

THE LEGEND OF SAINT URSUL Part IV

Peace reigned for many years in Aquaterra before her unusual champion was needed again. Then came a time that boded ill for all the world. The earth violently shook and tilted to the west causing the waters to move from their course. The chaos continued for many days, each day getting worse, when word came from a traveler from a distant land crying out for a champion to save the world.

The then Lady of Aquaterra heard the news in an outdoor court and asked the traveler the causes of the trouble. He talked for a party of adventurers who found a great black boar tearing up the edge of the earth. As the Lady discussed the tidings an unseen observer left the scene and headed for the eastern edge of the world.

On his way, Sir Ursul came across two starving puppies orphaned by the chaos. Feeding them from his supplies, the sinister-handed bear found he was being followed by the juvenile dogs. He tried to lose them, but they hung around and refused to leave. Sighing, he continued on.

Reaching the misty end of the earth, Ursul's companions raced off yipping full-throat. Following their barking, Ursul came face-to-face with a huge boar, his tusks dripping with earth.

Bearing his sword, the bear challenged the boar. A great battle followed with each combatant winning and losing ground. Finally, just as the boar was about to toss Ursul off the edge, Sir Ursul side-stepped the boar's lunge and watched as the boar plummeted to his doom.

Weary, Sir Ursul and his dogs returned to Aquaterra. However, two lost travelers saw the great battle and began telling all the world about the bear-knight's feat. Ursul's fame quickly spread and many came to Aquaterra as pilgrims to his estate.

Hearing of her eternal champion's deed, the then Lady of Aquaterra declared an annual boar hunt celebration in addition to Sir Ursul's wintertime feast--both of which exist in Aquaterra to this day.

~Chronicled by Dianna of the Silver Shore