

Session/Game: Thranconia Blueholme 2 **Date:** June 18, 2023
The Cat's Back Episode 49: Coronation? Not Quite Yet
Campaign Date: December 21, YOR 2023 until January 5, 2024

Characters:

Giggles, gnoll, fighter-11, N (Pete)
Shump, half-orc, cleric-fighter-8, L (Craig J)
Mr. Ow, catter, magic-user-12, L (Bob L)
Renly Faire, half-elf, cleric/thief-8, N (Quinton L)--Absent
Zerkwad, human, cleric-12, L (Andrew S)

NPC'S

Red Jim the Pirate, human, fighter/thief-7, N (henchman to Shump)
Cat Astrofee, catter, thief-9, N (henchcat to Mr. Giggles)
Goodboy Fidus, dogger, fighter-1, lawful (henchman to Mrow)
Creepo, lizardo, XC, neutral, (henchman to Mrow)

Mercenary Support

The Ratburg Chuckers, F2 x6, half-orc, neutral, light foot (Giggles)
The Wall of Steel (Giggles), human, F2 x10, neutral, pikemen (Giggles)
Steady Bolters. Human F1 x10. neutral, heavy crossbow (Shump)
Captain Thomas Stang, human, F2, Neutral, (Shump)
Captain Reccared, human, F2, Lawful (Shump)
Chet's Demons, human, F2 x10, Longbow, Neutral (Shump)
Super Action Squad half elf, XCx10, longbow archers Neutral(Mrow)
Team Miller human, XCx10, crossbow, neutral(Mrow)
Faithful Five Times 2, human F-1 x10, crossbow, lawful (Mrow)

Judge: Dave N.

December 4, Emporion

The party returns to Emporion. Zerkwad rasies Mrow from the dead, and Mrow converts to Isis and Osiris. Giggles goes to the Temple of Crom and delivers the Iron Heart of the Serpent of Set.

December 11—Zerkwad recovers from power drain; Casts a Regeneration spell on himself

December 20—Zerkwad recovers from power drain.

December 21-The Ambush

Party approaches the coronation site when they are ambushed by filthy hoborgs on the mountain pathway. Renly stayed at home, and they brought Captains Stang and Reccared as the Silver Guard. They are ambushed by a hoborg assault team of 20 crossbowmen, 20 shock troops, 4 flaming-hot hoborg wizards and a powerful assassin. There were 4 illusionary Owlbears were blocking the trail. Mrow injured or killed most of the shock troops with a fireball. Giggles and Shump popped the Owlbear illusions. Cat Astrofee climbed up the surrounding cliff and was shot up by the crossbow guys. The flaming hoborgs pelted the party with fireballs. Red Jim was critically injured by

the fireballs. After the first fireball, Zerkwad summoned his Holy Warriors, and had them assault the flaming hots and the crossbows. Giggles summoned his Pixie Protector and asked him to lift him up the cliff to close with the crossbows and flaming hots. Mrow was suddenly back-stabbed and critically wounded by an invisible Hoborg assassin. This caused Goodboy Fidus to flee in panic. The enemies were soon overwhelmed by Holy Warriors and Giggles but a final fireball killed the critically wounded Mrow. The assassin tried to kill Shump but failed and escaped.

December 21—The False Coronation

The party briefly discussed whether to turn back and try the coronation at the next Equinox instead of that day, but decided to press on, dragging Mrow's toasted corpse along (Zerkwad being unable to raise him from the dead until the next day). At the summit of Mount Gaxto in front of the mountain altar to Mithras, Shump and friends found 6 werebears, Father Chanceford and 20 dwarf soldiers and Goat-Mother Griselda and 12 assorted mountain peasants assembled for the coronation.

However once the party were assembled, on the mountain top, the awaiting beings threw off their disguises revealing them to be a horde of enraged demons: 6 fiendish champions, 20 demonic warriors, 12 flying chompers, 1 Flaming Terror all of whom were led by a Princess of Hell. The Princess shouted "Did you really think we would allow a Lawful King to be crowned? The mountains belong to Chaos!"

Shump immediately blew his magical horn and summoned 17 Berserkers of Valhalla to join the fray, and Zerkwad raised a Protection from Chaos 10' to stiffen the resistance of the team. The berserkers and Silver Guard (the Wall of Steel Mercenaries dressed in silver armor for the ceremony) began a long, fierce resistance against the demonic horde, seeing one guardsman thrown off the mountainside to his doom early on. While the Fiery Terror exchanged powerful blows with Giggles and Zerkwad, Cat Astrofee grabbed Mrow's wand of fireballs and let loose a constant stream of explosions onto the enemy ranks, despite one of the Chompers biting off his hand. The Princess of Hell let loose a Death Spell, killing several berserkers and Silver Guard and Captain Stang. She then pulled back and spoke the Unholy Word, which killed some more berserkers and guards as well as Captain Reccared. This malevolent effect also severely stunned Shump, taking him out of the battle for many rounds. Giggles managed to kill the Fiery Terror and Cat Astrofee cleared the right flank of the battle with a fireball.

The battle begins to look grim, there being only a handful of guards and berserkers left, Mrow still dead and Shump still addled by unholy magic. The Fiendish Champions and a handful of Chompers were still very much in the fight and had Zerkwad pinned down. Giggles and Red Jim managed to break away and kept the Princess of Hell from casting anymore spells. Zerkwad managed to dispel the Unholy Word stun effect from Shump, bringing him back to the fight. Finally, Shump, Giggles and Jim closed with the Princess of Hell and slew her, just as Zerkwad finally got clear of the champions and summoned his holy warriors and the day was saved. There was only one survivor of the Wall of Steel (Silver Guards), Sergeant Hendrick. Without a high priest of Mithras (or the required witnesses or a Silver Guard) they realized that the coronation would have to be postponed until March 21, and so they returned home to lick their wounds.

December 22—Zerkwad raises Mrow from the dead (again).

December 29—Zerkwad and Mrow recover from the raise dead effects.

December 29—Zerkwad regenerates Cat Astrofee's missing hand.

January 5—Zerkwad recovers from the Power Drain