

Session/Game: 5 Hacks Deep #14 **Date:** December 19, 2020

Episode 14: Deadman's Town is full of EVIL

Campaign Date: June 9, 1130 AD

Characters:

Father Kildare, Irish, cleric-2 (Quinton L)
 Chester Porkins, English, Laborer Class D (retainer)
Taffy, Welsh, Thief-2 (Dave H)
Father Siegfried, Frankish,, Cleric-2(Jason L.)
Sean, Irish, Templar-2(Bob L)
Raoul, Frankish, Occultist-1 (Andrew S.)
 Alessandro the Amazing, Italian, Adept Class D (retainer)
Skule Runar, Norwegian, Runecaster-1, (Marlon K.)

DM: Dave N.

Prologue: (May 11-25)

After Raoul proposes an expedition to Deadman's Town to investigate the second sector, Sean, Taffy, and Fathers Kildare and Siegfried make a supply-run to Kingston. Sean meets with Sir Roland de Clermont, the Templar Knight-Commander in Nessex, donates 1887gp he has collected and is given a heavy warhorse and lance. The others make various purchases across town. On the road home, they are ambushed by the Cannibal Cult, and Taffy and Siegfried take some minor injuries in the fight.

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Deadman's Town, June 9, 1130

Kildare hires Chester Porkins for carrying duty; Raoul hires his scribe Alessandro for an adventuring job. They are joined by Sean, Taffy, Siegfried and Skule who all cross the river on the ferry on the morning of the 9th of June. They approach the larger obelisk in sector 1 and place an Atlantean Orb in one of the sockets. This powers up the portal and they teleport to the middle of sector 2.

As on their last visit, they attract the attention of a horde of 30-some imps who immediately rush toward them. Alessandro earns his pay by blowing up not a few of them with his secret magic formulae. The majority of the remainder are killed by arrows from the party. This time all the imps are killed, so they won't repopulate the sector in their own peculiar way.

Taffy, Chester and Sean go about burning the imp bodies in a large pyre, while the rest, led by Raoul's intense curiosity, investigate an obelisk nearby. They manage to decipher Atlantean glyphs for power and healing on the stone and many of them touch the obelisk (Raoul making a rubbing of the face). Raoul and Skule each end up being mildly corrupted by the evil of the stone (as Father Siegfried detects in them), but all who touched the obelisk feel refreshed and empowered by its magic.

They next moved to a large stone boulder which had the image of a bull's head carved on one side. The bull's image was coated with a silvery metal. They discerned that it was an idol to Bull-Rog, an ancient demon. While examining the idol, they discovered that whenever someone touched it, a voice in their head would tell them to ask a question to receive knowledge that they desired. Kildare learned that the silver bull face could be removed with acid or a chisel. Raoul learned something he didn't share with the others. The others ignored the question. Sean used his magic "Rod and Staff" spell to begin breaking the idol to pieces, destroying its evil magic.

Pressing forward, they approached a small cave entrance behind the idol. Sean climbed up and peered into the cave, only to be rushed by 2 huge cave lizards. They could only come on him one at a time, and he was soon supported by Skule and Taffy at the entrance. The first lizard wounded Sean badly on the first rush, but Kildare and Siegfried healed his wounds. Skule's rune spell caused the lizard to stumble and miss a second attack. With Sean, Taffy and Skule grinding away with their weapons, and Raoul using Arcane Arrow spells as Siegfried made his holy chant, the two lizards were soon killed (their deadly heat-vision never hitting anyone). Inside the cave, they retrieved 6 cave lizard eggs and beneath the abundant litter, a thorough search uncovered a magic sword, magic arrow, magic gem, a rusted buckler, mining pickaxe, and tooth necklace.

Raoul insisted that the party storm the taller large building immediately. He examined the faint trace of a doorway and recognized that one had to smear one's hand with blood and rub it onto the door to cause it to open, which he did. Inside there were 5 Legion of the Damned undead on guard. They rushed the door, frightening Chester and Alessandro. Father Siegfried, however, trusting in the Lord, turned them away with righteous power, causing them to quake before the cross. The rest of the team cut the fiends to bits.

They examined the second room on the first floor, finding an Atlantean banquet room. They recovered a Crystal Bowl of Delights, 5 Atlantean Spill-proof cups, 5 Atlantean heated spoons, a copper wizard-hat and a shiny silver hammer.

The third room appeared to be a library or study of some kind. While they were searching it they were attacked by 2 wraiths who invisibly did Intelligence damage to Skule and Raoul, before they were eventually destroyed by the spiritually equipped members of the party. In the room they found an ancient book inscribed on a copper scroll, written in the old Canaanite language. This book was claimed by Raoul. They also found an Atlantean fireplace poker (which has the power to ignite kindling with a touch).

In the corner of the room, was an elevator-like entrance, powered by magic light, to the upper floor. Alessandro could in no way be convinced to go up there, despite all Raoul's encouragement. Taffy got suddenly quiet, but continued to be useful. Sean boldly ascended first, to discover 9 Legion of the Damned on guard in the single large upper chamber. Followed by the rest, they began battle. After Siegfried failed to turn the undead creatures, he and Taffy threw vials of holy water at them from Kildare's supply. Skule's runic power proved pivotal as he used his magic to break the weapons of the creatures one by one. The rest of the party slowly wore down and killed the creatures, with Sean taking repeated hits, mostly cured by Kildare. Inside the chamber, they found a caldron, with a strange blue liquid inside (later discovered to be a Speed Injection potion), and an evil altar behind it. Raoul found a scroll of Phantom Punch. Lying around the room were a rude lead statuette of a serpent and scorpion in passionate embrace, an Atlantean Folding Stool, and some tarnished silver tongs.

The party walked safely back to Sector 1, retrieving the orb from the portal and crossed the ferry homewards.

Sean was awarded the Magic Sword of Potence (+1 damage), Raoul the Canaanite book and the Phantom Punch scroll, Skule the 5 Atlantean cups and 2 cave lizard eggs, Kildare 2 of the Cave Lizard eggs, Taffy the Speed Injection Potion. Welshie borrowed 1000gp from Angus and used it to buy the Iron Arrow from the explorers. Tariq bought the 5 Atlantean heated spoons and the fireplace poker from them. Lord Rousel bought 2 of the cave lizard eggs from them. They placed the mining pickaxe, Crystal Bowl of Delights, and shiny silver hammer in the Armory of Angus Manor. They sold off the rest of the treasures in Jorviksburg.

The cash take was 425gp per person. Raoul will recover all his lost INT points on June 30. Skule will recover his lost INT points on July 21.