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Welcome to our first installment. Held within are articles and missives of both beneficial and malign intent. We within the Tower are not to judge, but to let the knowledge out to those of ye with the courage to thirst for it. Whereas there are those who would bury Mordheim and all that has happened since that fateful eve of Righteous Judgment, we believe that there is no true path back into Sigmar’s glorious light without it. For without knowledge and understanding of what pushed Mordheim into the state of madness that now grips her, how are we to understand the proper path back to holiness? While we ourselves may be branded as Warlocks, we brave the attentions of the Witch Hunters in the hopes of restoring Mordheim. It is from like-minded and brave men still loyal to the Empire, as well as heretics & madmen that we glean the information held within these pages. Show fortitude my fellow, and read on. Let not thy eye stray too far from these words, for it is within that ye shall find salvation.

Most Humbly,
Brahm Tazoul,
Mage Extrodinaire & Sage-in-Chief

Once we believed these creatures to be of myth and legend, it now seems that our oversight may prove to be our doom. Reports have reached us that Necrarch Vampires have been seen in the areas surrounding Mordheim. The Captain that delivered this information to us was terribly wounded and road-weary, however we gleaned this information from him before he passed.

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While Bounty Hunting may be frowned upon in some of the more ‘civilized’ portions of the Empire, it is still very much a way of life here in and around Mordheim. The one known as “Mordheimer” sends to us the following information so that you will not be caught unawares should you find someone coming for you!

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See here an interesting letter sent to us by renowned explorer and teller of tales, Cianty. In it he addresses the current state of Mordheim and its support base, including that from official sources as well as fan-based.

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As a regular feature, we provide some portion of lore we have picked up throughout the years. Peer upon Page 17

Compelled to always speak his mind, our Sage-in-Chief puts his pen to parchment. Page 3

Held herein are the tales of the dreaded Atar. These tellings are graphic in nature, and may not be appropriate for those of few years or who are faint of heart. Should you decide to read on, you may find the first installment upon page 13.
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**This Months Authors:**

**Necrarch Warband:**

Tom "Brahm Tazoul" Bell. (that's me!) I have been an avid Mordheim player for several years, an Answer MOD for nearly two of them and have recently opened a gaming store. With a 20+ player league that is going strong on a 30 scenario campaign, I just can't help but be passionate. Mordheim is alive and strong, and I'll do my part to ensure that it stays that way!

**Bounty Hunt Scenario:**

Dennis "Mordheimer" Montera. A prevalent poster on the old SG boards, Dennis has taken a break of late but is never far from the surface. We are extremely grateful that he has given us his experience & knowledge with his submissions.

**Cianty's Heresy:**

Christian "Cianty" Templin. Chris is an incredible asset to the Mordheim community. If you haven't already, be sure to check out his website, www.bordertownburning.de.vo. His credits are far too numerous to mention here, but I'll just drop Nemesis Crown as one of them.

**Tales of Dreaded Atar:**

Roger "Vargkrigare". A recent addition to Mordheim, his vibrant tales of conquest and terror have captivated me.
The time since the Town Cryers were cancelled have been filled with a nigh-emptiness that can only be described as deafening. We need something like this, a publication written, read and supported by the community. Make no mistake; without you, the Mordheim fan, we've very little to say. Keep your submissions coming in, and we'll keep going.

I want to do my part. I have the resources to help further the community, and I cannot stand idly by and watch it fall further into obscurity. Mordheim is a fantastic game and an in depth universe. It would be a shame to have the game wiped from tabletops everywhere. Sounds dire and ominous, but it is definitely a possibility. With limited support, Mordheim (as with all of the Specialist Games) leads a life balanced upon the edge of a razor. GW has allowed us the opportunity with their forums. I am grateful for that. The onus is upon us to do the rest. Send in your ideas, your scenarios, your short stories and your battle-reports. We, and I mean all of us, need them.

Cheers,
Tom 'Brahm Tazoul' Bell
Sage in chief
With the destruction of Lahmia the kingdom of Vampires came to an end and the Great Library was burned to the ground. The accumulated knowledge of the ancient Nehekhara was destroyed and many of the disciples of W'soran died in the flames, reluctant to abandon their work. Unfortunately for the world, a handful of Necrarchs fled and survived the pursuit of the armies of the kings of Numas and Zandri, taking with them books, scrolls and other fragments of the dark lore that Nagash had created. They scattered all over the world and hid themselves to patiently wait for the death of their enemies and continue their studies. They built tall towers from where they could study the stars and defend themselves if attacked. News has since spread to these remote strongholds and hidden alcoves of the events occuring in Mordheim, a city ripe for the taking. With the dead calling them forth, the archmages of the Vampire line descend with their minions upon the cursed city to claim its riches, from both those who are dead and those that soon shall be.

**Choice of Warriors**

This Warband must include a minimum of 3 models. You have 500 gold crowns which you can use to recruit your initial warband. The maximum number of warriors in the warband may never exceed 15.

**Necrarch:** Each Necrarch Warband must have one Necrarch Vampire, no more, no less!

**Thrall:** Your may include a single Thrall.

**Acolytes:** You may have up to three Acolytes.

**Skeletal Warriors:** You may field up to five Skeletal Warriors.

**Zombies:** You may have any number of Zombies.

**Abomination:** Your Warband may include a single Abomination.

**Waifs:** You may field up to five Waifs.

**Starting Experience**

Necrarchs start with 20 experience
A Thrall starts with 8 experience
Acolytes start with 0 experience
Henchmen start with 0 experience

**Special Skills**

The following skill list may be used by the Necrarch Vampire or Thrall with the *Wizard* skill instead of the standard lists.

**Pupil of Nagash:** Delving further into the evil teachings of Nagash, the Necrarch Vampire brings greater darkness to the realm of the living. He may roll immediately on the Scrolls of Nagash for a spell, and choose to do so again instead of a future Skill.

