

Session/Game: Thranconia Blueholme 2
The Cat's Back Episode 10: Treasure proves to be the Dangerous Part.
Campaign Date: June 27-July 6, YOR 2021

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Characters:

Mrow, feline, magic-user-5, CG (Bob L.)
Zerkwad, berserker, cleric-4, CG (Andrew S.)
Renly Faire, half-elf, cleric/thief-3, N (Quinton L.)
Giggles, gnoll, fighter-2, N (Pete Z.)

NPC'S

Chuggins, human, lackey-4, LG

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June 27, YOR 2021, Emporion

The Gnoll fighter Giggles was searching Emporion, tracking down the feline sorceress Allatia and her partner the cyclopien Garganto. Allita had killed Giggles' uncle Chortle, a tobacconist from Crossroads Tavern, and Giggles had followed her to the great city. Giggles is told that a feline Magician and some greasy henchmen are drinking over at Erlin's Folly, the oldest bar in town, and so he rushes through the front door to confront her. He spots Mrow, Renly, Zerkwad and Chuggins and immediately realizes that he had jumped to a wrong conclusion. He explains to the gang that he was looking for a female feline sorceress and, surprisingly, they decide to help him in his search.

They cross the street to the Wanderians' Guildhall, where Mrow signs in the rest as guests. They discuss the female feline question with Huggins, the club butler, who informs them that she is not a guild member, and in fact has been ambushing guild members and robbing them of scrolls. Huggins points them to Bertram the Amazing, who's practicing card tricks in the library, and who had escaped such a robbery attempt. After Bertram's failed attempts to astound them with a card trick, he describes the nearby location of the robbery and the direction Allatia and her half-orc thugs fled.

Mrow wanders down the street as bait for a possible robbery, but Renly spots a half-orc sleeping against a second-story window of a candle shop, suspiciously closed during normal business hours. Renly opens up the back door of the shop and the four enter into the store-room and workshop. Renly and Mrow attempt to sneak up the back stairs of the shop, but Mrow steps on his own tail and screeches. This awakens the half-orc, but Renly manages to slam the pommel of his sword into the thug's face, breaking his nose and subduing him. The candle maker stumbles into the back room where Zerkwad attempts to recruit him over to their side, but he soon realizes that the candle maker has been magically charmed. Giggles, accordingly, punches him in the guts and leaves him breathless and wheezing on the floor.

Mrow collects his dignity and charms the candle maker and half-orc. They discover that Allatia and Garganto have an underground lair, accessed from a hidden stair in the basement. The team uncovers the stairway and head downward to find level 1-B of the Pits of Damnation.

June 27, YOR 2021, The Pits of Damnation 1-B.

At the bottom of the stairs are posted 2 Half-orc fighters with morningstars. After a long battle the thugs are killed. The team discovered that one had kiestered 3 rubies and Chuggins had to retrieve them. Moving down the central hall, they discover a room with a

travel shaft reaching downwards, Renly spends a great deal of time searching the room, and so a pack of 3 hell hounds stumble across the party and attack. The battle is long and difficult, with Zerwad suffering greatly from a blast of fiery breath, which destroys his sack of herbs in addition to injuring him.

At the end of the fight, Renly spots a secret door along the corridor, next to another regular door. He spots it beginning to open and prevents the team from being ambushed by a gang of 5 lizard men, belonging to the cult of Set. Mrow uses a sleep spell to enchant them all, and Zerkwad and Chuggins kill them in their sleep. Chuggins is put to work searching the garbage piles in the room, but is less than his usual efficient self. He is poisoned by a tiny spider, and despite taking a dose of White Lotus, falls into a coma. Renly kills the spider and finds a creepy book in the garbage. They had the book to Mrow who opens it and immediately is blasted into a deep coma from critical injury and loses 5000xp, since the book was a *Libram of Perfect Theft*. Renly scoops it up to read later. Having Mrow and Chuggins all messed up and the party out of healing spells, they decide to return home and get themselves put back together.

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The party takes a week to rest and recover. Chuggins is taken to the Temple of Isis (and Osiris) and is cured of the spider poison. Mrow recovers from his injuries. Renly reads the Libram and gains 1 experience level. The Libram magically vanishes.

July-5, Pits of Damnation

Returning down the Candle-maker stairs, they find 3 hell hounds guarding the entrance. After another brutal battle, they kill the hounds and move forward. They find one room that is completely free of any contents, not even dust. They find this to be too creepy and depart. At the far end of the center corridor they discover three giant lizards “stabled” in one room, with some supplies and markings of the Cult of Set. Zerwad uses the Power of Isis (and Osiris) to take control of one lizard and turn it against the other two. Despite Giggles taking one very nasty bite early on, the lizards are eventually killed and the cult supplies robbed,

At the east end of the corridor, they find a stout metal door closed by Magic Lock. Mrow opens it up with Knock spell and they find a travel shaft heading upwards. Renly scouts it and discovers that it leads to the basement of a large brick building. They all decide to explore it and find that it is actually the basement of the Wanderians’ Guildhall. After briefly talking to Huggins the Butler, they connect the cistern-entrance to the shaft with the disappearance of Silas Rathmon from the guildhall about a century ago.

Returning to the Pits, they find one room with a blasphemous idol of some sort of fish god. Zerkwad defaces it with a crowbar. Renly scouts ahead and peers around the corner at the end of the hallway. Here he sees 4 hell hounds, who also spot him. He flees at top speed, having had quite enough of fighting hell hounds. The entire party flees to the upward shaft and Chuggins closes and bars the door behind them. They return to their house and rest and plan for the night.

July 6, Pits of Damnation

They re-enter the Pits and Mrow uses a scroll of Invisibility 10’ radius to allow the party to sneak up on the hell hounds and attack from surprise. Renly’s backstabs and Mrow’s sleep spell take down one each, the other kill a third before the hounds recover from surprise. The last does some damage to the party before dying, but it alerts the 9 orcs on guard nearby. However, Mrow uses a sleep spell to incapacitate all of them. Chuggins and Zerkwad kill

them in their sleep. The team then loot the orcs' guard post and a nearby barracks. While Renly, Zerkwad and Giggles go to investigate another chamber that they had skipped past, Mrow and Chuggins loot a supply room. The chamber held 2 half-orc fighter who gave Zerkwad, Renly and Giggles a hard battle before being killed.

When they caught up to Chuggins and Mrow in the supply room, Renly spotted a secret door along the south wall and discovered a secret treasure room behind it. They recovered some gold and valuable items from the lost treasure chests and bookcase therein.

Pushing forward, they found Allatia's headquarters and library. Mrow used a knock spell to get past the magic-lock door and when they entered they found that the sorceress was not home. They gleefully looted her collected treasures, including her spell book, and then returned home, deciding to not investigate what was probably Garganto's room nearby.

The Crew flees from the 4 Hell Hounds



