

# Vanguard: Saga of Heroes

## Shadowhound Mount Quest

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This guide does not include details that are provided in the text of the quest. Instead, it provides travel tips, location coordinates, time estimates, level requirements, mob levels, and other information to help you get through this quest line.

**Required Factions: Martok, Vulmane, Varanthari**

**Note: I did this entire quest line solo (level 40 Rakurr Shaman) except for the Ceremony of Summoning quest, where I was joined by a 38 Bard and 29 Ranger. Time to complete quests will vary depending on a variety of factors (competition for mobs, grouped/solo, level, run speed, Riftway usage, levitate, etc...)**

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### Part 1: ~7 minutes

- **Location:** Gaxton Village (-20870, 13567, 718 in Martok (-20 13)) inside a building.
- **To Get Here:** Use a teleporter to Martok or the Riftway to Wildgrowth Forest
- **Faction:** Martok
  - **NPC:** Witch Doctor Ravix
    - **Quest:** Shadowhound Counsel (Speak to Muerden)
      - **Required Level: 22**
      - **Time:** 7 minutes (travel)

### Part 2: ~15 minutes

- **Location:** Muerdan's Hut (-42630, -81760, 887 in Sundering Wastelands(-19 12)) inside a hut on the water.
- **To Get Here:** Take path, or run across water with Levitate.
  - **NPC:** Muerdan
    - **Quest:** Beasts of Ghalnn's Realm (Speak with Nerail Tharazen)
      - **Required Level: 22**
      - **Time:** 15 minutes (travel)

### Part 3: ~90 minutes, 3 Quests, 75 kills

- **Location:** Shadow's Edge (-42630, 84180, 17235 in Lomshir (-15 -9)) outside a tent.
- **To Get Here:** Use Riftway from Wildgrowth Forest to Lomshir. Run east to Shadow's Edge
  - **NPC:** Nerail Tarazen - Gives 3 quests, one at a time
    - **Quest #1:** Drawing Their Attention (Kill 35 Tiberian Wildwood Shadowhounds)
      - **Required Level: 22**
      - **Mob Level:** 23-24 3-dot
      - **Time:** 40 minutes (25 min killing, 15 min travel using Lomshir/CIS Riftway)
    - **Quest #2:** Ghalnn's Awareness (Kill 40 Dark Elf Ghosts)
      - **Required Level: 23**
      - **Mob Level:** 23-24 3-dot
      - **Time:** 35 minutes (28 min killing, 7 min travel)
    - **Quest #3:** Locate Camp Dhanrak (Meet Swiftfang Hekosh at Camp Dhanrak in Spider Bluffs, Thestra)
      - **Required Level: 24**
      - **Time:** 15 minutes (travel)

#### Part 4: ~3 hours, 9 Quests, ~228 kills

- **Location:** Camp Dhanrak (1040, -50470, 50551 in Spider Bluffs (-26, 25))
- **To Get Here:** Use Lomshir Riftway to Renton Keep, then run south to Camp.
- **Faction:** Vulmane
- There are 3 quest NPCs here, giving a total of 9 quests, most of which can be done at the same time. One quest tracks the other 6, which involve killing various mobs.
  - **NPC: Swiftfang Hekosh** - Gives 5 quests
    - **Quest #1:** Many Componants (This is just a checklist of the 6 killing quests)
      - **Required Level: 24**
      - **Time:** 3 hours (20 min travel, 160 min killing)
    - **Quest #2:** The Wolf Within (25 Sticky Silk and 15 Binding Silk)
      - **Required Level: 24**
      - **Mob Level:** 24-25 3-dot
      - **Time:** 35 minutes
    - **Quest #3:** Vial Discrepancies (22 Ichorous Venom and 22 Sedative Venom)
      - **Required Level: 25**
      - **Mob Level:** 24-25 3-dot
      - **Time:** 25 minutes
    - **Quest #4:** Hounds of the Invasion (Kill 17 Darkpaw Stalkers or Hunters and kill 17 Gulgrethor or Shinak Shadowhounds) (*available after finishing Many Componants*)
      - **Required Level: 25**
      - **Mob Level:**
        - **Darkpaws:** 23-25 2-dot
        - **Shadowhounds:** 24-25 3-dot
      - **Time:** 40 minutes (20 min travel, 20 min killing)
    - **Quest #5:** Qalian Components (Find Farmouka in Strand of the Ancients, Qalia)
      - **Required Level: 26**
      - **Time:** 6 minutes (travel - Riftway from Renton Keep to Strand of the Ancients)
  - **NPC: Ghostclaw Kagin** - Gives 2 quests
    - **Quest #1:** The Essence of Kaon (20 Kaon Fairy Essence)
      - **Required Level: 24**
      - **Mob Level:** 24 3-dot
      - **Time:** 20 minutes
    - **Quest #2:** Gullwing Portals (25 Bluff Gull Wings)
      - **Required Level: 25**
      - **Mob Level:** 24-25 3-dot
      - **Time:** 30 minutes
  - **NPC: Nighthunter Mikka** - Gives 2 quests
    - **Quest #1:** Rituals of the Adhendreg (35 Ashen Hills Ash)
      - **Required Level: 24**
      - **Mob Level:** 24-25 2-dot
      - **Time:** 25 minutes
    - **Quest #2:** Creature Comfort (30 Wild Boar Mane)
      - **Required Level: 25**
      - **Mob Level:** 24-25 3-dot
      - **Time:** 25 minutes

