# Summary - Session 08

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## **Story Notes**

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Seeing the immediate hostile response generated by the blights (and sensing greater danger nearby) after Weylan struck the giant wicker statue, the Party retreated from Yester Hill. Instead they struck out for the ruined village of Berez to search for the seed stolen by Baba Lysaga, the terrible witch of cursed and ancient power.

Berez sits on the banks of the Luna River and the village appeared to have long been sinking into the swampy marsh it rested on. As the Party approached the outskirts of the village, the Tome of Strahd again surfaced another cryptic message from its pages: "I had nothing left to give but my own life's blood, but it was hers to take. She would at last be my bride." They also noticed a blinking light on the far side of the river, amid a ring of standing stones. However, given the width of the river the Party chose not to attempt a crossing to investigate further.

Following the bank of the river to avoid venturing deeper into Berez, the Party found the ruins of a stately mansion. Behind the mansion was a now-untamed garden and upon searching the garden the Party was beset (and promptly dispatched) by four giant poisonous snakes. Next to the mansion was a pen of goats, the fence of which had many skulls set upon it. Upon attempting to break down the fence the skulls began screaming and screeching, and the scarecrows the Party had previously noticed scattered around the village roused themselves and began attacking the Party.

We left ourselves locked in combat with the scarecrows and Baba Lysaga, who had emerged from her hut in the center of Berez and attacked the Party from her flying giant skull.

### Admin Notes

- Forgot to show the following handouts:
  - (did they take a rest since Yester Hill? If yes, reveal) Magic Items: Treebane
  - Text Handouts: The Village of Berez
  - Monster Handouts: Scarecrow