

# The Perfect Cornish Smuggler Evening

## Original Spec:

- Cornish Smuggler Soundtrack,
- Cornish phrases (dialect and Cornish language) to use while playing.
- Food and drink this could include pastys but not just limited to that. St Austell brewery and Skinners have some fine Cornish ales that might enhance the theme.
- Costumes? (think more respectable pirates)
- Setting: candles, dim lighting how to get the atmosphere of a tavern in your own home.

## Copy (775 words + 139 words in pre-given slang examples):

For the theme of *Cornish Smuggler*, we dipped into history and drew inspiration from 18<sup>th</sup> Century Cornwall to help create a unique aesthetic. Even if you don't know much about the iconic tales from south-west England, you can still have a lot of fun playing *Cornish Smuggler*. Given the game's origins in history, why not set up a gaming night where you become the characters of Cornwall and bring history into your own room?

Everyone knows that snacks and food are one of the key elements of a games night. Before you pick up the phone and dial up your favourite pizza delivery place, why not instead bring in some food that better resembles Cornwall? During the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries, the humble Cornish pasty began to rise in popularity, eventually becoming a staple in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Miners used to hold the crust of the pastry to avoid touching the pocket with dirty hands, but you could easily use them to stop your fingers getting greasy before moving game pieces. For something lighter, bring in some Saffron cake. It's believed to have been brought in by the Phoenicians when they visited Cornwall for tin, so it suits *Cornish Smuggler's* tone just right! You can pick some up at any good supermarket, but the braver chefs of your group may want to make their own!

For the drinks, why not try some authentic Cornish beverages to go with the food? To bring the theme home, try drinking the same stuff that Cornish smugglers would have smuggled in. Luckily, the smugglers often dealt in rum, brandy and gin, so your players will be keen to re-enact this part of Cornish history! If you're looking for the real deal, smugglers were known for bringing in Jamaican and Hollander rum, as well as French brandy. Grab your favourite brand from those countries, and you're set. Just make sure you allow your opponents to take first picks of the stronger ales – you'll win easier that way! For those not keen on alcohol, why not try tea instead? With a European sale price that was 1/6th the cost of England's, tea became a great target for Cornish smugglers. Brew up some mugs and enjoy a more sober side to the smuggling trade.

With the food and drink sorted, it's time to set the scene of Cornwall. One of England's historical night haunts is the trusted tavern, and you can recreate those famous gathering places in your own home. Dim the lighting and place some candles around the room (carefully!), and if you're lucky enough to have an open fireplace on standby, throw a few logs onto it. Serve up drinks in tankards. If you're one for costumes, you can even dress for the occasion. Don't reach for your eyepatch and Jolly Roger hat, though; Cornish smugglers were supporting communities rather than plundering from them. Humble clothes and headrags will do the trick; tricornered hats if you're feeling historically romantic. If you use the BBC TV series *Poldark* as a base inspiration for your costumes, you can't go too far wrong— just keep the parrots and hook-hands tucked away for another occasion!

If you're going to eat, drink, and live like a smuggler from Cornwall, why not speak like one as well? Cornwall has a unique dialect as the Cornish language mixed with English. Some Cornish terms can come in use during a normal gaming session of *Cornish Smuggler*. It's a good opportunity to get acquainted with the local slang and bring that extra element of Cornwall into your play sessions. To help yourself and your gaming group out, here's some terms to get you started:

Greetings: Women: me bird, maid, darlin.

Men: cock, robin, sparrow, 'ansome, boy, beauty

Boody!: Drawing from the English 'Beauty', but pronounced with a 'd' in the middle. The nicer something is the more 'o's there are in the middle. Can be used as a playful greeting: "alrite m' boody!"

Dreckly: Indeterminate period of time, could be a week, or longer.

Dearer un Saffron: very expensive.

Geddon!: Either high praise or telling someone to get on with it. eg "Geddon Boy!"

Madderdoe: Basically Matter do it? Can also mean "don't worry about it" or "why worry"

Right On: something good has happened or is just right. "That pasty was right on it was."

Scads: lots of eg Scads of money.

Splann: splendid in Cornish

Wazzon: What is happening, what's on

Yew Boy: traditional greeting can also be shortened to "Yew"

Study up, practice, and then discuss your smuggling plans just like the smugglers themselves would have!

