

GARGOYLE KEEPWHAT HAPPENED

a long time ago, but within living memory (100-300 yrs,) a Wizard named Zephos built a stone keep on an island in a swamp and declared the swamp his. By some means he had a small army of Gargoyles w/ him + various followers.

After about 10 years of relative peace, horrible creatures started coming out of the swamp to terrorize the surrounding farmlands and villages.

Zephos then sent an emissary to the ruler of the land demanding land, money & slaves as payment for the protection of the area.

The ruler (a young & brash man) said no & mustered his knights & army to attack Zephos.

After a huge battle/campaign over the surrounding countryside & thru the swamp, the attackers finally came to the keep which they laid siege to.

They finally broke in to confront Zephos in his great hall. He started a spell but a great Archer named Kalibar ^{the quick} loosed 2 arrows in quick succession which pierced Zephos' brain & heart. A statue of him now stands in the main city.

At that instant, a huge demon or elemental came rushing into the room, killing or maiming all who came in reach. The survivors panicked & fled. A man left for dead saw the demon or whatever pick Zephos' ^{body} tenderly up to carry him away.

The Ruler & many of his best men were killed in all this and soon after the land was torn w/ strife & civil war.

Now, the area around the swamp is desolate & stinking. The country harbours bandits etc. & is in sad shape, being cut up by bandit chiefs & barons.