

We went back to the livery stable and collected our two horses and Mina's pony along with 8 days of horse feed which cost us 1.5 silver per horses per day. We made it to hut two a little after dark and camped there for the night. Icred took the first watch with Morkoth, Mina and I taking turns. It was an uneventful night. We continued on north the next day only spotting a couple of south bound wagons before we got to hut 12 at the junction with the track to Bellamy's Camp. It snowed for most of the day and started to settle in the afternoon. The trail rations are not sitting too well with me giving me a stomach ache. Icred spotted a group of three hares so wee unslung our bows and went hunting getting all three with four shots. Icred missed with his first shot. We had another uneventful night and set off again down the track the next day. With the snow still settling the track is getting difficult to follow in places but we managed to get to Low Stop by about 2pm. This is about half way down the track to Bellamy's Camp. We decided to stop there otherwise we would be camping out for the night. Icred and I went out hunting again. Icred came back with a rabbit and I managed to get a goat. I butcher the animals carefully and cooked them to perfection. However the others seemed to think I had done them a little too rare and they decided to char grill theirs. Morkoth took the first watch, Mina the second, me the third and Icred took the last watch. He cast detect magic on us during his watch but saw nothing. It was snowing heavily when we left and it got harder as the day went on. At about lunch time we crested the ridge. The snow is hiding the trail down from the ridge but we continue down occasionally picking out the trail. At about 4pm we could just make out the outline of some buildings about 100' away which was as far as we could see through the snow. Dusk is currently about 5:30pm so we had about an hour and a half before dusk but the light was already failing due to the snow storm. Mina told us that the place to report to was the old mining office so we headed into the camp in that general direction. Morkoth and I spotted movement in the bell tower. There were four figures nocking arrows. I called out to the others and spurred my horse on to to throw off their aim. All four arrows missed us. The second volley had more luck as one arrow hit me and two hit Morkoth. Icred and Mina ducked into an alley to get out of the line of fire. Morkoth followed and I just dodged on my horse waiting for Mina to identify herself and get those in the bell tower to stop shooting. After being hit a second time I headed into the alley and joined the others. After a few more calls up to the tower with no effect Icred headed off down the alley to check if we were about to be out flanked. He spotted two goblins approaching an called back to Morkoth who could speak goblin. Morkoth called out 'psst over here friends'. One of the goblins charged Icred but his attack missed. Morkoth then called out again 'friends of Grash and Ithak but the other goblin charged at him. Icred attacked it with his hands hitting twice.

It would seem that a change of plan is called for. The one that goes along the lines time to run away and work it out later.

Icred spotted that there was the remnants of an arrow in one of the goblins and both car what appeared to be sword cuts. That is a lot of damage for the goblins. Morkoth grappled with one and Icred hit the other again quite hard. The goblin stayed up looking none the worse for having been hit. Morkoth continued to grapple with one goblin and finally managed to pin the goblin down while Icred continued to slap the other around. Morkoth eventually tied up one goblin. Morkoth then started on the other goblin and again managed to tie it up. Icred and Morkoth then went to scout. The cam back with Icred calling out 'saddle up we are leaving'. I had not bothered to get off my horse so I just turned and followed Icred. Apparently they had found a lot more goblins and a stone building full of humans. Whatever is going on here has a very high weirdness factor. Morkoth mounted his horse but a goblin grabbed his leg. After a brief struggle he got rid of the goblin and rode off with Mina. However Mina got shot in the back by an arrow. This hasty flight on out part had resulted in the party getting split up. Icred and I out to the front and Morkoth and Mina to the rear. After about 20 minutes of hast retreat we paused for the others to catch up. The debate is now what to do. My plan is to keep going through the night back to Low Stop. I do not want to sleep out in the weather. Better to keep moving in this cold provided we can do so safely.