



200 DARK FANTASY *odd situations*



- Encounters -



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[1] In a forest

1 A cursed tree, shaped like a cross,
where are periodically crucified
criminals.

2 Skinned bodies hanging upside
down from the branches of a tree.

3 Fresh sheep heads impaled on
spears, remains of an occult
ceremony.

4 An engraved fox skull is attached
to a tree, warning travellers they
are entering pagan territory.

5 The remains of a newborn fawn
dead of suffocation, its head
trapped in its mother's placenta.

6 A tree looking like a human face.
It is said to talk to virgins at
night, teaching them the secrets
of the magic arts.

7 A stone altar where a fair skinned
and blond maiden is lying,
unconscious and seemingly alone.

8 A creature with the body of a
man and the head of a goat is
lurking in this part of the woods.

9 This once beautiful waterfall has
now its waters tainted with blood
as a curse cast by a witch.

10 A gigantic metallic idol shaped
like a boar is used by a cult to
sacrifice their victims in fire.

11 A woman covered in mud, only
wearing a loin cloth and deer
antlers is chased by soldiers.

12 After consuming human flesh,

this tribesman is twisting and
shaking on the ground, slowly
transforming into a wendigo.

13 Druids are erecting a menhir,
covered in symbols representing
the principles of their grove.

14 A village built in the trees, whose
inhabitants welcome strangers
with poisoned arrows and spears.

15 Members of a witches' coven are
dancing and hallucinating
because of the drugs covering the
brooms they are riding naked.

16 Pigs dressed as people, hung on a
gibbet, after they were accused of
eating small children.

17 An abnormal number of crows
are circling around a cottage in
the darkest part of the woods.

18 White symbols drawn on the
ground show that this place is an
area of power for pagans.

19 A tree, which cork has been
removed, is carved like a totem to
honour some god of nature.

20 Mischievous little spirits of the
wood have stolen something very
important for the fate of the
kingdom.

[2] In a village

1 Presumed witches are going to be
burnt alive at the stake because of
the testimony of jealous wives.

2 Maiden-at-arms are protecting
this village since all their

husbands are dead or missing.

3 At night, adorers of the demon
are initiating new members,
these ones have to show their
hatred to all things holy.

4 Inverted crosses are burning, as
the rest of the village, after a raid
of heretics.

5 The bodies of plague victims are
piled up on the center of the
square to be burned, while the
religious officials are looking for
a scapegoat.

6 Chained tribesmen are escorted
through the village before they
are sent to various towns to be
“civilized”.

7 Some priests are selling
indulgences to naive villagers
after scaring them during their
sermon.

8 This village is one of the last to
practice the ancient religion, and
it seems they really don't want to
be converted.

9 While the villagers are preparing
a festival, bandits are planning a
surprise attack.

10 At night, infernal cries and
whiplash can be heard coming
from the village well.

11 One house and its owner were
burned when she was accused of
fornicating with the Demon.

12 A possessed person is knocking
out the city guards one by one

due to their unnatural strength.

13 Seen from the sky, the important
buildings of this village are
forming a pentagram.

14 This village is built around a
gigantic statue dedicated to a
terrifying pagan god.

15 Inquisitors are ransacking a
house and confiscating anything
remotely deemed unholy.

16 People living here are now
nothing more than shadows of
what they were once.

17 Due to a curse, the village is
eternally covered in snow and
nothing much grows in the fields.

18 Since a stranger all dressed in
black came to the village, all kind
of bad events started to happen.

19 The brothel seems to host the
worst perversions and be the
source of a syphilis outbreak.

20 The village has no lord as the last
one died of an unknown illness,
since then, peasants started to
prepare to fight for their liberty.

[3] In a cave

1 A beast raised and made mad by
the hand of men is living in this
cave, preying on the travellers.

2 The walls are covered in
paintings depicting forgotten
gods and unholy rituals.

3 It hosts an underground lake

which is said to have magical waters able to heal any illness. It is filled with human skeletons.

4 The cave is lighted by candles made of human fat and hair.

5 The place is inhabited by an unscrupulous merchant selling "magic" crystals, charms and potions to the simple-minded.

6 Eons ago, a cave-in trapped here the members of a tribe. Due to their small genetic pool and their living conditions, they are now twisted in every possible way.