**Master of the Black Arts:** Such is the power of the Necrarch that the range of all his magical workings is extended by half again.

**Pull of Undeath:** So strong is the center of undeath within the Necrarch that he may save his constructs around him from their demise. As long as the Necrarch is within 4 inches of an undead henchman, they may only be taken *Out of Action* on a roll of a natural 6. Available only to the Leader.

**Special Rules**

The following rules apply to the Necrarch warband.

**Death of the Leader:** Should the Necrarch perish, the Thrall shall pick up the mantle of Leader and all conferred bonuses shall be transferred to him. He may immediately roll on the spell list for one spell. You cannot hire another Necrarch, but you may create another Thrall from your current list of Acolyte Heroes. They will retain their current stat-line, but shall gain the benefits of being undead; Immune to Poison & Psychology, causes Fear & suffers No Pain. Should both Necrarch and Thrall be destroyed at once, the evil magics that bind the warband together fade, and all turns to dust.
Acolyte

HEROES EQUIPMENT LISTS
Hand to Hand Combat Weapons
- Dagger: 1st free/2 gc
- Mace: 3 gc
- Axe: 5 gc
- Sword: 10 gc
- Spear: 10 gc
- Halberd: 10 gc
- Double-handed weapon: 15 gc

Missile Weapons
- Bow: 10 gc
- Short Bow: 5 gc

Armor:
- Light Armor: 20 gc
- Shield: 5 gc
- Helmet: 10 gc

HENCHMEN EQUIPMENT LISTS
Hand to Hand Combat Weapons
- Dagger: 1st free/2 gc
- Mace: 3 gc
- Axe: 5 gc
- Sword: 10 gc
- Spear: 10 gc

Missile Weapons
- Bow: 10 gc

Armor:
- Shield: 5 gc

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT:
Heroes Only
- Staff of Damnation: 25 gc
- Unholy Relic: 15 gc
- Damned Book: 45 gc

New Equipment
Staff of Damnation
- Necrarch only 25 gc

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The preferred weapon of these ancient mages, the Staff of Damnation allows them to bear deadly magic against their foes.

Special Rules:
- Two-Handed: As the Staff of Damnation requires two hands to wield, a model equipped with it may not use a shield, buckler or secondary weapon in close combat. If the model has a shield it will still get a +1 bonus to its armor save against shooting.
- Magic-well: A Necrarch Vampire may cast a spell into the Staff of Damnation during his Magic phase instead of casting as normal. Upon a successful casting, the spell is stored within the staff. The spell may be released during a later shooting phase in lieu of casting another spell.

Damned Book
- Rare II 45+3D6 gc

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Penned in the blood of elven maidens and written upon the flesh of virgins, the Damned Book perverts your space about it.

Special Rules:
- Cursed Aura: A model bearing the Damned Book causes all enemy models within 2 inches to suffer a -1 penalty to hit in close combat.
Heroes

1 Necrarch Vampire
110 gold crowns to hire
Ancient and purely evil, the Necrarch exists solely to destroy life. As Mordheim has fallen into the grasp of insanity, the Necrarch Vampires converge upon its ripe bounty so that they may benefit from the demise of the living.

Profile M WS BS S T W I A Ld
6 3 3 4 4 2 6 1 8

Weapons/Armor: A Necrarch Vampire may be armed from the Necrarch Hero Equipment list.

Special Rules:
Leader: Any models in the warband within 6 inches of the Necrarch Vampire may use his Leadership instead of their own.

Cause Fear: Vampires are terrifying Undead creatures and thus cause Fear.

Wizard: Necrarch Vampires have one spell randomly generated from the Necromancy spell list.

Immune to Psychology: Vampires are not affected by psychology (such as fear) and never leave combat.

Immune to Poison: Vampires are not affected by any poison.

No Pain: Vampires treat a Stunned result on the Injury chart as Knocked Down.

Weapons/Armor: A Thrall may be equipped from the Necrarch Hero Equipment list.

Special Rules:
Cause Fear: Vampires are terrifying Undead creatures and therefore cause Fear.

Immune to Psychology: Vampires are not affected by psychology (such as fear) and never leave combat.

Immune to Poison: Vampires are not affected by any poison.

No Pain: Vampires treat a Stunned result on the Injury chart as Knocked Down.

0-3 Acolyte
35 gold crowns to hire
Chosen from the wretched stock available to them, the Necrarchs elevate a select few to the position of Acolyte. These individuals provide aid within the tower itself, be it with experiments or the preparation of sacrifices.

Profile M WS BS S T W I A Ld
4 3 3 3 3 1 3 1 7

Weapons/Armor: Acolytes may equip themselves with weapons and armor from the Henchmen equipment list.

Special Rules:
Vassal: The Acolyte has given himself over to his dark lord. At a whim, the Necrarch can see what the Acolyte sees, hear what he hears, and even speak through his slave. As long as the Necrarch has line of sight at an Acolyte, and the Acolyte is not engaged in hand to hand combat, he may use it as a casting point for a spell. Upon a critical failure of a casting (rolling double 1's) regardless of skills such as Mind Focus or the like, the Acolyte must roll on the Injury table and add +1.

0-1 Thrall
60 gold crowns to hire
Taken into the fold due to their promise with the dark arts, Thralls serve their masters with undying devotion. While lesser Vampires, they still possess great speed and strength, and the ability to possibly overthrow the shadow of their undead lords.

Profile M WS BS S T W I A Ld
5 3 3 4 4 1 5 1 7
0-5 **Skeletal Warriors**

20 gold crowns to hire

Dragged from the grave, these unfortunate warriors serve their dark lords. Marching relentlessly, they draw close to Mordheim, a city as welcoming as any to warriors such as they.

