

Conclave laughed at grandfather Sceliger when he presented his ideas for animal transmogrification - said it would just result in the 'next mandowla' - but will prove them wrong

so attempted use of vernal balm to ease transition and growth. Sadly, results not good - the beast began to spasm and fit for about half an hour, after which it coughed out blood and perished.

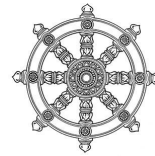
Add less roseweald next time.

I keep telling you my love, the problem was not too much roseweald but too little!

Experiment 76:

Trying different breed this time - crossbreed between Sarvosian rat-hound and Asavean hunting dog. Specimen is sturdy and in good health. Others of litter sold without any treatment for good values, reports indicate they have remained in good condition and not developed any maladies or weaknesses of frame and body.

Once again, attempting to grow the specimen's size and muscle strength while retaining obedience.



Spoke of ambergelt turns into the spoke of 14e - perhaps we should anoint the cage with 14e?

Began with the alchemical treatments and confinement to the ambergelt-laced cage. Early signs normal - mongrel displays some signs of distress from the herbs and elixirs, but nothing excessively untoward.

Moved into Spring invocations as per process. Specimen begins to suffer physical transmogrification, clearly in significant pain as bone and muscle movement occurs. Specimen left overnight to process. Did you mark it with Rhyv and Xun this time, or not?

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Morning report - specimen still alive. Sturdier breed - it seems to be in reasonable health, albeit unable to move and in constant pain.

Next stage, attempting to use chiaroscuran balsam to ease transition and growth. Some more success than using vernal balm, however still a failure. This time, the specimen's frame simply unable to survive the changes being wrought upon it - but the use of Night magic does seem to have rendered those changes easier to make, and more drastic in results.

Blood everywhere - is it possible to concoct a clotting elixir to prevent internal bleeding from the changes?

Mongrel's own body killed it due to excessive deformity of skeleton. Remains to be burned.

Experiment 77:

Far more promising. Large Urushkan wolf, purchased at significant cost. There's something off about the creature; too much thought in its eyes. However, frame extremely sturdy and appears in excellent health. Will proceed.

Damn that trapper. This 'wolf' is some sort of horror, not a real wolf at all. Set the guard-dogs on it; good training for them. Remains to be burned.

Experiment 78:



Grendel are beaching, Grendel! This is impossible - where are the armies? Where is the navy? Why do we have no coastal defences?

Emergency experiment on the larger of the wolf-hound litter. Will have to act in haste, no chance for caution. Gathering the remaining vernal balms, we will work a Spring invocation to ramp up the speed with which the treatments grip the flesh. Possibly treating the transmogrification as some sort of

What will the Grendel do if they find this place? Steal all our research?

Don't forget the white granite papers, my dear! If we take nothing else but our notes and the papers, we will still be able to rebuild.

We may need to wait for a conjunction of the Great Wyrn and the Oakt

Even the best result so far has been crazed with pain and therefore unobtainable. How to get round this? Numb the pain?