To really finish off the feel of Cornwall, set up a music player of your choice and play the *Cornish Smuggler Soundtrack* as you play. It contains thirty songs that will help you get in the mood of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Cornwall, and makes a great source of background music during play. Even better, the entire tracklist is completely free; perfect for those not so keen on dressing up and bringing in pasties! Play the entire album off of Soundcloud, or download the tracks to the device of your choice and play it on that instead.

*Cornish Smuggler* is a tense strategy game with a big emphasis on espionage and staying one step ahead of the law. If you're looking for a historical game that will keep you and your group pondering each move, pick up a copy today and experience those tense times in the safety of your own home.

# Uses for Terralith

## Original Spec:

- RPG's where the theme can be upgraded by using Terralith.
- Alternative uses for Terralith, some people have mentioned the D6's would make good caltrops. Think humorous!

## Copy (667 words):

*Terralith* are metal dice with character. A labour of love between ourselves and game piece designers Iron Drake, we are proud to present these special dice that are bound to bring personality to your gaming table.

*Terralith* come in a wide variety of colours. The idea is that the dice will complement the theme of the games you're playing – not the other way around! This means you can select the kind of *Terralith* you think would best suit your game's theme. With that said, what kind of games can you enhance with *Terralith* dice?

## Role Playing Games

Given we sell *Terralith* die of all shapes and sizes – from the humble D6 to the more complex and mystical D10% – *Terralith* naturally lends itself very well to the world of tabletop games. So, what tabletop games benefit from *Terralith*?

With their intriguing design, these dice will fit in nicely with any tabletop game with a fantasy setting involved. Combine this with a strong fantasy soundtrack and you'll have yourself a solid adventure. Good examples include:

- ***Dungeons & Dragons*** (or, if you're more inclined to the older rules, ***Pathfinder*** – we love you guys, too!). Will make rolls for initiative that bit more special!
- ***The One Ring Roleplaying Game*** to compliment the fantasy home of elves and orcs. Maybe bust out the *Lord of the Rings* movie soundtrack for this one?
- ***RuneQuest***, for the coolest champion character creation you've ever performed.
- ***Pendragon***, preferably saved until you *really* need to nail that Passion roll.
- ***Dragon Age Roleplaying Game***. Save the world from the Blight, *and* look good while doing so.

You'll also find that *Terralith* fits snugly into a gothic theme, especially when using the Battle Finish with the brass trim around the edges. Along with their high-quality metal bases, this makes *Terralith* the perfect choice when playing games that revolve around vampires, werewolves, zombies, and other creatures of the night. Some ghastly examples include:

- ***Vampire: The Masquerade***, to really set that unique, gothic vampire mood.
- ***Call of Cthulhu*** for the best looking sanity rolls you'll ever make. You might go mad, but it'll look cool when you do.
- The ***Dungeons & Dragons*** official campaign ***Castle Ravenloft***. One of the more renowned gothic campaigns designed for D&D. Introduce it to your players with style!

- **Rippers**, because if you're going to become a werewolf hunter, you have to look the part as well!
- ...and any story featuring things that go bump in the night!

### Strategic Boardgames

Of course, who says you have to use them with tabletop RPGs? Any game using dice can easily be enhanced by *Terralith*. Here's some ideas to inspire you:

- Perhaps you want to give your Chaos Marines army in **Warhammer 40K** that extra edge.
- Use them as the coolest life tracking counters you've ever used in your next **Magic: The Gathering** game.
- Make sure the zombies know what hit them when you break out **Zombicide**.
- Bring glory to King Arthur in style with **Shadows over Camelot**.
- Perhaps you just want to experience the most hardcore game of **Snakes & Ladders** you've ever played.

Take a look over your games collection and pick out ones you think *Terralith* can really bring to life.

### Other Terralith Uses

And even then, you don't need to use them as dice at all. We're sure with their interesting designs, you'll be able to put *Terralith* to other uses.

- Place caltrops around the biscuit jar to prevent night-time excursions.
- Duke them out like spinning tops to see which dice type reigns supreme.
- Slip them into the family's copy of *Monopoly* to make them think they accidentally purchased a copy from another dimension.

The only limit is your imagination!

*Terralith* are a fine addition to anyone's games collection. They look great, roll well, and bring something new to the gaming table. Pick up a set today and give your players the most enjoyable death saving throw they've ever made.