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**Weapons/Armor:** Skeletal warriors may be equipped with weapons and armor chosen from the Henchmen Equipment list.

**Special Rules:**
- **Cause Fear:** Skeletal Warriors are terrifying Undead creatures and therefore cause Fear.
- **May not Run:** Skeletal Warriors are slow Undead creatures and may not run (but may charge normally).
- **Immune to Psychology:** Skeletal Warriors are not affected by psychology.
- **Immune to Poison:** Skeletal Warriors are immune to poisons.
- **No Pain:** Skeletal Warriors treat Stunned results as Knocked Down.
- **No Brain:** Skeletal Warriors do not gain experience.

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**Zombies**

15 gold crowns to hire

Zombies are the most common of the Undead: creatures animated by the will of their Necromantic masters. Reinforced by their dark magics, a Necrarchs zombie minions are much more menacing.

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**Weapons/Armor:** Zombies never carry any equipment, and do not suffer any penalties for this.

**Special Rules:**
- **Cause Fear:** Zombies are terrifying Undead creatures and therefore cause Fear.
- **May not Run:** Zombies are slow Undead creatures and may not run (but may charge normally).
- **Immune to Psychology:** Zombies are not affected by psychology.
- **Immune to Poison:** Zombies are immune to poisons.
- **No Pain:** Zombies treat Stunned results on the Injury table as Knocked Down.
- **No Brain:** Zombies do not gain experience.
0-1 Abomination
190 gold crowns to hire
Vile constructs, these twisted beings are torn from the nightmares of men. Made from looted graves, these beasts are powered by the dark magic of their Lords and the wyrdstone found in and around Mordheim.
Profile  M  WS  BS  S  T  W  I  A  Ld
4       3    0    4   5    3    2    3    5
Weapons/Armor: Abominations do not employ weapons, and suffer no penalties for doing so.

Spare Parts: Thanks to the dark magics of their lords and the manner of their construction, Abomination ignore rolls of 162 on the post battle Injury Table; they cannot be destroyed.

0-5 Waifs
20 gold crowns to hire
Waifs are the most miserable of human specimens. They are deformed and rejected individuals, shunned by even their fellow man. Vampires often recruit waifs as their servants and treat them with surprising kindness. As a result, waifs are often fanatically loyal to their undead overlords and will do anything to serve and protect them.
Profile  M  WS  BS  S  T  W  I  A  Ld
4       2    2    3    3    1    3    1    7
Weapons/Armor: A Waif may be armed with weapons and armor chosen from the Henchmen Equipment list.

Special Rules:
Cause Fear: Abominations are terrifying Undead creatures and thus cause Fear.
Immune to Psychology: Abominations are not affected by psychology.
Immune to Poison: Abominations are immune to poisons.
No Pain: Abominations treat Stunned results as Knocked Down.
No Brain: Abominations do not gain experience.
Large Target: Abominations are Large Targets as defined in the shooting rules.
Powered: A Necrarch has placed a shard of wyrdstone in the Abomination to bring it life. Should the Abomination be removed from combat, the model who took it down receives a shard of wyrdstone. A new shard is then needed to re-animate the Abomination.
Dreaded Scrolls of Nagash

Written upon the flesh of elven children, these markings burn with eternal evil. Sought by scholars of the Empire and Necromancers alike, these ancient words are borne only upon damned breath. Despair and sorrow have taken written form upon the Scrolls of Nagash.

1 - Soulcage

*Difficulty: 9*

*Wracked with pain unimaginable, the victim shoulders the burden that belongs to the caster.*

You may choose a single model within 6”. All wounds are transferred to this model at +1 to the Injury Roll. Should a natural 6 be rolled on the Injury chart, not only is the Soulcaged model removed from action, but the caster is treated as Stunned. Only one Soulcage spell may be in effect at a time.

2 - Black Breath

*Difficulty: 8*

*The mage belches forth a toxic wind of death, engulfing all within the embrace of slumber eternal.*

The spell has a range of 8”, and hits the first model within its path. It causes 2 S4 hits on its target, and one S3 hit on all models within 2”.

3 - Servants Eternal

*Difficulty: Auto*

*Calling upon the powers of darkness, the caster summons undying servants to do his bidding.*

This spell must be used before the game, and may only be used once. When cast, the spell summons D3 Zombies to the casters side. The evil that sustains the abominations will fade after the battle, turning their damned flesh to dust. As such, these zombies do not count towards the warbands maximum size.

4 - Fear of the Ages

*Difficulty: 9*

*Like a wave of pure despair, the mage releases the fear of the ages over those around him.*

All enemy models within 4” of the caster suffer a S3 hit. No armour saves are allowed. The servants of Morr, Sigmar and Ulric are especially susceptible to this evil, and suffer a S4 hit instead.

5 - Wall of Despair

*Difficulty: 6*

*The caster weaves about him a wall of pure despair, rendering himself immune to the will of others.*

The caster is immune to all spells and prayers. Roll at the beginning of each turn during the Recovery Phase. On a roll of 1 or 2, the Wall of Despair disappears.

6 - Claws of Nagash

*Difficulty: 10*

*The withered hands of the caster grow and flash with the dark power of Nagash.*

The Claws of Nagash grant the caster +1 Weapon Skill, and the caster becomes Frenzied. Test at the beginning of each turn during the Recovery Phase. On a roll of 2 or less, the Claws of Nagash vanish.

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In the vastness of the Mordheim ruins there is always the risk of running into a rival warband. While two groups sometimes pass each other without a fight, more often than not there is a vicious battle amongst the ruins. Added to this, the reputations of many warbands have left a price on the heads of their members. This leads to the targeting of specific individuals to claim the prize.

Terrain
Each player takes it in turn to place a piece of terrain, either a ruined building, tower, or other similar item. We suggest that the terrain is set up within an area roughly 4' x 4'.

