

## Advanced Dungeons & Dragons™

### Dungeon Module # WGH3

#### Into the Howling Hills

**Background:** For years, Luz the Old has warred with the Wolf Nomads to the west of his dark kingdom. Dominion over the northern plains of the Flaness is Luz's ultimate goal, and the proud Wolf Nomads stand in his way. A recent campaign by Luz against his western neighbors initially went well for the humanoid armies raised by the Old one, but a series of setbacks turned the tide in favor of the Nomad Lord and his people.

Greatly angered by this setback, Luz has put in motion new invasion plans, with his eye on finally wiping out the Wolf Nomads in their entirety. To this end, he is slowly building another army of humanoids in the western Howling Hills – an army to be led by things more terrifying than mere humanoid creatures. To twist the knife, the humanoid troops have built stockades along the roads to Wolf Nomad sacred burial grounds in the windswept peaks of the Howling Hills, in defiance of that nation's claim to right of passage and authority over the region.

The few sorties that have been sent to the Howling Hills to displace Luz's forces have all come to naught. Returning survivors have told tales of high-impenetrable fortresses, and dark forces being marshaled in the distant peaks of the Hills.

The Fearless Wolf Leader, Bargru, Tarkhan of all the Wegwiur and commander of the Relentless Horde is wroth at the news of Luz's newest incursion. However his forces are still rebuilding from the most recent battles with the Old Man's despicable armies. But the insult committed by the Humanoids of Luz's accursed nation must be redressed. To this end, Bargru has sent word that great rewards await any who can steal in to the Howling Hills and depose whatever evil that has taken root there. Rumors tell of a stockade of Bugbears that overlooks the first road leading to the sacred peaks...

Module Background: This module was used at the HGMS-South/LRPG HURRICON 2004 convention. Although it is a "convention" module, it is one in a campaign series and can be played as such or played as a stand alone adventure or written into a different campaign entirely.

#### Notes for the Dungeon Master

**INTO THE HOWLING HILLS** has been designed for six to eight characters of moderate levels (5-8th). A well balanced party for the module should consist of at least four fighter types, a thief, cleric and one to two magic-users. Several party members should have magic weapons and/or armor, and healing potions and/or scrolls. Additionally, magic items (scrolls, wands and the like) should be available to the party as well. Pre generated characters have been provided for quick play use and are included at the end of this module. It is recommended that the DM read the module through at least once before attempting to run the game so as to be familiar with the contents herein. This will give the Dungeon Master ample time to increase or decrease the numbers of monsters, treasures, traps and the like, as well as ascertain whether or not the module can be included into an ongoing campaign, or be used in conjunction with the other modules in the series. If the latter is decided, WGH4 and WGH5 may also be obtained.

Note that no "wandering monster" table is included; if encounters outside of the stockade are desired, please consult the **DUNGEON MASTER'S GUIDE** for random, outdoor encounters. Additionally, the Bugbear enclave under ground is likewise "vermin free" (due to its relatively small size), and is not regularly patrolled. A word needs to be given on the subject of "alarms" as described in the module text in the ENCOUNTERS section: The bugbears are aware of their (potentially) tenuous position given the ferocity with which the Wolf Nomads attack any who intrude into their land holds. Thus they are always alert, ready for an incursion. Each numbered encounter area within the bugbear stronghold has some form of "alarm", usually a bronze or brass gong that can be sounded, or at the very least the cry of "Intruders!" will be raised if the party is too strong to overcome. This will bring 2-12 armed and armored bugbears (if any remain by the time a given group of bugbears is attacked) within 1d4 rounds of combat. It is recommended that the party "discover" a small, safe cave near the bugbear lair where they can rest and heal over a short period of time (as well as regain spells) before another foray into the stockade. The "downtime" will be used by the bugbears to rearm and (if so desired by the Dungeon Master) send for aid! Unless the players are very careless or being pursued directly while retiring from the dungeon, the bugbears will not immediately locate their point of ingress.

Although the encounter areas are numbered sequentially from the watch-towers down to the lower levels of the dungeon, it is recommended that the players start in the dungeon levels and work up, unless the party is very well equipped and of a high experience level.

#### START

Play begins with the adventurers on the road to the Bugbear enclave. While the road is broad and well maintained, it does wind up the side of a hill (really a small mountain) and is bordered by a steep drop to the right, and a near-insurmountable cliff wall to the left. Smoke from cook fires and so forth can be seen around the bend, further up the road, indicating the location of the Bugbear stockade. The stockade can be safely observed from a distance without the Bugbears' notice, if a reasonable amount of care is taken to avoid being seen. It should be clear to the player characters that a frontal assault on the fortress is nearly impossible as large towers equipped with scorpions (ballistae) cover the approach to the gates, and many bugbears can be seen along the palisade wall, on the look out for just such a large incursion.

#### KEY TO THE STOCKADE LEVEL

##### 1. Guard Towers.

Two stone towers stand above the ramparts. Four humanoid figures can be seen in each, as well as a crew-served siege engine. The occupants seem alert and ready for any combat.

The two guard towers serve as lookout points for any who approach unannounced around the bend. The towers house four bugbears (AC 3, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 20(x4), #AT 1, D2-8) who man the scorpion (ballistae) in each tower. Each scorpion has the range to cover the approach up the mountainside, and each bolt will inflict 2-12 points of damage per hit. If the bugbears come under attack from another direction, three crew will fire the ballista and the fourth will begin to strike a large gong to alert the stockade to the presence of intruders.

