



200 HIGH FANTASY *odd situations*



- Encounters -



METAL TURTLE GAMES

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[1] In a forest

- 1 A spider merchant, trying to sell clothes made of its own web.
- 2 An ogre getting ready to cook its prisoners: two young children.
- 3 A wild child hiding in a tree.
- 4 A boar fallen in a pit dug by a hunter. It's injured.
- 5 This part of the forest is covered in cobwebs hard as steel.
- 6 Bread crumbs leading to an ambush set up by goblins.
- 7 Mushroom people chanting and dancing around a silver idol.
- 8 An elven wedding.
- 9 A bear trying to get to a beehive.
- 10 A trail of fallen trees.
- 11 An hungry dog tied to a tree.
- 12 Lost adventurers exhausted by their last quest.
- 13 A kids' treehouse containing wood swords.
- 14 A ranger inspecting fresh monster tracks.
- 15 A small pond inhabited by some fairies.
- 16 Ents having a council since a dozen years.
- 17 A rabbit fleeing an armed patrol.
- 18 An altar mostly covered by moss but with recent blood splats.

- 19 Someone shouting as they have ants under their clothes.
- 20 A mongoose fighting a dangerous snake.

[2] In a cave

- 1 A rolling boulder in the shape of an icosahedron.
- 2 A room covered in glowing dust.
- 3 A giant vampire bat feeding on a cow.
- 4 Ancient paintings recounting the rise and fall of a lost city.
- 5 A sword cemetery: dozen of swords sealed in the ground.
- 6 Menacing large eggs about to hatch.
- 7 A labyrinth carved in sharp crystals.
- 8 A lava flow blocking the path.
- 9 Troglydites having a feast.
- 10 Flammable gas pockets.
- 11 A giant snake digesting its last prey.
- 12 These stalagmites are actually the teeth of a sleeping monster.
- 13 Someone is trapped behind collapsed rocks.
- 14 A cylindrical tunnel of obvious magical origin.
- 15 Fungi people hiding in the shadow, afraid of light.

- 16 Feral dogs rummaging in piles of bones.
- 17 A dwarven outpost attacked by kobolds.
- 18 Someone carving statues out of the rocks.
- 19 An army of petrified soldiers waiting to be awoken.
- 20 Smugglers hiding illegal goods.

[3] In a dungeon

- 1 A tame mimic, acting like a cute puppy.
- 2 Crawling flesh on the ground and walls.
- 3 A golem blocking a doorway until a password is said.
- 4 A swarm of rats, acting like a single giant rat.
- 5 A big hole in the floor going through to all the levels.
- 6 A ghost seeking revenge on the person/monster who killed him.
- 7 A hobbit prisoner of a chest.
- 8 A gagged prisoner. If ungagged, he won't stop talking nonsense.
- 9 A basin full of undead body parts and organs.
- 10 A strange lullaby is heard.
- 11 A corpse lying on the floor with a backpack full of gold coin mimics.
- 12 A small pool where a mermaid is

trapped.

- 13 Levitating books replacing a missing stair.
- 14 An armory full of animated armor and sentient weapons.
- 15 An orcish tavern open to everyone loving a drink or two.
- 16 A fancy dining room with slimes passing as pudding.
- 17 A busy necromancer assembling body parts to create a flesh golem.
- 18 A wizard searching after his lost spellbook.
- 19 Tentacles coming out a pit.
- 20 A skeleton playing hide and seek with adventurers.

[4] In a village

- 1 A man in a pilori being mocked by children.
- 2 A really bad pickpocket gets caught and the guards are alerted.
- 3 A shady individual selling treasure maps.
- 4 A few stalls on the village place selling exotic items.
- 5 An urchin knows something of interest, in exchange of gold.
- 6 People are sick because of the water in the well.
- 7 A bell is ringing and the villagers are running to shelter.

- 8 The smith and the fishmonger are arguing, as usual.
- 9 The village festival is taking place like every year.
- 10 A beauty pageant offering a big money prize.
- 11 A town crier delivering an important message.
- 12 A cute but annoying dog following people around.
- 13 A house on fire and people trying to extinguish it.
- 14 A street musician playing to earn a few coins.
- 15 Kids playing bad taste pranks on passerby.
- 16 An outlander riding a giant lizard makes sensation.
- 17 There are sales in various stores for a special occasion.
- 18 People are mourning the death of the village elder.
- 19 There is an epidemic of a serious disease.
- 20 A tax collector furiously knocking on a door.

[5] On a road

- 1 An illegal chariot race.
- 2 A giant dung beetle rolling his giant dung ball.
- 3 A travelling merchant selling foul smelling potions.

- 4 A not so official looking toll.
- 5 The cart of a travelling princess with a broken wheel.
- 6 Wolves eating a dead horse.
- 7 Barrels of poisoned wine set up as a trap by highwaymen.
- 8 An armored cart moving convicts to a high security prison.
- 9 A farmer travelling to the nearest city to sell his crops.
- 10 Retired bandits trying to sell their autobiography to travellers.
- 11 A gorgeous man trying to sell a miracle diet.
- 12 A man riding an odd contraption with only two wheels.
- 13 Someone riding on a stubborn donkey.
- 14 A river has flooded and the road is underwater.
- 15 A woman resting her horse on the roadside.
- 16 People fleeing war and poverty.
- 17 A giant throwing boulders on the road from the top of a hill.
- 18 A signpost indicating a nearby natural point of interest.
- 19 A hobbit travelling with a backpack almost as big as him.
- 20 A young couple running away from their abusive families.

