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once again exploring the most wondrously stupid and quite certainly perhaps the most oppressive laws of the land

Murder, rape, theft, exploitation, blackmail, treason, conspiracy, and abuse. Novel ideals for crimes indeed... but, well, rather a bit bland, much too boring, and hideously straight to the point of things. So straight to the point, in fact, that any true, red blooded village wracked with superstitions and bizarre, cultural idealizations should have little to fear from the presence of such obvious crimes. No, real villages need crimes rooted from pathetic inner fears, rash reactions, and senseless traditions. Real villages need stupid, excessively oppressive laws.

Top Fashion Games returns with yet another pandered offering of Stupid Fantasy Laws. These fantasy flavored crimes and punishments are inspired by the past ignorance that has clogged up our law books with senseless madness. For a reasonable low cost you get over a dozen senseless, pointless, and ever harassing laws to torture adventure and villager alike. With a little bit of effort and a liberal dashing of our stupid fantasy laws, you might just find that pesky party of adventurers growing so paranoid that they wind up avoiding villages, towns, and cities altogether.

the system

The laws are presented in a manner that makes them truly universal with most role playing products of a fantasy nature. For the most part actual game statistics are avoided. For fines

where a currency value is set, consult the below notes regarding the relative values of listed currency amounts.

1 copper = a small amount of money, equal in value to the purchase of a simple torch, a very small loaf of bread, or the petty offering to a beggar.

1 silver = a staple monetary sum, equal to a poor, unskilled laborer's work for one day or a plain, simple meal at a small inn. One silver coin is worth around ten copper coins.

1 gold = a sum of money mostly used by skilled craftsmen, merchants, and aristocrats. One gold coin is worth around ten silver coins.

In addition to monetary fines, various forms of punishment are also listed. This might range from a day in the stocks to execution or exile. Also provided in the notes is a section called Probable Cause. This area reflects upon a possible reason as to why the law might have been established. If desired the game master should feel free to develop their own reasoning for the establishment of such a law.

the Laws

Below are the different laws and punishments presented in this edition of Stupid Fantasy Laws.

animal healing Law

It is considered to be unlawful and a violation of nature for any cleric, healer, apothecary, physician, barber, herbalist, druid, bard, or other individual in possession of the means to treat and heal to administer their art on an animal.

Punishment: Any individual found guilty of

violating this law shall be thrown into a small cell or pit lined with slick, smooth walls. A diverse manner of diseased rodents and debris loving insects shall be dumped into the cell or pit that the guilty party shares. The guilty shall be left within such confines for a matter of no less than five days. During this time the guilty shall be provided with no means of clean water or food.

Probable Cause: It is believed in many "naturalistic" cultures that the healing of animals is denying the cycle of nature and creating an abomination of the beast.

Black curtain Law

It is considered unlawful to hang up black curtains except during a time of mourning.

Punishment: Anyone found guilty of violating this law shall have the offending curtains confiscated and burnt. Then the guilty party shall be expected to pay a fine of 3 silver coins for each curtain confiscated and destroyed. Should the party be unable to pay then the guilty party shall receive five lashes with a cane or whip for each silver coin that the guilty party cannot produce.

Probable Cause: It is believed in some ruling lands that the hanging of black curtains outside the manners of mourning is an open invitation or wish for the plagued hand of death.

BROOM and CORNFIELD LAW

Anyone found guilty of carrying a broom into a cornfield shall be considered guilty of harboring the interests of witches and wicked spell casters.

Punishment: Anyone found guilty of this offense shall be immediately arrested and burned at the stake.

Probable Cause: This law is typically found in lands where superstition and violent distrust towards magic and spell casters is common.

DIRTY BARBER LAW

It is considered to be most uncouth and unlawful for a barber to keep his shop and equipment in a state of untidiness.

Punishment: Any barber found guilty of keeping his/her shop and equipment in a state of unclean filthiness shall be charged a fine of no less than 3 silver coins and no greater than 2 gold coins. Likewise, should it be determined by the order of memory or recorded knowledge that this same barber in question has been guilty of the same or similar offense at least two times in the past then the guilty barber shall be subject to additional punishments. Such punishments typically include (but may not be entirely limited to) being tied up with raw, rough hide while an experienced torturer shaves every portion of the barber's body with a filthy, dull, and quite rusty blade. Should blood occur during this long, laboring process then such wounds shall be treated with a combination of spit, salt, and vinegar. Should lemons be available, then the juice of this fruit shall be added to the coating of such wounds.

