

## Bal-sagoth

# "In The Raven-Haunted Forest Of Darkenhold, Where Shadows Re"

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The Words of the Forest-King on the Eve of the Nexus:  
I am the immortal King of the Deep Woods,  
Servitor of the Old Gods of the Forest...  
I hear the whispered words of the trees...  
Such ancient secrets they sing...

Swaying serpents ring my oak-hewn throne,  
Night and shadow are my hunting dogs...  
Ravenous, they howl to be unshackled,  
That their maws may be glutted with the blood of my  
foes.

Raven's claw... tooth of the wolf

Ancient trees my brooding sentinels,  
Gnarled branches clawing the nighted heavens.  
Spirits who dwell in shadow, unfurl thy darkling wings...  
Awaken, o' elder creatures of this sylvan realm,  
Stalk once more this ebon-cloaked eve.

I hear the whispered words of the trees,  
Such ancient secrets they sing...

I stand now at the anvil,  
Adamantine hammer in my hand,  
In thunder-song the steel I smite,  
A clarion heard throughout this land.

(Yawning wide beneath me...) the jaws of the worm...  
(hearken, the spell is woven...) the call of the worm...  
Raven's claw... tooth of the wolf

Ablaze upon the Altar of Stone,  
The Sigil of An-rayuth, the summoning!  
Folk of the Mist, Dwellers in Shadow,  
The thrice-blessed wand of the Wood-Gods is  
beckoning!  
At the aeon-swathed Shrine of the Oak I kneel,  
O' Oracle of the Great Forest, hear me this night...

[The Sylvan Oracle Speaks:]  
The gods of the earth and sky are watching, the circle  
is nigh on  
complete... the nexus is at hand. But hearken... for a  
new enemy approaches  
from the east... an enemy who hide their poisoned  
blades behind words of  
falsehood sweetened with the ichors of carrion, to bind  
men's minds with-a

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