[6] In a marsh

- 1 A empty witch hut.
- 2 Drugged people left as a sacrifice to a sacred beast.
- 3 Frog people having a fishing contest.
- 4 Houses on stilts inhabited by people sick with a high fever.
- 5 Canoes carved in a tree trunk, with footprints leaving the area.
- 6 A swarm of hungry mosquitoes chasing a swearing dwarf.
- 7 A raft maneuvered by plague victims.
- 8 Two big eyes protruding from the surface of the water.
- 9 Almost naked people hunting with blowguns.
- 10 A boat with a dead body inside.
- 11 A snapping turtle fighting an alligator.
- 12 The nest of a hydra containing a few eggshells.
- 13 Fireflies following people making it difficult to go unnoticed.
- 14 Numerous wisps illuminating a safe path.
- 15 An alchemist collecting rare plants for a potion.
- 16 An opaque mist covering a dangerous area.
- 17 Going in the water guarantees to

be covered in starving leeches.

- 18 An ankou collecting the souls of deceased travellers.
- 19 A craftsman skinning a snake.
- 20 A giant moth trapped in cobweb.

[7] Around/on/in a lake

- 1 A knight admiring his reflection in the water.
- 2 An old hag energetically washing her clothes.
- 3 Children playing in the water.
- 4 Suspicious looking young lads skipping stones.
- 5 A fisherman sleeping in his boat.
- 6 A race of miniature boats about to begin.
- 7 A wizard fishing using explosion magic.
- 8 A peaceful but frightening aquatic monster lives here.
- 9 Migratory birds covering the surface of the water.
- 10 A giant kind of a waterlily grows here.
- 11 A small pagoda located on an island at the center of the lake.
- 12 Floating bodies being eaten by birds of prey.
- 13 A intoxicating song coming from the deeps of the lake.

- 14 A whirlpool slowing draining the lake.
- 15 People ice skating on the magically frozen water.
- 16 A band of orcs hiding underwater using reeds to breath.
- 17 Someone fishing with a magnet, trying to find some gold coins.
- 18 Lovers picnicking and watching wild ducks.
- 19 A man trying to give his dog a bath.
- 20 Gold diggers hoping to get rich.

[8] In the mountains

- 1 Dwarves leaving their mine while singing an annoying song.
- 2 An avalanche roaring in the distance.
- 3 A snow golem building a snow fort.
- 4 A rescue dog furiously digging through the snow.
- 5 A naked old man passing by, unaffected by the cold.
- 6 Remains of a snowball fight.
- 7 Menacing footprints disturbing the perfection of the snow.
- 8 Frozen bodies of soldiers found here and there.
- 9 Big ice stalactites that will fall if helped a little.

- 10 A log cabin still warm.
- 11 A chained frost giant is blocking the path.
- 12 Tribesmen hunting a mammoth with spears and clubs.
- 13 A wyvern flying above, looking for its next prey.
- 14 Goats grazing peacefully in most improbable places.
- 15 A madman hurtling the slopes on a wooden board.
- 16 Undead wolves pursuing an injured adventurer.
- 17 A trail of blood leading to the depths of a cave.
- 18 Bear-riding soldiers of a close settlement patrolling the area.
- 19 A banshee crying, curled up.
- 20 A white stag leading a herd.

[9] In a tavern

- 1 An arm wrestling contest is taking place.
- 2 An awful lot of dice and card players.
- 3 Happy hour is on.
- 4 The god of wine himself is drinking here.
- 5 A dance contest will be held in a few days.
- 6 A quite wild bachelor(ette) party.

- 7 A newly-rich man buying everyone a drink.
- 8 Bounty hunters asking people around for someone.
- 9 Loud people playing role playing games while snacking.
- 10 People shouting at each others over a spilled drink.
- 11 A talented bard singing stories about past heroes.
- 12 A party of adventurers planning its next quest.
- 13 Wanted and job posters displayed near the entrance of the building.
- 14 Masked men trying to rob the tavern.
- 15 The dish of the day looks tasty.
- 16 A man recruiting people for the local guard.
- 17 A storyteller telling the legend of a fabulous treasure.
- 18 An hooded man smoking his pipe and making lots of smoke.
- 19 The remnants of a tavern brawl.
- 20 A desperate kid without money looking for help.

[10] In a desert

- 1 A mirage.
- 2 Grave robbers trying to open an ancient tomb.
- 3 A sandworm led by a desert

- warrior.
- 4 Thirsty travellers begging for water.
- 5 An undead animal passing as a skeleton.
- 6 A band of warriors wearing the chitin of giant beetles as armor.
- 7 A traveller trapped in quicksands.
- 8 A sandship going at full speed on the horizon.
- 9 A broken clockwork scorpion.
- 10 A swarm of locusts devouring everything on its way.
- 11 Strong winds have revealed a temple, long forgotten.
- 12 Spice traders going to the nearest town to sale their goods.
- 13 An escaped slave seeking for protection and subsistence.
- 14 A sarcophagus containing a very well preserved mummy.
- 15 Jackals eating a carcass.
- 16 A tribe of lizardmen establishing a new encampment.
- 17 A crate full of cursed relics.
- 18 An inn carved in a giant cactus, only selling cactus juice.
- 19 An obelisk with an old prophecy written on it.
- 20 A box containing a card game played by ancient desert kings.