STAGE ONE

VILLAGE SCENE
NON-COMS TRADING ETC
6 SAXON WARRIORS ON GUARD AND RELAXING

WHEN ATTACK COMES IN, NON-COMS RUN OUT OF VILLAGE AND AROUND IT AND COWER ON FLOOR WHEN CAUGHT OR AS THEY FEEL FIT

EACH NON-COM IS ESCORTED BY AT LEAST ONE RAIDER TO ONE OF THE 3 STAKES SITUATED AROUND THE ARENA AND 'TIED' TO IT, THE DEAD SAXONS ARE DRAGGED INTO WOODS. ONE GIRL (PRE-ARRANGED) IS HELD BY A VIKING AND KEPT ON A ROPE WITH HIM.

WHEN THIS IS COMPLETE ALL LOOT AND WEAPONS ARE GATHERED TO THE VIKING LEADER WHO STANDS IN A CENTRAL POSITION ABOUT 25' FROM A SECTION OF CROWD.

NEXT TO THE VIKING CHIEF ARE HIS TWO HUSCARLS (MAIL) AND THE STANDARD. A SEVERED HEAD IS PLACED ON A SPIKE NEAR THE CROWD. WHEN ALL THE RAIDERS APPEAR TO HAVE GATHERED AROUND THE CHIEF WITH BOXES AND BARRELS OF LOOT, THEY BEGIN TO SING (LOTS OF THIGH SLAPPING AND POSING).

THREE WARRIORS ARE SENT WITH TORCHES AND TENTS ETC ARE BURNED.

SINGING AND EXAGGERATED REVELRY CONTINUE.

SLOWLY IN THE DISTANCE A RIVAL SONG CAN BE HEARD. THE SAXON COLUMN COMES INTO VIEW IN THE DISTANCE.

THE VIKINGS LOOK ALARMED AND DROP THE DRINKING HORNS ETC TAKE UP ARMS. CHIEF ORDERS A LINE FORMED FACING THE SAXONS (VIKINGS IN OPEN ORDER AT EASE).

STAGE TWO

THE SAXON LEADER STEPS FORWARD WITH HIS MOUTH-PIECE AND STANDARD. THE DEMAND IS MADE FOR EXPLANATION. SURRENDER WITH RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES AND STOLEN GOODS WITH SAFE PASSAGE AS BARGAIN.

VIKING CHIEF SAYS TO HIS MEN 'WHAT DO YOU WANT?, VIKINGS REFUSE OFFER. VIKING LEADER OFFERS CHAMPION TO SETTLE ARGUMENT, SAXONS ACCEPT.

BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS - SAXONS WIN BUT IS IT MAGIC AND TREACHERY?

VIKINGS REFUSE TO WITHDRAW AND INSTEAD DECIDE TO HANG A HOSTAGE. THE GIRL WITH THE VIKING WARRIOR IS GRABBED ON ORDERS OF THE CHIEF. THE WARRIOR IS NOT HAPPY AND HARANGUES THE CROWD, BLAMING THE SAXONS OF COURSE.

THE GIRL IS HOISTED INTO THE AIR CHOKING.

STAGE THREE

INCENSED WITH HORROR AND ANGER, THE SAXON LEADER URGES HIS MEN INTO SEVERAL 'PIG-SNOUT' FORMATIONS.

STANDING IN FRONT OF HIS MEN "REMEMBER MEN GOD IS ON OUR SIDE, VENGEANCE WILL BE OURS. DRIVE THE PAGAN SCUM BARBARIANS INTO THE PIT OF HELL. FOR GOD, KING ETHERED AND KENT - CHARGE." "UTT UTT" (WARCRY).

THE VIKINGS GET THEIR SHIELD WALL PREPARED BUT THE SAXONS SMASH THROUGH

THE VIKING CHIEF TAKES POSITION UNDER ONE OF THE GREAT OAKS WITH HIM IS TWO HUSCARLS AND STANDARD (THEY DIE LAST). THE BATTLE RAGES WITH SCRIPTED OR ARRANGED DUELS CLOSE TO THE CROWD. 10 SAXONS ARE MARKED TO SURVIVE! (ARM SASHES)

STAGE FOUR

VIKING CHIEF FIGHTS OFF AND KILLS VARIOUS 'UNMARKED' SAXONS. HIS HUSCARLS DO LIKEWISE UNTIL FACED WITH SAXON BODYGUARDS (SASHES). THEY DIE HEROICALLY, THE STANDARD IS PRESENTED TO THE SAXON LEADER.

THE VIKING CHIEF IS GIVEN QUARTER BUT REFUSES.
ANY UNMARKED SAXONS AT HAND ARE SENT IN AND KILLED.

SAXON BODYGUARDS CLOSE IN AND THE VIKING CHIEF RAISES HIS SWORD TO THE SKY CRYING 'ODIN' AS HE IS RUN THROUGH SEVERAL TIMES, FALLING DOWN THE GROUND.

HIS SWORD IS PRESENTED TO THE SAXON LEADER AND THE HOSTAGES ARE RELEASED. THE WOUNDED ATTENDED TO.

CALL ON THE DEAD TO RISE.

STAGE FIVE

CIRCLE OF TREACHERY

STAGE SIX

CROWD CHARGE

STAGE SEVEN

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