

Chapter 2: यस्मिन् व्याकुलिता अपायिनः (yasmin vyākulitā apāyinaḥ) (In which she who has been affected disappears.)

Morning

The PCs are only a few hours behind the ninjas with Madhu. About an hour before the PCs catch up with them, the leader of their band, Woasah, closes a ritual circle and calls to Ratnavali, as instructed. Madhu is shoved into the circle and fades away. The ninjas are kwperplexed, but know that they must press on, and so abandon the site.

They flee as fast as they can, but they leave enough of a trail for the PCs to follow.

Day

The PCs will catch up to the ninjas and fight them. However, the leader will perform a Summoning with the help of a magic jar. The Magic jar will release a “bottled summons” for a demon in thrall to Ratnavali. The Demon can only attack at night, and will do so.

The Ninjas put up one hell of a fight, and fight to the death. If any is incapacitated without being killed, they take a draught of poison from a vial hidden on their person.

Night

The PCs are either in a town or camping. If they are camping, they are attacked in the night by the demon thing. If they are in an inn or hotel or a friend’s house or whatever, the demon thing also attacks them, but has to force its way in...