

ON ILKLA MOOR BAHT'AT

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WITNESS

Effie Williams is a 12 year old girl from London. Her little brother, David, was killed in the Blitz and 3 months ago she was sent to the village of Ben Rhydding at the edge of Ikley Moor. Effie's source of strength is a *sense of adventure*, her personality trait is "goes unnoticed".

OTHER CHARACTERS

- ⊙ *Miss Phyllida Bailey* is the lady who Effie is billeted with. Phyllida is a private person, often busy with the Land Girls. She takes little interest in what Effie gets up to and is often bad-tempered with her. Lately she has been pre-occupied with some contaminated land up at Oaklands Farm.
- ⊙ *Corporal Claude Bell* is an African American soldier stationed nearby. He is a kind and gentle man who doesn't seem suited to war, and would rather be back with his family. Since conducting army exercises on Ikley Moor he has become withdrawn and distant.
- ⊙ *Mr Frederick Hamilton*, former manager of the Hydro, was turned down for the Army for unknown reasons. Recently his health has deteriorated and he is a constant visitor to the Doctor. He covers himself in layers and scarves on even the hottest days.
- ⊙ *Martha Jones* a maid at the former Hydro, she is still engaged by the Wool Control Board to do a little cleaning. She was a vibrant, young, bright eyed woman; but since the Wool Control Board took over she keeps quiet with a haunted look in her eyes.

Incredible scale. Vast blocks of stone, walls up to 150 feet high and continuous structures in a 30-mile-wide ribbon, at least 100 miles long.

We have seen sculpture, carvings... all evidence (if it were needed) of advanced civilisation.

LOCATION AND ERA

Ben Rhydding is a picturesque town in West Riding of Yorkshire. It was made famous in the Victorian period for its exceptional Hydro pathic Spa Establishment. But it is 1942 and rationing, wartime conditions and the shadow of Hitler are grinding and relentless. The tourists are gone, the men have been conscripted and the town is an empty place.

OTHER LOCATIONS

- ⊙ *The Hydro Hotel* (and golf course) - once the epitome of Victorian Gothic style, the Hydro is crumbling. It closed shortly after the war began and was taken over by the "Wool Control Board". Now, almost deserted, it casts a long and grim shadow over the town.
- ⊙ *Ikley Moor* - a forbidding place, bleak and exposed. It stretches for miles covered in low shrubs and garlanded in purple heather and hidden treachery. Sticky bogs suck down sheep and blinding fog can descend instantly and last for days.
- ⊙ *The Twelve Apostles* - a prehistoric stone circle on Ilkley Moor. There are 12 remaining stones which all lie prone on the heather. The circle adjoins a series of barrows, ancient burial sites that dot the surrounding countryside.
- ⊙ *Oaklands Farm* - the closest farm to the moor. It is lonely and isolated, even the Land Girls refuse to spend the night there. Some of the animals have been suffering a strange infectious skin condition. No-one knows the cause.

SPECIAL CARDS

- ⊙ Early Reveal
- ⊙ A Strange Location
- ⊙ Warped Bodies
- ⊙ Strange Writing
- ⊙ A Bizzarerie

Elder One maps show a Western mountain range even more massive - 40,000 feet - and of accursed reputation.

ON ILKLA MOOR BAHT'AT: SAMPLE CLUES

- ⊙ Ancient stones on the moor carved with blasphemous designs.
- ⊙ A greenish stain on the fingers that won't come off.
- ⊙ The bilberries on the moor are shrivelled, blistered and foul.
- ⊙ A fog that descends too fast and smells unnatural and fetid.
- ⊙ Strange tales of an odd chemical smell in some rooms at the Hydro.
- ⊙ Person or persons, who have lived on Ikley all their life, is/are missing on the moors.
- ⊙ Locals have contracted an unidentified, pulpy, skin condition.
- ⊙ The Wool Control Board, out-of-towners who have taken over the Hydro, are rarely seen and said to have strange ways.
- ⊙ The Hydro is deserted by day but at night the lights are on and cars are constantly coming and going.
- ⊙ A blasted crater on the moor.
- ⊙ A dead fox/sheep, its limbs withered and its skin covered in boils.
- ⊙ Sickly lights and sounds coming from the Hydro, witnessed by the town drunk.

Antarctic appears to have been the location of the original Elder One colony.

Apparent previous era of existence, on other planets, using manufactured goods and mechanical technology, subsequently abandoned.

Finally reaching out and touching these ancient stones fills with me with excitement - and a faint sense of dread