a big monetary sum, but that what he meant was that he would waive the merchet that would ordinarily be owed to him if I become his vassel."

"Either way, being his vassel has advantages. I've already agreed to go on 'special' missions, like that Holdan thing, if he needs me, so it's not like I'm letting myself in for anything I wasn't going to do anyway. And being his 'man' would allow me to wear his arms on a tabard or other garment, giving me the right to go around armed without getting into trouble with the city guard or other authorities. On missions, being under his protection could get me, and others with me, out of some tight spots."

"Until now, I've just gone ahead and made decisions on things like this as I thought best, but since we're going to be married, I feel that I can't make such a decision now without asking you about it first. So what do you think? Should I go ahead and swear allegiance to Lord Odasart?"

Strolling along with Berina, sometimes holding her hand and sometimes fossicking like a youth in the bush (occasionally both :) Davas simply enjoys being with her and outdoors, away from the city with no pressure to be anywhere or do anything. Davas is quiet as Bernia speaks and there is a long silence after she finishes so that she could think he wasn't paying attention. Then he stops, turns to her and says "I think ... that you are right about the benefits ... but what of the problems there might be? What of, say dealing with other lords?"

He begins to walk slowly looking thoughtfully at the ground as he does. "A single lord has few enemies ... where he is away from others I mean ... or if he do, little will come of it. Because they are apart".

He looks off into the distance a moment, continuing to walk. "But in the city ... even those of us who are not lords ... we have enemies. I mean Lillia and Josrel ... and the kidnapping ... and murder!" He looks at Berina, horror plain on his face. "Someone did murder for money ... or power or position. Not lords, just 'ordinary folk'".

They walk in silence for a few minutes. "So, what if Odasart has enemies ... and if those enemies try to get at him through his vassals?" Turning to her, with a smile, he adds "that would be you. What would I do if you were hurt ... or lost to me?" His voice catches as he speaks the last few words and he is silent a moment before speaking in an almost whisper. "Now that I have found you ... well ... I do not want to lose you. Think carefully".

He stops and turns to her, taking both her hands in his and giving her a warm smile. "Whatever you decide, I am with you". He grins. "... though I may say 'I told you so' on occasion if lords business is not as straight forward as it seems". He winks at her and runs on a little way before waiting for her to catch up.

"The next time I see Lord Odasart, I'll ask him the specifics of what I would owe him and what I would get in return. Also, I'll ask him what his relationship with Lord Dasaranye is. If they are hostile to one another, then I can't do it, as that would split us over owed loyalties."

Davas simply smiles and nods.

Later, Berina brings up another topic: "Davas dear, we need to set a date for the wedding, and before we can do that, we need to determine what sort of service it's going to be. What I mean is

that I'm a Halean, and you're a Peonian. Who's going to perform the service...in which church?"

"I suspect that you're not going to want to be the center of things at a Halean wedding service!" and she gives him a big grin, then a speculative look. "And I don't want to turn my back on Halea by having just a Peonian wedding."

"I've thought about asking a cleric from each church to do a joint service. Halean priestesses are very good at improvising, so she could work something out to go with Peonian ritual, but the question is...could we find a cleric from each church who would be willing to work together to make a wedding ceremony for us? The two churches don't exactly have a cordial relationship with each other. I guess we'll need to talk to the church authorities of our respective faiths, and get their opinions on this matter. Can you think of anything I've overlooked?"

Looking a little bewildered, Davas nods as Berina lays out the difficulties. Again there is a long silence before he speaks, without looking at her.

"Larani". The word is almost a question and he continues quietly. "Perhaps ... we could ask a priest of Larani to marry us? to honour Sir Arylen and his sacrifice? ... because without him, we would not be together this day". Glancing quickly at Berina, his voice stronger, he continues. "I do not think Peoni would mind ... and we could have a simple thanksgiving service at her temple later ... if that is all right of course?" He looks at her quickly, . "... and I suppose we could ... well ... at the Halean temple later too. If that offends no one". He looks away, blushing, before grinning at Berina, taking her hand and running with her down the road a way.

Berina wraps Davas up in an embrace and kisses him deeply. After the kiss, she tilts her head back and shouts to the heavens: "My husband-to-be is a genius!" Looking at him again, she says quietly: "That's perfect. The church of Larani is respected by both of our churches. We should still check with our churches, but I can't imagine them having any serious objections. And, of course, we'll have to check with the Laranians. The services at each of our temples later is a good idea...that will reassure them that we're not turning our backs on them." Berina kisses him again and says, in a husky voice: "Time for some more devotions!"

As Berina yells, Davas stands about looking embarrassed, before smilng quietly and just watching Berina as she talks of why it might be a good idea. He is enthusiastic to help Berina with her devotions.

Later still, she says: "My father says he's got a dowry for me...been saving it up for years. I feel so stupid. I should have thought of that. My father is the most practical man in the world. Of course he would have thought to do that!"

and she flings out her arms, gazing up at the sky with a look of exasperation on her face at missing something so obvious. "He did remind me that the dowry can't be spent until our firstborn arrives."

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At the mention of children, Davas grins, waves his arms dismissively and say "we have money enough .. but children ... they are a blessing".

As his grin fades as he walks, he becomes more serious. "... or perhaps we do not. I earn little enough ... and I need to pay my way. That is how it is done". He turns to her intently. "If you know how I can earn more so that you do not have to make up ... well ... that too I would count a blessing". He gives her a smile then strides out, walking briskly for a few minutes before dropping back.

"Actually, I do have an idea, which I'll ask Lord Odasart about. You are a good hunter, and Tashal will be filling up with nobles and their retainers for the coming winter. I'll see if you can be properly warranted to hunt game for the tables of the Lords who will winter here. The worst that can happen is that the answer will be no, but if it is yes, there could be good money in it."

"Genius helps not at all if the 'genius' doesn't know what is going on" Davas says, quietly shaking his head. "You are a wonder ... and yes ... I would be grateful if you asked". His eyes light up as he gets a distant look. "... and I could get away from the city for a while ...".

After a while, Berina gets a look of mixed emotions on her face and says: "I enjoyed meeting your family. Good people. I like them. And, of course, it was necessary for you to get Lord Dasarayne's permission to marry. But we missed Josrel's and Lillia's wedding! And Welusna's as well! I have no idea what we can do to make it up to them. Any ideas?"

Grinning broadly, Davas says quickly "a party. Weddings can be such serious matters". Ducking Berina's playful slap, Davas laughs and catches her hand "yes even ours I fear ... but the party afterwards ... that can be memorable indeed. Apologies of course ... and a party".

Narrowing her eyes, Berina asks: "Are you sure you're not a Halean?" She laughs then and continues: "Once again, you have thought of an excellent solution. Another reason for me to drive away all those other girls and get you securely in my marriage bed! Speaking of which..."

Davas looks shocked a moment at Berina's suggestion of being Halean. Then his grin returns as she mentions 'other girls' and he turns to look for them, an obviously fake puzzled expression on his face.

"I'm still uneasy about having to deal with Halime, but we owe him an invitation to the wedding for agreeing to let you have time off for this trip, so we're honor-bound to invite him." Giving Davas a sheepish look, she says: "I promise to behave myself around him."

"When do you not behave?" asks Davas with mocking seriousness.

Quickly he adds "oh yes, there was the time when ... and that time you ... and the time I saw you ..." unable to contain himself any more Davas falls to the ground laughing.

Berina gives him a stern look that she is able to maintain for all of five seconds or so, and then joins him on the ground, embracing him and laughing until they are both spent without sex being involved at all.