



The Black Ruins Massacre – part 3

Cygnar



So far...

The undead army of Bane Witch Agathia and the lightning-bearing knights of Major Maddox of Cygnar arrived inexplicably at the same time to the black ruins...a mysterious ruined temple jutting from the overgrown forest of an unexplored territory. Folk tales from the fishermen and shepherds spoke of powerful runes singing within the very masonry of the walls.

The temple was split into two equal halves by a massive stone door-less wall, making a riddle of the very architecture.

Before the full-on clash of the two opposing forces, two enormous and hideous statues appeared along the eastern wall, one on either side. As if encouraged to slaughter, the two armies slammed into one another.

Cygnar's forces drew first blood; but a deadly Reaper warjack stands poised on the top of the central wall preparing his bloody harpoon...

Major Beth Maddox



Bane Witch Agathia



Cryx



Gun Mages rain deadly fire from the outer western wall

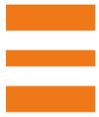


The Raiders who stormed through the central wall in their desperate surprise move accomplished nothing. Gun Mages advance into position and cleanly decimate them along with a handful of Bane Warriors.

It is a terrible crossfire like Cryx armies had never seen before and merciless.

The remaining Banes are slaughtered with lightning arcs from the mighty Stormguard, leaving no Cryx forces at all on the Cryx side of the western wall.

This entirely clears Major Maddox's rear flank.

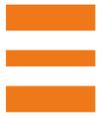


Cygnar's deadly Ironclad charges the Slayer in the eastern courtyard

Ironclad viciously attacks the lone Slayer, destroying his cortex and right arm, almost killing him entirely. This means he can no longer receive any magical help from Agathia.

Lancer and Firefly position themselves near the stairway to form a shield for Major Maddox when she makes her run to the upper part of the wall to attack Agathia head-on.

