

## H.A.L.L.O.W.ed Knights Adventure Journal

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Game World Date: Jularva 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

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After dropping Fetig off two hours outside of town (giving him a full day's walk back) I pushed the chair to full speed and we put in a half day of travel. Before stopping for camp, around 16:00 we came across two humanoids on the side of the road with a crude sign written in Common, Orcish, and Dwarven stating "LemOnAid 4 SaLE". The party decided they weren't interested in lemonade so I pushed on. Arco told me after we set up camp at 21:00 that he was pretty certain those two humanoids were child giants. Considering their voices sounded childlike to all of us when we passed and they called out in common, mixed with their heights being that of an adult human, I'm glad we kept moving.

Around 03:00 of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Jularva as Azura and I were on watch I noticed something moving out in the grass to the North of our camp; and as soon as I did Azura's dragon plate roared and woke the party. I noticed the things moving towards us were giant spiders and called out that fact to everyone else. Arco raised his arm and a massive fireball exploded in the middle of the group which allowed us all to see them for what they really were. Desert tarantulas. The last time we faced them we found out how hard they were to kill, and it seems we were going to have a second shot. As the fireball lit up the night Scott sat up and launched his Javelin of Chain Lightning. As soon as the fireball died down the chain lightning started up and ricocheted between the tarantulas and two of them dropped. We were still left with seven tarantulas to face but that didn't stop Arco from yelling out to Scott "That was an amazing light show!" We started facing off with them in melee combat as they rushed us and slowly we started whittling them down while they took big chunks out of us and Harka hid beneath the cart.

Julianne rushed in to help beat on one of the spiders and bring it down as Arco launched a lightning bolt towards four of the tarantulas. As soon as he did Bamf! And the tarantulas had teleported out of the range of the lightning bolt. I found one behind me, Scott had one land on him, Arco likewise found himself with a shadow and the last tarantula appeared in the rocks to the south of us and scampered off into the darkness. My shadow knocked me down and took a big bite out of me. I felt its poison rushing through my veins like a fire that died out quickly and briefly wondered what effects it might have on a weaker immune system. I took my chance to tumble out from underneath the tarantula and stab it with my thirsty dagger to try and balance out the hard hits these things dish out.

The tarantula behind Arco pinned him to the cart with a heavy hit causing him to squeal like a stuck pig (though not nearly so loud as when I took the second hit from the tarantula behind me). I took a full attack against my tarantula as Azura charged the tarantula by Scott and Julianne, squashing it like a bug. Scott turned around and helped me finish my tarantula off as Julianne charged the last tarantula. When she got there though the final tarantula Bamf!ed into the rocks past our field of view and we heard it scramble off into the night. Everyone gathered around Azura for a healing pow wow after which Scott cleared up the rest of our wounds. We finished off the night after that without further incident.

05:00 on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Jularva everyone went through their morning routines and Arco requested the party wait an extra hour while he tried to collect the venom from the tarantula corpses we had. At the end of that hour I noticed Arco vomiting and staggering around. I turned to Scott and asked if Arco normally vomits after dealing with bodies and we all went over to figure out how he got poisoned and what the effects were. Azura figured out that Arco had 12 hours to live. Enola came forward and tagged Arco with a Resist Poison spell, and prepared her second spell for a noon hit, extending Arco's hourglass to 22 hours. The party finished loading up into the cart and Azura was saddled to the stool. The plan became push through to town by 11pm instead of heading back to Parlonis and convince a

priest to see us before Arco dies at dawn.

At 09:00 the cart rolled up to a dry gulch with a small bridge over it and a wooden bar painted red and white barricading the way. A Half-Elven man wearing a poufy shirt, shiny black boots, and a feathered hat jumped out from behind a rock on the other side of the gulch and cried "A-hah! Stop! Who goes there! Stop I say!" Hoo cried out "Keep going, we don't have time for this, he'll move!" but Azura pulled the cart to a stop at the edge of the bridge, not wanting to take a wooden beam to his face and risk getting knocked over. Arco cried out at the man, "I've been poisoned, get out of our way!"

"Ah, now I'd be happy to get out of the way, if one of you can defeat me in a duel. If I win then you pay an insignificant fine and move on your way." Julianne hopped down out of the cart, claiming that this wouldn't take long. As she got up to the bar Hoo hopped down from his flying carpet and ran forward, raising the bar by hand. At this point Julianne and the man started exchanging blows and Enola called out that someone was behind Julianne. I hopped off the cart and tried to strike at the area behind Julianne but couldn't find anything. Azura followed suit and struck into the space behind Julianne three times, not finding anything either which we told Enola. The Half-Elf looked at Julianne after catching her in the chest with the point of his sword "I have beaten you. Note that had I been trying, you would be dead. I offer you the chance to surrender." Julianne swung at him with the flat of her blade in frustration and he knocked it aside, seemingly without effort.

Frustrated with us Enola stood up and fired into the space behind Julianne and hit a female Half Elf who screamed "Don't kill me I surrender!" and dropped her invisibility. Enola sat down again with an "I told you someone was there". "I defeated you in fair combat, but we surrender on the grounds of your catching us performing a dastardly deed." Scott walked up and healed the female as I demanded everything they stole plus 100 gold to let us walk away. As we started trying to interrogate them Julianne was handed back her backpack with the corpse in it. They had started suggesting that they'd give us the 100 gold I asked for and let us go on our way when Hoo unleashed a flurry of attacks on the male Half-Elf. He proceeded to drop his sword saying "I told you we surrender." Scott shoved past Hoo yelling "All Attacks Will Stop Now!" and casting a heal on the man as Julianne kicked his sword into the gulch. The party was stunned and in the commotion after the un-provoked attack on the man who had surrendered to us we just decided to move on with the vague warning that there was something dangerous between us and town. Another few hours later, as Arco was approaching the time where he would need another hit from Enola the party came upon the afore-warned danger and Azura's chest roared.