**Part 5: ~2 hours 40 minutes, 3 Quests, ~125 kills**

- **Location:** Strand of the Ancients (20645, -77650, 713 in Strand of the Ancients (-10 -9)) inside a hut on the beach.
- **To Get Here:** Use Riftway from Renton Keep to Strand of the Ancients.
- **Faction:** Varanthari
  - **NPC:** Farmouka Velmesh
    - **Quest #1:** A Riddle of Cats and Reptiles (collect 12 Brilliant Yellow Tiger Eyes, 4 Unruptured Lion Spleens, 8 Flecked Snake Eggs, and 30 Snapper Scapula Shards)
      - **Required Level: 26**
      - **Mob Level:**
        - **Snapper Turtles:** 24-25 2-dot
        - **Tigers:** 24-25 2-dot
        - **Lions:** 24-25 2-dot
        - **Snakes** (The Flecked Eggs drop randomly off of the Vipers, but every time off the Anacondas)
          - **Jungle Vipers:** 24-25 2-dot
          - **Gemscale Anacondas:** 26 4-dot
      - **Time:** 90 minutes (Lion Spleens took a long time to drop - others went fast)
    - **Quest #2:** Skrilien Practices (35 Imbued Carmine Feathers, 35 Viridian Feathers, and 35 Ochre Feathers). Mobs usually drop multiple feathers.
      - **Required Level: 26**
      - **Mob Level:** 25-26 3-dot
      - **Time:** 65 minutes
    - **Quest #3:** Vulmane Guidance (Return to Hekosh with bag of items)
      - **Required Level: 27**
      - **Time:** 6 minutes (travel - Riftway from Strand of the Ancients to Renton Keep)

## Part 6: ~4.5 hours, 6 Quests, ~175 kills

- **Location:** Camp Dhanrak (1040 -50470, 50551 in Spider Bluffs (-26, 25))
- **To Get Here:** Use Riftway from Strand of the Ancients to Renton Keep
  - **NPC:** Swiftfang Hekosh
    - **Quest #1:** Precision Hoarding (collect 4 Maiming Beaks, 45 Lizard Eye Blood, and 6 Oilskin Worm Mucus)
      - **Required Level: 27**
      - **Mob Level:** 26-27 3dot
      - **Time:** 80 minutes (10 min travel, 70 min killing)
    - **Quest #2:** Provoking Shadowhounds (this quest tracks the 3 quests to kill shadowhounds)
      - **Required Level: 28**
      - **Time:** ~3 hours (total of the 3 shadowhound quests + return travel time)
    - **Quest #3:** Words of Trengal (Kill 32 Large Trengal Wards)
      - **Required Level: 28**
      - **Mob Level:** 26-27 3-dot
      - **Time:** 70 minutes (10 min travel, 60 min killing - NOTE: these are scattered, look behind TK and near the two gates to the valley)
    - **Quest #4:** Mountain Shadows (Find Ghostclaw Liarn at Norther Border, Thestra)
      - **Required Level: 29**
      - **Receive Shadowhound Trap from Hekosh upon accepting this quest**
      - **Time:** ~15 minutes (travel)
  - **NPC:** Ghostclaw Kagin
    - **Quest:** Ghalnn's Forgotten (Kill 40 Ocean Watch Shadowhounds)
      - **Required Level: 28**
      - **Mob Level:** 28 3-dot
      - **Time:** 45 minutes (10 min travel, 30 min killing)
  - **NPC:** Nighthunter Mikka
    - **Quest:** Ashen Shadowhounds (Kill 35 Ashen Shadowhounds)
      - **Required Level: 28**
      - **Mob Level:** 27 3-dot
      - **Time:** 40 minutes (10 min travel, 30 min killing)

