

Sinkhole Investigation

While in a tavern or inn, Ife Grevodye (female half-elf) will make an appearance, shouting out that she needs some able hands for a short geology expedition. She is curt and humourless.

She wishes to investigate one of the many sinkholes that have appeared over the last couple of months.

Meet us in the Downy Fern by the town entrance, tomorrow morning at 7.

Downy Fern: Ife sits impatiently tapping her foot, whilst the rest of her team sit around a table chatting:

Stedrun Caskwalker: male dwarf, geologist.

Jarid Mason: male human, geologist.

Adril Waterflay: female human, alchemist.

About time, we need to get going. They walk across to the stables before riding down to the Palmer's Mere to receive fresh horses.

Travelling for about half a day to the northeast, a concave area of land is visible. The geologists dismount and start looking around, and the alchemist drops samples into beakers of liquid.

The sinkhole is at least 20 metres across, and 3 deep at the nadir

Cracks appear, radiating out from beneath one of the geologists (Jarid). DC20 Perception/DC15 Geography to notice or anticipate the danger.

If spotted, DC12 Agility/DC10 Acrobatics to grab him before he tumbles through the ground and into the darkness. If someone tried and failed, consider rolling 1d4 damage and have them accompany him on the way down.

He calls out to let them know he's ok; shortly after, an anguished scream is cut short - unless with a party member.

A large tunnel leads off to the side. A giant tunnel rat might be munching Jarid's remains, or ready to pounce.

If the party explore further up the tunnel, they encounter a network of channels, which eventually end at the Elemental's Grotto.

Ife and Stedrun want to check out the cavern, and note that this seems to have been an unusually large deposit of Herlic Clay, which is not uncommon in the area.

Herlic Clay is heavily impregnated with an exceptionally conductive metallic compound, Bannacite - highly sought after by thaumaturgical crafters.