

PCs:

Chumbo, Merisiel, Husky, and Seelah

The story so far:

Entering Jafaki's lab, the team was confronted with unholy machinations and experimental equipment designed to create monstrosities. They saw a poor morlock being tortured and morphed into something new. A worm-like creature, who introduced himself as Jafaki, invited the team to participate in his experiments as subjects. Husky didn't hesitate to volunteer but immediately regretted it. After a heated discussion, the group decided to leave the lab and instead seek out the devil army with whom they might defeat Jafaki. Unfortunately, Chumbo's negotiation skills failed, and they were forced into battle with him.



Jafaki cast a spell that created copies of himself and switched the bodies of the heroes. Seelah's soul was forced into Chumbo's body, and vice versa. Husky's soul ended up in Merisiel's body, and hers in his. Terrified by the sudden turn of events, the team panicked and fled—still trapped in the wrong bodies. The switcheroo situation really fucked them up.

The team descended into a hellish environment where flickers of fire cast ominous shadows across the walls. There, they were confronted by a familiar face, a devil whose brother they had slain long ago.



They deceived him, claiming they had nothing to do with his brother's death, and he led them to his master, Bercum, who was working at his hellforge to craft weapons. Bercum was a calculated and composed devil, one who, to their surprise, knew each of them by name. He revealed that he had been spying on them all along.

“Kill Urevien, the leader of this realm, and I can reorganize the army,” he said, before calmly explaining his plan to overthrow Urevien, whom he regarded as an inefficient and lazy devil lord.



He offered them a contract: after slaying Urevien and taking command of the devil army, they would appoint Bercum as their chief lieutenant. In return, he would aid them by sealing the gate, preventing Urevien from commanding his forces.

After a tense discussion, the group accepted the bargain and signed the contract with their own blood. (He also used his devil shamans to fix the switcheroo situation)

Now it was time to face the devil lord, Urevien, a strikingly handsome fiend who was already waiting for the heroes. He had another offer for them: kill the corrupt blacksmith, Carman Rajani, and in return, he would bring peace and tranquility to Otari and Absalom by aiding the team in slaying Belcorra and ending the madness.

The heroes also discovered that Jafaki's very existence served a grim purpose: to keep the devils from reaching the surface and unleashing havoc upon Otari and Absalom.



Rejecting the devil lord's offer, a fierce battle erupted, one worthy of the history books. Confronted with their past guilt and pushed to their ultimate limits, the team endured terrible pain. Yet, through Seelah's holy sword, her blessed shortbow, Kyra's sacred statuette, and their unyielding cooperation, they withstood the fiend's

onslaught and struck him with devastating blows. At last, Bercum entered the fray, turning on his master to bring the conflict to its end.

With Urevien slain, the heroes were left with a fateful choice: disband the devil army or claim it as their own. After a long debate, they chose to disband it. Bercum, bitterly disappointed, warned them: *“This will not be the last time you face such decisions. You had best learn to choose more wisely... for we shall meet again.”*



With the devil army disbanded, the team went a little nutty, looting whatever they could find. Along the way, they encountered a wounded female nephilim named Cynemi. To everyone’s surprise, Husky offered her a healing potion before even greeting her, an act that left a strong, positive impression.

Cynemi revealed that she was a wanted fugitive in Absalom for theft, and that she had once signed a contract with Urevien to kill Carman Rajani, but ultimately failed in her mission.



Cynemi joined the party and shared valuable information about the area. Who would have thought the heroes would find a friend in the very depths of hell?