

**Session/Game:** Thranconia Blueholme 2

**Date:** January 29, 2023

**The Cat's Back Episode 40: Machiste and the Birds**

**Campaign Date:** July 4--25, 2023 YOR

### **Characters:**

Giggles, gnoll, Fighter-10 N (Pete Z)

Shump, half-orc, cleric-fighter-8, L

Mr. Ow, catter, magic-user-10, N (Bob L)

Renly Faire, half-elf, cleric/thief-7, N (Quinton L)

Zerkwad, human, cleric-11, L (Andrew S)

### **NPC'S**

Red Jim the Pirate, human, fighter/thief-5, N (henchman to Shump)

Cat Astrofee, catter, thief-8, N (henchcat to Mr. Giggles)

Slam Beefcake, half-ogre, fighter-6. Ch, Slaughter King, (henchman to Renly)

Doctor Fang, human, lackey-5 (henchman to Renly)

Delicate Lily, half-elf, cleric-5, L (henchwoman to Zerkwad)

### **Mercenary Support**

The Mighty Fist, human, F1 x10, neutral, heavy foot (Giggles)

The Ratburg Chuckers, F2 x10, half-orc, neutral, light foot (Giggles)

Up to Gnome Good, gnome thieves x4, or multiclass, neutral (Zerkwad)

**Judge:** Dave N.

*July 4—Dwergontia, Ostkrags*

They approach Dwergontia and Zerkwad negotiated with McChin, the guard sergeant. He agrees to take Zerkwad and Lily, blindfolded, to Father Chanceford. They negotiated a tentative agreement for alliance after the dragon of the mountain should be destroyed, in all humility.

*July 11--Ostkrags*

Zerkwad protects himself, Mrow and Shump with a blessed immunity against acid as they approach the Dragon lair. They discover a pair of small buildings on the path to the lair. The first has a pile of clay pots piled in front of the door. They take an hour to move all the pots. Looking inside they find the building empty. This gives the dragon time to hear them and approach. It breathes on some of them, wounding Red Jim. Then Giggles, Shump and a Fireball from Mrow grievously wound the beast. It takes to the air and breathes on the party, injuring many. Mrow finishes it with a fireball.

Giggles and Mrow fell into an acidic creek on the way to the lair proper, and lost some items. They looted the Dragon's treasure, including a magnificent gold crown, and then worked their way out of the lair region.

*July 11-Ostkrags*

While the lords were away, a company of 40 some Hobgoblins tried to storm Shumphold. It was excellently defended by principally the Ratburg Chuckers and Up to Gnome Good. Knobulous Rex used some fear spells to drive off half of them and the Chuckers and other Gnomes killed enough to make the remainder flee. Delicate Lily and the Mighty Fist were held in reserve. The Chucker Vince was killed by a crossbow bolt, and Sergeant Zardoz and Quinton were both wounded.

*July 12—Shumphold*

The crew rested a day at home to prepare to move on to Dwergontia.

*July 13—Dwergontia*

Returning to the Dwarf Town, they met again with Father Chanceford. He agreed to a vassalage agreement since it was revealed that Shump had the Lawful Crown of the Mountains (found in the dragon's lair). They made a temporary pact of friendship until Shump should be crowned. They returned home.

*July 14—Ostkrags*

The crew went off to search out the reported lair of some large birds. Zerkwad has a conversation with Ralph the Large Bird. They had some trouble communicating at first. He charms Ralph and helps him stage a coup against the head bird Steve. Mrow blows up Steve and Ralph is made main-bird in the nest. They agree to come to Shumphold for free pony meat on occasion when a horn is blown.

*July 15—Goatburg*

They next went to the village of Goatburg. They are greeted by the villagers, but they soon enrage Mrow who roasts 22 innocent women and children of Goatburg. Machiste wanders by just at that moment. He fights past Giggles and Shump and kills Mrow, smashing his head down into his chest with his mighty club. He then warns the others to take off. The fight commences when Giggles finds his terms unacceptable, and he injures Giggles and Shump some more. Finally, Renly freezes Machiste with a *Hold Person*. They then kill Machiste and the villagers flee in terror. The crew returns to Shumphold.

*July 16—Shumphold*

Zerkwad raises Mrow from the dead. Zerkwad was drained of holy power for 9 days.

*July 17-25—Shumphold*

Zerkwad and Mrow recover from the Raising. The rest of the team rest and plan their next move in securing the realm.