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Kinclaith & Coombe, Somehere in the Dusk

p. 54 passing mention of a ring w/ other objects. Vampire-related? Cites Coombe's Devilment and Danger for passage, p. 163.

Coombe, Devilment

p. 163 chapter on dangers of vampirism

172 - ! Old tale of a sorcerer who used "a ring forged from iron from the blood of man" to gain some powers of vampire. Others later found it. Cites Priyat (Bloody Histories), Klempt (Oral Tales of Doskvol). Wearers "almost all were eventually arrested and convicted of cannibalism." (Why? What does it do?) Lists some names (! seem to be from Priyat?)

Alleged wearers of ring arrested in 6th and early 7th cent.: Cyrene Farros (597 - apparently infamous), Brance Arran and (daughter?) Brena, Peder Kresniau.

Klempt, Oral Tales

p. 79 interesting bit about vampires

p. 212 HERE: "The Blood-Iron Ring"

1st variant: "They say that the iron that made up the ring was drawn from the blood of a single, sacrificed human and that it gave great power to the wearer, akin to that of a vampire." Series of improbable defeats of enemies; not clear how ring aided only that it did. Same vagueness across all the stories, except second var, which suggests it gave ability to walk on water, not a vampire trait I recall, and this thing is repeatedly linked to vampirism.

2nd variant also suggests the ring was once eaten by an eel and found again when a later wearer caught the eel. This version gives the ring almost an evil intelligence/will to be used. This version feels more polished than others, may be narrative flair. I remember the eel element in other stories I heard growing up.

Cannibalism is mentioned in all of the versions collected here. Might be tied in with the mentions of giving vampiric power?

More detail on the human sacrifice in third and fourth variants: the sacrifice was the sorcerer's son. Third var has him trusting up until the blade cut his throat.

Justice Archives, J.C.S.

searched through late 6th cent. records

Cyrene Farros, cannibalism and murder (4), put to death 597

No record on Brena, but Brance Arran was put to death for 2 counts of cannibalism in 581

Did not find Peder Kresniau either, but having found those willing to trust the general idea of cannibalism being linked to that list of names; also not sure how they were linked to ring specifically - probably Priyat's research (wish Morland Hall had their book)

Moore, Lost Hist.

Helles, Adorn. & Enchant.

Daava, Gazetteer of Leg. Obj. -
cites Coombe on Duskwall obj.

Took a look through newspaper archives, too, with Farros in mind; she was indeed infamous. All sorts of lurid coverage, "Butcher of Brightstone," etc. Didn't see mention of ring, but people were scared enough of her they blindfolded and beheaded her, rather than traditional hanging.

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!! Elnor, Vampiric Relics

This is all things supposed to grant vampire powers, or relics related to vampires. Actually, an entry on the ring:

Ring purported to grant "arcane sight." Elnor theorizes vampires are able to hear thoughts, see in darkness and see invisible things, sense locations of objects. Ring supposed to grant same abilities for a short time if you "wash the ring in living blood."

There's even a description - plain hammered iron ring, pitted all over; pock-marks vanish when exposed to blood - ring seems to soak it up and it becomes solid and smooth as long as the sight lasts.

Older book. Actually, published not long after the Farros arrest - 605. Seems to be based on Elnor's own collection of oral tales (not phrased as such - mentions "interviews" in intro) and a lot of theoretical occult texts (notes at end; no specific citations).

Odd: very few people have ever checked this out, but it was last taken out this year. Name: "P Avrathi." I wonder.