To Rob a Witch

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Yggdrasil, the world ash

The roots of Yggdrasil reach down to Niflheim. Beware of apathy & despair! It is the realm of the old and the sick.

Take along silver weapons!

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The mist gets colder, a pool stretches before you, a sea of liquid nitrogen fog. As you push on, leumes wimper and cry left and right. Finally, the ground rises. The Island of Black Trees!

To the Freya temple.

You make your way to the Freya temple.

You have a treasure map that leads to the lair of Kurmatesha, a witch of Hel. Find the second root of Yggdrasil, follow the frozen river to the Island of Black Trees in the Sea of Fog. There you shall find her greatest treasure, the Horn of the Ravens, stolen from a high priest of Odin oh so many years ago.

The sculpture is a huge marble snake bisecting the park.

The dragon gnawing at the roots of Yggdrasil, poisoning it.

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Gray Waste

hoarfrost covering the grey grass

the mist drifting past, dogs baying

Hades Hounds (3)

+1 fire breath

only hurt by magic

Walking Birds (4)

+2 sharp beaks

big hands and no wings

twice as big as any man

calling each other

Without a guide, you can follow the little streams down to the marches of the walking birds.

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If you buy the map:

“Take this extremely dense map. Go to the abandoned copper mine of Kur. Look at the map and say ‘this is hopeless’ as you pass through.”

Whoops!

A group of devil soldiers cuts you off from the portal.

Devil Soldiers (10)

+1 devils only hurt by magic and silver

winged and armed with spears

much later... shooting!

Red rubble, pink sky. Constant rumbling.

“I’m shooting devils in hell because I forgot all about friends and family in pursuit of devil shooting back when I was alive.”

Blasted Hell

Giant snake

+1 strangling
too big to be good at sneaking

Giant Squirrels (2)

+1 bite
excellent climbers

Giant Eagle

+3 talons and beak

carry away small victims and carries them away on a difference of 5-

(Finding victims if they are dropped in the void is a whole new adventure.)

Sneaking past the dragon

while the dragon is asleep and you sneak past, keeping your distance: +0 to wake

Malborn is also sneaking past the dragon. He will gladly lead the party to a nameless village he often trades with.

Malborn

+1 silk merchant

an honest man

a sharp eye

tall tale

Leather armour, short sword

even cloak +2 for hiding

even boots + 2 for sneaking

a big backpack full of colourfull silks

some gold and silver in a pouch

Defending the village is hard. Think 7 Samurai.

What he doesn’t know: his plans have been betrayed and now there are trolls and wolves on his trail! Soon enough, the wolves start howling as they pick up his trail.

Wolves (3)

+0 but tough

glum

tired

When Malborn arrives, the villagers gather around, call each other and their eyes light up. When he unpacks his colorful silk, there is joyful shouting as the colors undo some if the despair and apathy that spreads when all is grey and gloomy.

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Trolls (5)

+3 smash

as strong as the earth

friendly with wolves

battling with the trolls is going to be hard – and long! – because

A flight with the trolls is going to be hard - and long! - because

There is no happy ending – it already happened.

Souls end up here because they were cowards.

Invaluable Village

Wooden palisade in the mist. All is grey and quiet.

Voices are subdued. A lot of logg takes place.

Anja

+2 priestess of a weak temple helps the poor

If you befriend her: “Njal is a priest that knows the world ash Yggdrasil!”

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