

# 200 DARK FANTASY *odd situations*



- Encounters -

METAL TURTLE GAMES

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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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A possessed person is knocking out the city guards one by one due to their unnatural strength.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 leprosous 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 enemis 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.

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.

15 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.

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

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 tries 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

20 insists on living there.

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