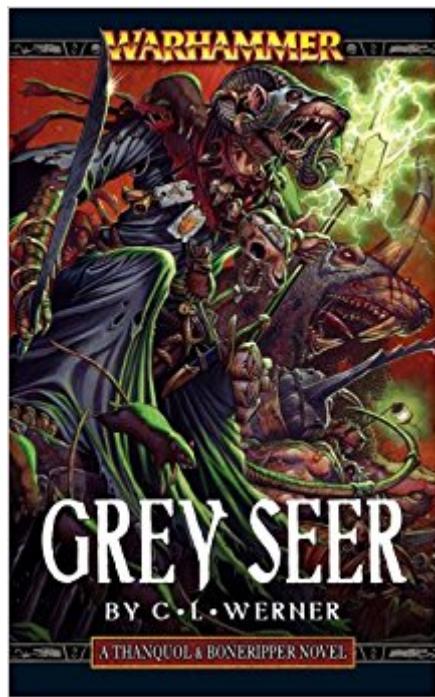


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Synopsis

A Thanqoul and Boneripper novel. When the noxious artefact known as the Wormstone is discovered, only one being in the insidious skaven Under-Empire is vicious and ruthless enough to dare harness its awful power: Grey Seer Thanqol. But when the artefact is stolen by smugglers, Thanqol must recover it. Not only that, but a mysterious wizard and his band of henchmen are also trying to stop him. Only by finding the Wormstone, avoiding the murderous attentions of his treacherous subordinates and dodging the displeasure of his superiors in Skavenblight will Thanqol realise his plan to bring the kingdoms of both man and ratkin to their knees...

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Grey Seer Thanqol is brought before the Council of Thirteen to account for his failures. The skaven sorcerer's largest recent sin seems to be his failure to capture a certain dwarf airship. Thanqol survives a deadly trial only to find that the Council has not finished with him. Thanqol is entrusted with a vital mission and few survive any mission from the Council. A huge Wormstone that had been lost for a thousand breedings has been found. It is buried within the collapsed burrows beneath the man-nest (human city) of Altdorf. It is a block of pure warpstone, endowed with properties through an ancient process that cannot be duplicated. It is the key to destroying all the kingdoms of men and dwarfs with unparalleled plagues. The Grey Seer that had originally located the Wormstone is dead, but his apprentice, Kratch, survived and can lead Thanqol to its site. Grey Seer Thanqol believes Kratch is the sole survivor from the previous expedition due to betraying his dead mentor. Thanqol

must keep Kratch close to his whiskers if he wishes to make sure the traitorous apprentice does not attempt to kill him as well. The Council sends minions with Thanquol, supposedly to help retrieve the Wormstone, but again Thanquol well knows that those minions are but spies for the Council. The group is to complete the mission without divulging anything about it to those dwelling within the skaven city of Under-Altdorf. Knowing that he cannot trust anyone within his group to protect his life, Thanquol must first find himself a totally loyal and intimidating bodyguard, a mutant rat-ogre to be named Boneripper. When Thanquol learns that some human smugglers have stolen the Wormstone and hidden it within their city, he realizes that his mission has become even more dangerous.

So says Grey Seer Thanquol! I am the chosen representative of their malevolent majesties, the Lords of Decay, the Council of Thirteen of holy Skavenblight and the living claws of his most vengeful divinity the Horned Rat. I am the eyes, nose and ears of Skavenblight. I am their judge and their dagger! Know me and tremble, spleen-less mouse and beg my indulgence for your impiety! I must say it took almost no time from the moment I picked this book up to the time I set it down fully read. Clint Lee Werner has really outdone himself with this one. From the maze of inescapable death to the maze of merciless penance he does not let up. I was surprised by the Tregara, a beast of the underworld, a sort of cross between a cave spider and a catachan devil with preying mantis in the mix. We are treated to a brief synopsis of Thanquol's many adventures from his humble beginnings through the present. What great feats led him to his present discomfort? Why not else but the short-sighted fools and slackards that did not follow his great strategies. White Stormvermin - dread bodyguards of the council so alike in appearance they might have been cloned. Kratch - a young and erstwhile apprentice, promising but treacherous. Lord Skrolk - Great Lord of Clan Pestilins. Hans & Johann Dietrich - smugglers. Skabritt - Kratch's master. Theodor Baer - Sergeant of the Griffons (Altdorf's city watch). Arch Plague Lord Nurglitch. General Paskrit. Warlord Gnawdwell. Night Lord Sneek. Kritislikto. name but a few of the cast of characters to look forward to. The object of the play? The Wormstone - two hundred pounds of cursed warpstone!

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