

100 RANDOM ENCOUNTERS: THE NORTH

1-28

- 1 A rumble in the distance indicates an avalanche.
- 2 A halfling skates along a ridge, homemade skis strapped to her feet.
- 3 A frozen waterfall sparkles in the sunlight.
- 4 Tiny rodent tracks stop suddenly, along with wingmarks and a few drops of blood.
- 5 A lump of wet snow falls from a pine branch directly on a character's head.
- 6 A character breaks through the snowcrust and gets stuck up to their thigh in the snow.
- 7 A pure white elk trots into view..
- 8 A hawk wings its way through the air, circling lazily over a mountain peak.
- 9 The trail narrows and winds its way along a dizzying ridge with steep drops on either side.
- 10 A rope hangs from a cliff-face, secured by pitons.
- 11 A crack in the distance indicates that a piece of ice has separated itself from the whole.
- 12 The party passes a pond which has frozen to a mirror-smooth finish.
- 13 A large beast has sharpened its claws on a pine.
- 14 The party hears faint yipping in the distance - wolf puppies playing with each other at the entrance to their den.
- 15 An abandoned handmade scarf has frozen solid.
- 16 A line of icicles cascade from a rocky overhang.
- 17 A snowshoe is stuck in a tree, the leftover wreckage of some unfortunate and mysterious event.
- 18 An unusually large feather is stuck into the top of a cairn marking the path.
- 19 Snowmelt has revealed the boots of a dead adventurer, but the rest is buried in deep snow.
- 20 The entrance of an abandoned mineshaft can be spotted behind a snowdrift.
- 21 A scrap of lace has been tied to a stick stuck into the snow - if characters look around, they see another one leading away from their path.
- 22 A tiny wooden horse, painted red with small flowers for tack, has been left on the snow.
- 23 A strange, unearthly roar echoes across the snow.
- 24 Bushes poke up through the snow, their branches an eerie red like blood.
- 25 Tiny snow fairies hop over the snowcrust, playing tag.
- 26 A bridge crosses a frozen river, its surface slick with ice.
- 27 A mountain peak rises in the distance, its peak wreathed in soft clouds.
- 28 Someone has hung several dolls made from twigs from a snow-covered branch.

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- 29 A herd of mountain goats are perched on a cliffside, seemingly defying gravity.
- 30 A column of smoke ascends to the sky, its source blocked by a snow-covered rise.
- 31 A tent has collapsed under the weight of heavy snowfall.
- 32 The elevation rises sharply until it is too cold for snow and frozen moss and alpine plants crunch underfoot, their colors brilliantly preserved.
- 33 A piercing shriek rings across the landscape - characters with proficiency in the Nature skill recognize the sound as a pika.
- 34 A hot spring steams at the base of a ravine.
- 35 Someone has constructed a new-looking wood cabin on a hillside, and smoke rises from the chimney.
- 36 A bear trap has been set along an animal trail where a particularly oblivious character might walk into it.
- 37 A brilliant aurora borealis lights up the night sky.
- 38 The air crackles and characters' unsheathed weapons glow with St. Elmo's fire.
- 39 The snow underfoot collapses, dropping the party into an ice cave.
- 40 The party hears weak cries for help from a ravine.
- 41 Strong winds gust across the tundra, threatening to knock over weaker characters.
- 42 The way forward lies across a slick ice sheet that characters struggle to get any traction on.
- 43 Barking in the distance heralds a fur-clad barbarian riding a sled pulled by massive furry mastiffs.
- 44 A glow of purple light comes from within the depths of a glacier.
- 45 Snow has melted to reveal the bones of some massive prehistoric beast.
- 46 The party startles a snowshoe hare out of hiding and it takes off across the snow.
- 47 A trail of drops of bright red blood intersect the party's path.
- 48 A polar bear plays in freshly fallen snow.
- 49 Snowflakes are spinning in a vortex with no visible cause.
- 50 As a fog settles in, the shadows of the party begin to glow with an unearthly light.
- 51 Mountains rise in the distance, but they never seem to get closer as the party travels.
- 52 A cairn peeks through the snow, carved with dwarvish runes and symbols.
- 53 A sword lies in a field and seems to have magically melted the snow around it - flowers are blooming only inches from the rest of the frozen waste.
- 54 The fresh corpse of a majestic eagle lies on top of the snow.

