Priming Question: Use a weaker attack or prepare a stronger attack that takes longer

The crypts, located far beneath the treacherous streets of Ornot Londoner. Your party of misfit adventurers now rests within one of the numerous mausoleums. Dark, dank and filthy and surrounded by an ominous mist. An odor fills the air, foul and putrid, a constant reminder of the animated corpses that roam the hallways and chambers just outside the flimsy barricade recently assembled from the now empty coffins that just an hour ago laid in the inside walls off the mausoleum. Distant noises of shambling corpses can be heard from outside.

The party of four sits around a hastily made fire barely large enough to project their shadows on the stone work behind them. A Crusader, a Grave robber, a Cleric and a Mage. As they stare gloomily into the fire everyone begins to take stock of the day’s events. It’s been almost a full day of exploration and although the grave robber managed to find a few well appraised items the party is almost running out of rations. It’s time to return to the surface, the only obstacles are the labyrinthian nature of the architecture and the undead that they either failed to find or kill on their voyage down.

As the team of adventurers begins to chow down on some delicious field rations the noises in background get louder in a way that clearly indicates that their proximity is steadily increasing. Seems like the leisurely picnic among the dead will have to wait. They quickly gather their things and put away any unfinished food. By the time they’ve finished and drawn swords, wands and staffs the undead skeletons and corpses reach the outside off their barricaded resting area. Your team of adventurers holds firm starring and the barricade, as it takes on the force of unknown group of enemies. It’s clear from their current efforts that any chances for civilized discussion was never on the table. The barricade rattles from the force thrown at it, with each undead attempt to take it down the whole room shakes and dirt falls from the ceiling, further indication of how dire their current situation is. The inhuman efforts indicate that their foe is not only stronger but that they may also be greatly outnumbered.

The barricade won’t hold for long the members of the group are all powerless to do anything except for the mage who recently learnt a powerful spell capable of creating an explosive force. He also possesses a few other minor spells capable of inflicting damage on an individual basis but won’t have as much power as the recently acquired explosive spell. If this dilemma wasn’t complicating the situation enough there’s another conundrum inducing caveat to the mages abilities, the need to wait for his magic power to charge and recharge after every use. You know that the mage has enough time to charge one explosive spell and the ability to charge up multiple smaller spells.

What should the mage do and how will his actions affect the following events and is fellow adventurers? On the one hand, he can play it safe, charge multiple smaller spells and trust that the others can defend themselves or you can choose for him to charge up the powerful explosive spell possibly defeating more foes and saving the others from harm.

Positive

Explosive spell

The spell charges successfully and as the barricade collapses under the enemy incursion, the party mage uses his explosive magic and the stumbling corpses of the undead, too many to count, take a huge hit. A fireball erupts from the mages magical staff and the enemies in the frontline get immediately annihilated by the magical blast those lucky in enough to have been in the back rows or not in direct line of fire didn’t manage to escape. The enormous fireball hits the crypt wall opposite the mausoleum entrance flames once held together by the mages prowess disperse, incinerating the once alive but dead reanimated corpses of former inhabitants of Ornot.

The rest of the party now on their backs and mildly cindered by the flames of the spell were completely unaware of were the eruptive force had emerged from. As they get back up and take stock of the situation the realize that the only person still standing and holding their magical weapon in an attack stance was the Mage. In awe at the immense magical prowess that was directed onto the enemies that were just moments ago ready to tear them apart. They gathered around the mage and congratulated the magic practitioner.

Multiple spells

The mage charges multiple spells successfully and as the barricade collapses under the enemy incursion, the party mage uses his first fireball on an enemy skeleton. It immediately gets blown the fuck out, the party looks around nods and prepares for the fight that quickly ensues. They struggle with a few enemies luckily although they were outnumbered they weren’t outclassed. Each tackled the foes in their own way with their unique abilities and the mage did more than his share of the work, turns out that the impact from fireballs is ideal for the situation.

The encounter ends and the cleric that until now had mostly resorted to buffing allies was tending to everyone’s post combat wounds, everyone was tired but thankfully no one got badly wounded from the encounter. Everyone gathered around and started to chow down once more but this time slightly hungrier, the grave robber on the other hand was searching the self-exhumed for anything of value.

Negative

Explosive spell

The spell charges successfully and as the barricade collapses under the enemy incursion, the party mage uses his explosive magic and the stumbling corpses of the undead, too many to count, take a huge hit. A fireball erupts from the mages magical staff and the enemies in the frontline get immediately annihilated by the magical blast those lucky in enough to have been in the back rows or not in direct line of fire didn’t manage to escape. The enormous fireball hits the crypt wall opposite the mausoleum entrance flames once held together by the mages prowess disperse, and the walls begin to crumble and fall apart.

The rest of the party now on their backs and mildly cindered by the flames of the spell were completely unaware of where the eruptive force had emerged from. They have no time to gather their thoughts the ceiling above them is collapsing. In shock from both the immense magical prowess that was directed onto the enemies and the falling roof they have no time to gather their loot. They quickly run down from the falling debris and until the structure stops caving in. They are all alive but without any resources or luxuries required for their continued survival.

