

Unremembered Loss

For all the news and information from the world of Hathrae, and for the story, Unremembered Loss.

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Welcome to the second issue of the Unremembered Loss news letter. Being the second, it's time to get into some details. The mail list is up to 17 people - I guess that's okay for being a complete unknown. It's time for everyone to forward this to your friends so it can go viral. Your friends can sign up at <http://DouglasGClarke.com/lists/>

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Spotlight on Julie

Here are some details you won't find on the web site about Julie, at least not yet.

Julie is a local to Maple Grove. She was born just outside of town in a little farm house. The youngest of four, and the only girl, she grew up as one of the boys.

From an early age she was hunting with her dad on his weekend trips. She became proficient with the bow. At the age of eight she took her first deer - a two-point buck. At ten she hit a duck in flight.

When Julie turned twelve she became the apprentices of John the hunter. He taught her about tacking, hunting, trapping, and surviving in the wilderness.

When Julie turned fifteen John got her a job as a guide, protector, and friend for Master Samuel Gee's apprentice Annay.

For the next eight years Julie was Annay's constant companion. Whenever Annay left Samuel's tower, Julie was by her side.

When Julie turned twenty she could have gone off adventuring, but she chose to stay with Annay until Annay reached twenty and was no longer Samuel's apprentice.

Even before then, Julie and Annay started going on adventures together. The two girls, now both young women, were inseparable.

From Julie's upbringing you might think she would be a bit of a tomboy, but nothing could be farther from the truth.

It's true that Julie would rather sleep on a pad under the stars than on a nice feather bed, but you'll find her wearing a soft nightgown either place.

Julie has a deep empathy for nature. She spends hours sitting and contemplating her place in it. She knows the ways of the wilderness, its harshness and its kindness.

Julie knows how to appreciate the little things in life - a single flower, a perfectly baked cobbler, a cool breeze, and walking along the trail at dawn.

Julie fusses with her hair, washing it almost every day, and loves to wear bright colors. She knows that she turns a few heads with her good looks, and knows how to add that little bounce in her step to make sure.

Julie is an independent, free thinking woman who is caring and loving. She is always ready to help a traveler who has lost his or her way, or to share a meal on the trail. She is gentle and soft spoken, but don't let that fool you. She is also deadly when she needs to be.

Julie is a young woman who knows who she is, and where she fits in the world that she loves so dearly.

To learn more about Julie - about what she thinks of life, about her adventures, and about where she's going - check out her web site at <http://Hathrae.com/julie>.

Other Goings On

I've created "Site Cards" for the web sites that I created for the book.

There are five cards in the set - one for my web site and one for each of the main characters in the novel, (Annay, Julie, Hector, and Samuel).

I've had a lot of fun handing them out and will have to reorder soon - I only ordered 200. If you haven't received one yet, let me know and I'll make sure to send you one.

When you visit one of my web sites and read a story you like, or one that raises questions for you, please register and leave a comment. It's these comments that give me new ideas to write about.

In upcoming months you look forward to spotlights on Annay, Hector, and Samuel, as well as the city of Maple Grove, orcs and ogres.

Also stay tuned for information on where in the process the book is - currently 104,000 words and counting towards 115,000.