55-80

- 55 The wind howling across the plains sounds a lot like a voice, speaking an ancient prophecy.
- 56 With a crack, the ground below gives way - it's really an ice sheet over a freezing lake, obscured by the snow.
- 57 Someone has crafted an igloo that may or may not still be inhabited.
- 58 An ice sculpture of a unicorn has been carved out of a glacier.
- 59 A character glimpses something large and strangely shaped moving under nearby ice.
- 60 Someone has thrown a ladies' corset into the branches of a pine tree.
- 61 To the left is a small box on a stand, barely peeking out of the snow - a sign above it reads "MAIL".
- 62 A path has been shoveled through the snow, leading up a ridge.
- 63 A gnome with a ridiculous pair of eyeglasses has cut a slice of the snow and is examining the different color patterns.
- 64 Gryphon riders on a search-and-rescue mission, identifiable by their red saddlebags, wing by overhead.
- 65 In the distance, the party hears a whoop and an man on a single ski whizzes down a mountain and promptly crashes, rolling a good twenty feet.
- 66 Someone has built a snowman by the path.
- 67 The characters see strange lights under the snow - investigation reveals them to be glowing snow-worms.
- 68 A bag tied to a nearby branch is full of humanoid teeth.
- 69 In a clearing, a group of spectral figures are seated around a rough stone altar.
- 70 A rocket shoots up in the distance, scattering bursts of colorful light across the sky.
- 71 A robin sings throatily from a branch, then flutters to perch on a character.
- 72 Someone has hung a string of animal bones between two trees, and they clink against each other threateningly.
- 73 A massive frozen lake lies at the base of a valley, reflecting the surrounding mountains perfectly.
- 74 An enameled goblet sits on top of the snow, glinting in the sunlight.
- 75 Someone has hung a recently dead hare from a crude branch trap - bait?
- 76 A black bear is probing an old beehive, licking golden honey off her claws.
- 77 Yellow snow.
- 78 A few early crocuses peek up through the snowdrifts.
- 79 A road winds by below, and on the side of the road a carriage is visible, a wheel stuck in deep snow.
- 80 A character spots a child's footprints in the snow.

81-100

- 81 A pinecone hits a character on the head.
- 82 An old man with a raccoon-skin hat is roasting the haunch of something over an open fire, and the smell is delicious.
- 83 A tunnel has been carved through a ridge up ahead, and the weather on the other side looks dramatically worse.
- 84 A clan of orcs have made camp in a valley up ahead - they seem to be having a birthday celebration, complete with hats.
- 85 Something red glints on a rocky crag.
- 86 The faint sounds of bagpipes echo over the snowy slopes.
- 87 Almost a mile up in the sky, two white dragons are engaged in a sinuous mating dance.
- 88 The party's path is interrupted by the field of a recent avalanche - it may not be safe to cross, but turning back is not an option.
- 89 The party comes across the perfect sledding hill.
- 90 Despite the cold, a dark stream is still flowing through the landscape.
- 91 A small tent on a frozen lake indicates someone is ice fishing.
- 92 A loud crack disturbs the quiet, then another - trees, expanding as the temperatures drop.
- 93 A deer is gnawing at a leafless tree, eating at the inside of the bark.
- 94 In a clearing, a character spots a wooden altar with dark stains on its surface.
- 95 The party could swear that they've been traveling straight all day, but they just crossed tracks that look suspiciously like their own.
- 96 A gang of snow faeries decide to pelt the characters with snowballs.
- 97 An owl watches the party with a strange intelligence in its dark eyes.
- 98 A dwarven smith quenches a blade in the snow - a glow from a nearby cave indicates his forge.
- 99 A rock has been emblazoned with a symbol made of embedded lines of mithril - or is it a stylized map?
- 100 A penguin waddles by.

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