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Chapter 1 - Part 5
Harrowstone peak



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The party heads to the hidden safe and collects the five objects



Thallan uses a mage hand spell to move the goods to his bag without touching them.

The party heads for the stairs up ... Creepy noises like undead bees seem to emanate from beyond... The party pauses at the door atop the stairs.



Tamos Wolvar:

Tamos remarks dryly "You know, these roaming spirits are becoming rather irksome with their whimsical mockery"



Wingnut:

Go on Alise, kick it open

Alise opens the door to a large hall lined with wooden benches and more stacked and overturned. Weakened by fire, the entire east wall has collapsed away, creating an unintended entryway to a wooden deck beyond. The view of the lake beyond would be beautiful if the silence were not so eerie.



From the wings of the room, huge insects appear ...



A pitched battle ensues with the creatures managing to attach themselves to Tamos and Alise before being shoved back and exploding under a hail of bullets, blades and spells.

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To the west, row upon row of ten-foot-square prison cells line the walls, each separated from the passing hallway by a series of iron bars fitted with a narrow iron door. Skeletons slump in many of the cells, the bones scattered where they lie and coated with a mixed layer of ancient ashes and fresh mould.

A noise arises, of flute playing... and the noise from before. The skeletons in the cages climb to their feet and battle is joined.



From down the passageway, the source of the noise appears...



As the party engages the skeletons, Thallan pulls the flute from his pack using mage hand and calls out to the apparition...

I have your flute here



Can you play that thing Thallan?



Skeletons begin to fall but the apparition begins assaulting the party, trying to overwhelm them with fear ...

Wingnut grabs the flute from Thallan and chokes out a few discordant notes ... It seems to harm the apparition, but also enrages it.

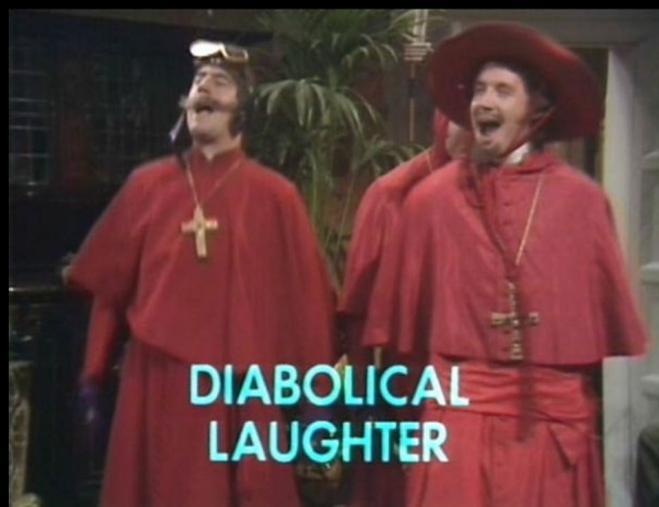
I'll play ... You shoot!



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The apparition washes over Tamos, freezing him in place with fear. Thallan continues to play, Wingnut keeps shooting and Alise cutting down skeletons to left and right. The apparition turns on Alise, freezing her in place and then on Wingnut with the same effect. Thallan blasts out a final note causing the apparition to fizzle and fade. The remaining skeletons crumple to the ground.



After regrouping, the party explores to the south and finding a small cell.

Although this cell is rather spacious, it contains no concessions to comfort. A skeletal body dressed in the rotting remains of a prisoner's robe lies slumped against the eastern wall, wrapped in numerous chains on which are affixed numerous weights emblazoned with several different holy symbols.

A ghostly presence rises from the body of the prisoner and rushes at the party. It claps its hands on shoulders, but then dissipates laughing



Tamos tries putting the holy symbols on but the corpse does nothing.

Wingnut shoots it...

Nothing