Probable Cause: Barbers, alongside apothecaries and herbalists, are a primary resource of healing and general treatment of sickness for the village commoners. To keep one's shop, equipment, and supplies in a filthy is a sure invitation of disease, filth, and pestilence.

DISCREET PEEING LAW

It is considered to be unlawful for any individual, male or female, to relieve their bladder in a location or manner that is less than private and discreet.

Punishment: Any individual found guilty of this crime shall be fined a monetary amount of no less than 2 silver coins and forced to spend a total of three days in the stocks. Should it be determined that the individual has been found guilty of this crime at least three other times in the past then the guilty individual shall have

their undergarments filled with red hot coals.

Probable Cause: This is a standard form of decency law.

DRAGON HIDE POSSESSION LAW

It is considered highly unlawful and punishable by painful, torturous execution for any individual, villager, visitor, or otherwise, to be caught in the possession of a slain dragon's hide.

Punishment: Anyone found to be in the possession of a slain dragon's hide shall be immediately captured by the guard of the ruling land. The guilty individual shall be brought to a speedy execution, with time of capture and time of execution spanning a distance of no greater than five days. During the time that the captured individual awaits execution the guilty party shall be denied all form of water or nourishment. Likewise, the party shall be stripped completely naked, all carried possessions transferred over to the possession of the ruling government, and the guilty party shall be placed in the most uncomfortable, damp, disease ridden form of confinement available. Upon the execution the guilty party shall be presented naked before a crowd of community members. Then, bound and gagged, the guilty party shall be skinned alive and allowed to hang by their wrists until their blood stops flowing and the passing birds of prey take an interest in the guilty party's entrails.

Probable Cause: Many cultures fear dragons and have learned that any individual who boldly possesses the hide of a slain dragon is asking for retribution from any form of neighboring wyrm. As these great, majestic creatures seldom tend to take careful aim, innocent folks and establishments near the guilty party usually share in on the dragon's punishment.

harlots and bathing

It is considered unlawful for a harlot to bathe in the same body of water as used for the bathing purposes of a common villager.

Punishment: Any harlot found guilty of this crime shall be immediately stripped of any clothing and worthy possessions that she is carrying upon her body. The ruling government shall then be the sole owner of such clothing and goods. Upon such removal of belongings the harlot shall be pushed into a bath of hot, steaming tar.

Probable Cause: Harlots and prostitutes are considered to be unclean of both spirit and body. To bath in the same waters as the good folk of the community is considered to be not only shameful but also an evil intention of the harlot to spread her sin and filth upon the bodies and into the hearts of others.

honorable conner Law

It is considered to be unlawful for a conner to use their position in society and rank for the purpose of simply gaining free drinks at an inn or tavern.

Punishment: Any conner found guilty of this offense shall be ordered to compensate any and all establishments their degree of profits lost through such exploitation. The conner shall then have his or her position immediately revoked and shall be on the receiving end of forty lashes.

Probable Cause: It was discovered by many ruling lands that their official conners of ales, wines, beers, ciders, meads, and distilled spirits were using their position to demand several rounds of free drinks at inns and taverns.

infectious coughing Law

It is considered unlawful for anyone to be found coughing in the presence of another villager if such an individual happens to be found to be genuinely sick or reasonably believed to

be suffering from any form of disease, illness, or communicable ailment, whether deemed mild, moderate, or severe.

Punishment: Any individual, whether villager, visitor, or otherwise found guilty of infectious coughing within the limits of the community shall have their mouth pried open and soapy water poured down their throats until they vomit with a great display of vigor. The guilty party shall then be required to clean up their own mess. This act of punishment shall be carried out by the local torturer or executioner and a fine of 2 silver coins shall likewise be enforced and expected for the trouble presented upon the state by the burden of carrying out such tasks. Should the guilty party be unable to pay for such worthy degrees of punishment and redeeming then the guilty party shall be placed, naked, within the stocks for a total duration of two days. In order to ensure that the guilty party does not continue to infest the fine community with their disgusting, disease-ridden cough the guilty party's mouth shall be gagged with a section of blue dyed cloth.

