



# Setting

The campaign is set in the kingdom of Aleron, a vast and prosperous land known for its lush forests and fertile fields. Aleron is a land of many towns and villages, each with its unique charm and character. The campaign takes place in the peaceful town of Willowbrook, nestled in the heart of Aleron.

# Story

Willowbrook has been plagued by a sudden onslaught of Hill Giants. These towering creatures have been terrorizing the town, causing chaos and destruction wherever they go. The people of Willowbrook are desperate for help, as many have lost their homes and lives to these giants.

# Objective

The objective of the scenario is for the players to defend Willowbrook from the Hill Giants and eliminate the threat they pose. They must find a way to repel the giants and restore peace to the town. The players will need to gather information, devise a strategy, and engage in combat to achieve this goal.

# Reward

Upon successfully repelling the Hill Giants and saving Willowbrook, the players will be rewarded with the gratitude of the townspeople. They will each receive a pouch containing 500 gold pieces as a token of appreciation. Additionally, the mayor of Willowbrook will offer the players a magical artifact known as the Gauntlet of Resilience.

The Gauntlet of Resilience is a sturdy, leather gauntlet that grants the wearer enhanced endurance and protection. When worn, the gauntlet increases the wearer's maximum hit points by 10, making them more resilient in combat. The gauntlet also grants advantage on saving throws against being incapacitated or exhausted. It is said that the gauntlet was crafted by the ancient order of warriors who once defended the kingdom from monstrous invaders.

The Gauntlet of Resilience can be acquired from the mayor's office in Willowbrook.

# Locations

## Willowbrook

Description: Willowbrook is a quaint, picturesque town located beside a sparkling river. The town is known for its charming cottages with thatched roofs, vibrant gardens, and a bustling marketplace. However, the recent attacks by the Hill Giants have left their mark on the once-beautiful town. Buildings are in ruins, and the streets are strewn with debris.

## Hillside Caverns

Description: The Hillside Caverns are a network of winding caves located on the outskirts of Willowbrook. It is believed that the Hill Giants have made their lair within these caverns. The caves are dark and treacherous, with stalagmites and stalactites jutting out from the floor and ceiling. The air is thick with the stench of wet earth and decay.

Items: Deep within the Hillside Caverns, hidden behind a secret wall, lies the Stone of Earth's Embrace. This small, unassuming stone radiates a faint magical aura. When held, it grants the user the ability to cast the *Pass without Trace* spell once per day.

## Town Hall

Description: The Town Hall of Willowbrook is a grand building located at the heart of the town. It serves as the administrative center and meeting place for the townspeople. The hall has a large council chamber adorned with elegant tapestries depicting the history of Willowbrook.

Items: In the basement of the Town Hall, there is a well-preserved chest containing a set of ancient scrolls. These scrolls contain forgotten rituals and spells that could be of great use to the players. The precise location of the chest is known only to the mayor.

## Forest Clearing

Description: The Forest Clearing is a serene and tranquil spot deep in the woods surrounding Willowbrook. It offers a respite from the chaos of the town and provides a secluded place for reflection. The clearing is bathed in sunlight, and colorful flowers dot the grassy ground.

Items: In the center of the Forest Clearing, there is an ancient oak tree known as the Warden's Oak. Within its hollow trunk, a small cache of healing potions can be found. These potions, when consumed, restore  $2d4+2$  hit points.

## Abandoned Tower

Description: The Abandoned Tower is an ominous structure located on the outskirts of Willowbrook. It is said to have once been the haven of a powerful wizard but now lies in ruins, covered in ivy and shrouded in mystery. The tower is tall and dilapidated, its stairs creaking as they ascend to the top.

Items: At the very top of the Abandoned Tower, hidden beneath a loose floorboard, lies the Staff of Enshrouded Shadows. This staff grants the wielder the ability to cast the *Darkness* spell once per day. The staff is carved from a rare blackwood and emanates an aura of shadowy energy.

## Challenges

### Challenge 1: The Gathering Storm

Location: Willowbrook Situation: The players learn about the Hill Giants' attacks from the terrified townspeople. The mayor requests their assistance in defending the town.

Description: The players must quickly organize the defense of Willowbrook. They can assist in fortifying the town's defenses, coordinating with the town guards, and devising a strategy to repel the Hill Giants.

### Challenge 2: Into the Hillside Caverns

Location: Hillside Caverns Situation: The players discover the lair of the Hill Giants within the Hillside Caverns.

Description: The players must navigate the treacherous caves, avoiding traps and ambushes set by the Hill Giants. They will have to face various groups of Giants and their allies, such as hobgoblins or wild beasts, as they make their way deeper into the caverns.

### Challenge 3: The Hill Giant Chieftain

Location: Hillside Caverns Situation: The players confront the Hill Giant Chieftain, the leader of the marauding Giants.

Description: The players must defeat the Hill Giant Chieftain and his bodyguards in a fierce battle. The Chieftain is armed with a massive club and possesses great strength. The players will need to work together and utilize their skills to overcome the powerful giant and end his reign of terror.

