

**Session/Game:** Thranconia Blueholme 2

**Date:** January 23, 2022

**The Cat's Back Episode 21: Some Loose Ends**

**Campaign Date:** January 23—February 24, YOR 2022

### **Characters:**

Mrow, feline, magic-user-6, N (Bob L.)

Shump, half-orc, cleric-fighter-3, C

Zerkwad, berserker, cleric-6, L (Andrew S.)

Mongo Senior, ogre, fighter-5, N (Jason L)

Renly Faire, half-elf, cleric-thief-4, N (Quinton L.)

Mr. Giggles, gnoll, fighter-5, N (Pete Z.)

### **NPC'S**

Chuggins, human, lackey-5, L (Party general dogsbody)

Cat Astrofee, feline, thief-1, N (henchman to Mr. Giggles)

*(Xerpat the lich/sorcerer released on Sept 11, 2021, a Reny's insistence, Zerkwad sent charmed bear against stasis field and released lich; Mrow, Giggles, Chuggins and Mongo were nearby).*

**Judge:** Dave N.

### **LOG**

*January 23—February 14, YOR 2022,*

The team takes 3 weeks to make potions and scrolls.

#### *February 15, South Franconia*

The party traveled from Emporion to the main road crossroads. They are blocked by a magically dark mist patch, but Mrow dispels it. Giggles crosses the bridge, hears a "meow, drat" from some woods nearby but no traces are found. They spend the night at Gopher's Delight Inn at the crossroads. A Half-Orc named Bladder told Shump that their mutual cousin Grumpo was looking for him.

#### *February 16, South Franconia*

The party travels the north road to Castle Bix. Find a wrecked wagon with the sign saying "Lucky Johnson's Luxury Goods", attended by a Cyclopien named Cyclops Bill. He warns them not to enter the wagon. Giggles is overborn by curiosity, opens the wagon and is attacked by a Rust Monster. The monster destroys Giggles's armor and shield. Zerkwad, Shump and Mongo flee in terror but the rest of the party wood-stomps the monster and Chuggins finishes it off with acid. Then Giggles beats up Cyclops Bill, who wasn't actually owner of the wagon and robs him. Inside they find 20 Tabards Green with Pine trees, crate of Safron, 4 small paintings of Ducal House. They take all this stuff and move along the road. The party spends the night at Castle Bix.

#### *February 17, Thranconia Road*

The gets up early and force-marches to Wheatabix. As they approach one of the gates, they are ambushed by 2 half-orc bushwhackers. The pair shoot Mrow with a lot of arrows, but when the party rushes the bastion from which they are shooting, they hide. When the

bushwhackers attempt to sneak past Giggles, he and Renly kill them both. They find some newly minted platinum coins and a “wanted poster” with Mrow’s face on it on the bodies. The party stays the night at Super Wheatie Traveler’s Inn.

February 18, Wheatabix

Giggles buys a new set of armor, while the party rests up from the forced march. Shump looks for Grumpo, but is warned off by Crazy Floggers

*February 19 Thranconia Countryside*

They head to mountains, but Giggles is distracted by shiny light, which they resolve to check out in the morning. As they make camp, the party hears dwarves chanting “galinf” over and over. Renly follows them up a ledge, but chases them away. The dwarves come back and chant during 1<sup>st</sup> watch only (Zerkwad and Chuggins’ watch).

*February 20 Thranconia Countryside*

The party heads south along the mountains and finds an obelisk that is the source of the shiny reflection. It is a very smooth pillar with a gold-plated cap. Renly levitates tries to pry off the gold, but gets badly shocked. Giggles loses interest, so they return to their previous night’s camp.

*February 21, Ostkrags*

They enter the mountains, no encounter

*February 22 Ostkrags*

They kill 2 Trolls in mountains.

*February 23 Ostkrags*

No encounter

*February 24 Ostkrags*

They finally reach the zone where the Treasure-Vault and Haunted Fortress from their treasure map lay. They re-enter the vault and slay the Ruby-Eyed Idol of Dagon Golem and pry 2 large rubies from its eyes.

They cross the valley to the site of the fortress. Renly climbs up to the Fortress, but back down because the ledge he reached was covered in a super-slick grease. Suddenly, 3 Manticores appear to attack the party. Mrow wounds them with a fireball and a brisk battle erupts. The manticores are reinforced by 2 Specters riding 2 demonic bats. Zerkwad turns the specters, but the bats continue to attack. While the party is fighting the bats, 4 gargoyles swoop down to the attack and critically wound Chuggins. After the party finishes the bats and gargoyles and are tending the wounded, The Specters come back Zerkwad turns them again. The party turns back to treating the wounded and the Specters return yet again. They almost drain Renly, but are turned again, and then finally hunted down and killed.

After everyone is patched up, Renly climbs up to the tower from which the Manticores had come and lowers a rope for the rest of the party. They spot 3 trolls in the courtyard and 2 wraiths on the walls. They rush the wraiths, Zerkwad turns them and the fighters hunt them down and slay them. The party backs up to a tower from which the gargoyles had come. Mongo rips open the door and the party enters to await the onslaught of the trolls. The trolls do some damage to the party, but are soon slain and burnt up.

The party then enters the keep and kills 4 minotaurs (Catastrofee was nearly critically injured). Proceeding to the inner chamber they discover the lich Xerpat within. Renly and Zerkwad recognize it from when they had released it from stasis in the Pits of Damnation on September 11, 2022 YOR. They caught the creature by surprise, but things at efirst did not go well. Shump, Mongo and Catastrofee all fled in terror when they saw the hellish-sorcerer. Renly however used an Encourage spell to keep Mongo and Catastrofee from fleeing (not so Shump who fled like some sort of Grumpo). Mrow then throws a lightning bolt at the lich, but the Obsidian Heart he wore reflected it back against Mrow, damaging him.

It was all in vain, however, for Xerpat. Mongo, Giggles, Zerkwad, and Renly chopped the creature to bits before he could make a single action in his defense. They loot the castle, finding 1000gp worth of alchemical materials, a Book of Secrets of Creation, a Rod of Safe Guard, and a Pouch of the Lizardo. They split up the treasure and discussed whether they would claim the castle for their own.

