



ADVENTURE HOOK #2

Backwards weather
conceals a mystery

An unexplained weather event
has sapped the energy of a
cold mining town

Understand what has changed
the people's minds

Battle against unknown forces

Learn what was unearthed
inside the mines

Discover the weather's source
and save the survivors

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IT NEVER SNOWS HERE

You don't come to Winterspier to enjoy the weather. Brief summers offer occasional relief, but snow never leaves the mountain peaks. The cold is the way of life in the largest city of the north. Well, except just outside the mining town of Goldtooth. One snow-covered mountain has a mysterious patch of sunlight, where grass is green and flowers grow. The Goldtooth residents enjoy the place, but nobody seems to know why or how this summer paradise in the arctic mountains is even here.

The ore flowing from Goldtooth to the Winterspier ports slowed to a trickle and now has stopped. Messengers to Goldtooth seeking answers have been killed. Of those that have survived, they describe a people spending ever more time in the sun and away from work, assuring that all of their needs have been met and there is nothing to worry about. The Duke of Winterspier has hired you to send an expedition to Goldtooth, reopen the mines if possible, and--if anyone is in danger--rescue them and report back.

You can use the weather as an antagonist or obstacle to overcome in your campaign. Always question whether your adventure must happen on a sunny day. Use this hook to craft a mash-up weather event that cannot be quickly or easily resolved.

Players cannot simply combat themselves out of a weather problem. They will need to think about the environment they are in and conjure clever ways to use weather to their advantage. In this hook, the weather can also enchant the people who experience it, making weather an even more visceral experience.

Prompts for Dungeon Masters

What is the magic, deity, or natural event that made this change in the weather possible?

Who would have a reason to drive workers away from the mines?

Why is the Duke actually worried about the drop in ore coming from Goldtooth?

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