## 2. Storehouse.

A room filled with casks of water, dried meat, spear- and arrowheads, and the like. It is the supply area for the upper stockade.

## 3. Smithy and Stable.

Pack mules and horses are kept here, and a forge and anvil at the far end of the long, narrow building provides for the maintenance of weapons and armor for the guards. A huge bugbear and his assistants are at the forge currently.

The bugbear and his assistants are also a bugbear captain and bodyguards (Captain: AC 4, MV 9", HD 4, HP 30, #AT 1, D 4-12 / Bodyguards: AC 4, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 15, 16, 17, #AT 1, D2-8) are here overseeing the maintenance of armor and weapons. If intruders enter, the captain and two bodyguards will turn to fight, while the last will seize a nearby shovel and begin striking a bronze shield hanging from the wall which will function as a gong, sounding an alarm for the upper stockade. They have no treasure on their persons.

## 4. Barracks.

This is a medium-sized ramshackle hutment. Inside is a crude table, bedding and cots, a few weapons stacked in the corners and a water barrel in the middle of the room. It is obviously the resting area for the bugbears who keep watch over the stockade.

Eight bugbears are present unless an alarm has been sounded. Their stats are AC 4, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 18 (x3), 15 (x2), 14, 13, 11, #AT 1, D2-8 or by weapon type. Intruders who enter will be set upon immediately, the bugbears grabbing improvised weapons (chair legs as clubs, eating knives as daggers) or striking with their huge fists. Each bugbear carries 1-10 s.p.

## 5. Chieftain's Upper Quarters.

A small, slightly better kept hutment, this one-room shack has a trap door in one corner, a table and chair in the other, and a cot against the far wall. A small lockbox sits on the table.

The bugbear chieftain will be here (AC 3, MV 9", HD 4, HP 32, #AT 1, D4-10) if the alarm has been raised from above. The tough fellow will fight with absolute ferocity, using his fists to bludgeon intruders. If reduced to less than half its maximum hit points it will flee into the underground area to alert its fellows.

# KEY TO THE DUNGEON LEVEL

## 6. Guardroom.

Six Bugbears are sitting in this area watching the passage to the keep area. Two are engaged in a dice game, the other four are lounging on low benches. All are armed with short swords, and a weapons rack containing the guards' pikes hangs along the back wall behind the table.

Despite the bugbears' (AC 5, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 13, 18(x3), 24, 25, #AT 1, D 1-6) seemingly casual attitude towards their duty, they will be quick to act in the event of combat, unless caught totally unaware. If an alarm is raised, they will quickly turn the table over to use as a barricade and wait for intruders to approach, rearming themselves with the pikes to keep attackers at a distance. If the table is turned over, treat the bugbears as having a +4 to armor class and saving throws due to the cover given by the overturned table. The bugbears have little treasure; the 15 c.p. on the table being the only "real" money easily discovered. One of the bugbears, however, has a pouch containing 10 s.p. sewn into the hem of his tunic.

## 7. Storage Room.

Crates and barrels of common goods are jumbled into this room. It seems there is little of value here; even the foodstuffs are of poor quality. A vinegary smell emanates from one cask, indicating spoiled wine. A few bolts of cloth, probably looted from a settlement far away, sit atop another crate.

Closer inspection through the room will reveal that beneath the cask of spoiled wine, a hole some 2" deep and six inches across has been worked through the flagstone in the floor. At the bottom of the hole a leather bag rests, containing 5 gemstones worth 580 g.p., hidden here by one of the bugbear captains. A nest of four giant centipedes (AC 9, MV 15", HD 1/4, HP 2(x4), #AT 1; D nil; SA poison save at +4) rests just beneath the bag and they will attack any who disturb them.

## 8. Armory.

This room is used as the main armory for those bugbears who work and dwell beneath the keep. Weapons and armor line racks along the walls; all appear to be crude in design yet effective just the same.

The following useful items are within the room:

- 10 suits of bugbear-sized banded mail (would fit a large human)
- 4 suits of female bugbear-sized leather armor (would fit a normal human)
- 10 short swords
- 50 javelins in a barrel
- 120 arrows, in quivers
- 8 short bows
- 8 Flails
- 8 Spiked clubs
- 12 pikes
- 100 Scorpion bolts
- a Sword +2
- a Shield +1
- a dwarf-sized suit of Platemail +2

The last few items were looted during a long-ago raid into civilized areas by this particular bugbear tribe before they found employ with Iuz.

## 9. Underground Barracks.

This is a disheveled room with sleeping pallets, tables and stools. Ten bugbears are here; some are eating meat roasted over a brazier in the corner. A clay chimney carries the smoke through the upper ceiling, presumably to the outside. In the corner there is a large chest. Upon your entry, the bugbears seem unconcerned; a few even point at the cooking meat and your group and speak in a friendly tone in their native tongue!

Unless the alarm has been raised, the ten bugbears (AC 5, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 19(x3), 20(x2), 12, 14(x2), 13(x2) #AT 1, D 1-6) will all be as relaxed as noted above. They will wait for the party to enter, and then pounce, surprising on a roll of 1-3 on 1d6. The locked chest contains the guards' payroll: some 148 c.p. and 100 s.p. Each guard has 1d6 silver pieces.

## 10. Common Room.

A huge (60" x 40") room, this area apparently houses the bulk of the bugbear tribe. Over two dozen adult bugbears are here, as well as numerous bugbear young. A cook-fire burns in the chimneyed hearth. There are a few tables around the room, as well as sleeping pallets and small casks and crates are here and there throughout the room. The floor is strewn with trash - dried rushes, bits of bone from meals, scraps of hide, etc.

