

Wizard's 12 Degree Twilight (pt. 1)

Synopsis:

Nerella, Mistress of Necromancy, is after the Head of Vecna—a mummified head of a long dead necromancer. It is stored in the Tower of Eternal Darkness.

The Tower of Eternal Darkness is well guarded by numerous trap constructs. Nerella has hatched a plan to trick several different wizards and groups of wizards to go in first to deal with the traps. To do this, she has planted several false pointers to lure other wizards to the Tower. These points take the form of maps and rumors of other great treasures stored in the Tower—treasures that aren't there.

Hook:

The players get a map or other clue to a treasure in the tower. Nerella can be on hand to push the PCs toward it—a job maybe. See The Hook in “Adventure Start Outline” below.

Meat:

1. Other groups of wizards looking for the treasure.
2. The remains of another group of wizards that were killed by the Tower's traps.
3. When the characters reach the Head of Vecna, Nerella will arrive to attach the PCs.

Reward:

The PCs can either keep or destroy the Head of Vecna. The Head will animate and talk to the PCs, trying to convince one of them to accept the power he has to offer.

Maps:

1. Firefalls of Golgotha: easy find—a floating volcano that drips lava on other parts of Anhelm. It's very bad if it floats over your abode.
2. Lake of Aduan: a giant lake that was torn from Anhelm. Lush forests, rolling hills and small mountains, surround it. During rainy season it fills up and drops waterfalls over the edge. This could be a problem if it floats over your abode.

Adventure Start Outline:

1. Travelling near the Cold Wastes (no one lives there). Better get lodging—“Lionheart's”, a fortified manor near a woods with the signs of battle “around back”.
2. Play Construct Cricket.
3. Get lodging—can't sleep, beds are hard, someone making noise.

The Hook:

During the night in the inn, a parchment is slipped under a player character's door. It says:

“Master,

I've located the Horn of Might. It is in the Castle of Eternal Might. Tonight it is in alignment with the Firefalls of Golgotha to the Lake of Aduan and an hour's flight beyond. Go now!

Your servant, Igor”

Shortly after that, there is the sound of several doors slamming and several hurrying footsteps in the hallway.