## **Death in Endsmeet**

Shortly before the Summer solstice, Endsmeet is saddened to learn of the death of one of it's own. On the same night that many astronomancers marked the fall of a shooting star from the constellation of the Phoenix, the briar magician Cnaeus hurled himself to his death from the window of one of the upper libraries in the small hours of the morning.

Originally from Solen's Doubt in Apstrus, Cnaeus was implicated in unfortunate events in 377YE. An attempt to misguidedly use an untested ritual of Spring magic to free the lost territory of Spiral from the orcs went disastrously wrong. His dangerously flawed magic transformed otherwise normal men and women into crazed beasts, and without the intervention of sentinels and magicians of Urizen, might have lead to widespread destruction. In the time since he was brought to Endsmeet, however, he had been notably placid and lucid.

His disappearance was marked at the morning meal, and on entering his apartments, sentinels discovered obvious signs that the balance of his mind had been overthrown - many of his books had been destroyed as had much of his furniture and he seemed to have spent several weeks living in the manner of a wild animal.

A search of the spires was organised, but it was not until the next day that his body was recovered from the rocks beneath Endsmeet. After assuring themselves that there was no foul play involved, the priests interred the unhappy briar along side his mother in the mausoleums on the lower slopes.

His surviving papers, including what purports to be a loose-leaf journal and his notes on magical research, were given by Arbiter Levitia to Sentinel Vulpes Endsmeet in the hope he may be able to find something in them to explain the tragic end of this sad tale.