Twenty four male bugbears (AC 5, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 13(x8), 20(x5), 22(x2), 23(x7), 30(x1), 32(x1), #AT 1, D 1-6) and ten female bugbears (AC 7, MV 9", HD 2, HP 9(x10), #AT 1, D 2-5), and six young (AC 8, MV 9", HD 1, HP 4(x3), 2(x2), 1(x1), #AT 1, D1-4) are in this room. Each male bugbear carries 10 s.p.; the females

have no treasure, nor do the young. The various sleeping pallets and boxes, trunks and barrels contain little more than personal effects, and foodstuffs of the type in location #7 above. However, there is a small room with a secret door in the eastern wall of this room that the bugbears consider an "open secret" - neither the trolls nor the hill giants in the stockade above know of it's existence. Within is a small cache of gold (200 g.p.) a *spear +2* and three *potions of healing*. In the southeast corner there is a covered pit which leads to the "slop caves" where offal and nightsoil are disposed of. A faint reek of sewage seeps up from around the large metal covering.

#### 11. Ogre Guardposts.

Two alcoves bracket the hallway; inside are mats of straw and filthy hides. There is nothing of any apparent value here.

This is the guardpost to the donjon below. The two ogres (AC 2, MV 9", HD 4+1, HP 28, 32, #AT 1, D 1-10) are mercenaries hired by the bugbear chieftain to keep unscrupulous tribesmen from the treasure room and to prevent any prisoners kept below from making good any escape. They are very well paid - each has a large sack beneath his bedding containing 500 g.p., and the large, battered crate they use as a table between them in the hallway has a compartment containing four *potions of extra healing*. If one of the ogres wishes to use the potions it will take a full round to remove the potion from the crate and then quaff it. The ogres are totally loyal to the bugbear chieftain. They will generally ignore sounds of combat from area #10, above, unless they hear shouts of human or demihuman tongues. Then they will move forward to investigate. If the combat is going against the party they will move in to assist the bugbears; otherwise they will fall back to their "quarters" and prepare to meet the party there. If they successfully surprise the party, they will throw their large bedding furs which double as nets - the first rank of characters must *save v. paralysis* or become entangled for 2-5 rounds! The ogres will then ignore incapacitated party members and attack the second rank. On one of the ogre's belts is an iron key ring containing the keys to the donjon cells (but *not* the treasure room!)

#### 12. Gnoll Watch Area.

This dingy room is strewn with gnawed bones and scraps of leather. Six gnolls and a large humanoid are lounging here. As soon as the party enters, they spring to the attack!

These gnolls and a verbeeg are mercenaries working for the bugbears in exchange for loot and food. They range the desolate hills and its' paths and roads in search of Wolf Nomad patrols and lost travelers. They are preparing for another outing, having just returned. On a table in the corner is a partially butchered human-looking body upon which they planned to dine. The gnolls (AC 5, HD 2, HP 12, 15(x3), 16, #AT 1, D 2-8) and their verbeeg "compatriot" (AC 4, HD 5, HP 33, #AT 2, D 7-13) looted a group of pilgrims attempting to reach a shrine within the hills and robbed them of their treasure, which consists of some 210g.p. and three gems with a base value of 50g.p. each.

#### 13. Chieftain's Checkpoint.

A lowered portcullis blocks the hallway. On the other side, three bugbears stand behind a small scorpion pointed down the hall.

The chieftain ordered a small siege engine be brought down into the catacombs and manned with loyal bodyguards. The guards have fifteen bolts, and each bolt does 2-12 points of damage. It can fire once every four combat rounds. The guards statistics are: AC 4, HD 3+1, HP 18, 19, 20, #AT 1, D 1-6. A successful *bend bars/lift gates* roll is required to open the portcullis, or a combined strength of 45 may be used. Raising the gate in this fashion requires a full round.

#### 14. Chieftain's Quarters.

These are the below-ground apartments for the bugbear chieftain. A huge bear-skin rug dominates the middle of the floor. Shelves, tables and jumbles of sacks are along the walls. Crude trophies of past victories - cured heads and skins of other humanoids - decorate the mantelpiece. A battered leather scabbard with a sword in it hangs above the fireplace.

If the bugbear chieftain (see #2 above for stats) is here, he will be accompanied by at least one bugbear witch-doctor (AC 8, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 22, #AT 1, D 1-6, SA: Spell Use) with the following spells:

**first level (magic user): shield, affect normal fires**  
**first level (cleric): cure light wounds (x2), light**  
**second level (cleric): chant, resist fire, augury**  
**third level (cleric): dispel magic**

Additionally, a bugbear sub-chieftain (AC 3, MV 9", HD 4, HP 32, #AT 1, D 3-9) will also be with the chieftain. The chieftain's door has a spyhole in it, and if an alarm has been raised, the chief will watch through the door. When the party has come halfway down the hall, the chieftain will spring a trap built into the ceiling of the hall. Because the trigger mechanism is in the chieftain's quarters, the trap **cannot** be detected. The trap is a heavy, spike-laden swinging log that is attached to the roof of the hall by a chain. When triggered, the log will slam down into the first ranks of the party, doing 2-12 points of damage to the first rank and 1-8 points of damage to the second. If the chieftain and his advisors do have such advanced notice, the witch-doctor will cast **shield** on himself and crouch next to the door. When the party enters, he will attempt to employ **dispel magic** on them from the flank, in an attempt to spoil any protective spells or ruin potions and the like.

In the chimney, there is a loose brick behind which is an iron key. This key opens the treasure room (#22, below).

