

Session/Game: Thranconia Blueholme 2

Date: August 8, 2021

The Cat's Back Episode 12: Again with the Hell Hounds

Campaign Date: August 8-16, YOR 2021

Characters:

Mrow, feline, magic-user-5, CG (Bob L.)

Renly Faire, half-elf, cleric/thief-3, N (Quinton L.)

Mr. Giggles, gnoll, fighter-2, N (Pete Z.)

NPC'S

Chuggins, human, lackey-4, LG

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August 8, YOR 2021, Pits of Damnation 1B

Mr. Giggles returned to the Frat House, just as Zerkwad and Sondra departed for the annual "Assembly of All Them Wads." Giggles pressed to return to level 1B for a chance to destroy his archenemy Allatia the Cat-lady. Renly and Mrow agreed and grabbed Chuggins and off they went down through the basement of the Wanderians' Guildhall.

They proceeded to Allatia's lair hallway where they had to kill 3 more Hell Hounds. Giggles needed to drink many potions to get back on his feet. At the end of the hall Mrow used a knock spell to open a wizard locked door discovering the Cyclopien mage Garganto, Allatia's partner, and his 4 half-orc guards. Despite Garganto using a mirror image spell and knocking out Chuggins with an illusionary spray of dirt, they finally ground down the half orcs using hold, sleep spells and a tanglefoot bag. Giggles landed the final blow killing Garganto. They looted much good stuff from Garganto's treasure chests.

Back-tracking a bit they returned to Allatia's room, but Mrow was out of Knock spells and they couldn't pass the door. They decided to have Giggles chop the door down with his axe, a long, noisy process. The noise attracted 3 more Hell Hounds who chewed up Giggles pretty well before they were destroyed. Then the continued noise attracted a giant toad, which Mrow put to sleep.

Finally, they broke through the door and found Allatia and her 3 half-orc guards ready and prepared for them. The orc arrow barrage totally failed and Allatia turned invisible using her focus. Fearing that the guards would quickly succumb to sleep spells, Allatia reappeared and used a magic amulet to summon 3 more Hell Hound, who rushed the door and all breathed fire, scroching Mrow, Renly and Giggles all rather badly. The party fled in fear, chased by Hell Hounds, and Mrow used hold portal on a door behind them as they returned home to recover.

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The party returns home and rests. Mrow purchases some scrolls from the Legion of Sorcery retail store and Renly makes a healing potion. Chuggins' various throwables are replenished.

August 16, Pits of Damnation

They return to the dungeon and when they arrive at Allatia's lair, they find that the Cat-Lady has pulled up stakes and moved off to another hideout, plotting future revenge. Moving

to another section of the dungeon, they discover that a band of Priests of Set are camped throughout it, looking for ancient secrets.

They first find the temporary shrine to Set in one chamber. They surprise 4 half-orc Set priests and their 8 lizardmen guards. Mrow uses a sleep spell to put down exactly half of them. However, Renly gets caught in the open and swarmed by the rest who cut him down. Giggles goes on an epic rampage, killing 3 and wounding another in a single round. The remainder are quickly dealt with. After reviving the critically injured Renly, they loot the treasure, being very suspicious of one particular scroll. They also find a book called "How to Serve Crab People" in a sack.

Further along they find and put to sleep another (?) big toad and discover a stairway leading downward. Renly opens another door and is surprised by a large guard ape defending the Set priests' supply dump. The ape badly frightens Renly but doesn't do any significant damage. Mrow manages to drop the ape with a sleep spell. They find food, drink and tools, but don't want to eat anything guarded by a big ape.

Across the hall, they find the rest of the Set-priest expedition: 2 human priests and 11 bugmen mercenaries. Sleep spell from Mrow disables most of the bugmen. The priests try to revive as many as they can, but they themselves are killed by Chuggins, Giggles and Renly. Three of the bugmen try to escape, but are killed too. The party finds some useful treasure among the priests.

Farther up the hall, Renly stubs his toe several times on rocks on the floor. Giggles investigates and finds that the rocks are actually petrified rats. Suspecting some kind of stoning monster, they are on their guard. Renly opens the door to find a medusa. He uses some dust of disappearance to turn invisible and sneak behind the medusa, killing it with a 1-shot backstab and avoiding the deadly gaze. They also find some treasure in a secret room at the back of the room.

Across the hall, Giggles yanks open the door and finds the largest toad one could ever imagine, filling the entire room. The toad's tongue darts out, grabs Giggles and drags him to its mouth, biting him fiercely. The rest of the party manages to kill the stationary toad quite quickly. Chuggins searches through the garbage and toad guts and finds some things of small value.

Farther along, they find a room full of statues. Two of them are actually gargoyles who surprise Renly and Giggles, but do only moderate damage before the two withdraw. Mrow sleeps one of them, but they decide to just close and wizard-lock the door.

Around the corner, Renly is surprised by 2 wraiths. He narrowly avoids being drained. Mrow decides to use his fireball spell, which kills both creatures. They discover another secret door and inside find some significant treasure, including the Obsidian Heart of the Unknown Hoborg. It was at this point that they discovered that "To Serve Crab People" book was infested with bookworms and had destroyed several scrolls that Mrow was carrying.

The level being cleared, the party returns home.

Ambushed by gargoyles, Renly flees, Mrow sleeps one, wizard lock and leave

Holy Water and fireball kill 2 wraiths

Find Heart of the Unknown Hobgoblin

Giggles to level 3