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[4/16/19] THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF

The druid came crashing down onto the old rotting rooftop with a thunderous smash!

Rolling out of the smash landing, the druid in all her gusto sprinted off the top of the rooftop and leapt into the air. Her sword flashes in the moonlight as she bears down on the kobolds beneath her.

Before she can land though, one of the kobolds stiffens and drops dead as a fireball shoots passed it. The other gets sluggish by an arrow which pushes it back a step. Squirrel misses her target and smashes, again, into the floor. This time she does not get up.

All this commotion catches the attention of a wood elf wandering nearby, he creeps toward the temple.

Meanwhile, the party springs into action! Murmur and Kravashi rush to aid Squirrel while Pebbles and Nala moved towards the entrance of the temple to deal with the kobolds poking their heads out to examine the commotion.

Holg looks in both directions, then chucks a javelin towards the kobold standing by Squirrel then rushes towards the temple door. Holg and Pebbles charge into the temple where they are ambushed by a skunk trap left by the kobolds. Pebbles is left retching as a kobold tosses a wasp bomb into the room!

Outside, Kravashi swing her scythe through the kobold's into its clavicle, killing it as Murmur heals Squirrel. The wood elf creeps around the corner, quietly introducing himself as Vaisha and pointing out the boarded up windows before disappearing around the corner and wall jumping up onto the roof. Nala notices the windows at about the same time and rushes up then smashes into one of them.

Holg charges into the next room, two fists tightly gripped around a long sword. As she enters, she gets attacked by two kobolds guarding the door way. One stabs her, the other misses. A flying kobold tries to drop a rock on her head. She cuts through one and chases the fleeing kobold inventor down the hallway!

As Holg runs down, Pebbles rushes into the room and shuts the door on the wasps behind him. Then, immediately gets attacked by kobolds. He stabs one then belts out a thunderous bass note which kills the three kobolds around him. Holg cuts through the kobold inventor and in doing so trigger an alchemist fire trap, which smashes into to ground.

Squirrel has decided to smash through the window with all her might, throwing herself through the doorway she smashes through the window and crashes to the floor. Murmur and Kravashi follow her inside, discovering a old haggard woman gruesomely coddling Ashwin, covering him with pink salts and oils.

Kravashi rushes in, but lets out a blood curdling scream of terror as she discovers the woman is actually a Hag!

Hearing the screams from outside, Vaisha flips down through the window Nala opened then runs along the wall flipping to land beside Holg staring down the door the screams came from. At that moment, Squirrel also screams from within and they hear her tearing out of the room.

From the window sill, Murmur chances a peek into the room. However, Murmur does not find the Hag to be terrible at all. Murmur squints then mutters a dark whisper into the mind of the Hag. The Hag loses it and tries to escape out the door.

However, the door is kicked open by Holg at this moment. Upon seeing the Hag running full force towards him, Holg panics and turnabout flees as fast possible back down the hall!

The party rushes in, the Hag can barely move as she is overtaken by the attacks of the party. She makes one last desperate strike at the child. However, Pebbles stabs her through the back of her head as she does it. Her blood sprays all over the child.

The hag defeated, the party looks around. Noticing the statue of Torm, the Hand of Righteousness at the end of the room. The statue as a short inscription, "To Keep Me, You Must First Give Me".

Pebbles quickly solves the riddle, remembering the oath he saw on the wall in the previous room. He sings the oath to Torm, despite Holg's warnings, and unlocks a hidden chamber within!

Pebbles enters, alone, but Murmur follows. As she enters, skeletons wake from their resting place to defend the site! Holg quickly pulls her back out and the skeletons seem to lose interest immediately. Pebbles uncovers an amulet held in the hidden chamber.

The party decides it is time for a rest and sets up camp in the woods nearby. They awake well-rested as the late morning is rising above the tree line.