Warbands
Each player rolls a dice. Whoever rolls highest chooses who sets up first. The player then chooses which table edge to set up on, placing all his warriors within 8" of that edge. Opponents then set up within 8" of the other edges, beginning with the opposite edge to the first player.

Setting the bounty
You should make a set of six coloured tokens per warband, one marker per hero. Each player secretly writes three colours (separately for each warband if multiplayer) representing their bounties. Players then decide what colour marker is placed upon each of their own heroes.

Starting the game
Each player rolls a D6. The highest scoring player takes the first turn. Play proceeds clockwise.

Ending the game
When all but one of the warbands fails its Rout test, the game ends. Also, the game ends if a player has successfully taken out of action all of his selected bounties and then manages to get all of his own remaining heroes within 2" of a single table edge.

Winning the game
If a player successfully eliminates all of his bounties and manages to get all of his remaining heroes to a table edge, then he wins the game. If a player voluntarily routs, he automatically loses the match. If a player routs due to failed rout test but has eliminated more bounties than any other player, then the match is a tie. Otherwise, the last warband standing wins the scenario.

Experience
+1 Survives. If a Hero or a Henchman group survives the battle they gain +1 Experience.
+1 Winning Leader. The leader of the winning warband gains +1 extra Experience.
+1 Per Enemy Out of Action. Any Hero earns +1 Experience for each enemy model he puts out of action.
+1 Per Bounty Out of Action. Any Hero or henchman group that successfully takes out of action a bounty earns +1 Experience (for heroes, this is in addition to the +1 experience for taking an enemy out of action).

The Bounty
On top of the normal search, warbands receive 1 shard of Wyrdstone for each successful bounty.
Knocked Down but not Stunned:  
The current state of Mordheim

It has been about half a year since I returned to playing Mordheim. All kinds of real life reasons and other bad excuses kept me away from the game for slightly more than two years. During the break I used to hit the online store now and then and very occasionally I threw a glance at the Specialist Games homepage. When I decided to start playing Mordheim again on a regular basis the first thing I did was try to find out all the things that I may have missed out on while I was 'out of action'. I was surprised to see that there seemed to have been nothing relevant going on. The biggest change was the renovation of the official Mordheim forum which meant that I could not find the various fanbased rules and discussions anymore. Although the situation met my expectations I felt a bit disappointed. It was a bit like moaning about the death of a great artist who died before his time, never getting the chance to make the most of his potential. However, the tragedy was only ostensible and a brighter bigger picture should soon surface.

What surprised me the most of all was that despite the lack of official support there is still a community of people who are motivated and enthusiastic about the game as if it had been released just yesterday. Mordheim is probably one of the most suitable tabletop-games in terms of adding new flavour to the atmosphere by expanding the already existing rules. Due to its strong atmospheric feel and role-playing game style there is plenty of room for innovation. The basic rules from the rulebook are nothing but a starting point for the creation of all sorts of skirmish game environments.

Fans have contributed to the game ever since its release. This is still true today. And there is a lot to do. Many aspects of the game need an overhaul. I do not want to go into detail here about what I think should be reworked rules-wise. Most Mordheim gamers are aware of the unbalance issues between using two weapons (i.e. an additional one-hand-weapon) and using a onehanded weapon and a shield. Another concern is the uneven power-level of certain warbands. These are just two examples for major improvements that need to be done. Fortunately there are already creative people working on them. You will find suggestions for solving the armour problem in the Mordheim forum and there is a Yahoo group that is dedicated to reworking the warband rules. Despite all these efforts there is still an important problem. The Mordheim community lacks organisation. Many fans are writing great new rules and put a lot of work into them. But all these gems of innovation are spread all over the world wide web. You would be surprised to see how many private Mordheim homepages exist.
Christian Templin started playing Warhammer in 1997. He became a huge Mordheim enthusiast as soon as the game was released. He started writing house rules and scenarios for his gaming group during the glorious days of the Town Cryer. The group then decided to collect their rules and put them into the shell of a private Mordheim supplement. After a couple of years of abstinence from the game and the community his gaming group is active again and they continue the development of their supplement Border Town Burning. Christian’s recent efforts include being part of the Mordheim Nemesis Crown development team.

When I first heard of the idea of a Mordheim ezine I was very excited. I believe this is a step in the right direction. If it can continue to publish quality material and gain acceptance throughout most of the fans, it might become the mouthpiece of a united Mordheim community. However, further steps are necessary. With the absence of the 2006 rules review and no other one in sight, there must be a selected authority that takes care of the game independently of Specialist Games and Games Workshop. Not a dictatorship but a respected committee that the fans are willing to trust and support - because in the end, the fans support no one but each other.

With such a dedicated group to lead and organise the fan-driven processes what we need is an 'official' Mordheim website controlled by the fans. If you are familiar with the Mordheim forum you will probably know Mike "Thrasher" Kitchenman's Uber Useful Mordheim Information thread - a huge collection of relevant Mordheim sources. This is a great example for information that absolutely need to be presented in a better way, especially with potential Mordheim beginners in mind. An official - that means wholly accepted by the community - Mordheim fansite would be a place for interested gamers - be it newbies or veterans - to regularly go check for the most important news and updates in the Mordheim game. If we can achieve to evolve as a strong autonomous community and transfer that picture to the public, we can help the game prosper, i.e. attract new players, which is near impossible at the moment. At best experienced Warhammer veterans may give Mordheim a try, but those interested will probably have done so long ago anyway. Another advantage would be that the individual efforts made by the various project teams were better available to the community, from which both the other gamers and the projects would benefit.

For now, Games Workshop has abandoned Mordheim but due to its unique nature Mordheim will most certainly never die. There are many people out there who produce new material that compares favourably with any set of official rules. If we - the fans - can develop a drive to unite and pull together we can take the game to the next level.