#### 15. Bugbear Witch-Doctor Chambers.

A smallish room, this chamber's walls are lined with shelves upon which many jars and boxes are stacked. save for the western wall. A crude mural is painted there, and a small altar is in the middle of it. The mural depicts a hideous scene of carnage and destruction, and at the center of it stands a giant bugbear surrounded by bugbear warriors. The tableau depicts a victory over humans, demihumans and various humanoid races. Along the northern wall there are three sleep mats.

These are the chambers of the Witch-Doctors. If the an alarm has been sounded, one of the witch-doctors will go to the bugbear chieftain's quarters at #14 above. The other two will stay here and prepare to treat any wounded warriors brought to the chamber. The a ltar (and mural) are dedicated to the bugbear god Hruggek. The pots and containers on the shelves contain various dried herbs and unguents, which are of little value to any but the witch-doctors. To the south is a secret door, behind which there is a small alcove which holds an iron chest. The locked iron box is trapped with a poison needle. Within this box are temple donations from the bugbear tribe totaling 103 g.p., 66 s.p., 201 c.p., and 4 small gems of 50 g.p. base value. Also within the box there is a *potion of human control*, and a *brooch of shielding* hidden there by the witch-doctors. Among the various scraps of parchment on the shelves there is a cleric's scroll containing the following spells:

**Bless, Augury, Snake Charm, Create Food and Water, Flame Strike**

The two witch-doctors (AC 5, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 18, 22, #AT 1, D1-

6 (see below), SA Spell Use) who remain will be ready for intruders. If no alarm has been raised all three will be here preparing devotions, meditating, etc. The two witch-doctors nominally here have the following spells:

#1:

**first level (magic user): Affect normal fires, identify**  
**first level (cleric): Cure light wounds (x2), Resist Fear**  
**second level (cleric): chant, detect charm**  
**third level (cleric): prayer**

#2:

**first level (magic user): identify, push**  
**first level (cleric): light, resist fear, protection from evil (good)**  
**second level (cleric): chant (x2), speak with animals**  
**third level (cleric): cure (cause) blindness**

Witch-doctor #2 has a wand of *magic missiles* with eight charges left on it, which will be employed against obvious spellcasters in the party. Witch-doctor #1 is armed with a *mace +1*. If they have time to prepare, the first witch-doctor will cast *prayer*, while the second will ready himself to cast *light* into the eyes of the strongest-looking party member. Other than the noted items they have no treasure.

#### 16. Jail-keeper's store-room.

Food, water and other sundry items are kept here by the ogres. All are foul and unfit for consumption by humans and demihumans.

There is nothing of value here, but if the crates and piles of refuse are disturbed, three large spiders (AC 8, MV 6"/15", HD 1+1, HP 6(x2), 3, #AT 1, D 1, SA Poison (save at +1)) will come from the crack in the wall to try to win a meal! Stuffed in the crack (and long forgotten) is a small pouch containing a few coins: 10 c.p., 9 s.p., 5 e.p., 6 g.p., 5 p.p.

In the room opposite the storage area is another covered pit which leads to area #22, below. Just beyond these alcoves is a pit trap, 20" deep. At the bottom of the pit are poison spikes; if the trap is not detected, the individual(s) who fall in will strike 1-6 of these spikes, each of which inflicts 1-6 points of damage (in addition to 2-12 points of damage from falling). A successful *save versus poison* will negate the effects of the spikes. The ogres know of the trap (they dug it themselves) and lead prisoners around the pit when bringing them to the donjon.

#### 17-19. Donjon Cells.

Within these cells there is little more than a heap of straw upon which recalcitrant bugbears are sleeping.

The bugbears (AC 5, MV 9", HD 3+1, HP 11, 18, 19, #AT 1, D 2-8) will not assist party members if they are freed; rather, they will attack in an attempt to win back the favor of their fellows above. They have no treasure.

#### 20. Prisoner of the Bugbears.

A human sits slumped in this cell, manacled to the wall!

The human, Trindle Arkenbagh (F7, HP 26, AC 9, S:18/21, I:9, W:11, C:14, D:12, Ch:10, AL:LN) is an adventurer and fortune-seeker who snuck into the Howling Hills with a group of hirelings some months ago to try to plunder rumored lost tombs for the treasure and artifacts therein. His band was gradually whittled away until only Trindle and two hirelings remained. His fellows deserted him and he was captured a week ago by the bugbears and is being held until such time as the humanoids decide to eat him. He will fight for his rescuers, but he has no equipment of his own.

#### 21. Treasure Room.

This room is dark and oddly shaped. Aside from a few splinters of wood, the only item here is a large iron strongbox in the middle of the floor.

The door to this room is fire-hardened, iron-banded wood with a complex lock securing it. The hinges are of a design that conceals them within the structure of the door itself, and the door may be opened either direction once the lock is sprung.

The treasure of the bugbear chieftain is within the box. The strongbox itself is trapped in four ingenious ways. Firstly, if the box itself is moved from where it sits (on a pressure plate) a 10"x10" stone will fall from the ceiling and instantly kill whoever is directly in front of the box. There is a hole in the middle of the stone which will prevent the strongbox from being crushed. The box's lid is trapped with a scything blade trap which will strike for 3-8 points of damage (1d6+2). Finally the lock itself is trapped with a vial of *fear* gas. A successful *save versus poison* negates the effect (the gas will in a single round billow out to fill the entire chamber, and will not dissipate for one hour (six turns). Finally, a *magic mouth* spell has been cast upon the inside of the lid, and if anyone but the bugbear chief opens the chest the mouth will begin to scream (in bugbear) "ALARM!" The voice will only carry as far as the Ogre guardpost; while they do not know what the voice is saying they have been ordered to rush to the treasure room as soon as it sounds.

