The Rumble Under Ferndown

Ferndown, a woodcutters' village on the root roads under the giant pines of the Ladderwood



Every morning there are new holes in Ferndown's road, and its mushroom beds are dug to pieces. Loaf Day is in two days. Track down the digger before the festival is ruined.

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Read this to your players to start

Ferndown bakes the best mushroom bread in the Ladderwood, and Loaf Day, its big festival, is in two days. But every morning there are new holes in the root road, and the mushroom beds behind the bakery are dug to pieces. Tullo Mudge, the troll road warden, and Bryony Crumbwell, the baker, ask the heroes to find the digger before the festival is ruined.

Who's in this adventure

Burrbristle, the Giant Hedgehog

Heart Points 14 · Guard 13

Prickles +2. A hero who grabs or hits her loses 1 Heart Point. She never attacks first.

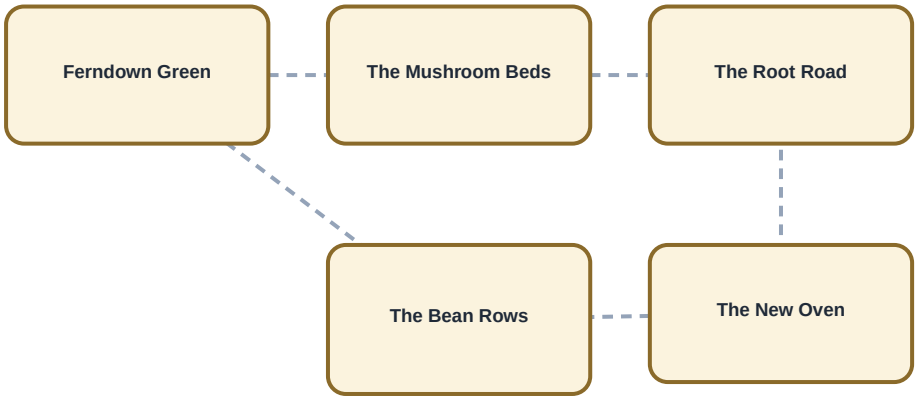
Tips for running this one

• Play it as a tracking game. Each scene gives one clue: a spine, round prints, frightened eyes, a covered den. Let the players say what they think is going on, and nod when they get close.

• Burrbristle is a big animal, not a monster. Describe her the way you would a nervous dog: sniffing, trembling, curling up. By the time the heroes meet her, they should want to help her.

• Playing in Story mode? Take 3 off every DN and skip the roll for anything kind. Veteran tables add 2 to every DN.

Map



Ferndown Green lies where the root road enters the village. The mushroom beds are behind Bryony's bakery, the root road loops round the edge of the village, and the new oven stands against the old stump behind the bakery, with the bean rows beside it. Shorter lengths go straight from the green to the bean rows at dawn.