## Encounters

### Encounter 1: Ambush in Willowbrook

Description: As the players coordinate the defense of Willowbrook, they are ambushed by a group of Hill Giants and their allies.

Location: Willowbrook

NPCs:

- Hill Giant (#1): A towering brute armed with a large wooden club. They have a special ability called "Club Slam," allowing them to make two club attacks in a single turn.
- Hobgoblin Archers (#3): Armed with longbows, the Hobgoblin Archers provide ranged support for the Hill Giants.

### Final Encounter: Showdown with the Hill Giant Chieftain

Description: The players face off against the Hill Giant Chieftain and his loyal bodyguards in an epic battle.

Location: Hillside Caverns

NPCs:

- Hill Giant Chieftain: A formidable opponent, armed with a massive club and wearing crude armor. The Hill Giant Chieftain has increased hit points and stronger attacks compared to regular Hill Giants.
- Hill Giant Bodyguards (#2): These burly Hill Giants protect their Chieftain at all costs. They fight fiercely, using their brute strength to overpower their opponents.

## Follow Up Ideas

- The aftermath of the Hill Giants' attack reveals a hidden network of underground tunnels beneath Willowbrook, leading to a forgotten treasure vault. The players are hired by the townspeople to explore the tunnels and recover the ancient relics within.
- A ranger from a nearby village seeks the players' help in dealing with an infestation of monstrous beasts in the surrounding forests. The creatures pose a significant threat to both the village and the town of Willowbrook.
- A group of Hobgoblins, who were once allies of the Hill Giants, seizes the opportunity to strike at Willowbrook after the giants' defeat. The players must uncover the Hobgoblin's treacherous plot and prevent further destruction.

## NPCs

### **Mayor Tobias Greystone**

Detailed description: Mayor Greystone is a middle-aged man with a stern demeanor and graying hair. He takes his responsibilities seriously and genuinely cares for the well-being of his town.

Interactions:

- Encounter: The Gathering Storm
- Location: Town Hall
- Description: Mayor Greystone approaches the players, visibly distraught, and pleads for their help in defending Willowbrook. He recounts the devastation caused by the Hill Giants and emphasizes the urgency of the situation.

Narrative: Mayor Greystone: "Please, brave adventurers! Willowbrook is on the brink of destruction. The Hill Giants have ravaged our town, and our people are in desperate need of aid. I implore you to help us drive these monsters back and restore peace to our beloved home. We are forever in your debt."

### **Elderly Druid Janora**

Detailed description: Elderly Druid Janora is a wise and gentle woman. She is known for her affinity with nature and her deep knowledge of the forest surrounding Willowbrook.

Interactions:

- Encounter: Into the Hillside Caverns
- Location: Forest Clearing

- Description: Elderly Druid Janora shares vital information with the players about the Hillside Caverns and offers her guidance in navigating the treacherous caves.

Narrative: Elderly Druid Janora: "Greetings, brave adventurers. I sense the weight of your purpose and the burden you carry. The Hillside Caverns are home to dark creatures and treacherous trials. If you seek to face them, respect the ancient spirits that dwell within. Preserve the balance, and you may find success in your quest."

## Captain Roland Ironshield

Detailed description: Captain Ironshield is a seasoned warrior. He is fiercely loyal to the town of Willowbrook and will stop at nothing to protect its people.

Weapon: Longsword (+5 to hit, 1d8+3 slashing damage)

HP: 40

AC: 17

Interactions:

- Encounter: Ambush in Willowbrook
- Location: Willowbrook
- Description: Captain Ironshield fights alongside the players during the ambush in Willowbrook, showcasing his remarkable combat skills and unwavering determination.

Narrative: Captain Ironshield: "Fight, my friends! We shall not let the giants bring ruin to our home. Stand strong, and together, we shall prevail!"

## Rook, the Elusive Rogue

Detailed description: Rook is a young and nimble rogue. He is known for his stealthy movements and quick wit.

Weapon: Dagger (+7 to hit, 1d4+5 piercing damage)

HP: 27

AC: 15

Interactions:

- Encounter: Challenge 2: Into the Hillside Caverns
- Location: Hillside Caverns
- Description: Rook offers to guide the players through the treacherous passages of the Hillside Caverns, using his skills to navigate the dangers and ensure they remain one step ahead of the Hill Giants.

Narrative: Rook: "Hey there, heroes! Name's Rook. Heard you're headed into the Hillside Caverns. Trust me, you'll need someone like me by your side. I know these caves like the back of my hand. Stick with me, and we'll outwit those Giants before they even know what hit 'em."

## NPC Characters

- Captain Roland Ironshield



- Hill Giant Bodyguards



- **Mayor Tobias Greystone**



- Hill Giant Chieftain



- Elderly Druid Janora



## JANORA

Genes the Druid's distant ancestor he crossover on old ways with an old country of nature  
and the environment the enforcement around a place named named Willowbrook.