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Points of note:

- Pieter recovered Stormbringer and Soveliss finally has his prism.
- Dek recovered his clan heirlooms and Bengi seized the dragon head carving.
- Michael's "bloodline" portal somehow opened for Pieter.
- The party didn't manage to grab any evidence proving that the giants are moving against Faerun.

A Troubled Bloodline

After pausing briefly to search the rooms of the tower, our heroes activated the arcane elevator again and ascended into the warlock's workshop to confront Michael the Burnt and his shadar-kai guards.

The warmonger awaited them in a viewing gallery. Pedestals lining the walls held Stormbringer, Soveliss' prism, a strange metal carving of a dragon's head, an axe and a shield bearing the Khazdek clan symbols. Strange runes crossed the floor and a silver shield danced in the air around Michael.

Pieter ignored the warlock and immediately dashed away to scoop up Stormbringer and only then engaged a shadar-kai that had emerged from the shadows to attack Caelan. The other Heroes of Winterhaven moved against Michael and his guards.

A storm of spells and blades filled the gallery, only to be interrupted as the entire tower shook. Through one of the windows, a pillar of lava could be seen erupting from the nearby mountain as chunks of rock separated from it and fell into the river of fire. The walls of the tower began to crack.

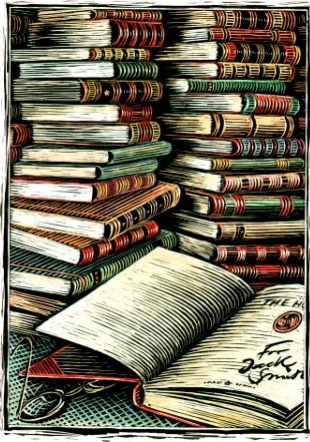
Dek, Bengi and Soveliss hounded Michael while Pieter and Caelan focused on the shadar-kai, and it wasn't long before the warlock found himself facing the Heroes of Winterhaven alone. Almost simultaneously, another eruption ripped through the tower, causing the floor to shudder and the combatants to lose their footing. Michael took his chance and escaped down the arcane elevator with Dek in hot pursuit. "Grab my clan's gear!" he yelled as he ran.

Pieter, Bengi and Soveliss moved around the gallery collecting the items on display, then they moved as quickly as possible to the arcane elevator. Meanwhile Dek, Caelan and Michael

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A Troubled Bloodline (cont.)



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reached the garden below. The warlock activated the key around his neck and the portal flared to life. Dek's axe flashed out and the warlock barely managed to avoid being decapitated. The chain of his key snapped and Dek scooped it. Michael sneered. "That will do you no good. The portal will respond only to my bloodline." Then he stepped through and was gone. The portal immediately winked shut.

Bengi and Soveliss studied the portal in vain, but as the roof began to cave in, it was clear they had no time to co-opt its magic. Pieter finally made his way down the arcane elevator

and surged towards the portal, skidding to a stop when he saw it black and dull. Simultaneously, the portal flared back to life.

The Heroes of Winterhaven scrambled through the portal as Michael the Burnt's tower began to topple.

When they emerged, they were in a back alley. Caelan's nature sense told them they were back from the Shadowfell and far from Cormyr. Michael was nowhere to be seen.

Our heroes ventured out into a crowd to question a passerby. "Why, you're in Waterdeep!" he said.

State of Play

| Person | HP | HS | AP | Coins | Items | Other |
|----------|-------|-------|----|-------|-------|-------|
| Bengi | 72/72 | 11/11 | 1 | | | |
| Caelan | 64/64 | 8/8 | 1 | | | |
| Dek | 88/88 | 14/14 | 1 | | | |
| Pieter | 69/69 | 8/8 | 1 | | | |
| Soveliss | 62/62 | 7/7 | 1 | | | |

Quote of the Session

"But part of his ability to do crazy shit like that is knowing I'll come along afterwards and save his ass"

- Jay replies to Andy's comment about Soveliss's unconventional tactics.

Quest Tracker

| Quest | Clues/Notes | Status |
|----------------------|---|------------|
| A Long Way from Home | Find a way out of the Shadowfell | Complete |
| Terrlen's Curse | Help Terrlen rid himself of Lycanthropy | Incomplete |