## Part 7: 2 hours, 2 Quests, 80 kills

- **Location:** Northern Border (-23900, -33700, 76011 in Falgarholm (-23, 27))
- **To Get Here:** Travel NW from Camp Dhanrak to Northern Border (on foot/mount)
  - **NPC:** Ghostclaw Liarn
    - **Quest #1:** Ghalnn's Foes (Kill 20 Worshipers of Vothdar, 30 Worshipers of Valuse, and 30 Worshipers of Alurad. Also kill **at least one** of the leaders - Telorok, Thaden or Ancestral Revenant)
      - **Required Level: 29**
      - **Mob Level:** 29 3-dot, leader is 29 4-dot
      - **Shadowhound Trap returned upon completion of quest**
      - **Time:** 110 minutes (20 min travel, 90 min killing)
    - **Quest #2:** Enemies to the South (Find Silvermane Alopek in Wardship of the Sleeping Moon, Thestra)
      - **Required Level: 29**
      - **Time:** ~10 minutes (travel)

## Part 8: 1 hour 40 minutes, 2 Quests, 75 kills

- **Location:** Wardship of the Sleeping Moon (-5200, 6000, 9894 in Wardship of the Sleeping Moon (-23, 25)) outside town walls by a big tree.
- **To Get Here:** Use Riftway from Frostway Shard to Ruins of Vol Tuniel, then run north. Or, take the safer route and follow the path south from Northern Border to Wardship.
- **Faction:** Vulmane
  - **NPC:** Silvermane Alopek
    - **Quest #1:** Enemies of Ghalnn's (Kill 25 Worshipers of Vol Anari, 25 Worshipers of Vaelion, and 25 Worshipers of Gloriann. Also kill **at least one** of the leaders. The Vol Anarie leader is in the cave, upper left side. The Matron of Gloriann heals herself and is the toughest to kill, by far. The Valion Captain was fairly easy to kill.
      - **Required level: 29**
      - **Mob Level:** 30 3-dot, leaders are 30 4-dot
      - **Shadowhound Trap returned upon completion of quest**
      - **Reward: 22 Slot Saddlebag**
      - **Time:** 90 minutes (30 min travel, 60 min killing) TIP: Take Vol Tuniel Riftway to New Targanor and start at the Gloriann camp, then work your way back to Wardship.
    - **Quest #2:** Nexus of Summoning (Travel back to Nerail Tharazen in Shadow's Rdge, Qalia)
      - **Required Level: 30**
      - **Time:** 10 minutes (travel - Riftway Vault of Heroes to Lomshir)
      - **Note:** This NPC also gives a quest to kill Bloodhowler wolves. This is **not required** for the shadowhound mount.

### Part 9: ~50 minutes, 2 Quests, ~10 kills

- **Location:** Shadow's Edge (-42630, 84180, 17235 in Lomshir (-15 -9)) outside a tent.
- **To Get Here:** Use Riftway from Vault of Heroes to Lomshir. Run east to Shadow's Edge
  - **NPC:** Nerail Tarazen
    - **Quest:** Ceremony of Summoning (kill mobs until you get 6 blood vials. Right-click the 6 skulls in the cave (***stay inside the circle of skulls at all times***), then right click the shadowhound trap in your inventory. Nerail Tarazen spawns with 2 shadowhounds. Ignore the hounds and kill Nerail. When he dies another shadowhound spawns. Hail him and click "I am now your master". He gives you the shadowhound summoning collar and sends you back to Muerden near Martok.
      - **Required Level: 30**
      - **Mob Level:** 30 4-dot
      - **Time:** 30 minutes (5 minutes travel, 25 minutes killing)
  - **NPC:** Shadowhound
    - **Quest:** One Final Component (Travel back to Muerden in Sundering Wastelands, near Martok)
    - **Required Level: 30**
    - **Time:** 20 minutes (travel - Riftway Lomshir to Wildgrowth Forest)

### Part 10: 1 minute, 1 Quest

- **Location:** Muerdan's Hut (-42630, -81760, 887 in Sundering Wastelands(-19 12)) inside a hut on the water.
- **To Get Here:** Travel - Riftway Lomshir to Wildgrowth Forest
  - **NPC:** Muerdan
    - **Quest:** Riding a Shadowhound (Purchase a shadowhound saddle from Muerden for 10 gold)
    - **Required Level: 30**
    - **Time:** 1 minute

### TOTALS:

**Quests: 30**

**Mobs Killed: ~770**

**Time: ~16.5 hours (992 minutes)**

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