Session/Game: Thranconia Blueholme 2 Date: July 24, 2022

The Cat's Back Episode 32: Jerks are Worse than Dragons

Campaign Date: October 5--14, YOR 2022

Characters:

Giggles, gnoll. Fighter-8 N (Pete Z) Shump, half-orc, cleric-fighter-6, L Zerkwad, berserker, cleric-8, L (Andrew) Mr. Ow, elf, magic-user-8, N (Bob L) Renly Faire, half-elf, cleric/thief-6, N (Quinton L)

NPC'S

Chuggins, human (polymorphed from reincarnated elf), lackey-6, L (Party general dogsbody) Red Jim the Pirate, human, fighter/thief-3, N (henchman to Shump) Cat Astrofee, catter, thief-5, N (henchcat to Mr. Giggles) Slam Beefcake, half-ogre, fighter-4. Ch, Slaughter King, (henchman to Renly) Not Chet, Dwomeling, XC, N (caretaker of the gang's Wheatabix holdings)

Judge: Dave N.

LOG:

October 5—Pits of Damnation

The Cat Crew is hopped up and ready to go for another expedition to the Pits of Damnation, level 6. They find the crypt of Jorgaz the Fire Spirit. After a fiery battle in which the spirit escaped at one point and returned later in an ambush and killed Chuggins during a fire ball attack, they killed the monster and claimed his Obsidian Heart. They used a Reincarnation Salve to reincarnate Chuggins as a Gnome. They took Jorgaz's considerable treasure and returned to the surface to allow Chuggins to recover and reequip. Chuggins, however, was reincarnated with considerably lower strength and retired to take over maintenance of the Frat House.

October 6–13--Emporion

The team spends a week shopping and recruiting. Shump commissions a suit of +0 Dragon Scale Armor with Cold Resistance, made from some White Dragon hide he had taken; it will be ready January 8, 2023. Zerkwad attempted to and failed to recruit a garbage-sifting specialist to replace Chuggins and then decided to take on the job himself.

October 14—Pits of Damnation

They return to the pits to search some hallways and after Zerkwad sifts through a lot of garbage, they find a pack of 11 trolls. Mr Ow wounds half of them badly, and Giggles leads the charge to wipe them out. They find a decent amount of treasure among their sacks and garbage. Giggles and Shump killed a large white dragon almost in an instant. In a room nearby they also kill 2 dragonlings and take their gold too. Renly is poisoned by a gas trap on a door nearby, but Zerkwad heals the poison. While the others are searching the rooms, Shump is pick-pocketed by some sneaky gnomes.

Farther along they found a camp room, and when they passed along they were ambushed by human fighters from the front, and then by dwarf thieves from the rear. After a brutal initial attack by their foes, they turn the tide, just as some Feline Fighters attack them from behind. All these enemies were allies of each other and were all marked with the legend S.O.A. and the symbol of a muscular arm. Searching around they also found a magic portal in a secret room. They decided to return to the surface to plan another raid.