In two years Mordheim will celebrate its 10th birthday and it is up to us to decide where Mordheim will be by then. I await your comments and ideas in the Mordheim forum and hope for a lively discussion.

- Christian 'Cianty' Templin
Screaming woke Franz. The terrified cries of women and children. Men shouting, dogs barking, livestock adding their terrified cacophony to the din of discordance. Stumbling he shrugged the covers aside and stood up dizzily. The left-over tang of last nights grog still strong in his stomach, it threatened to rise and purge itself from his protesting body. The door burst open and sunlight, a strong morning shaft, blazed a streak of fire through an otherwise darkened hovel before being shut away again with a crashing slam. His eyes closed instinctively as the sudden onslaught of brightness caused his head to throb so strongly, so unashamedly violent, that he was afraid it might split.

Words died even as he made to speak them. Aggravated, annoyed and confused most of all, one look at his wife and he knew something was terribly wrong. Her wild brown eyes were small dots in saucers of white that stared at him in panic. He noticed the smudge marks, the torn skirts as though she’d fallen several times on her way from the pig pen, where she normally spent the mornings tending the fat sows. He heard bellows, incredibly deep and loud, short blasts of noise that drowned everything else out. Franz also heard roaring laughter and the sick sound of metal crashing flesh and bone. Something crashed against the door and his wife squeaked, her nails digging into the wood so hard and deep they cracked and broke. Pounding, a man screamed and clawed at the door as several deep chested growls reverberated through the walls. Risking a peek, despite the desperate shaking of her head, Franz pushed the shutter of the window out a crack, and immediately wished he hadn’t.

Two massive hounds, each weighing more than a man, hunched shoulders bunched powerfully with jaws full of sharp fangs made for ripping bone glared at his neighbour Pieter, who now had his back pressed firmly against the door as he shook uncontrollably. Britches fouled, his tears streamed and he simply shook his head and said no over and over. No, as if the word would stop these Chaos touched beasts, beasts with spikes of ivory jutting through flesh that gleamed brightly in the morning light. Hot, humid breath blasted out in the chill of the air created small clouds of steam. There was an evil intelligence that lurked behind their blood red orbs. A malice which could freeze a brave man in his tracks. He let the shutter close as the two hounds lunged. Franz sagged against the wall when Pieter screamed pitifully, begged as his flesh was ripped, his body torn, his screams rose in pitch until they stopped, and only fighting growls could be heard.
Where there were Chaos hounds, Beastmen were sure to follow.

Franz heard his wife call out his name. Confused, he looked around the house and finally saw her already on the cellar ladder. Holding the trapdoor open, she waved at him in frantically. Hope surged and he stepped for her when the door simply exploded, ceasing its vigilant ward, pieces flew and struck him with enough force to make him stumble. Her eyes were the last thing he saw, dark and deep, but filled with tearful resolve as she forever closed his path of escape. A powerfully clawed hand grabbed him by the hair and lifted him clean off the ground, the pain making him cry out even as he was thrown through the wall and out into the dirt of his yard. His rolling finally stopped in a pool of sticky, cooling liquid. He struggled to his hands and knees and retched as he realized that it was Pieter's blood, the ruined remains of his friend in several pieces, partially eaten and still steaming.

Pain blossomed in his side as an unseen assailant kicked him hard enough to stave several ribs in. He rolled a dozen feet and crashed to a halt against an immovable object. Sparks swirled through his vision, darkness clouded everything and threatened to take him down into that murky depth. He tried to welcome it but it receded, chased away by the pain of his laboured breathing and his loud wheezing. On his back, he looked up and understood that it wasn't a wall or the well that he'd hit, but powerful shaggy legs. One shifted and brought a dark hoof to rest upon his already broken chest. His scream of agony was drowned out by a powerful bellow.

"Burn Everything! Keep the breeders, kill the rest!" It looked down on him, intelligent eyes set in a dark goat's face. Massive horns crowned its skull, and as it grinned it's lips peeled back, showing incredibly large teeth.

"Atar! That one is mine!" Franz turned his head and saw another, smaller than the one that pinned him down get larger than any man could ever be, coming from his yard. The hole in the wall behind it gaped awkwardly as a piece fell, and he saw one of those vicious, unnatural hounds tear at the floor. It gouged out chunks of dirt and wood as his wife screamed pitifully from within.
“Sigmar preserve us” he whispered as more pain shot through him. The one called Atar, Franz was sure it was the leader, had shifted, grinding its hoof in the process. From the ground all he saw were two massive beastmen as they stared at each other, the intensity of their locked gazes almost lit the air with crackling flames. Moments passed and the one that had thrown him dropped its gaze and backed away while Atar brayed loudly enough to wake the dead.

“Take the livestock! Take their weapons! The city awaits.” The call went out, bellows and roars were the response. No further screams were audible. No noise save that of fire consuming, or teeth and metal rending. “Morghar demands sacrifice! Morghar commands us! To Mordheim!”

Buildings burned and blood ran freely, the dirt packed roads turned into a bloody ooze that hooves had no difficulty navigating. The hound which dug for his wife, trapped in the cellar, started to growl as pieces of the thick trap door started to buckle under its claws. She stopped screaming and Franz wondered if she had ended her life to escape the depredations of these vile creatures. He prayed for her soul quickly and reached up to tug on Atar’s Chain Mail skirt. Nothing. Breath came in gasps he tugged harder, willing some of his Middenheim heritage into his arms. Thick arms that had always been strong felt so very weak. Atar looked down as though just remembering that his footstool is still alive.

