

**Session/Game:** Thranconia Blueholme 2

**Date:** November 20, 2022

**The Cat's Back Episode 36: The Cat's Back and the Fish is Done**

**Campaign Date:** YOR 2023—February 21

**Characters:**

Giggles, gnoll, Fighter-9 N (Pete Z)

Shump, half-orc, cleric-fighter-7, L

Mr. Ow, catter, magic-user-9, N (Bob L)

Renly Faire, half-elf, cleric/thief-7, N (Quinton L)

Zerkwad, human, cleric-9, L (Andrew S)

**NPC'S**

Red Jim the Pirate, human, fighter/thief-4, N (henchman to Shump)

Cat Astrofee, catter, thief-6, N (henchcat to Mr. Giggles)

Slam Beefcake, half-ogre, fighter-5. Ch, Slaughter King, (henchman to Renly)

Doctor Fang, human, lackey-4 (henchman to Renly)

Slug Duggins, half-orc, thief-4, N (henchman to Zerkwad).

Cheezmo, pixie, sorcerer-10, N (friend of Giggles)

**Judge:** Dave N.

**LOG:**

*February 21, 2023—Level 7 Pits of Damnation*

Momentarily stymied and grief stricken by Mrow being turned into a centipede, they wept on the sands a bit. Giggles called for his Pixie Protector, The Great Cheezmo, who told them there was a portal on level 4 led to the mystic lake in the mountains that Zerkwad has seen in his vision. They decided to free Mrow from his curse before attacking the remaining section of the Dagonite lair.

The party climbed up to level six and quickly found the stairs that led to the tunnel connecting levels 5a and 5b. The tunnel was blocked by a Black Pudding. After the party used the bulk of their oil and cling fire to wound the beast, Cheezmo used a Flames spell to finish it off.

When they were passing through level 5b, the party was attacked by a pack of magical murder toads, just as Slug Duggins had said wiped out the civilians he had tried to lead to safety. The party wiped out the toads with some of the henchmen taking some wounds and getting temporarily paralyzed by the toads' poison.

Reaching the stairs, the party quickly reached level 4 and had to cross most of the level to reach the portal room. They were again ambushed by murder toads who appeared out of fresh air. They found the misty room that acted as the portal to the Ostkrag mountains and passed through.

They arrived in the Ostkrags (with Cheezmo telling them where they were) and found that 20 murder toads were guarding the magic pool. Giggles charged in among them and laid a serious beat down on them, killing about half of them. The rest of the party killed the rest of the toads, with Dr. Fang almost dying when some toads circled behind them and attacked Fang and Renly.

They approached the pool and threw the centipede into it. They watched amazed as the centipede turned into Mrow, in his original catter form, not his reincarnated elf form. With reunions achieved, the Cat Crew returned to the Pits, with Mrow's fireball wand clearing the way for their return to the lowest level.

They found that the room beyond the beach-altar room had been reoccupied by 3 Dagonite priests and 5 Grey Ogre fighters. A fireball and hard chopping made fast work of those chumps. Inside the chamber were 10 amorphous humanoid giant statues, each with a pineapple sized hole in its chest. Renly was all for shoving an Obsidian Heart into the chest-hole of one of them, but was forcefully rebuked by Mrow and Giggles.

In a room to the south west, they found the Dagonite library with its priestly librarian and his 8 animated statue assistants. Again, a fireball from Mrow and hard chopping from the rest wiped out the resistance quickly. However, 2 out of the 5 book shelves and some treasure contained within were also destroyed by the fireball.

Moving on to the north, they found the Dagonite treasury. It was guarded by 8 hellfire smasher demons, who turned out to be far less fearsome than one might imagine. They proved mostly resistant to Mrow's magic but were brutally hacked down by Giggles, Shump and the rest with only minimal wounds to the party. There was a great hoard of treasure, including 10 10-pound bars of gold a mound of silver, 80 rubies, some magical items and the Eye of Dagon, the largest diamond you could imagine. Renly was nearly disintegrated by a trap on one chest, but the rest of traps were then eliminated.

There was some discussion about whether to just take the treasure and leave, or clear out the last few rooms. Mrow was pretty insistent on finishing the rooms, because those jerks had turned him into a centipede. So it was decided.

They took their standard tactic for the next room. Giggles ripped open the door, Mrow threw in a fireball, and Giggles blocked the doorway. However, nothing went according to plan. The room contained Swish-Plop the Fearsome, a Dagonite 16<sup>th</sup> level Fish Priest and his 6 armored cave giant guards. Swish-Plop used his Rod of Absorption to absorb the fireball spell and then used a Curse of Transformation to turn Giggles into a guinea pig. Cat Astrofee managed to use his Confusion wand to confuse 2 of the giants, but the group of giants poured out of the room and started to lay a beat down on Renly, Cat Astrofee and Zerkwad. With some invisibilities, fighting withdrawals and fireballs, a rough line was drawn and the giants whittled down. Swish Plop emerged, injured Slam and Zerwad with a flame strike, and absorbed a Damnation spell Shump cast from a scroll. The party finished off the giants and began to injure Swish-Plop, who healed himself and kept fighting. They started to seriously gang up on him again, and he used a second flame strike to injure Mrow and Slam. Then Cat Astrofee backstabbed him from invisibility and the team killed him in one final rush.

With the High Priest of the Cult of Damnation slain, the curse of toad summoning was lifted, so they could leave the level without toads appearing every hour. Mrow briefly argued that they should finish the last few corners of the Dagonite temple, but the rest had had enough and decided to take their treasure and go. They stopped at the portal on the way back and went to mountain lake and removed the curse from guinea-pig Giggles, returning him to Gnoll form.

Returning to the Frat House, they split their huge pile of treasure and rejoiced in ending the menace of the Cult of Damnation from the Pits of Damnation.

*Find Swish Plop and 6 armored cave giants  
Absorbed Mrow's first fireball*

*Plop turns Giggles into guinea pig. Giants rush out, terrible battle good guys win,  
take the treaure upstairs, restore Giggles*