Within the coffer are the following items:

2880 e.p.

333 g.p.

8 gems with a total value of 1650 g.p.

Four gold and platinum jewel encrusted bracelets with a total value of 13,400 g.p.

A suit of human-sized *leather armor +1*

A map of the region of the Howling Hills, indicating another fortress further up the pass, and a crude drawing of a skull and crossbones on the other side of an indicated river chasm.

There is a false bottom within the chest, and underneath that are two *potions of extra-healing* packed in sawdust to prevent breakage. Only careful inspection will reveal the presence of a false bottom.

#### 22. Stinking Pit.

The air in this room is foul and stale. The reek permeates everything. Aside from heaps of trash there is nothing of interest in this room.

This room is the garbage dump for the entire bugbear clan, and is only reachable from the two shafts above or through the natural caves nearby. In the middle of the room, half submerged in garbage and filth, is an otyugh (AC 3, HD 8, HP 51, #AT 3, D 1-8(x2), 2-5, SA: Disease, SD: Never surprised). It is a voracious eater and will attack anything that wanders near it. No sounds of combat will bring the bugbears to this level at all.

#### 23. Carrion Crawler Lair.

Another dismal cavern. Dry, shuffling sounds can be heard in the rear of this room which slopes downward towards the rear.

This small cavern contains four carrion crawlers (AC 3/7, MV 12", HD 3+1, HP 14, 19, 20, 21, #AT 8, D Nil, SA Paralysis). In the far corner of the cave there is a limed over skeleton of a long-dead elven adventurer. All of his gear is rotted away, save a *spear +2*. It is an intelligent weapon with the following attributes: AL: Lawful Good, Empathy, *detect invisible 10" radius*, *detect gems (kind & number) 5" radius*, IQ 13, Ego 4. It is called Long Striker and will not permit itself to be handled by any other than a Lawful Good

character. It has been trapped in this cave for so long it has forgotten any details of other areas within the complex.

#### 24. Cavern of the Vermin War.

This large cavern is filled with screeches, chirps and hisses. Even without light sources it is obvious that there is a great amount of activity within the cave.

This huge cave is home to two battling groups of creatures, 22 giant rats (AC 7, MV 12"/6", HD 1/2, HP 4(x14), 3(x2), 2 (x6), #AT 1, D1-3, SA: Disease) and a flock of stirges (AC 8, MV 3"/18", HD 1+1, HP 9 (x4), 4(x4), 3(x3), 8(x4), 6(x2), #AT 1, D 1-3, SA: Drain blood for 1-4 per round until 12 hits drained) vying for food. A light source, or noise brought into the cave will cause them to stop attacking each other and swarm onto any intruders, as they are voracious. A rotted leather bag in one corner of the cavern contains 4 gems totaling 1200 g.p. value. The bag is small and colored the same as the floor and only a careful search will reveal its whereabouts.

#### 25. Piercer Run.

Stalactites hang down from the high ceiling of this long hallway

Eleven piercers (AC 3, MV 1", HD 4, HP 22(x4), 24(x2), 20(x3), 16, 15 #AT 1, D 4-24, SA: 95% chance to surprise) hang from the vaulting ceiling of this hallway. Like the rats and stirges they are voracious and will not hesitate to drop onto any who walk under them.

#### 26. Cliff Opening.

A few bleached bones and bits of detritus are scattered in this low opening. It is well below the wall of the stockade above. A trickle of foul water runs down the cave entrance and cliff walls.

Deep within the shadows of this area, a small patch of yellow mold (AC 9, MV 0", HD 0, #AT 1, D1-8, SA: Release Spores) grows in a corner of the cavern entrance where light never strikes it.

THIS CONCLUDES DUNGEON MODULE WGH3 INTO THE HOWLING HILLS.

#### PRE-GENERATED CHARACTERS:

NAME:BIRCHLIMB

CLASS:THIEF  
RACE:HALFLING (TALLFELLOW)  
SEX:FEMALE  
LEVEL:6  
HIT POINTS:25  
ALIGNMENT:NEUTRAL GOOD

STR [ 10 ] TO HIT:+0 DAMAGE:+0  
INT [ 12 ]  
WIS [ 08 ] MAGICAL ATTACK ADJ:+0  
DEX [ 17 ] REACT/ATTACK:+2 DEFENSE:-3  
CON [ 14 ] HITS:+0 SYS:88% RES:92%  
CHA [ 10 ] REACTION ADJ:+0%

HEIGHT:2'9" MOVEMENT BASE:12"(12")  
WEIGHT:45LB CARRYING CAPACITY:500GP  
THACO:19 ARMOR CLASS:5(8)  
LANGUAGES:COMMON, NEUTRAL GOOD, THIEVES CANT,  
DWARVISH, ELVISH, GNOME, GOBLIN,  
HALFLING, ORCISH

SPECIAL:  
3 X DAMAGE WITH BACKSTAB  
DETERMINE GRADE OR SLOPE 75%  
DETERMINE DIRECTION 50%  
SURPRISE ON 4 IN 6 IF UNARMORED

+4 ON SAVING THROWS VS. RODS, STAVES, WANDS, SPELLS, AND POISONS

INFRAVISION 30'

THIEVING SKILLS:

