

The BORN-again OGRES of the Blinding Light

Terrain: Hills

Total Party Levels: 24 (Average 4th)

Total gp: 990

Monster XP: 1,320

Set Up

* The PCs are hired by a messenger from Haraldus, a priest of Pholtus, who asks their aid in protecting a group of pilgrims on their journey from a shrine in the foothills to the city of Tringlee (in Ulek). The PCs will be paid 100 gp apiece.

* A PC of LG or LN alignment is asked by his temple or tutor to assist Haraldus in his work of training acolytes of the faith (especially suitable for a PC priest of Pholtus).

Note: This adventure is most enjoyable if PCs are of LN, LG, or NG alignments (at least in the main).

The Adventure

The PCs arrive in the small village of Harrington. Here they hardly even need to inquire of Haraldus, the priest of Pholtus. He is infamous. He has a large house in the village, inherited from his rich father. If PCs spend any time asking around town, they learn that the locals think that Haraldus is stark staring mad. He is soft-headed, other-worldly, and a fool. However, the locals don't know at this time about his current house guests.

The PCs easily get directions to Haraldus's home, where they are admitted by the man himself. Haraldus is quite a phenomenon. He is a true priest of Pholtus—utterly convinced that his is the only path to righteousness. However, he is quite meek and gentle, indeed sentimental, soft-hearted, and unrealistic about life and the world. His high Charisma reflects his personal kindness, unfailingly good manners, likeable smile, meekness, and gentleness. Haraldus's essential goodness communicates itself strongly to those he converses with.

Haraldus, Priest of Pholtus: AC 2

(chain mail +2 and shield); MV 12; Pr2; hp 16; THAC0 20; #AT 1; Dmg 1d6 +1/2d4 (footman's flail); Str 12, Dex 17, Con 16, Int 8, Wis 15, Cha 18; AL LG; Spells: *cure light wounds* (×2), *light* (×2)

Haraldus tells the PCs that he wants their protection for his pilgrims, sad souls they were, but now they are redeemed sinners. They wish to travel to Tringlee to study sacred works of Pholtus and take holy orders there. The PCs can meet them at dinner.

Haraldus won't give any more detail

about the pilgrims at this stage; he says they can meet the PCs shortly. Instead, he is delighted to talk of the works of Lawful Good, singing and praying and such (but not killing evil creatures, unless these are ones of extreme evil such as evil clerics and the like). He says that much evil comes from ignorance and folly, and should not be rewarded with a brutal death.

As PCs sit down to dinner, the pilgrims troop up from the cellar and sit at the table. They wear plain grey robes with