“Oi, Beastm…” Started Franz only to cough up gouts of blood when that same hoof lifted and then bore down, crushing the rest of his chest as Atar stepped through him towards the cellar door. Blood flowed from nose and mouth, air non-existent in his crushed lungs, Franz watched Atar grab the chaos hound by the tail and tugged it backwards. The hound twisted and snapped its serrated teeth at the beastman’s forearm but quickly whined in abject apology. A large fist clipped it in the jaw and sent the hound sprawling backwards, crashing it through the sleeping cot. It thrashing about, thus righting itself and slunk away, tail tucked low even as Atar’s attention is firmly upon the ruined scraps of the cellar door.

“Come out. I smell your fear. Come or I send the dogs in after you”
Franz struggled to keep his vision clear, the day darkened though there were no
clouds. *How can such a day be?* He wondered, coughing. His eyes watched as his
wife came up the cellar ladder, her hands in her skirts. Tear stained, disheveled
but defiant. Atar grinned and reached for her even as she pulled a blackpowder
pistol from the folds of her dress and leveled it at the Beastman’s chest. Pulling
the trigger she fired, striking true. Rings of mail burst apart, scattering as the
leather blew outward and Atar took a step backwards and looked down...

and began to laugh, a horrible braying sound, harsh and grating.

*Your one chance, breeder.* Atar grabbed her by the hair and dragged her the
rest of the way out. *Wasted on Atar*

Franz’s last sight was watching his wife being dragged by the hair behind the
beastman chief, broken, pistol forgotten in her hand as she wept.

Darkness came crashing and with it, the world ends.

*To Mordheim!*  

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## TURN SEQUENCE

1. **Recovery**
   - During the recovery phase, you may attempt to rally individuals who have lost their nerve and recover models that are knocked down or stunned.

2. **Movement**
   - During the movement phase, you may move the warriors of your warband according to the rules given in the Movement section.

3. **Shooting & Magic**
   - In the shooting phase, you may shoot with any appropriate weapons as described in the rules for shooting and your wizards may cast a spell they know.

4. **Close Combat**
   - During the hand-to-hand combat phase, all models in hand-to-hand combat may fight. Note that both sides fight in the hand-to-hand combat phase, regardless of whose turn it is.

## RECOVERY

During the recovery phase, you may attempt to rally any of your models that have lost their nerve. To take a rally test, roll 2d6. If the score is equal to or less than the model’s Leadership value, the model stops fleeing and has rallied. The model cannot move or shoot for the rest of the turn, but can cast spells. If the test is failed, the model continues to flee towards the closest table edge. A model cannot rally if the closest model to him is an enemy model.

During the recovery phases, warriors that have been stunned become knocked down instead and warriors who have been knocked down may stand up.

## MOVEMENT

### 1. Charges

**Charging:** A running warrior moves at twice its normal speed. A model may not run if there are enemy models within 8” at the start of the turn. A running warrior may not hide or shoot that turn, though it may cast spells.

**Charges:** Without measuring the distance, declare that the model is charging and indicate which enemy warrior it is going to attack. Warriors charge at twice their normal speed. Once opposing models are touching bases, they are engaged in hand-to-hand combat. You may not charge a model if there is another enemy model within 2” of the most direct charge route.

### 2. Compulsory Moves

#### Running

A running warrior moves at twice its normal speed. A model may not run if there are enemy models within 8” at the start of the turn. A running warrior may not hide or shoot that turn, though it may cast spells.

### 3. Remaining Moves

#### Climbing

A warrior may climb a height equal to its Movement Value in a single movement phase. Take an Initiative test. If it fails while climbing up, it cannot move that turn. If it fails while climbing down, it falls (see Falling, below).

#### Jumping Down

Warriors may jump down from high places, up to a maximum height of 6”. Take an Initiative test for each full 2” the warrior jumps down. If it fails any of the tests, the model falls down and takes damage as detailed in Falling.

#### Diving Charge

A warrior may make a diving charge against an enemy who is on a lower level than himself and is within 2” of the place where your warrior lands. Test for jumping down as detailed above. If the model succeeds, it gains a +1 Strength bonus and +1 to hit bonus in the hand-to-hand combat phase.

#### Jumping Over Gaps

Models may jump over gaps, up to a maximum distance of 3”. (You are not allowed to measure the distance beforehand.) If your model doesn’t have enough movement left, it automatically falls. If the model covers the distance, take an Initiative test. If the model fails to pass the test, it falls (see below).

#### Warriors Knocked Down or Stunned

If a warrior is knocked down or stunned within 1” of the edge of a roof or building, there is a chance it will slip and fall off. Roll a D6. If the score is more than warrior’s Initiative, it will fall over the edge and take damage (see Falling, below).

#### Falling

Models that fall take D3 hits at a Strength equal to the height in inches of the fall. No armor saves apply.

## SHOOTING TO HIT

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### SHOOTING MODIFIERS

- **-1 Cover**
  - If any part of the model is obscured by scenery or other models, then it counts as being in cover.

- **-1 Long range**
  - If you are shooting at a target that is more than half of your weapon’s maximum range away.

- **-1 Moving & shooting**
  - If your model has moved all during this turn.

- **+1 Large target**
  - The main body of the target is more than 2” tall or wide. This includes such targets as buildings and large creatures.

### SHOOTING SPECIAL RULES

- **Accuracy**
  - +1 bonus on to hit rolls.

- **Fire Once**
  - This weapon takes too long to reload it may only be fired once per battle.

- **Fire Twice at Half Range**
  - A slinger may fire twice at short range if he does not move.

- **Fire Twice**
  - This weapon may be fired twice, with a –1 to hit penalty on both shots.

- **Hand-to-Hand**
  - This weapon may be used in hand-to-hand combat as well as shooting. If carried as a second weapon, it grants +1 attack which is resolved as an attack of strength 4 with a –2 save modifier. This bonus may only be used once per combat. A brace of weapons provides two such attacks in the first turn of combat.

- **Move or Fire**
  - You may not move and fire this weapon in the same turn. You may freely pivot to face the target or stand up from being knocked down.

