

MUSIC: Jaunty music plays in the background.

CLAUDIA: Hi everyone, this is Claudia, creator and producer of Starfall and boy, is it good to be back. Coming up here in just a few minutes is the first installment of “Fennel’s Food Cart,” a Starfall sidestory that takes you on a messy, epistolary food tour around Falsten, but before that - an exciting and important announcement.

Starfall season two is happening! Starting this summer, we’ve got 12 episodes featuring Leona, Fel, Dalyn, Aksol, and all the rest of your Carouvel Troupe favorites in some brand new magical, theatrical adventures.

But before that, we could do with your help getting this show on the road.

Starting today, our show is crowdfunding for season two! Funds raised will go towards paying our wonderful cast (who you’ll get to meet more of in the coming weeks), commissioning more original music for the show, getting directing assistance, and giving a stipend to the person who writes, edits, and produces our episodes (still just me). This is all to help make this a more sustainable effort that can release new stories on a slightly more regular basis.

But - it’s not just about us. We’ve been working on some extra goodies for our supporters too. There’s a TTRPG hack that’ll let you play in the world of Starfall, and a three hour talkback special about Scenes 8 & 9, and the chance to add your own saint or play to Falsten’s canon.

And in addition to that, we’ve got:

- Bloopers!
- Stickers!
- Recipe cards!
- Episodes on cassette!
- Handwritten exclusives!
- Tarot cards!

And more!

So if any of that sounds good to you, check out the link to our campaign in the show notes, or on any of the social medias it’s plastered across by this point, and donate today! Or if you can’t donate, tell your friends to donate! Tell your former pirate mother figure to donate! Tell your ex-coworker you had a messy breakup with to donate! Just get the word out and help us make this season the best it can be!

And hey - thanks <3

MUSIC: The Curtain Rises by Trace Callahan.

SFX: A quill scratches across paper.

FENNEL: 10th of Pellain, 890

To my dearest, darlingest culinary companion Centhy,

Greetings and salutations! It's been far too long since last we spoke. There's a myriad of excuses I could make as to why - but a man whose business takes him all across the continent has no better reason he hasn't any time than a woman whose family has kept her tethered to one spot.

Although, if I do recall from our last exchange, you were considering having a walkabout of your own once your little family was old enough to look after themselves. There's a bit of tragedy in how quickly children seem to grow and become their own people, but I hope there's some solace in this fact if it has allowed you to fly away from your coop once more.

As for myself? Well, I've recently found myself in the fortuitous position of being unemployed! Which doesn't mean that my travels will need to come to an end, just that they'll need to be undertaken with a bit more frugal forethought, as they'll now be on my own dime rather than the company's time.

SFX: A wagon rattles down the road.

As such, I've decided to make an investment in my meandering career path - a wagon of my own! This new beast of mine was apparently salvaged from one of StenEx's shipping centers and it still has the insipid orange paint job to prove it - as well as an overwhelming aroma of fish that clings to the very baseboards regardless of how many times I scrub them.

SFX: Fennel scrubs the baseboards.

But a good paint job might solve one of those problems, and who's to say - I might come to enjoy the reliable scent of fish along this new venture of mine. After all, I - well, I suppose it'd help your understanding to know what it is I intend to do with this cart, wouldn't it?

You see, my dear friend, given our shared interest in culinary delights, I've decided it would only make sense for me to start my own food cart. The business model will be dead simple: I bring food to my cart...and then I eat it!

Oh, I know you're already making that face at me, and don't worry, I won't be dining on others' work all the time. I'm a grown man who knows how to stock his own larder by this point.

It's just lard, right? You put lard in your larder and then you just eat the lard?

SFX: Disgusting, schlorphy lard-handling sounds.

Kidding, kidding...

In all sincerity, I'm excited for the next chapter of my life to be underway, and for whatever that entails to be a glorious new start for me. I only hope it might lead *our* paths to cross again someday as well. No guaranties on when or where as of yet, but for the time being, your next letter can assuredly reach me in my first destination: the city of Ludenalis, Mercen.

So keep your nose peeled for the smell of fish - and keep an eye out down the road for "Fennel's Food Cart." Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

Fondly in food and friendship,

Fennel Fenundrum¹

MUSIC: The Curtain Falls by Trace Callahan.

PRODUCER: Fennel's Food Cart is a Starfall sidestory, written and produced by Claudia Elvidge. This episode featured the voice talents of:

[roll clip of actors introducing themselves]

Ray O'Hare as Food Cart Proprietor

Our music is composed by Trace Callahan.

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¹ Fenundrum: like Conundrum, but with more Fen