

## Savage Tales 6 (Northern Italy 1504)

### Payment, Poison and Persuasion.

On the day of a battle against the Duchy of Milan it becomes apparent that Edward is missing. As Edward had just taken receipt of the Company wages and a very large fee for services rendered to the Prince Alberto of Carpi; it became apparent that they needed to find Edward straight away. Rushing back to the nearby city of Carpi they searched high and low and there was no sign of him. Then a swaggering bravo arrives with a message to say that his people have Edward and will return him (alive and unharmed) in exchange for the money they know we have. Walter agrees to this despite Edward being the one with the knowledge of where the money is. They agree to an exchange of the chest of money for Edward the next morning. A chest is procured, filled with sand and then the sand covered with a layer of coins acquired by whatever means necessary. Plans are laid. In the morning the chest is lifted onto a cart and splits as the old chest was rotten. Walter sets off to the meeting with those who are part of the plan. The others say they will follow as soon as they can find another chest. The meeting place is reached and the company awaits the kidnappers. Eventually they arrive but they do not bring Edward. Negotiations take place then the cart arrives carrying a barrel rather than a chest. There is an argument about how to proceed. Someone appears to give the signal to attack and the kidnappers are shot by hidden bowmen. Before the kidnappers die they reveal that they have Edward secreted in a nearby farm. They travel to the farm to find a somewhat bewildered Edward wandering around, wondering where he is and who it is he has just killed. When asked about the money he reveals it was in the form of a promissory note that seems to be missing from his pouch. On further investigation it seems the cook who was feeding the kidnappers had used the paper to light the breakfast fire. Considering the debts that needed to be paid in Carpi the Savage company decided to remove themselves back to Ferrara without giving their farewells, their only solace was the money they liberated from the previously successful kidnappers.