Multiple spells

The mage charges multiple spells successfully and as the barricade collapses under the enemy incursion, the party mage uses his first fireball on an enemy skeleton. Apart from burning away any remaining flesh and cloth and angering the undead further It had no effect, the party simultaneously turned to stare disapproving at the mage. They struggle with a few enemies luckily although they are outnumbered they aren’t outclassed. All apart from the mage tackled the foes in their own way with their unique abilities but the mages spells did little more than annoy the enemy, turns out that when facing these foes, fire wasn’t the most suitable weapon.

The encounter continues and the group is clearly outnumbered, tired but thankfully not yet fatally wounded from the encounter. They attempt a quick escape they quickly run down the one of the many corridors until they manage to outrun their foe. They’re all alive but without any resources or luxuries required for their continued survival.

Sacrifice a character to save the group

Find a group of adventurers- save them or not

Member gets possessed- kill one or the other

An accident

you are an emergency worker that has just been called to the scene of an accident. When you arrive you see that the car belongs to your wife. Fearing the worst you rush over to see she is trapped in her car with another man.She sees you and although barely conscious, she manages to mouth the words “I’m sorry”…You don’t understand, but her look answers you question. The man next to her is her lover with whom she’s been having an affair.You reel back in shock, devastated by what her eyes have just told you. As you step back, the wreck in front of you comes into focus. You see your wife is seriously hurt and she needs attention straight away. Even if she gets attention there’s a very high chance she’ll die.You look at the seat next to her and see her lover. He’s bleeding heavily from a wound to the neck and you need to stem the flow of blood immediately. It will only take about 5 minutes to stop, but it will mean your wife will definitely die.If you tend to your wife however, the man will bleed to death despite the fact it could have been avoided.Who would you choose to work on?

Grave robber stealing-tell don’t tell

hit and run – accidentally kill or not

One morning you are driving to work, and as per usual you are running a bit late, so you are driving a touch faster than the speed limit. You reach down to your stereo to change the CD, when all of a sudden your car hits something solid. You spin to a stop, but not before several more cars have run into you and each other in an attempt to avoid the accident.As you look up and out of your car, you can see that you hit a person, and that the person is not looking very good. In fact, you are sure that they are dead. You shakily get out of your car, and look around at the damage that has been caused. Several cars have been badly smashed up, but more importantly you have killed someone with your careless driving.As you are standing there in shock, a woman comes up to you, tears running down her face, and obviously very shook up. As a natural reaction, you ask her what is wrong. She gives you a funny look, and then she explains that she just ran over someone. You ask her where this person is, and she points towards the person that you ran over!You don’t understand why, but for some reason this woman thinks that she caused this accident and killed the person, when in fact you are well aware that you were the cause. Whoever accepts the blame is likely to be placed in jail for a very long time. If you let the woman take the blame, there is a very good chance you will get away with it all. However, there is also the chance that you could be placed in jail for even longer for trying to cover it up.

Mad bomber someone from the new crew is the necromancer

A madman who has threatened to explode several bombs in crowded areas has been apprehended. Unfortunately, he has already planted the bombs and they are scheduled to go off in a short time. It is possible that hundreds of people may die. The authorities cannot make him divulge the location of the bombs by conventional methods. He refuses to say anything and requests a lawyer to protect his fifth amendment right against self-incrimination. In exasperation, some high level official suggests torture. This would be illegal, of course, but the official thinks that it is nevertheless the right thing to do in this desperate situation. Do you agree? If you do, would it also be morally justifiable to torture the mad bomber’s innocent wife if that is the only way to make him talk? Why?

Painful Wife

Your wife is suffering from a debilitating disease that has put her in constant and permanent pain and agony. Finally, one day, she decides that she really wants to die. However, her condition is such that she cannot die on her own. She is begging and pleading with you to help her commit suicide. This would, of course, be illegal. What would you do?

Choice for the Cure

You and your friend are stranded on an island. Unfortunately, you are both fatally ill. It just so happens that you have an antibiotic that can cure your illness. Sadly enough, there is just enough antibiotic to save only one person. How could you and your friend choose which one of you will take the antibiotic? Do you think that either person who takes it will, or should, feel guilty for the other person dying, although if neither of you take it, you will both die?

Doctor’s Sick Patients

You are a very skilled doctor with five dying patients, each of whom needs a different organ in order to live. Unfortunately, there are no organs available to perform any of the transplants. It just so happens that you have a sixth dying patient, suffering from a fatal illness, who will die sooner than the other five if not treated. If this sixth patient dies, you will be able to use his organs to save the five other patients. However, you have a medicine you can give to this sixth patient that will cure his illness and he won’t die. Would you:a: Wait for the patient to die and then harvest his organs or

b: Save the patient even though the other patients won’t get organs.If you chose to administer the medicine, would you still do so even if the medicine will not cure the patient, but, instead, delay his death to some short term future date or time after the five patients will have died? Why?