

## Carrion Crown Session Summary 03/02/2014

### *Attendance*

*Bruce* is absent because “he has a plumbing problem.” *Chris* tries bravely to say this with a straight face to each new arrival at his house. *Chris* and *Ernest* both commiserate about how they both wanted to injure various boss types at work this week after their mix of haplessness and meddling caused them both to have hallucinations similar to the construction foreman looking to level Arthur Dent’s house in *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*.

*Paul* shrugs fatalistically and says “And I have to go to work anyway.” *Patrick* tucks into his sandwich, thinking, “Not me!”

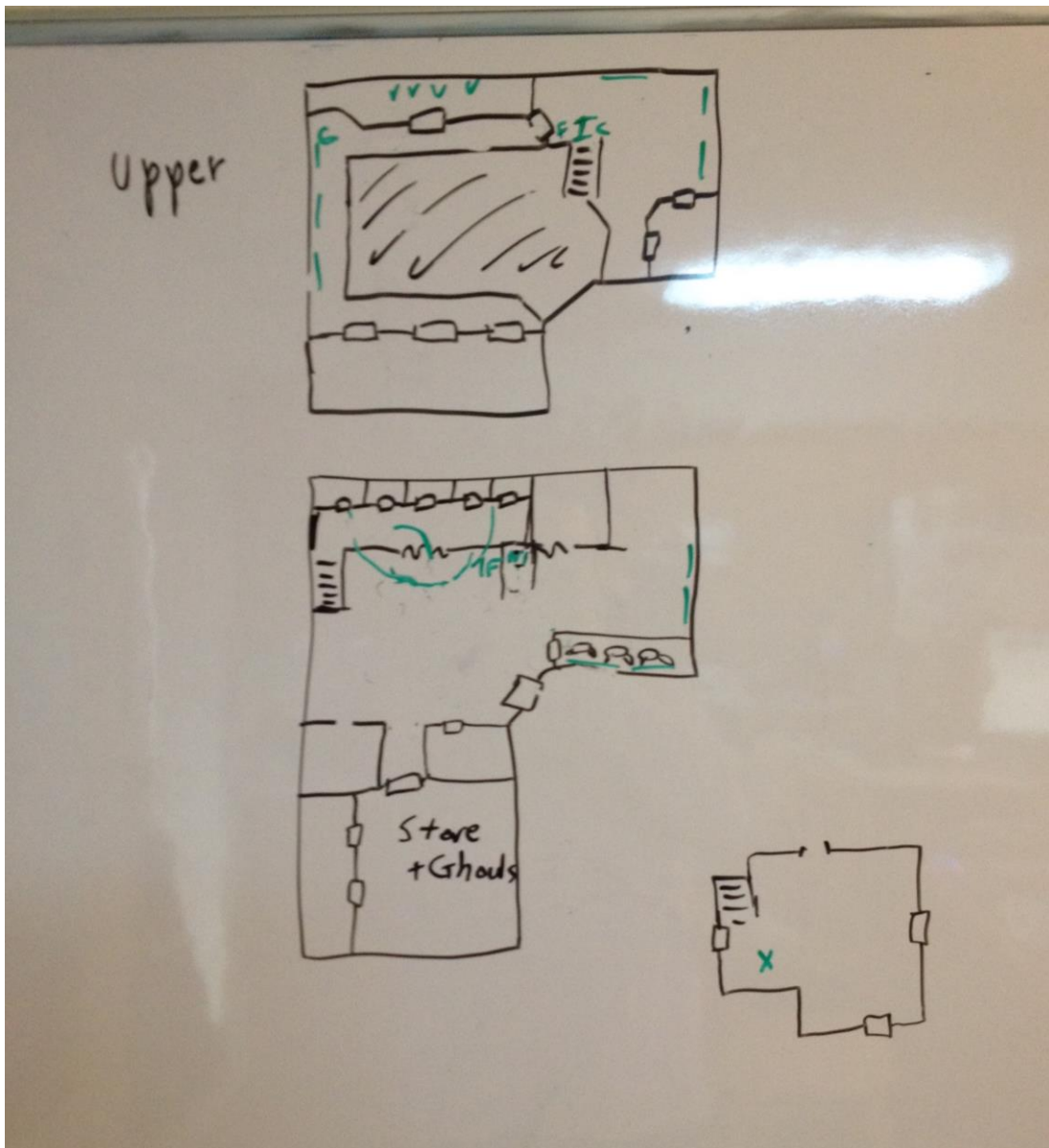
*Tim* and *Matt* eventually arrive as the shouted quotes from *Archer* and *Almost Human* are starting to slowly degenerate into a *Pathfinder* game.