PICK POCKETS:65% OPEN LOCKS:62%  
FIND TRAPS:50% MOVE SILENTLY:62%  
HIDE/SHADOWS:57% HEAR NOISE:25%  
CLIMB WALLS:77% READ LANGUAGES:25%

SAVING THROWS:

PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:12  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:11  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:12  
BREATH WEAPON:15  
SPELL:13

PROFICIENT WEAPONS: DAGGER, DARTS, SLING

ARMOR WORN:LEATHER ARMOR

EQUIPMENT:DAGGER, SLING, DARTS, LEATHER ARMOR, THIEVES PICKS & TOOLS, LEATHER BACKPACK, WATERSKIN, CLOAK, RATIONS, LEATHER BOOTS, BEDROLL, TINDER BOX, POCKET KNIFE, GRAPNEL, 10' POLE, BANDAGES, LANTERN, OIL FLASK

NAME:ELSPETH

CLASS:PALADIN  
RACE:HUMAN  
SEX:FEMALE  
LEVEL:4  
HIT POINTS:34  
ALIGNMENT:LAWFUL GOOD

STR [ 14 ] TO HIT:+0 DAMAGE:+0  
INT [ 09 ]  
WIS [ 13 ] MAGICAL ATTACK ADJ:+0  
DEX [ 13 ] REACT/ATTACK:+0 DEFENSE:+0  
CON [ 12 ] HITS:+0 SYS:80% RES:85%  
CHA [ 17 ] REACTION ADJ:+30%

HEIGHT:5'6" MOVEMENT BASE:12"(6")  
WEIGHT:130LB CARRYING CAPACITY:700GP  
THACO:18 ARMOR CLASS:3(4)

LANGUAGES:COMMON, LAWFUL GOOD, HALFLING

SPECIAL:  
DETECT EVIL, 60' RANGE  
+2 ON ALL SAVING THROWS  
IMMUNITY TO ALL FORMS OF DISEASE  
PROTECTION FROM EVIL 10' RADIUS  
CURE 1 DISEASES/WEEK  
LAY ON HANDS FOR 8 HP  
TURN UNDEAD AS LVL 2 CLERIC  
SPECIAL WARHORSE

TURN UNDEAD: SKELETON:7, ZOMBIE:10, GHOUL:13, SHADOW:16,  
WIGHT:19, GHAIST:20

SAVING THROWS:

PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:13  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:14  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:15  
BREATH WEAPON:16  
PROFICIENT WEAPONS:LANCE, LONGSWORD, SPEAR,  
BROADSWORD

ARMOR WORN:BANDED MAIL, SHIELD

EQUIPMENT:LANCE, BOW, QUIVER, 20 ARROWS, BANDED MAIL,  
SPELL COMPONENTS, LEATHER

BACKPACK, WATERSKIN, CLOAK, RATIONS, LEATHER BOOTS,  
BEDROLL, SHIELD, 10' POLE,  
POCKET KNIFE, LANTERN, OIL FLASK, BANDAGES, BELT POUCH

NAME:TALINA

CLASS:FIGHTER  
RACE:HUMAN  
SEX:FEMALE  
LEVEL:5  
HIT POINTS:41  
ALIGNMENT:LAWFUL GOOD

STR [ 17 ] TO HIT:+1 DAMAGE:+1  
INT [ 11 ]  
WIS [ 09 ] MAGICAL ATTACK ADJ:+0  
DEX [ 10 ] REACT/ATTACK:+0 DEFENSE:+0  
CON [ 08 ] HITS:+0 SYS:60% RES:65%  
CHA [ 13 ] REACTION ADJ:+5%

HEIGHT:5'4" MOVEMENT BASE:12"(9")  
WEIGHT:109LB CARRYING CAPACITY:1000GP  
THACO:15 ARMOR CLASS:5(6)

LANGUAGES:COMMON, LAWFUL GOOD, GNOME, SPRITE

SAVING THROWS:  
PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:11  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:12  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:13  
BREATH WEAPON:13  
SPELL:14

PROFICIENT WEAPONS:BOW, BATTLE AXE, TRIDENT, DAGGER,  
SHORTSWORD

ARMOR WORN:SCALE MAIL, SHIELD

EQUIPMENT:BOW, BATTLE AXE, CHAIN MAIL, LEATHER BACKPACK,  
WATERSKIN, CLOAK,  
RATIONS, LEATHER BOOTS, BEDROLL, SHIELD, TORCH, POCKET  
KNIFE, MIRROR, WOODEN  
MALLET & STAKES, COIL OF ROPE

NAME:UNDARAN

CLASS:FIGHTER  
RACE:ELF  
SEX:MALE  
LEVEL:5  
HIT POINTS:38  
ALIGNMENT:NEUTRAL GOOD

STR [ 16 ] TO HIT:+0 DAMAGE:+1  
INT [ 10 ]  
WIS [ 12 ] MAGICAL ATTACK ADJ:+0  
DEX [ 16 ] REACT/ATTACK:+1 DEFENSE:-2  
CON [ 08 ] HITS:+0 SYS:60% RES:65%  
CHA [ 14 ] REACTION ADJ:+10%

HEIGHT:4'11" MOVEMENT BASE:12"(6")  
WEIGHT:100LB CARRYING CAPACITY:850GP  
THACO:16 ARMOR CLASS:5(7)

LANGUAGES:COMMON, NEUTRAL GOOD, ELVISH, GNOLL,  
HALFLING, GOBLIN, HOBGOBLIN,  
ORCISH, GNOLL, UNDERCOMMON, SILENT TONGUE

SPECIAL:

90% RESISTANCE TO SLEEP/CHARM SPELLS  
+1 TO HIT WITH BOW AND SWORD  
INFRAVISION 60'  
DETECT SECRET DOORS ON A 2 IN 6  
DETECT CONCEALED DOORS ON A 3 IN 6  
SURPRISE ON 4 IN 6 IF UNARMORED  
SAVING THROWS:  
PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:11  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:12  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:13  
BREATH WEAPON:13  
SPELL:14

PROFICIENT WEAPONS:MORNING STAR, SPEAR, BOW,  
SHORTSWORD, BROADSWORD

ARMOR WORN:RING MAIL, SHIELD

EQUIPMENT:SPEAR, LONGSWORD, PLATE MAIL, LEATHER  
BACKPACK, WATERSKIN, CLOAK, RATIONS, LEATHER BOOTS,  
BEDROLL, SHIELD, BELT POUCH, NEEDLE & THREAD, BANDAGES,  
TORCH, TINDER BOX

NAME:KREMM

CLASS:FIGHTER  
RACE:DWARF  
SEX:MALE  
LEVEL:5  
HIT POINTS:35  
ALIGNMENT:LAWFUL GOOD

STR [ 15 ] TO HIT:+0 DAMAGE:+0  
INT [ 13 ]  
WIS [ 10 ] MAGICAL ATTACK ADJ:+0  
DEX [ 09 ] REACT/ATTACK:+0 DEFENSE:+0  
CON [ 14 ] HITS:+0 SYS:88% RES:92%  
CHA [ 11 ] REACTION ADJ:+0%

HEIGHT:3'11" MOVEMENT BASE:12"(9")  
WEIGHT:169LB CARRYING CAPACITY:700GP  
THACO:16 ARMOR CLASS:6(7)

LANGUAGES:COMMON, LAWFUL GOOD, DWARVISH, GNOME,  
GOBLIN, KOBOLD, ORCISH, SHEDU,  
HALFLING

SPECIAL:  
INFRAVISION 60'  
DETECT SLOPE 75%  
DETECT NEW CONSTRUCTION 75%  
DETECT SLIDING WALLS 66%  
DETECT STONEWORK TRAPS 50%  
+1 TO HIT HALF-ORCS/GOBLINS/HOBGOBLINS/ORCS  
-4 ON AC VS. GIANT MONSTERS  
+4 ON SAVING THROWS VS. RODS, STAVES, WANDS, SPELLS, AND  
POISONS

SAVING THROWS:  
PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:11  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:12  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:13  
BREATH WEAPON:13  
SPELL:14

PROFICIENT WEAPONS:BROADSWORD, BATTLE AXE, TRIDENT,  
DAGGER, SHORTSWORD

ARMOR WORN:CHAIN MAIL, SHIELD

EQUIPMENT:LONGSWORD, BOW, QUIVER, 20 ARROWS, RING  
MAIL, LEATHER BACKPACK, WATERSKIN, CLOAK, RATIONS,

LEATHER BOOTS, BEDROLL, SHIELD, TORCH, COIL OF ROPE,  
TINDER BOX, LANTERN, OIL FLASK, GRAPNEL

NAME:QUINCY

CLASS:CLERIC  
RACE:HUMAN  
SEX:MALE  
LEVEL:5  
HIT POINTS:23  
ALIGNMENT:LAWFUL GOOD

STR [ 15 ] TO HIT:+0 DAMAGE:+0  
INT [ 08 ]  
WIS [ 15 ] MAGICAL ATTACK ADJ:+1  
DEX [ 17 ] REACT/ATTACK:+2 DEFENSE:-3  
CON [ 11 ] HITS:+0 SYS:75% RES:80%  
CHA [ 07 ] REACTION ADJ:-5%

HEIGHT:5'10" MOVEMENT BASE:12"(9")  
WEIGHT:154LB CARRYING CAPACITY:700GP  
THACO:18 ARMOR CLASS:2(6)  
LANGUAGES:COMMON, LAWFUL GOOD, TROLL

SPECIAL:  
CAN'T USE EDGED WEAPONS  
TURN UNDEAD

SPELLS:  
CLERICAL SPELLS: 5 4 1

TURN UNDEAD: SKELETON:T, ZOMBIE:T, GHOUL:T, SHADOW:4,  
WIGHT:7, GHAIST:10, WRAITH:13, MUMMY:16, SPECTRE:20

SAVING THROWS:  
PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:9  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:12  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:13  
BREATH WEAPON:15  
SPELL:14

PROFICIENT WEAPONS:STAFF, CLUB, MACE

ARMOR WORN:SCALE MAIL, SHIELD

EQUIPMENT:CLUB, STAFF, SCALE MAIL, SPELL COMPONENTS, HOLY  
SYMBOL(SILVER), LEATHER BACKPACK, WATERSKIN, CLOAK,  
RATIONS, LEATHER BOOTS, BEDROLL, SHIELD, BELT POUCH, NEEDLE  
& THREAD, BANDAGES, MIRROR, TORCH

NAME:NIRACAS

CLASS:MAGIC-USER  
RACE:ELF  
SEX:MALE  
LEVEL:5  
HIT POINTS:13  
ALIGNMENT:LAWFUL GOOD

STR [ 10 ] TO HIT:+0 DAMAGE:+0  
INT [ 17 ] SPELLS:75% MIN:8 MAX:14  
WIS [ 17 ] MAGICAL ATTACK ADJ:+3  
DEX [ 15 ] REACT/ATTACK:+0 DEFENSE:-1  
CON [ 07 ] HITS:+0 SYS:55% RES:60%  
CHA [ 13 ] REACTION ADJ:+5%

