

Herzog Rocks

This region is the most dangerous part of the journey from Dunor to the moot and stone-henge temple at Isendathing. It is regularly attacked by the half-orc savages, the Black Crow, who live in small tent villages on the steppe south of the rugged Nachtsturm Canyon. Parties of 10 or more seem sage though. Along the way are the ruins of Bernrich Keep which kept guard along the way. It was the responsibility of the fearsome Baron Doggetage, but after his premature death at the hands of barbaric mermaids in the seas to the west, the keep fell into disrepair, and was eventually overrun by a horde of vengeful Black Crows, seeking revenge for the liberties the Baron had taken with their female folk, the killing of their men-folk and the looting of their cattle and horses.

The ship that the Baron was sailing on from Dunor to the south was blown onto a small reef south of the Herzog Rocks, where it was attacked by a kraken, urged on by a fierce tribe of mermaids who had been subjected to the Baron's not-so-tender mercies in prior years. There, as his crew foundered and drowned, he was torn apart slowly, limb by limb, and given to the fishes to eat, while still conscious. One man was allowed to survive to bring this tale to the lords of Dunor. It is believed that these mermaids were also responsible for stirring the Black Crows to action against the baron's keep. It is expected that Dunor will rebuild the keep once they have sent an expeditionary force to subdue the Black Crow savages.

The Herzog Rocks themselves are massive sharp edged basaltic rocks, with dangerous currents between them. To be caught in a strong southerly gale here means the certain shipwreck and loss of all hands to any vessel so caught.