We get a group Harrow card, “Marriage” – which we can use to turn a single NPC to helpful automatically.

Character	Player	Description	Class	Level
Oswald Bainbridge	Bruce	Grizzled Crossbowman	Fighter	10
Xurak Darkfire	Matt	Mysterious cloaked traveler	Half-Orc Necromancer	10
Nigel Snodgrass	Patrick	Emo-Gothic figure	Dirge Bard	10
Doctor Jegen Vaus	Tim	Elvish Eurotrash in leather pants	Alchemist	10
Sredni Vashtar’s Girl	Ernest	Troubled Vudran Girl	Witch	10
Icobus Basilisk	Chris	Pale, poor nobleman, now become orcish!	Oracle	10

## Last Time

While casing a tailor shop looking for vampire killers, the group found some ghouls, and then Dr. Vaus in Ironface mode and Xurak Darkfire snuck down into the basement invisibly but were detected by a cadre of vampires led by Radovere the Vampire Tailor. So named not because he's a vampire that runs a tailor shop, but also because he runs an underground tailor shop catering specifically to vampires. Not this one we're in, though, it's all human-ey.



### *Vampire Tailor Holocaust!*

Ironface, having been detected by the vampires, lopes away up the steps. Radovere commands his vampiric minions, “Go get the guards and kill them all!” They all turn invisible and pursue.

Meanwhile, Xurak Darkfire casts a *greater command undead* on the vampire tailor boss. He succumbs to his arcane blandishments!

The first vampire up the stairs pulls a heavy curtain across the window at the end of the hallway and they scuttle down it as soon as the sunlight is gone. Ironface turns and throws a brace of bombs at the curtain and takes it down, blowing out the window to boot. Light streams into the hallway. The vampires, staggered, retreat back down the stairs shrieking at each other in their 30-Days-Of-Night vampire language.

Downstairs, Xurak, aka “Radovere’s new conscience,” whispers to his new buddy using the *message* spell. This is somewhat confused when the other vampires all come galloping back down the stairs whining about sunlight. He commands them to wrap themselves in sheets and to get their nancy asses back up there.

Human guards come stomping down from upstairs. Ironface throws a bunch of bombs up onto the balcony, shredding them a bit. Nigel continues to drum and waits for them to come down the stairs so he can *fear* them.

Everyone else positions and holds spells, waiting for the vampires to burst out of the hallway into the main floor of the shop. For the third round, they are disappointed, as the vampires continue to hum The Grand Old Duke of York while they shilly-shally around instead of swarming to the attack.

At long last the curtain moves aside to allow the ghost-vampires into the main floor – but Sredni Vashtar’s Girl releases her held *black tentacles* spell and it grabs all of them. They all immediately turn gaseous and the sheets collapse to the ground. Radovere just walks through the tentacles. Xurak hisses, “Come back with me... Let the minions handle this...”

### **The Humans Suck Too**

Nigel moves up and casts *fear* on the guards. Five of six flee, but the sixth shoves his longsword all the way through the hapless bard, doing more than 50 points of damage

and provoking a massive damage save, which he fails! He would have died, but Sredni Vashtar's Girl uses her "The Uprising" Harrow card – one of her black tentacles busts through the floorboard and grabs the guard by the ankle, bringing the blade to a halt just short of bursting Nigel's heart.

The giant Ironface just reaches up and rips through the balcony to attack the guard as Nigel stumbles backward and heals himself.

Icobus runs over by the other entrance to the door. Sredni Vashtar's Girl follows, but halfway she stops, whirls, and tosses a *glitterdust* in airburst fashion above where the vampires left their sheets behind. Four glittery vampires are revealed, two of which are blinded! Irritated, the other two both lay a *fireball* each down upon the group, to light effect. One of the blinded ones *dispels* the *glitterdust*.

Icobus turns on his oracle turbo power and dashes up the stairs and heals Nigel. Ironface continues to tear into the guard from the ground floor. He chucks the man's corpse into the center of the room.

### **Single White Female**

Downstairs, Xurak and Radovere continue to reenact the movie "Single White Female." They swap potions and compliments. Radovere says, "Don't you want to be a vampire now so we can live forever together? We could share a coffin..." Xurak is tempted. They gossip about witches. Radovere uses his hat of disguise to take orcish form. The flirting starts to get uncomfortable (for the rest of us, not for Xurak). Xurak basically keeps Radovere down in the basement and both of them out of the fight for the duration.

