

¹ Generic Chicken Adventure

Introduction

Something's not right with the chickens in Featherington. They're restless, clucking and scratching at all hours of the night. Last week, Old Jed the Poultry Plucker got jumped. We found him bruised, bloodied, and half-buried in filth and feathers. Worse yet, his whole flock has vanished into the woods, like they had somewhere to be. Something's coming. I can feel it.

What's Going On?

The **Poultry Prophet** has returned! A hideous sorcerer with the head of a chicken and the body of a man. They hide within the old hillside cavern on the edge of the village. They perform corrupt rituals to transfer the best qualities of man (intellect, opposable thumbs, size, strength, etc.) to their chicken followers. The ritual leaves the humans a husk of their former selves, or worse yet, turns them into half-man half-chicken abominations.

The village chickens can sense the Poultry Prophets presence. They squirm and squawk their way to freedom, attacking those that get in their way. They are desperate to flock to their new masters call.

The time of man has come to an end, the chicken must rise!

Rumors

1. People on the road have been going missing (True) it could be bandits from the old Jackal Clan (False)
2. A chicken spoke human to a child (half-true, the child can speak the chickens language)
3. Hunters have spotted chicken tracks leading to the old hillside cavern (True)
4. The Blessed Hen Mother Cometh to Cleanse the Land of Human Filth!! (Sorry, did you say something? My mind was elsewhere)
5. A human sized chicken was seen skulking the treeline (True, but rarely believed)
6. A demon is possessing the chickens (False)
7. The other farm animals know something is wrong (True, the chickens like to talk)
8. The famous alchemist Sal Monella has disappeared! (True, the Poultry Prophet tortures him for alchemical equations)
9. A chicken was seen carrying a pitchfork (True) it proceeded to steal all the farmers grain (False, a ploy to get free grain)
10. Old Jed was attack by his chickens last week, he hasn't been the same (True)

Achievements

There are several secret objectives hidden throughout this adventure. The first peasant to meet the requirements is awarded +1 dirt points. What an achievement!

Tastes like Chicken: Eat a chicken

Mother Hen: Hatch an egg

Fried Chicken: Push an enemy into the sizzling black water

Take Flight: Grow a chicken wing

Alchemist: Make a potion

Chicken Sympathizer: Join the poultry rebellion

Bird Brain: Do something silly

Prison Break: Release the prisoners

Squawks: Interrogate a Chicken

Over-Easy: Slay a enemy with eggs

Bird Flu: Catch a bird born disease

Salmonella Outbreak: Recruit the alchemist Sal Monella to help



Not the final art, I just doodled to fill the space

Starting the Adventure

The peasants could be travellers, or residents of the village. You can have them start by investigating some of the rumors circulating around the village. Want to get straight into the action? Skip the investigation and just give them all the clues. Start them right outside the Hillside Cavern.

They should be able to discover most, if not all of the following information:

1. The chickens are aggressive
2. Some chickens are acting unnaturally intelligent
3. Bandits are not involved
4. The King's army laughed at the villages request for help
5. Ominous clucking on the wind
6. Something is causing the chickens to flock to the old Hillside Cavern

Ultimately the peasants should be convinced that something odd is happening at the Hillside Cavern and they should explore it.

If they are not convinced or skeptical to investigate, try to bribe them. The village has little to offer, but they will offer at least a quarter of all chickens returned to them. In the event that doesn't work I recommend bribing the players themselves with chips and drinks.

The Hillside Cavern

An old hillside cavern that used to be the hideout for The Jackals. A bandit gang dispersed 40 years ago. It has been reclaimed by the Prophet for evil experiments. A fowl odor wafts from within.

1 - Main Entrance

Three Chicken Warriors stand guard, nestled around a warm fire. They cluck passionately about their new master. Many small tracks can be seen entering and leaving from two waist-high tunnels in the north wall. A passage to the west seems strangely untouched; **the passage is trapped, use Pandora's box to determine the trap.**

2 - Stolen Goods

Wagons, goods, and belongings of kidnapped travellers are piled in this room. **Sniper Hens** hide in an elevated snipers roost, ready to fire a barrage of eggs upon intruders.

Treasures: roll for oddity (page 65)

3 - Burrows

Small tunnels littered with broken feathers, hay nests, and chicken shit (**Nasty check to resist Chicken Pox**). Hundreds of chickens nest here. It is not pleasant. A normal sized person has to crawl on their hands and knees. **Three Chicken Swarms** will erupt from the hay nests and chase the peasants.

Treasure: eggs and key for area 6.

4 - Cramped Pens

Many humans are stuffed into small barred cells built into the cave walls. Farmers, merchants, and other travellers will loudly plead for help. Loud noises will attract the attention of **Four Chicken Warriors**.

