

between that of a turtle and of a hairless sloth, crowned with a tall, curving horn and bearing a single, round, glistening red eye above its gaping mouth, which bristled with rows of carnivore teeth. The glint of a kind of cold intelligence, of an awareness beyond that of a mere animal, seemed to shine back at me through that one eye.

*Can mere steel prevail over the terrors wrought of unearthly magic—the skills of masters of the sword and staff alone weighed against the occult forces of the great unknown—or will ruthless treachery also play its part in a grim tableau of schemes, deception, and death?*

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