7 The ground and walls are covered in a red and pulsating flesh-like substance.

8 An exiled crone lives here, making remedies for the same fearful people who expelled her from their village.

9 It is used as a meat cellar by a tribe of ritualistic cannibals. They use huge amounts of salt to conserve it.

10 It is the secret exit of a nearby haunted castle, leading directly to its treasure vault.

11 This cave is actually really small but a gas naturally present in the air makes anybody entering here lose any sense of direction.

12 A rare kind of mushroom, with potent psychedelic effects, only grows at the bottom of this cave.

13 Recently, strange bones were

excavated here. They look like they belong to a now extinct specie.

14 This cave is used to park leprous and other sick people until they die, to avoid outbreaks.

15 A gigantic gold vein is said to be found in this cave but those who tried to find it either never came back or became mad.

16 Inside lives a tribe wearing the skin of its ennemis as clothes and their scalp as hat, as a mean to appropriate their strength.

17 A fireplace indicates that people have recently used the entrance of the cave as a shelter but only blood trails remain of them.

18 A terrible illness is dormant since centuries, waiting deep in the cave for an host.

19 This cave is the lair of giant vampire bats terrorizing the area. The ground is covered with bones of the cattle they stole.

20 An ageless entity, once revered as a god, sleeps in the deeper parts of the cave, letting its twisted dreams roam in the corridors.

[4] In a temple/church

1 Its members are known to perform reprehensible actions against their crowd but nobody has been brave enough to stand against them.

2 The place has been pillaged and

the people who were unlucky to be here were crucified upside down then burnt alive.

3 Only ashes remain of this once impressive place of worship.

4 Iconoclasts have done a good job defacing the place: stained glass windows are broken and walls are covered with blasphemies.

5 People stand silent and stare while the PCs enter the place. Their eyes are injected with blood.

6 New members of the church are initiated in what looks more like a torture scene than a training.

7 The beloved king has just died and people are weeping in front of his dead body, afraid of the dark times which are coming.

8 Where holy symbols should be, only pentagrams and demon worshipping symbols can be seen, revealing the true nature of the place.

9 Naked maidens are bathing in blood under the perfidious eyes of the priest and its altar boys.

10 A worrisome sounding bell is calling the people to a black mass.

11 A relic of a martyr made saint is exposed in a showcase in the middle of the crossing.

12 Witches are being judged by an assembly of priests who already have decided their fate.

13 A thick fog comes from ventilation vents on the ground, hiding shadowy figures.

14 Crusaders came here to have their weapons blessed before they go fight the infidels.

15 One of the grand inquisitors is on a personal crusade to eliminate all heresy inside the Church.

16 The place is richly decorated with valuable metals and jewels, while people outside its walls are dying of hunger and illness.

17 It has been taken over by pagan cultists who are keeping the clergy members as prisoners as a token of safety.

18 A blasphemous band with black and white make-up is playing music using the musical interval forbidden by the Church.

19 A ceremony is being held to celebrate the union of two lovers in blood.

20 People are flagellating themselves as a punishment for sins they haven't commit since they are way too afraid to retaliate.

[5] In a stronghold

1 Cultists are feasting on the flesh of the soldiers they killed, after successfully besieging the place.

2 The battlements are covered with prisoners used as meat shields to protect soldiers from projectiles.

3 A procession of black hooded men is slowly marching to the stronghold.

4 The gate leading inside is guarded by two giant statues of horned demons.

5 The jails are full of prisoners meant to be sacrificed during the next festival.

6 The biggest and dirtiest of feast is held here every year, resulting in the plunder of lots of villages to provide sufficient food and women to entertain guests.

7 The towers are equipped with trebuchets that not only throw boulders but also infected and rotten bodies at the enemy.

8 This stronghold is almost defenceless following a plague outbreak.

9 A powerful and rich noble is held prisoner in the dampest cell, waiting for a ransom which will never come.

10 The stronghold has a lot of fortifications such as trapped pits and spiked barricades where are agonizing soldiers.

11 It is the last standing fort against a powerful military empire but, alas, it is going to fall.

12 It was built by outlander refugees trying to start a new life here, well aware they aren't welcome.

13 In the hall lies a throne made of

human bones, where is sitting the current warchief.

14 The court is full of nothing but burnt corpses still hot and smoking.

15 It was built on the border to keep an eye on a greedy rival kingdom.

16 The only access to this isolated stronghold is now blocked (or broken) and its inhabitants are slowly becoming mad of hunger.

