

## Open Doors

"What do we do?" Errowdwen's voice calmly carried over the sound of orcs hammering at the heavy door

Despite the half-elf's demeanour, Qura could see tension in his poise as he prepared his quiver "We fight!" Leonbos' growl resonated with his leonin features as he drew and flourished his sword.

Qura looked up and could see the worry on Miiri's face as the bard gently rested her hand absent-mindedly on Qura's head.

Qura bit her lip before coming to a decision.

"I.. I can do it" she muttered as she stepped toward the door, dropping her pack and pulling her goggles in place.

Dropping to her knees, she placed her wand on the flagstone, facing the door and leant on it with both hands.

She took a deep breath in and a flame flickered into life in front of her.

With a second breath a two-foot circle surrounded this flame and on a third breath a concentric circle surrounded it.

Qura began chanting to herself in Havlin – phrases and scraps of poetry alongside made up words, each syllable filling the circle with runescrypt

As the circle filled, sweat began running off the havlin and the magic began to glow brighter – her tears mixing with the sweat and evaporating before it hit the floor.

She got awkwardly to her feet, the circle lifting with her and as she brought her clenched fists to her chest it turned to hang vertical in front of her.

"Door!" she gasped. Blinking she saw the rest of the party watching immobile

"DOOR!" she screamed as she began shaking from the effort

Leonbo moved and in one motion pulled the heavy beam barricading the door closed aside as

Errowdwen wrenched them open, revealing some surprised orcs mid-hammer on the wood.

Their look of surprise turned into elation and then dismay as Qura thrust her hands forward, the circle passing through the doorway into the mob

The burning circle cremated flesh, immolated fabrics and melted metals as it passed through the densely packed monsters, Qura pushing as much power into it as she could while it travelled, until it extinguished some distance away.

Qura fell forward, impacting with the rough stone flooring before her eyes closed and darkness overcame her...