

DWARVES OF THE BLACK FORGE



ONCE A GREAT AND POWERFUL RACE OF DWARVES CALLED THE SKULLHAMMER CLAN. THEY LIVED IN PEACE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN THE DARK FIRE MOUNTAINS ON WESTERN EDGE OF FALLCREST. THESE DWARVES LIVED IN BLACKFORGE KEEP WHICH WAS THE BIGGEST AND GRANDEST KEEP OF ALL THE DWARFISH CLANS IN FALLCREST. THEY WERE WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT

THE LAND FOR THEIR CRAFTSMANSHIP IN CREATING THE BEST MAGICAL WEAPONS KNOWN. EVERYONE HERO WANTED A SKULLHAMMER MADE WEAPON AND MANY PAID A SMALL FORTUNE TO HAVE ONE. THEY WERE MADE FROM A SPECIAL METAL THE DWARVES CALLED BLACKHEART IRON. THE IRON WAS FOUND DEEP INSIDE DARK FIRE MOUNTAIN. THE IRON HAD AN INNATE MAGICAL AURA INSIDE IT. THE DWARVES USED THIS AURA TO ENHANCE THE WEAPONS POWERS AND ABILITIES.

THE BLACKHEART IRON THE DWARVES FOUND WAS NOT ACTUALLY A METAL. IT WAS A MAGICAL PRISON THAT HOLDS AN EVIL BLACK DRAGON NAMED CRIXION THE PLAGUEBRINGER. CRIXION WAS IMPRISONED IN THE MAGICAL STONE AND HIDDEN AWAY INSIDE THE DARK FIRE MOUNTAINS LONG BEFORE THE DWARVES TOOK UP RESIDENCY. THE EVIL DRAGON LAY DORMANT FOR A THOUSAND YEARS UNTIL THE FIRST SKULLHAMMER DWARF BROKE A SINGLE PIECE OFF THE STONE. THIS AWAKENED THE BEAST AND THUS BEGAN THE SLOW CORRUPTION OF THE SKULLHAMMER CLAN. EVERY TIME THE DWARVES WOULD REMOVE A PIECE OF STONE FROM CRIXION'S PRISON HIS POWERS WOULD GROW STRONGER. THE SKULLHAMMER DWARVES MADE THOUSANDS OF MAGICAL WEAPONS OVER THE YEARS FROM THE STONE.

AS CRIXION'S POWER GREW HE STARTED TO SLOWLY OVER TIME TO CORRUPT THE SKULLHAMMER CLAN. CRIXION BROKE THEIR WILL AND TURNED THEM INTO DEVOTED FOLLOWERS. CRIXION ORDERED THE DWARVES TO FIND ALL THE MAGICAL WEAPONS THEY HAD CREATED; BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY HE COULD ESCAPE HIS PRISON WAS IF HE HAD EVERY PIECE OF BLACKHEART IRON BACK. THEN THE DWARVES COULD USE THE COMBINED MAGICAL ENERGY IN RITUAL TO FREE CRIXION FROM HIS PRISON.



THE DWARVES SET OUT TO RECOVER THE MAGICAL ITEMS FOR CRIXION THEIR NEW LORD AND MASTER. OVER TIME THE DWARVES FOUND ALL BUT FIVE OF THE MAGICAL ITEMS, BUT THESE WERE NO ORDINARY ITEMS THEY WERE THE FIVE ORIGINAL ITEMS CREATED FROM THE BLACKHEART IRON BY THE DWARVES. THESE TREASURES WERE CREATED FOR THE FIVE DWARF LORDS OF THE LANDS.





DARKSONG THE ORC SLAYER: THE VERY FIRST WEAPON FORGED WAS GIVEN TO LORD DRAKON SKULLHAMMER HIMSELF. THE GREAT AXE WAS LOST IN BATTLE MANY YEARS AGO AND THE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. THE AXE GAVE IT WIELDER GREAT POWER AND IS TODAY THIS FEARED BY ALL ORCS.



KANG THE LIONS CLAW: THE SECOND WEAPON FORGED WAS GIVEN TO LORD GALON HAMMERHAND OF THE HILL DWARVES OF BARRENS. THE SWORD IS STILL THERE TO THIS DAY. TO THE HILL DWARVES KANG STANDS FOR HONOR AND GLORY TO ALL HILL DWARVES EVERYWHERE.



GRUD'S BRUTE SHIELD OF POWER: THE THIRD WEAPON WAS GIVEN TO LORD THORIAN IRONHEAD OF THE SEA FEARING DWARVES OF BATTLE BAY. THORIAN DISPLAYS THE SHIELD IN HIS THRONE ROOM TO THIS DAY.



HEMI THE LIGHTNING HAMMER: THE FOURTH WEAPON FORGED WAS GIVEN TO THE LORD HADRON ICEBOTTOM OF THE ICE DWARVES OF BLIZZARD CRAG. NO ONE HAS SEEN THE ICE DWARVES OR THE WEAPON IN HUNDREDS OF YEARS. THE HAMMER IS RUMORED TO BE INSIDE BLIZZARD KEEP.



ALANDRA'S BLACK HEART: THE FINAL ITEM CRAFTED FOR GIVEN TO LADY KIMI TREEHEART QUEEN OF THE FOREST DWARVES OF RED WOOD FOREST. THE NECKLACE IS RUMORED TO BE KEPT INSIDE A HIDDEN DUNGEON DEEP BENEATH KRADOR KEEP.