Probable Cause: It is believed by a few less tolerant cultures that coughing is a willful act of a sickened person to spread the evils of disease and infection. The guilty cough may be deemed unlawful if released in public as well as in a home shared with other family members.

kissing a harlot

It is against the law for any individual to kiss a harlot on the lips.

Punishment: Any individual found guilty of kissing a harlot, whore, concubine, or prostitute on the lips shall be subjected to the following punishments. The guilty party shall be strapped down to a rack or suitable structure of restraint. Upon such securing of one's body and physical will, the local torturer shall be ordered the task of inserting a manner of pins,

needles, and nails into the subject's lips. The total number of such objects being no less than one half a dozen and no greater than a baker's dozen. Then, upon such insertions, the torturer shall use thick cord to stitch the guilty individual's lips together. The guilty party shall remain in such a situation for a duration of time no less than two days, after which the guilty party shall be released from their torture and the stitching, pins, needles, and/or nails removed. In order to compensate for the torturer's time and trouble as well as the satisfaction of the ruling state's upkeep, the guilty party shall be fined an amount no less than 4 silver coins and no greater than 10 gold coins. The exact monetary degree of this fine shall be determined upon examination of the guilty party's status of wealth and social standing. Should the guilty party be unable to pay such a fine then the guilty party shall be forced to reimburse the governing body through enforced labor. The duration of such enforced labor shall be equal to one day per one silver coin owed.

Probable Cause: It is believed that the kissing of a harlot is an unclean act that ensures that the guilty individual will become the bearer of foul germs and sinful illnesses. Likewise, while it is perfectly acceptable to engage in any other form of physical passion with a harlot one is considered to be mocking the virtues of true love and unity by kissing a harlot or prostitute on the lips.

knocking on wood

Knocking, rapping, tapping, or otherwise striking wood for the sheer purpose of satisfying superstition is considered to be unlawful and worthy of punishment.

Punishment: The individual found guilty of this crime shall be fined a sum of 1 silver coin on their first and second offense. Any individual found guilty of this crime on a third offense

shall have the knuckles of their weak or offset hand broken. Any individual found guilty of this crime on a fourth offense shall have the knuckles of their weak or offset hand broken. Any individual found guilty again after such previous punishments have been enforced shall have their hands cut off.

Probable Cause: Unlike many culture laws of dubious value that seem to enforce superstition it is the purpose of this law to quell and control the superstitions of the ruled commoners.

Lady's Leg hair Law

It is unlawful for any lady of courting age or older to be found with legs that are anything less than smooth and completely, utterly free of leg hair or stubble.

Punishment: Any lady found of such a cultural offense shall be stripped naked, tied down to a rack and have her legs treated to a good scrubbing of pumice. The local assigned torturer or executioner shall be given the task of assisting this guilty woman with her leg hair (and skin) removal. As such a task presents a burden on the good torturer and has a cost in upkeep of equipment and available pumice, the guilty lady (or her family) shall be charged a fine. This fine shall be worthy of an amount of no less than 2 silver coins and no greater than 5 gold coins, with the exact nature and value of this fine being reflective upon the lady's social rank, status, and degree of wealth.

Probable Cause: Though some cultures have not adopted this degree of feminine vanity other cultures demand such treatments of beauty.

selling of used rope

It is considered to be illegal for anyone to sell any worthy portion or length of used rope.

Punishment: Anyone found guilty of this offense shall be charged a fine of 2 silver coins.

Probable Cause: This law actually has a de-

cent, sensible degree of safety consciousness at heart. The strength and condition of used rope is often debatable, and as such it should not be resold for further use.

STANDARD BALLAD LAW

It is required that all minstrels, bards, singers, and similar entertainers perform only the popularly accepted, traditional ballads and songs of the ruling lands.

Punishment: Any performer found guilty of violating this law shall have any musical instrument that they are playing, mundane or otherwise, confiscated and turned over to the possession of the state. The guilty party shall then receive no less than thirty lashes of a cane or whip while forced to hold a significant amount of soap in their mouth.

Probable Cause: Many ruling governments have founded a degree of worry that visiting performers could be found performing politically challenging or socially uncouth song and music in the community public houses. A more popular excuse for this law, however, is that the new material of such performers is often considered to be rather trite and unacceptable in quality.

