

Realistic random encounters in the Old World

Based on first-hand experience of central Madagascar in late 2011:

In town

- Workshop inside which wrights craft cart wheels
- Glistening carcass carted along
- Carrying goods
- Stall selling scores of shoes
- Broom sellers
- Sawing planks
- Workshop inside which carpenters chisel furniture
- Blacksmith hammering at forge
- Children waking to/from school in uniform
- Bonepickers sort through piles of stinking refuse
- Unloading dozen barrels
- Planks being carted
- Selling goods from shops
- Hawking produce from stalls
- Dozens of empty stalls
- Unloading stones from cart
- Stall selling grilled meats
- Stall selling fried dough bread
- Building an extension to a townhouse

In village

- Drying beans/grains
- Pushing produce in cart
- Selling local produce from stall
- Chickens running across road
- Ducks waddling across road
- Lumber being carted
- Selling goods from cart/stall
- Stall selling live rabbits
- Local drying sheaves of grass
- Herder runs after runaway cattle

Near village (<2 miles?)

- Roadwardens checking traveller's cart stacked with ...
- Pushing sacks of charcoal
- Sowing fields
- Weeding fields
- Lone herder with a few cattle/pigs
- Bearing produce (to/from market)
- Tilling the earth
- Pushing building materials in cart
- Clearing roadside ditches
- Hammering rock into gravel
- Driving bullocks with plough shares
- Carrying sacks of grass
- Thatch stacked by the roadside
- Cart bearing baskets of ducks/chickens/pig
- Woman flailing beans

Far from village (>5 miles?)

- Clearing forest
- Burning forest
- Felling trees
- Collecting firewood
- Stacking firewood
- Piling rocks
- Driving cattle
- Bearing local produce on head
- Carrying firewood
- Traveller toiling along
- Charcoal kilns smoking
- Broken-down wagon stopped for repairs
- Tree fallen across road is chopped up