- **Pick Target**
  - You may fire at any target in sight, not just the closest one.

- **Poison**
  - If a 6 is rolled to hit the weapon automatically causes a wound. This weapon cannot cause critical hits.

- **Prepare Shot**
  - This weapon takes a whole turn to reload. You may only fire every other turn. If you have a brace of pistols you may fire once.

## RANGE WEAPONS

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| Throwing Star or Knife | 6” | As used

## BLACK POWDER WEAPONS

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<td>Handgun</td>
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<td>Hochland Long Rifle</td>
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<td>Pistol</td>
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<td>Warlock Pistol</td>
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<td>1+ Enemy armor Save</td>
<td>Target receives a bonus to his armor save and a 6+ armor save if he has no normal armor save.</td>
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<td>Cannot be parried</td>
<td>This weapon may not be parried, whether with a sword, buckler or any other means.</td>
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<td>Cavalry Bonus</td>
<td>This weapon receives a damage bonus when used by a mounted warrior in a charge. The bonus only applies for the first turn of combat. The bonus is +1 for a spear or +2 for a lance.</td>
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<td>Cavalry Weapon</td>
<td>This weapon may only be used when mounted on a war-horse.</td>
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<td>Climb</td>
<td>This weapon aids climbing. Add +1 to initiative when making climbing tests.</td>
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<td>Concussion</td>
<td>In close combat a roll of 2-4 is treated as stunned when rolling on the injury chart.</td>
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<td>Cumbrous</td>
<td>The user of this weapon may not use another weapon for the entire battle.</td>
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<td>Cutting Edge</td>
<td>An extra save modifier of –1.</td>
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<td>Difficult to use</td>
<td>This weapon may not be used with a second weapon or buckler in the off-hand though a normal shield may be used.</td>
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<td>Heavy</td>
<td>The +2 Strength bonus only applies in the first turn of each hand-to-hand combat.</td>
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<td>Holy</td>
<td>+1 bonus to all wound rolls against any Possessed or Undead models. A natural 6 is still required for a critical hit however.</td>
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<td>Pair</td>
<td>This weapon is traditionally used in pairs. The user gains an additional attack.</td>
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**BLUDGEON CRITICAL HITS**

(Clubs, maces, hammers, flails, double-handed hammers etc.)

- 1–2 Hammered: Target is knocked off balance and may not fight this turn
- 3–4 Clubbed: Ignores armour & helmet saves
- 5 Wild sweep: Target’s weapon is knocked from hand
- 6 Bludgeoned: Enemy goes out of action if fails armour save

**FLEXIBLE WEAPONS**

(Whips, Ropes, Chains, Morningstars etc.)

- 1-2 Entangle. The weapon has wrapped around the target’s body or legs, allowing the wielder to pull the target off balance. One wound is caused as normal, with armour saves, and the target also receives a Knocked Down result if it fails a Strength roll, which is not subject to armour saves, but may be affected by special saves or skills.
- 3-4 Whiplash! The weapon inflicts a stinging blow, causing two wounds instead of one. Armor saves as normal.
- 5 Disarm. Your opponent’s weapon is entangled and wrenched from his hand. If he is carrying two weapons, roll to see which one he loses. Roll to wound and take armour saves as normal.

**CRITICAL HITS & BLACK POWDER MISFIRSES**

**BLADED CRITICAL HITS**

(Swords, axes, double-handed swords etc.)

- 1-2 Flesh wound: Ignores armor save
- 3-4 Bladestorm: Attack causes 2 wounds
- 5-6 Sliced: Ignores armor saves, causes 2 wounds, and gains +2 to injury rolls

**MISSILE CRITICAL HITS**

(Bows, crossbows, black powder weapons, throwing knives etc.)

- 1-2 Hits a weak spot: Ignores armor saves
- 3-4 Ricochet: Closest enemy within 6” is also hit
- 5-6 Master shot: Target suffers 2 wounds with no armour save

**UNARMED CRITICAL HITS**

(Wardogs, warhorses, Zombies, Possessed, animals etc.)

- 1-2 Body blow: Gains 1 immediate additional attack
- 3-4 Crushing blow: Model gains +1 to injury rolls
- 5-6 Mighty blow: Ignores armor saves and gains +2 to injury rolls

**THRUSTING CRITICAL HITS**

(Spears, halberds, lances etc.)

- 1-2 Stab: Model gains +1 to injury rolls
- 3-4 Thrust: Target is knocked down, take armor saves to determine if wounded
- 5-6 Kebab: Ignores armor saves, gains +2 to injury rolls, target is knocked backwards D6” followed by attacker, other models involved in CC are separated, if target collides with another model it is hit once at S3

**MISFIRSES**

Each time you roll a 1 when rolling to hit with a black powder weapon (handgun, pistol, blunderbuss, warlock pistol, etc), roll a D6 and consult the chart below.

**BLACKPOWDER WEAPON MISFIRSES**

1 BOOM! The weapon explodes with a deafening roar! The shooter suffers an S4 hit (this does not cause critical hits) and the weapon is destroyed.

2 Jammed. The weapon is jammed and useless for the remainder of the battle. You may use it as normal in the next battle.

3 Phat. The weapon fails to fire and you must remove the shot. This means that the shooter must wait one extra turn before he can fire this weapon again.

4-5 Click. The weapon fails to fire, but there is no additional effect.

6 KA-BOOM! The weapon roars and spits a cloud of black smoke and flame! The shot hits the intended target and counts as having +1 Strength.
HEROES & DRAMATIS PERSONAE SERIOUS INJURY LIST

1-2

DEAD

All the weapons and equipment he carried are lost.

3-6

FULL RECOVERY

HEROES & DRAMATIS PERSONAE SERIOUS INJURY LIST

11-15

DEAD

All the weapons and equipment he carried are lost.

