

in the COMPANY of DEVILS

a novel by R.A. Kaelin



Unknown to **Rūan**, Lord Peveril had already contacted the last living general of the Hellborne a once mighty army, offering himself as the Hellborne a successor. Thus was he borne off by this general and his living sacrifice into the mountains. Known commonly as **RDM**, due to his appearance and his close kinship with plants, this general is the most cunning and dangerous of the Hellborne a demonic servants. Although he is greatly weakened by advanced age and lack of sacrificial victims, **RDM** is still a power to be feared, and must only be approached by trained knights and artificers.



For the education and welfare of his people, that they may be spared an extraordinary fate, this document has been specially prepared by **Rūan the Great** in his lovingkindness.

In November 1045, **Rūan the Great** was alerted that his great-nephew, the High Wizard Edgar Peveril, had accessed technology previously created by the Hellborne. Because **Rūan the Great** loves his people, and wishes to spare them the horrors of war and mass sacrifice, he had Peveril cast out from the Citadel, banned from the practice of magic, and marked as a dangerous man.



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Root is the height of an eight-year-old child, with a high-pitched voice, and may scuttle on all fours like a spider. He is accompanied by his living sacrifice, a revenant in the body of one of the giants of old. This revenant heals from its every wound, for Root has imbued it with unknown magics. Its hunger is endless, it knows no pain, and no one has yet discovered its weakness. It is only afraid of fire; it is unknown why.



To he who slays the beasts and the ignominious Edgar Severil, Ruan offers great treasures, land, titles, and writs of immunity.

There may be one innocent with the group: a captured virgin from the farms of the Tenth Province. It is suspected that she has been secured for the sake of sacrifice. Upon her capture, she must be delivered to the Province Magistrate.