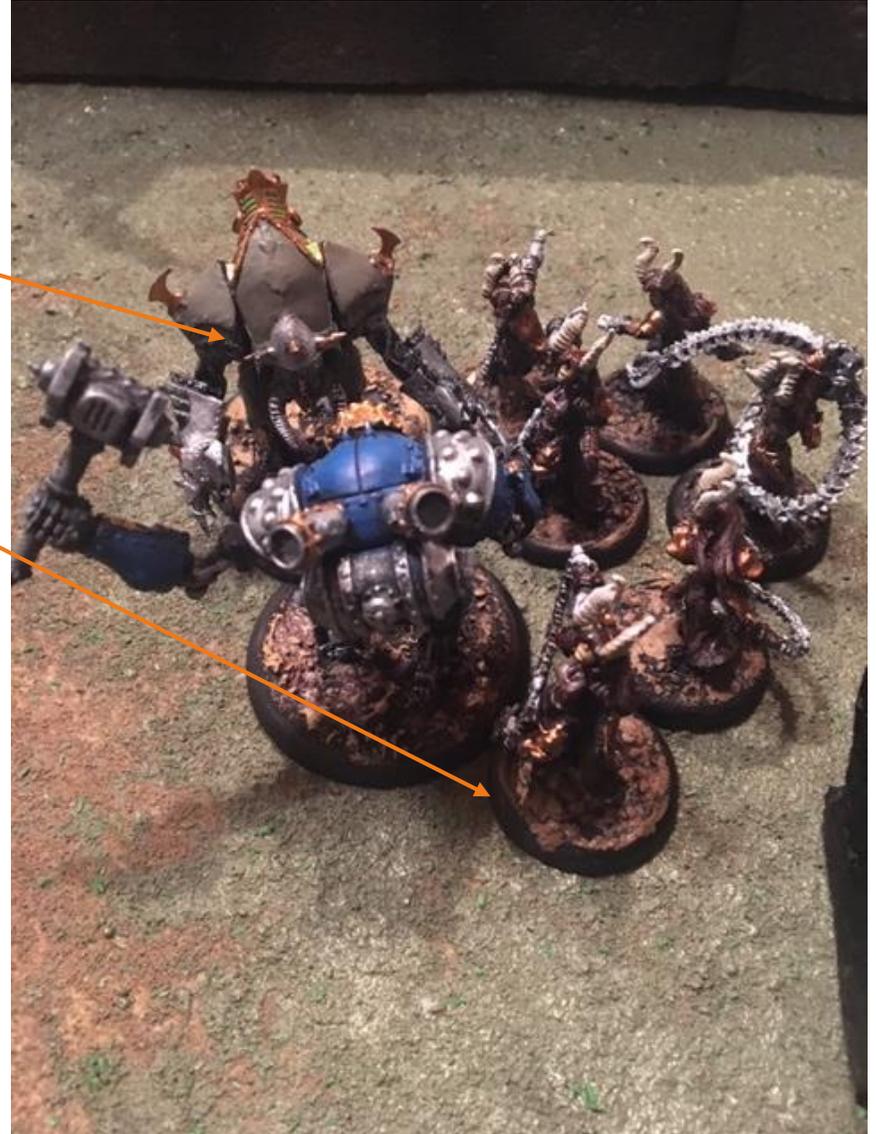




Cryx responds in the eastern courtyard

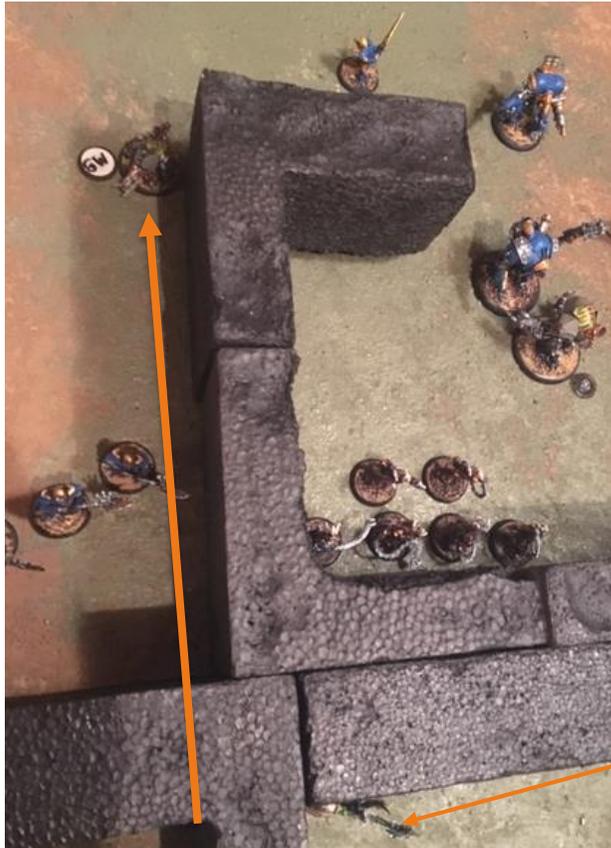
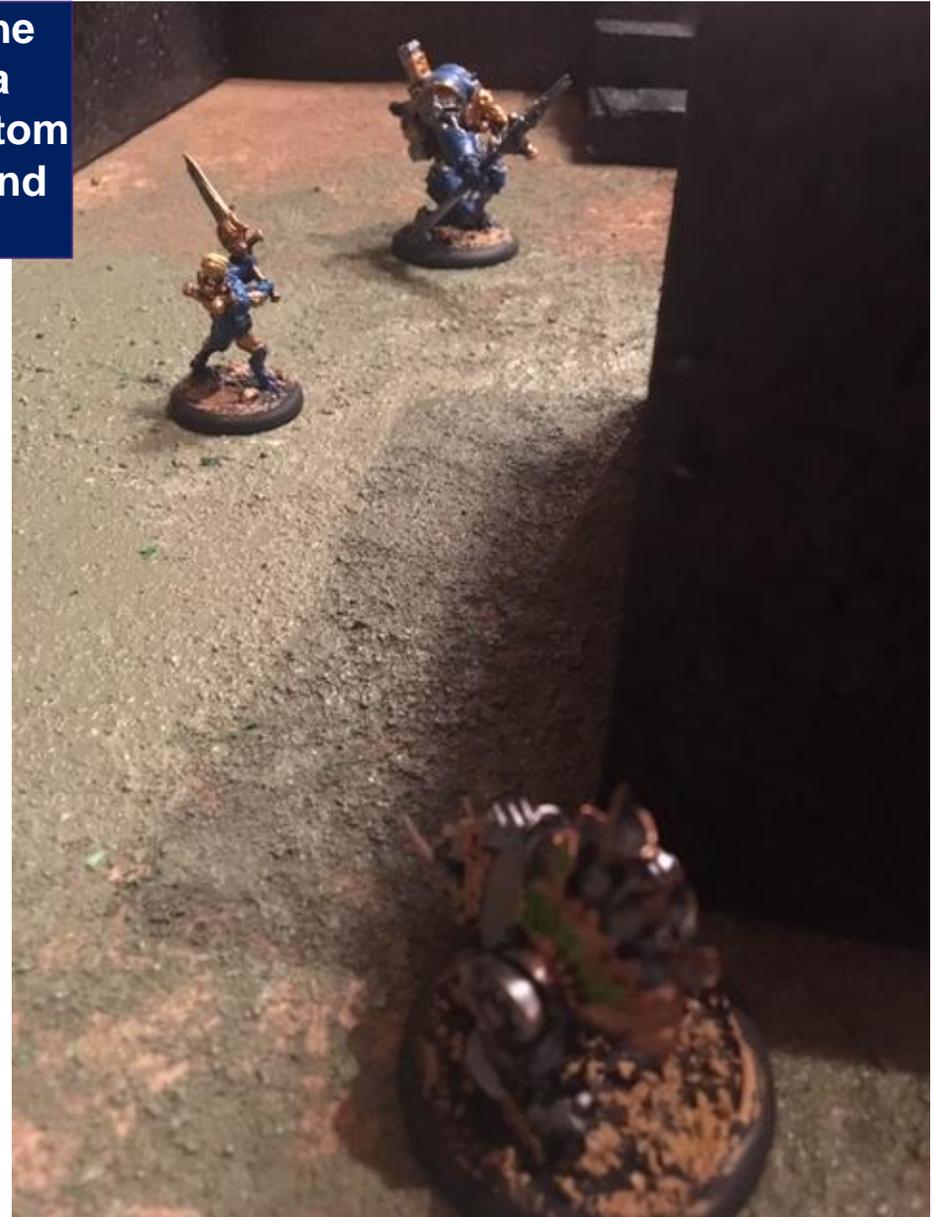
The Slayer attacks the terrible Ironclad with what little weapons systems he has remaining, but does no substantial damage. He was already outmatched before he was beaten so badly.