17 People living here have been mentally broken by their leader and will sacrifice their life for them without thinking.

18 The black banners floating on top of the towers is a warning enough to scare most people.

19 The last attack left a large gap into a wall, the inhabitants are now waiting for their inevitable demise.

20 The place has bones all over the place, but it doesn't seem they belonged to humans.

[6] In a sanatorium/asylum

1 A suspicious trolley regularly goes away, loaded with the unconscious bodies of patients without relatives.

2 A young but actually sane patient has been placed here to avoid them revealing secrets about powerful people.

3 The caves under the building are

used to store hair and body parts from deceased patients.

4 The receptionist, in charge of the registration of new patients, has a disturbing glow in her eyes.

5 The rare people who make out of here alive are scarred for life.

6 The place is more a prison than an asylum and the only "treatments" people are given are beatings and water torture.

7 Guards and doctors are trapped with the prisoners rather than the opposite.

8 Terrible experiments are made on patients for their own good.

9 In the deepest part of the asylum is chained a little girl, turned a murderer after the death of her parents.

10 The place is used as a labyrinth to confuse and contain the worst of psychopaths.

11 The local priest tortures patients deemed heretic in the name of their god.

12 After the last riot, patients took control of the place and are still wandering in their straitjackets.

13 Most of torture contraptions ever invented come from this place.

14 A constant flux of people convinced they talked to a kind of messiah is arriving to be proven false.

Every night, a man wearing a goat head roams the place and choose a patient. Apart from the cries of pain, nobody knows what happens to the victims.

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16 As a prince is hiding among the crazy, fearing assassins, he becomes more and more paranoid.

17 The warden is convinced to be some angel of death, choosing who lives or dies.

18 With the help of torture, the patients are slowly turned into beasts, meant to be released on the battlefields.

19 Everybody here is mad. People sometimes exchange their role when they get tired of it.

20 Last night, a patient was found in their cell, their body engraved with occult symbols.

[7] On a ship

1 The ship's hold is full of slaves destined to be sold on the capital island.

2 One of the cabin is said to be haunted, no crew member dares to enter it so it's often used by stowaways.

3 Pirates are bombarding the ship deck with shot, swiping the crew.

4 The ship is about to sink, taking its gold shipment to the bottom of the sea.

5 The captain has been killed during a mutiny and now two factions fight each other.

6 All of the crew died from an mysterious plague. Only remains a young maiden with red hair.

7 Using lots of mirrors, this pirate ship can turn “invisible” and surprise rich merchants.

8 This ship covered in algae and barnacles seems like it came back from the bottom of the sea.

9 Sporting black sails and covered in bones of his enemies, this ship belongs to one of the most infamous and cruel pirate.

10 Sharks have been circling the ship for days now, waiting for someone to fall in the water.

11 Suddenly, the ship stops moving. The crew thinks they encountered reefs but it’s actually a whale of incredible size.

12 A huge raft where only remains one person. It’s clear they have been drifting for weeks and had to resort to cannibalism to survive.

13 The wife of a crew member has been caught hiding in the cabin of her husband. The other crew members talk about throwing her in the water to avoid bad luck.

14 The sea is full of floating bodies, barrels and wood pieces from an earlier battle between pirates.

15 The sounds made by the wind and the waves make the crew think the ship is visited by ghosts.

16 A prisoner, which escaped and killed a crew member, is going to walk the plank.

17 There is no more food on board, only rum remains and the crew is starting to be *really* drunk.

18 One of the crew members has been sick for days, and people are talking to get rid of him to avoid risks of contamination.

19 Under a starless sky, the ship seems to be lost in waters never navigated.

20 The hold of the ship is pierced and is slowly filling with water. The captain knows about it but hides it from the crew.

[8] On the road

1 A hanged man is swinging in the wind while crows are eating his eyes and guts.

2 A funeral procession, where everybody is wearing frightening masks, is slowly progressing.

3 The party encounters a messenger. He’s bruised, cut, tired, ill and his eyes seem to be void of emotions.

4 Strange prints lead to damaged trees covered in scratches.

5 A shady individual has set up their cart to sell what they claim

to be cure-all potions.