Treasure: if the prisoners are freed, a child will reveal a small object "my secret weapon against the chickens!" **Use Pandora's Box to define the secret weapon.**

5 - Interrogations

The famous alchemist Sal Monella lies bloody and beaten on the floor. He is chained to a central pillar. The Prophet has been torturing Sal for alchemical equations to enhance their evil experiments.

Keep Sal safe and he will help you craft potions in area 6.

6 - Black Water

The heinous smell of rotting flesh and salty brine drifts from this room. An alchemy lab sits against the wall littered with dried herbs, fetish's, and half-baked potions. A mushroom garden grows on the ledge of a simmering black pool. Failed experiments are tossed into the black water to melt, coagulate, and never fully dissolve.

Treasure: an elixir of bird speak and a contact poison of chicken pox. They look exactly the same.



7 - The Prophet's Nest

This large chamber houses several bookshelf's, crates, and a desk that are filled with ancient scrawlings and parchments, all of which are written in Chicken Scratch.

The **Poultry Prophet** stands between three large runic stones. Nearby a giant nest harbors a massive egg. The Prophet coos and caws occult words as he flings bird seed high into the air. One of the stones begins to glow. The egg begins to crack. The shadow of a hideous amalgamation of flesh and feathers can be seen growing inside.

When the third stone is lit, the **Chicken Abomination** will hatch. If the Prophets ritual is stopped before the third stone lights up, the lights will fade and the egg will return to a state of dormancy.

Treasure: A holy book titled: The Blessed Hen Mother and the Great Sky Nest Above. The contents of which appear to be mad scrawlings and chicken iconography. Peasants who look inside the book must make an **Anxiety check to resist becoming the next Poultry Prophet.**

Ending the Adventure

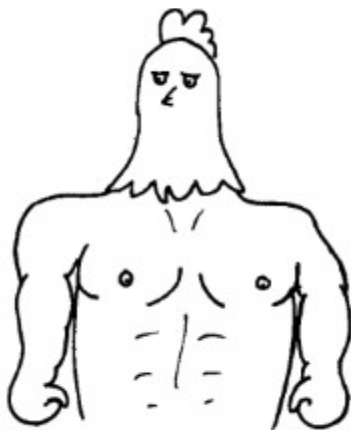
The Poultry Prophet is Defeated

The village sings your praises and speaks highly of your heroism. You are given a decent hovel and large plot of farmland, among any other rewards that were offered at the beginning of the adventure.

Beyond the village you are still nothing more than a filthy peasant. People will laugh at the retelling of your heroics "how preposterous!" "A silly tale indeed!" "Your a fool if you think I'd believe that lard!"

The Poultry Prophet Succeeds

The Prophet masters the art of transmogrifying chickens. Super Soldier Chickens descend into the country burning down cities and enslaving humans. The humans are transmogrified and domesticated to produce obedient and ignorant offspring. Chickens acquire a taste for country fried human.



I made a goofy chicken for some filler art until
I have more money to spend on the game

Chicken Warriors (M)

Description: They have thumbs! And they are wielding farm tools!

Special: They carry bird flu

Attacks: Pitchforks, spades, hoes, trowels, threshing flails, whips, etc.

Deathrattle: Explode into feathers

Chicken Swarm (M)

Description: Many angry birds all flying at you very fast!

Special: They can form a wall

Attacks: Peck, scratch, aggressive flapping, bird shit, loud cawing

Deathrattle: Explode into feathers

Chicken Abomination (B)

Description: A monstrosity large amalgamation of feathers and flesh. Human arms, chicken heads, tiny wings, and many sharp beaks and claws protrude from the round mass. It quite notably lacks a brain

Plot Armors:

1. Herculean strength
2. Tiny wings that let it fly
3. It's massive and heavy
4. Ear splitting screeching

Attacks: It will rip you in half with its arms, grind your bones with its beak, flatten you with its weight, and squawk horribly the entire time

Deathrattle: A horrid squawk that drives a peasant mad (Anxiety)

Sniper Hens (B)

Description: Hens with excellent depth perception and slingshots

Plot Armors:

1. Elevated snipers roost
2. Unlimited egg supply
3. They are a crack shot

Special: 33% chance a slingshotted egg hatches into a chicken warrior

Attacks: Eggs of various qualities, double-yolker, hard boiled, rotten, adhesive, slimy, slick, blinding

Deathrattle: Explode into feathers

Poultry Prophet (B)

Description: Hideous sorcerer with the head of a chicken and body of a man. They despise humanity and their lust for poultry flesh. To spite humanity, the prophet will use transmutation to turn man into chicken. Praise be the Blessed Hen Mother in the Great Sky Nest above

Plot Armors:

1. Chosen one of the Hen Mother in the Great Sky Nest above
2. Summons unlimited Chicken Swarms to protect them.
3. Their magic will transform the peasants into chickens.

Special: A runic stone glows whenever a peasant fails

Attacks: Wall of feathers, rain of egg, summon lesser chicken, the great clucking, spectral claws

Deathrattle: Explode into feathers