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### *Everyday Magic*

Mónica Sanz Rodríguez (Elanor Findûriel) is the president of the *Imladris* smial of *Sociedad Tolkien Española* (STE), the Tolkien Society of Spain. In this interview we asked her mainly about the structure and history of the STE but then the discussion of HoME translations also led to the discovery of the Irreverent Translations Department of the Autonomous University of Númenor.

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### *Why have the Elves gone to the West?* 12

Johanna Rákos-Zichy's paper is the written version of her introductory lecture on this year's Tolkien Day. First, she explains what 'death' means for an Elf in Tolkien's world. Then she discusses the 'special cases' of Elves, Men, Hobbits and one single Dwarf who all diverged in some extent from the fate of their own kind.

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Gergely Tóth continues the discussion of souls and fates. By summarizing and analysing Tolkien's different theories about the creation, everyday life and possible independence of the Orcs he shows why the question 'Do Orcs have a soul?' has become one of the commonplace Middle-earth mysteries.

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The second puzzle in this column consists entirely of names, so no language barrier prevents you from solving it: 'Fullánk' is Hungarian for Sting, everything else should be familiar! The task is to connect weapons with their owners (do not expect simple pairing). The crossword-like first task uses a bit more of our own language: the described characters should be sorted by their year of birth.

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A poem about the Battle of Five Armies and another in which Tar-Aldarion laments the death of Erendis were solutions for the creative tasks of the Tolkien Mailing Competition—as well as the two funny 'advertisements'. The short story was written in our summer camp of 2017 as the prose predecessor of the ballad published in the previous issue.

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### *New Medium-Term Strategy (2018-2021)*

This May the General Meeting of the Hungarian Tolkien Society elected its officials for the following three years: among others one co-chairman and two co-chairwomen. The candidates for these positions had to submit a medium-term strategy as part of their application. This article tells about the newly accepted strategy and how such plans can actually have an impact on the activities of our community.