The Raiders however, swarm Ironclad with a gang attack, inflicting massive damage to all systems but crippling none of them.



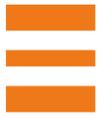
Agathia sneaks a ghostly flank attack past the cleared western courtyard

Impossibly, Agathia positions herself hard against the central wall to keep Deathripper in range and casts a spell to give him a ghost walk. He races like a phantom through the wall and past the Stormguard right behind Major Maddox.



She casts a deadly Hellfire spell through Deathripper, inflicting massive damage to Major Maddox and in complete surprise!

Agathia

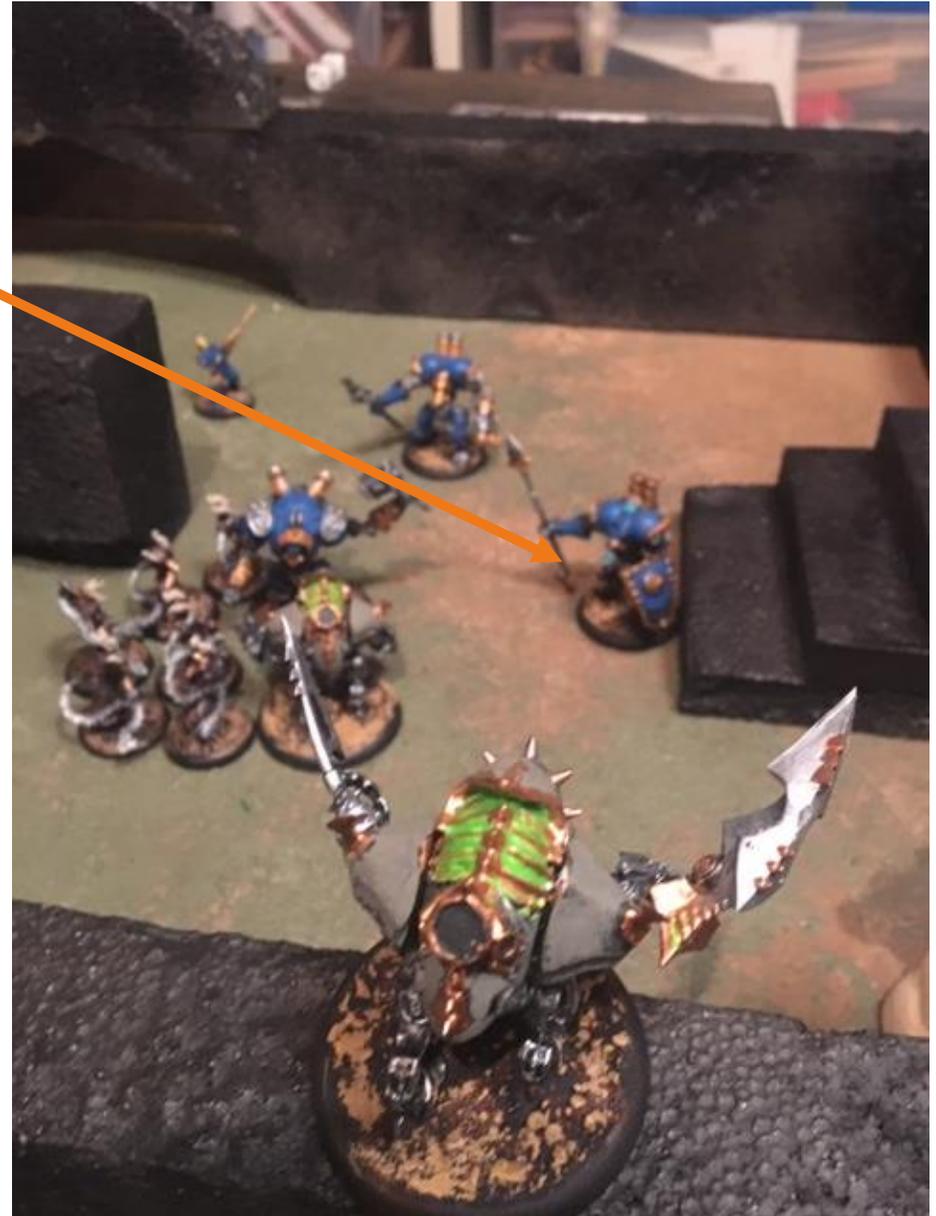


Cryx misses a critical moment to turn the tide of the battle

Reaper from high on the central wall has been waiting for the chance to snag one of the Cygnar warjacks with his harpoon and haul them up, only to bust them back to the rock and dirt floor of the temple.

He sees the chance with Lancer, who'd placed himself by the stairs to shield Major Maddox's expected dash to confront Agathia, but well in range of the harpoon.

In a tremendous blow to Agathia's desperate gamble, the harpoon hits but fails to snag the Lancer and does no damage at all!

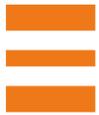


**— Cygnar rallies to protect Major Maddox after her wounds from
— Deathripper**

Cygnar's Stormguard, which Deathripper had raced past like a ghost to attack the Major, pivot to charge the lone warjack who is almost defenseless against the combined assault.

Agathia is helpless to aid him, as he's destroyed entirely.





Reaper is a target for merciless return fire from Cygnar

Lancer races up the stairs into range of the Reaper and channels a vicious electrical blast spell from Major Maddox, then another. He's damaged, but not crippled.

Firefly fires his Stormblaster at the nearest Satyxis Raider, killing her, generating glowing blue electrical arcs that kill two more. It's devastating news for Agathia!

Ironclad, although damaged, destroys the Slayer and now faces only three remaining Raiders. But Raiders are deadly when in a swarm; and he can't take much more!