16-21

MULTIPLE INJURIES

Roll D6 times on this table. Re-roll any 'Dead', 'Captive', and further 'Multiple Injuries' rules.

22

LEG WOUND

1 Movement permanently

23

ARM WOUND

1 Loses Arm

24

MADNESS

1-3 the warrior suffers from stupidity; 4-6 the warrior suffers from frenzy.

25

SMASHED LEG

1 The warrior may not run any more but he may still charge.

26

CHEST WOUND

Toughness is reduced by -1 permanently.

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BLINDED IN ONE EYE

Randomly determine which. A character that loses an eye has his Ballistic Skill reduced by -1. If blinded again Hero must retire.

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OLD BATTLEWOUND

Must miss the next D3 games while he is recovering. He may do nothing at all while recovering.

36

ROBBED

All his weapons, armor and equipment are lost.

41-55

FULL RECOVERY

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BITTER ENMITY

The warrior suffers from Hatred from now on. Roll to see who he hates;

1-3

Hero who wounded him, Leader if it was a henchmen

4

The leader of the warband that caused the injury.

5

The entire warband that caused the injury.

6

All Warbands of that type

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CAPTURED

See book for rules:

82-83

HARDENED

From now on he is immune to fear.

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HORRIBLE INJARS

The warrior causes fear from now on.

85

SOLD TO THE PITS

The warrior wakes up in the infamous fighting pits of Cutthroat’s Haven and must fight against a Pit Fighter. (See book for rules):.

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SURVIVES AGAINST THE ODDS

Gains +1 Experience.

HERO ADVANCEMENT

2-5

New Skill (or Spell if Wizard)

6

Characteristic Increase

1-3 + 1 Strength;

4-6 + 1 Attack.

7

Characteristic Increase

Choose either +1 WS or +1 BS.

8

Characteristic Increase

1-3 + 1 Initiative

4-6 + 1 Leadership

9

Characteristic Increase

1-3 + 1 Wound

4-6 + 1 Toughness

10-12

New Skill (or Spell if Wizard)

HENCHMEN ADVANCEMENT

2-4

Advance. +1 Initiative.

5

Advance. +1 Strength.

6-7

Advance. Choose +1 BS or +1 WS.

8

Advance. +1 Attack.

9

Advance. +1 Leadership.

10-12

The lad's got talent. One model in the group becomes a Hero. (Roll again for the new hero and for the henchmen group.)

WYRDSTONE SHARDS

1-5

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6-11

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12-17

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18-24

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25-30

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31-35

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36+

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SEARCHING FOR RARE ITEMS

You may send any number of Heroes that were not taken out of action last battle to search for rare items. Each hero can look for one item; roll 2D6 once for one item each of your heroes are looking for. If you roll equal or greater then the rarity of the item you found one of them.

EXPLORATION CHART

Choose 1 hero to make an Toughness test. If successful he finds a wyrdstone, if failed he misses next game.

1

Well

Choose 1 hero to make a Toughness test. If successful he finds a wyrdstone, if failed he misses next game.

2

Shop

D6 gc, if a 1 is rolled also finds a Lucky Charm

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Corpses

1-2

D6 gc

3

Dagger

4

Axe

5

Sword

6

LT. Armor

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Stragglers

Skaven: D6 gc

Possessed: Leader +1 experience

Undead: gains a zombie

Other warbands: Additional die on exploration drop the lowest.

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Overturned Cart

1-2

Mordheim Map

3-4

2D6 gc

5-6

Jeweled Sword and Dagger

66

Ruined Hovels

D6 gc

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Tavern

Leader must make a Leadership test. If successful they receive D4 gc, if failed D6 gc. Undead, Witch hunter and Sister of Sigmar don’t need to make the leadership test.

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Smithy

1

Sword

2

Double-handed weapon

3

Flail

4

D3 halberds

5

Lance

6

2D6 gc worth of metal

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Prisoners

Possessed: D3 Experience for Heroes

Unread: Gain D3 zombies

Skaven: D6 gc

Other warbands: 2D6 gc, plus one human henchman.

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Fletcher

1-2

D3 Short bows

3

D3 Bow

4

D3 Long bows

5

Quiver of Hunting Heroes

6

D3 Crossbows

555

Market Hall

D6 gc

666

Returning a Favor

Hired Sword for one battle

1111

Gunsmith

1

Blandard

2

Brace of Pistols

3

Brace of Dueling Pistols

4

D3 handgums

5

D3 superior black powder

6

Hochland long rifle

2222

Shrine

D6 gc

2333

Townhouse

D6 gc

4444

Armorer

1-2

D3 shields or bucklers

DRAWMATIS PESONAE

Heroes who are looking for a special character cannot look for rare items. Decide which special character you are seeking, and how many Heroes have been sent to look for him. Roll a D6 for each searcher. If any of the searchers rolls under his Initiative he has located the special character. You can, of course, only find one of a particular special character, no matter how many searchers roll under their Initiative.

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Graveyard

D6x10 gc, Witch Hunters and Sisters of Sigmar gain D6 experience to distribute amongst the heroes.

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Catacombs

Next game 3 fighters may be placed anywhere on the battlefield at ground level.

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Merchant’s House

2D6 gc if doubles are rolled finds a symbol of the Order of the freetraders

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Shattered Building

D3 wyrdshards, if the leader passes a leadership test the warband gains a war dog.

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Entrance to the Catacombs

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The Pit

You may send one hero to look in the pit roll a D6

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Hidden Treasure

Treasure chest roll a D6 for each

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Jewelers’ Shop

D3 gc. Alchemist Notebook one warrior may now choose skills from Academic Skill List.

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Slaughtered Warband

D6x5 gc

D3 pieces of wyrdstone

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Holy Relic

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Suit of Heavy Armor

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D3 gems worth 10 gc each

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