Upstairs, Nigel casts *haste*. Sredni Vashtar's Girl flies over to the far side of the second floor and rips down a curtain, filling the second floor balcony with sunlight. The vamps scream and run into the sewing room, slamming the door behind them. Icobus charges up and bursts the door with his adamantine hammer. Besides the vampires and mannequins, there's seamstresses in there.

Ironface starts tossing in bombs amidst the vamps and seamstresses. A combination of Precise Bomb and being Lawful Evil causes him to say, "That'll probably be fine." Sredni Vashtar's Girl casts *passwall* on a convenient wall which floods the rest of the

sewing room with light. The vampires all hiss, smoke, and pile into one small bathroom together, as it's the only place to escape the sunlight. We chortle. Icobus starts ripping through the ceiling and starts tearing at the roof in front of the bathroom door.

The vampires pop the bathroom door open and start casting *scorching rays* at Ironface and Icobus. Icobus' *displacement* causes a bunch of them to miss. He trundles into the bathroom, bashes through the roof with his adamantine warhammer, and uses a magical oracle-power to move right back out! Vampires hiss as the sunlight pours in; there's nowhere left to go. Nigel lays a *heal* on Icobus. Sredni Vashtar's Girl flies up and then fires a *lightning bolt* down through the hole in the roof onto the vampires. The vampires turn *invisible* in desperation, thrash and squeal and then get dusted!

### **This Should Be Easy!**

After some healing for Ironface and no appearance of Xurak, the rest of the group conducts a hurry-up offense down on the ghouls in the storeroom. Or, at least, Icobus does, to the surprise of the rest of the group; it takes them a bit to catch up. He bursts through the door with his adamantine door-popper. A whole pod of ghouls rushes him. He pulls up a *wall of fire* encircling the room. Some of the ghouls decide to fling themselves to immediate death through the wall and others cower and bake slowly to death. Icobus stands there gloating about his cleverness as several horrific bat-winged, fanged demon things come out of the fire at him!

He resists their "death gaze" thanks to his *death ward* but one hits him with a *hold person* and the other two rip into him with their claws. Sredni Vashtar's Girl identifies them as nabasu demons and tries to break him free with *break enchantment*; that doesn't work but he makes a save and zaps into a corner away from the demon things. One fires an *enervation* at Girl and crits her, draining away 4 levels.

Ironface flings himself over the balcony and crashes into a clothing rack, then picks himself up. Nigel considers that and runs down the stairs instead. Two of the demons surround Icobus and tear at him; his various buffs minimize the damage. One flies at Sredni Vashtar's Girl and hits her with a *vampiric touch*; Ironface rakes it with claws and head butts it for a good bit of damage. She turns it into a slug with *baleful polymorph* –

an evil, demonic slug with a boatload of hit points. The slug falls to the ground and oozes away, to one day scare the piss out of a local paladin.

Icobus hits one of the demons with a “Flowers for Algernon” shot, a crit that does a lot of damage and drains 6 INT. The other nabasu hits Nigel, Ironface, and Sredni Vashtar’s Girl with *mass hold person* and they are all paralyzed. The other keeps ripping into Icobus. Icobus shrinks and slashes with a silver sword at one of them, critting with a gory blow. Nigel and Ironface throw off the paralysis. The demons flank Icobus and keep attacking but then Ironface tosses some bombs in to hit both demons. He follows it up with a holy water, critically wounding one of them.

Several more rounds of pointless and painful combat ensue, interrupted only by an argument over whether the demons’ *vampiric touch* should be affected by *death ward*. Finally Icobus staggers one of the two with his sword. They both try to teleport away, but the staggered one fails its combat casting check and goes into the negatives, dropping to the floor. Sredni Vashtar’s Girl eagerly descends and drains him dry of his remaining bodily fluids with her own *vampiric touch*.

## **Denouement**

They loot the vampires and dead guard of a bunch of magical gear. Xurak shows up with his new friend and the rest of the guards lock down the place for our benefit.

Turns out the vampire claims two witches are making a “bloodbrew elixir” that’ll let vampire spawn rise up and destroy their masters to undermine Luvik Servage, who’s apparently the direct master vampire of the whole county. Plus some other undead-making elixir (clearly the lich thing from the prophetic poem that’ll unleash the Whispering Tyrant somehow). The new plan is to go destroy the witches and have Vaus make the elixir and then all happily serve the lich king. Or at least, that’s the plan as we say it out loud to the enchanted vampire.

Sredni Vashtar starts trying on clothes as the group rests.

## ***The End of the Session***

Everyone levels to 11!