

The Forest of Lies and Deceit

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This place is better-known as the Forest of Shadows, but beware the trickery that lies within. Fey creatures regularly hold night-time revels to lure and entrap unwary travelers¹, and only the most astute (such as myself) can escape unscathed.

Scattered farms make a living on the edge of the Forest, growing apples, vegetables, and strange multi-colored grains. They also make an enticing blue liquer that is well worth trying², fragrant with a hint of bitter almonds. Skip their bread, it is overly dense and leads to indigestion.

To the west of the forest lie the ruins of an ancient temple, once erected by superstitious yokels³ to worship the Fey. Perhaps they hoped doing so would protect them and their children. Now they seem to mark their children with magical sigils and allow them to wander the forest at night.⁴

The plains north of the forest often host traveling entertainers. It seems even they fall prey to some kind of mischief, as the ones we met complained of missing children.

There are rumors of an incredible mass of crystals deep in the forest, beyond a gigantic tree. Certainly the region has a surplus of fine quartz, if one were in need of such a thing.

Podrick's Notes

- [1] It's quite obvious the revels are held by the Fey. If you need more help determining this, see the attached list. The Fey here have an aversion to charms made with brightly-colored buckeye seeds.
- [2] The blue liquid is some kind of medicinal draught. Their healers seem to think jabbing one's arms with crystals will heal it, so I wouldn't be surprised if the draught contains pulverized quartz as well.
- [3] AKA "anyone who follows a religion other than the Empire's"
- [4] It was unclear whether the villagers were happy about or even aware of their childrens' night-time excursions. Most likely some of the entertainers' children were caught up in this as well.

Six signs you're dealing with the Fey

1. Laughter and merriment in the forest at night
2. A beautiful lady playing a quartz flute
3. Midnight chefs preparing rare delicacies in total silence
4. A lifelike statue of a child cupping a hunk of quartz, entwined in vines
5. Folk with green hair and eyes repeatedly offering you strange food and drink
6. Hissing in response to dyed buckeye charms