6 Miserable looking refugees are
running away before the war hits
their village.

7 The PCs encounter deserters
terrorizing the countryside,
pillaging and killing.

8 Chained prisoners are escorted by
mounted soldiers. Chances are
one of them is an acquaintance of
the PCs.

9 A corpse on the side of the road
has his abdomen exploded, as if
something burst out of it.

10 A coach is burning with its
owners trapped inside.

11 A well with contaminated waters
since a plague victim fell in it.

12 The body of a prostitute is found
behind a bush, half devoured by
the rats.

13 Fearmongering priests are
roaming the country to sell
indulgences to the credulous.

14 In the distance a motionless man
is grinning at the PCs. It is in fact
a scarecrow made from human
parts.

15 People sitting on the ground,
silently staring at the PCs while
they pass in front of them.

16 The ground is covered in arrows.
Only a human body shaped area
is exempt of them.

17 A dog crosses the road, while

holding a severed hand in its
mouth.

18 A purse on the ground looks like
it is full of coins but actually
contains teeth.

19 A witch, branded with hot iron,
stops in front of the PCs and try
to scare them with bad omens.

20 A city sign, where the
approximative population
number has been crossed
multiple times in a short time.

[9] In a city

1 Hundreds of plague victims are
being contained in the slums by
soon to be infected guards.

2 Each night a skinned woman is
found lying in a pool of her own
blood, the work of a psychopath.

3 A dishonored noble is chased by
the city militia for crimes he
didn't commit.

4 An abnormal thick fog has been
covering the city for months now
and criminality hasn't ceased to
grow since then.

5 A sect of blood drinking pagans is
starting to extend its influence
here.

6 Due to the recent bad weather,
numerous homeless people are
found dead each morning.

7 A radical political party has been
elected, either by cheating or
using illegal means.

8 The biggest trial of our time is taking place in the supreme court, to decide of the fate of an heretical religious leader.

9 Since tobacco is now deemed illegal by the government, the black market thrives.

10 The only mean of access to the city is now broken/blocked and people are panicking.

11 Civil war rages in the street and some people use the occasion for reckoning.

12 The calendar reached the date of the prophesied end of times, then people started fighting and setting the city on fire.

13 After a sad attempt to mock the current king, a jester is taken to the pillory.

14 After a great fire, the city clock tower collapsed, killing dozens of the families living nearby. Rumors say it wasn't an accident.

15 A flood has brought a terrible parasite using exploding subcutaneous nodules as its main way to spread.

16 An infamous burglar is staying in the city, getting ready for its next big shot.

17 A remedy to the plague has been discovered but the nobility wants to keep it to themselves and use it as a mean to control the people.

18 The local economy has crashed

when a sudden influx of cheap precious ores has been added to the market.

19 The entrance to an ancient subterranean complex has been discovered while digging foundations.

20 The industrial revolution has a huge impact on air quality and people are forced to wear masks, when they can afford it.

[10] In ruins

1 A mad man is trying to reenact the scenes of human sacrifices depicted on the walls of this old temple.

2 Someone is exploring the place to find an old artifact worth a fortune. Greed can be read on the faces of their retainers.

3 In the depths of the ruins are waiting giant eggs of a parasitic specie.

4 The place is infested by climbing plants whose leaves are covered in a really itchy substance.

5 Cultists are trying to rebuild this shrine dedicated to their forbidden god.

6 Bandits have arranged the place with cow blood and coffins to make believe vampire are living here.

7 This is the tomb of a mythical knight who is said to be buried with his jeweled sword.

8 A group of priests whose eyes
have been pierced lives here,
waiting to die.

9 Valuable statues can still be found
here, but their size and weight
explain why nobody has stolen
them yet.

10 The place is rigged with traps and
the mossy stones make it even
more dangerous.

11 This is an old place of worship
for pagans. They still use it for
their wildest ceremonies.

12 No more treasure can be found
here, even if the rumors say the
opposite.

13 This old tomb is really unstable
and will certainly be the tomb of
the next raiders visiting it.

14 A gigantic statue of a goat headed
man is surrounded by adoring
cultists.

15 A band of adventurers is trying to
extract hand sized gems from the
eye sockets of a statue.

16 Piles of bones in front of the
entrance must be climbed to
access the ruins.

17 Raiders have looted the place but
when they had to share the
treasure, they started to fight.

18 These are the remains of the
tomb of an empress. Her
sarcophagus was never found.

19 An old tower ready to crumble
any day now. A crazy old man

insists on living there.

20 This was once a flourishing city
but a terrible catastrophe
happened, wiping all life.