HEIGHT:5'0" MOVEMENT BASE:12"(12")  
WEIGHT:100LB CARRYING CAPACITY:500GP  
THACO:20 ARMOR CLASS:9(10)

LANGUAGES:COMMON, LAWFUL GOOD, ELVISH, GNOLL,  
HALFLING, GOBLIN, HOBGOBLIN, ORCISH, GNOLL,  
UNDERCOMMON, SILENT TONGUE, SPIRIT NAGA, BRONZE  
DRAGON

SPECIAL:  
90% RESISTANCE TO SLEEP/CHARM SPELLS  
+1 TO HIT WITH BOW AND SWORD  
INFRAVISION 60'  
DETECT SECRET DOORS ON A 2 IN 6  
DETECT CONCEALED DOORS ON A 3 IN 6  
SURPRISE ON 4 IN 6 IF UNARMORED

SPELLS:  
MAGIC-USER SPELLS: 4 2 1

SPELLBOOK:

LEVEL 1: BURNING HANDS, DETECT MAGIC, ERASE, FEATHER FALL,  
FIND FAMILIAR, HOLD PORTAL, NYSTUL'S MAGIC AURA, PUSH,  
READ MAGIC, SHIELD, SLEEP, SPIDER CLIMB, VENTRILOQUISM,  
WRITE

LEVEL 2: CONTINUAL LIGHT, DARKNESS 15' RADIUS, DETECT EVIL,  
INVISIBILITY, LEVITATE, MAGIC MOUTH, RAY OF ENFEEBLEMENT,  
ROPE TRICK, STRENGTH, WEB, WIZARD LOCK

LEVEL 3: FLY, PROTECTION FROM EVIL 10' RADIUS, TONGUES,  
FIREBALL, LIGHTNING BOLT

LEVEL 4: ICE STORM

LEVEL 6: GEAS

SAVING THROWS:  
PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:14  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:13  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:11  
BREATH WEAPON:15  
SPELL:12

PROFICIENT WEAPONS:DARTS

ARMOR WORN:ROBE

EQUIPMENT:DARTS, ROBE, SPELL COMPONENTS, SPELLBOOK,  
LEATHER BACKPACK, WATERSKIN, CLOAK, RATIONS, LEATHER  
BOOTS, BEDROLL, LANTERN, OIL FLASK, TINDER BOX, BELT POUCH,  
POCKET KNIFE, GRAPNEL

NAME:ANDARA

CLASS:FIGHTER/MAGIC-USER  
RACE:HALF-ELF  
SEX:FEMALE  
LEVEL:4/4  
HIT POINTS:22  
ALIGNMENT:LAWFUL GOOD

STR [ 17 ] TO HIT:+1 DAMAGE:+1  
INT [ 09 ] SPELLS:35% MIN:4 MAX:6  
WIS [ 13 ] MAGICAL ATTACK ADJ:+0  
DEX [ 12 ] REACT/ATTACK:+0 DEFENSE:+0  
CON [ 09 ] HITS:+0 SYS:65% RES:70%  
CHA [ 08 ] REACTION ADJ:+0%

HEIGHT:5'2" MOVEMENT BASE:12"(9")  
WEIGHT:100LB CARRYING CAPACITY:1000GP  
THACO:17 ARMOR CLASS:4(5)

LANGUAGES:COMMON, LAWFUL GOOD, ELVISH, GNOME,  
HALFLING, GOBLIN, HOBGOBLIN, ORCISH, GNOLL

**SPECIAL:**

30% RESISTANCE TO SLEEP/CHARM SPELLS  
INFRAVISION 60'  
DETECT SECRET DOORS ON A 2 IN 6  
DETECT CONCEALED DOORS ON A 3 IN 6

**SPELLS:**

MAGIC-USER SPELLS: 3 2

**SPELLBOOK:**

LEVEL 1:AFFECT NORMAL FIRES, COMPREHEND LANGUAGES,  
DETECT MAGIC, IDENTIFY,  
READ MAGIC, SPIDER CLIMB, VENTRILOQUISM

LEVEL 2:DETECT EVIL, MIRROR IMAGE, SCARE, STRENGTH, WEB

**SAVING THROWS:**

PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:13  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:13  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:11  
BREATH WEAPON:15  
SPELL:12

PROFICIENT WEAPONS:STAFF, LANCE, TRIDENT, SPEAR, BATTLE AXE

WEAPON IN HAND:LANCE (3-9+1)

ARMOR WORN:CHAIN MAIL, SHIELD

EQUIPMENT:LANCE, STAFF, CHAIN MAIL, SPELL COMPONENTS,  
SPELLBOOK, LEATHER BACKPACK, WATERSKIN, CLOAK, RATIONS,  
LEATHER BOOTS, BEDROLL, SHIELD, SACK,SAVING THROWS:  
PARALYZE, POISON OR DEATH MAGIC:13  
PETRIFY OR POLYMORPH:13  
ROD, STAFF OR WAND:11  
BREATH WEAPON:15  
SPELL:12

PROFICIENT WEAPONS:STAFF, LANCE, TRIDENT, SPEAR, BATTLE AXE

WEAPON IN HAND:LANCE (3-9+1)

ARMOR WORN:CHAIN MAIL, SHIELD

EQUIPMENT:LANCE, STAFF, CHAIN MAIL, SPELL COMPONENTS,  
SPELLBOOK, LEATHER BACKPACK, WATERSKIN, CLOAK, RATIONS,  
LEATHER BOOTS, BEDROLL, SHIELD, SACK

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