

After doing all of the buying and selling in town I finally acquired my Husky puppy. A bit young for adventures so I left Patch at my lodgings. Igrid returned to the monastery for the night. The rest of us met up with Ulrich at the inn for dinner. I spotted a couple of people that I recognised but I could not remember where I had seen them before. The two men were sitting at the bar drinking very slowly and watching the goings on in the room. Both appear to be armed but the weapons are concealed under their clothing. An old man gets up and leaves the inn. The two men get up and follow him leaving their drinks unfinished. We decide that they are up to no good and decide to follow. They are moving quickly and I only just see them disappearing round a corner. Something glinted in the hand of one of the men, probably a knife. We hurry after them but Morkoth stumbled and fell in the dark. Then we heard a similar thud of a body hitting the ground. About 100 feet down the road there is a side turn. About 20 feet up the side turn there is a body on the ground. 40 feet beyond there are a pair of figures struggling. Morkoth challenged the pair of figures. One of them threw the other across the alley and ran off down the alley and out into the next road. I advanced to the one on the floor and rolled him over to check his injuries. He groaned. It was one of the two men from the inn who had followed the old man. His injuries look bad. Morkoth ran after the fleeing man and Gotrik checked over the second man laying in the alley. This was the second man that had left the inn following the old man. If the fleeing figure was the old man then there is something special about him. The second man is bleeding profusely from a rip in the back of his neck. Morkoth lost sight of the fleeing man and came back to heal the second man who was bleeding from his neck. It was while we were tending to the men that I remembered from where I had seen them. I had seen them in a café. These were Nat's operatives. Hired thugs and they had been bested by what looked like an old man. After a couple of minutes the man that Morkoth healed came to and started to ask questions. Who were we and what had happened. We dropped Nat's name and pressed him for answers about what the two of them were doing. It turns out that the old man was new in town and these two opportunists decided he might have a purse worth stealing. He commented that one minute the old man was in front of them and then the next second he was behind them and attacking. The man said his name was Lars. We headed back to the inn and left him to help his friend. As we stepped into the light of the inn we noticed that Morkoth had a large spray of blood across his clothing.

After breakfast in the inn we meet up with Igrid and the others and head out for another day of planting stones in the tundra. We head off with one wizard and the last two stones on the sled. We come to the cracked ground again where all the ancient lava tubes are close to the surface. Morkoth and Igrid move ahead and start checking the ground and the cracks looking for the best route through. There is a cracking sound and Morkoth disappeared. The ground had given way and he had fallen in to one of the old lava tubes. Morkoth was the one carrying the rope, good plan. So he has to throw up one end for Igrid to catch and pull him up again. I marked the trail picked out by Morkoth and Igrid so that we can find our route back more easily. After planting the stone we head back the way we came and then go east to the position of the last stone. Once again we come to the cracked ground and Igrid and Morkoth go ahead to check the route. I think Morkoth needs to lose a few pounds as once again while inspecting one crack the ground gave way and he fell in again! Once again we pull him out and head on eventually getting to the place where we have to plant the last stone. While manoeuvring the stone into position we spot three air elementals hovering a long way above us. As the wizard starts to chant his spell to set that last stone in place the three air elementals start to descend. The first tries to hit the wizard and misses. I did not miss and I cut the elemental in half. It dissipated. The second managed to hit the wizard and Gotrik then cut it in half with his axe and again it vanished. The third hit the wizard only to be hit in return by Igrid and Morkoth causing it to dissipate. A fourth and fifth elemental descend and both hit Ulrich. Gotrik cut one in half dissipating it and cleaved on into the second. A sixth then arrives. I ignored this one and hit the one that Gotrik had just hit. Morkoth then went bestial and attacked with teeth and claws hitting absolutely nothing. I hit the same elemental again and Igrid finished it off. Morkoth then hits the sixth elemental with one claw and a bite but it survived his attack. A seventh elemental then

descends and hits Morkoth. This is followed by an eighth elemental which swoops down hitting the wizard and then flies back up into the sky out of sword reach. A flurry from Igrid, Morkoth and Gotrik finished off the seventh elemental. The eighth elemental then makes another diving attack on the wizard and misses. Ulrich struck out at it as it passed by but missed. I start calling for the party to back off from the barrier where the elementals seem to be. I almost fall down a hole in the ground while searching the skies for more elementals. The wizard having finished with the stone spell fires off two bolts of light from his hands. One hits the hovering elemental. The elemental then stages another diving strike against the wizard and hits but is hit in return by Morkoth. The wizard then conjures an arrow and lets fly but it missed. Igrid draws his crossbow and shoots missing. Morkoth grabs the wizard by the waist and moves away from the barrier. Igrid and the elemental then trade blows. The elemental then attacked Ulrich who hits it causing it to dissipate. A ninth elemental swoops down and hits Ulrich the only person close to the stone. Ulrich collapsed. I swap to my bow and Gotrik and I provide cover for Igrid to run in and drag Ulrich out of the way. Igrid and I start heading away from the barrier at speed. Unfortunately the wizard fell into a lava tube and had to be pulled out by Morkoth. Igrid and I reached the edge of the lava field and turned back to watch and cover the retreat of the others. There were four more elementals following them and closing fast. It would seem that far from protecting the town from elementals all this barrier has done has pissed them off and caused them to attack! Wonderful plan.