

**Session/Game:** Thranconia Blueholme 2

**Date:** April 23, 2023

**The Cat's Back Episode 45: Trick or Treat**

**Campaign Date:** September 28—October 24 YOR 2023

### **Characters:**

Giggles, gnoll, Fighter-11 N (Pete Z)

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

Mr. Ow, catter, magic-user-11, N (Bob L)

Renly Faire, half-elf, cleric/thief-8, N (Quinton L)

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

### **NPC'S**

Red Jim the Pirate, human, fighter/thief-6, N (henchman to Shump)

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

Slam Beefcake, half-ogre, fighter-7. Ch, Slaughter King, (henchman to Renly)

### **Mercenary Support**

The Mighty Fist, human, F1 x10, neutral, heavy foot (Giggles)--all wiped out in session

The Ratburg Chuckers, F2 x9, half-orc, neutral, light foot (Giggles)--only 6 left at end

Steady Bolters. Human F1 x10. neutral, heavy crossbow (Shump)

Thomas Stang, human, F2, Neutral, (Shump)

Reccared, human, F2, Lawful (Shump)

**Judge:** Dave N.

### *Preliminaries:*

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, the Shumphold crew saw a large lightning bolt strike the earth near the Gob Squad fortress. Zerkwad cast a Commune Spell and deduced from the answer that Machiste must be among the defenders.

### *Gob Fortress, September 28*

The crew under an invisibility 10' radius creep up to the castle. Mrow uses a *Passwall* spell to enter the ground floor. They all rush into a storeroom, surprising a servant. They quickly cleared out the ground level, killing a half dozen guards and some servants and dogs. They let the remainder of the first-floor group to leave under safe conduct and they do.

Zerkwad summons 24 spirit warriors to climb the stairs to the second floor. They are dispelled by Mystic Bill. Machiste rushes to the stairs and begins to fight with Giggles. Both Machiste and Giggles do mighty blows to each other and Machiste backs up. The Cat Crew decides to withdraw.

### *Shumphold, September 29*

Later in the evening Machiste appears suddenly in the middle of the courtyard of Shumphold and slays some guards. Sgt. Zardoz wakes Giggles, who rushes toward the main keep, hesitant to face Machiste alone. When he reaches the door and wakes Shump and Red Jim, they rush onto the wall. Then Mystic Bill the wizard and Robor the Badgermon fighter appear on the roof above them. Mystic Bill uses an Ice Storm to drive Giggles back along the wall and Shump back into the keep. Regular Steve appears and backstabs Red Jim but Giggles rushes through the Ice Storm and kills Regular Steve. Meanwhile, Machiste has been killing large numbers of the mercenary guards along the wall, the last of whom begs for his life and is allowed to flee the castle. Red Jim and some guards engage with Robor and Mystic Bill on the roof, but Giggles soon arrives and kills the wizard Mystic Bill. Robor the Badgermon wounded Red Jim and was in turn eventually killed by Giggles.

Zardoz awakens Mrow who dimension doors to the last tower to awaken Renly and Zerkwad. They rush toward the keep and are attacked by Visionary Chalmers, Diblert the Dogger, and Big Casino the thief who appear from invisibility. Big Casino injures Mrow with a backstab, but is blasted to pieces by Mrow's fireball wand. Dilbert fights inconclusively with Slam Beefcake. Zerkwad summons his Heavenly Host who tied up Chalmers and Dilbert. Dilbert is soon killed. Visionary Chalmers went invisible and escaped. Machiste, seeing the fight was lost, wandered away. Shump was apparently twiddling his thumbs inside the keep most of the battle. The Mighty Fist mercenary squad was all but killed off by Machiste; two remained alive, but both fled the castle never to return.

*Ostkrag, September 30*

Chalmers and the guards and servants take some of the treasure of their castle and flee. Machiste goes off to right wrongs elsewhere. The Cat Crew decides to give the Gob castle to Mr Ow for his magic school, Giggles and Renly also move in there.

*October 1--5, Thranconia Duchy*

The team goes to Emporion for shopping and recruiting.

*October 6-13 Emporion*

The team recruits in Emporion. Zerkwad hires Simper Fido. Giggie hires the Wall of Steel. Shump hires Chet's Demons, and Mrow hires Super Action Squad, Team Miller and Faithful Five times 2. Renly hires Bud Skifferson.

*October 14-20 Emporion*

Mrow continues to recruit. He recruits Creepo and Goodboy Fidus.

*October 24—Ostkrag*

All return to the mountain fortresses.

