

**Session/Game:** Thranconia Blueholme 2

**Date:** 8/27/2023

**The Cat's Back Episode 51: Coronation and Culmination**

**Campaign Date:** February 7—March 21 2024

**Characters:**

Giggles, gnoll, fighter-12, N (Pete)

Shump, half-orc, cleric-fighter-9, L (Craig J)

Mr. Ow, catter, magic-user-12, L (Bob L)

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

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)

Creepo, lizardo, XC, neutral, (henchman to Mrow)

Bud Skifferson, dwarf, F3, Lawful (henchman to Renly)

**Mercenary Support**

The Ratburg Chuckers, F2 x6, half-orc, neutral, light foot (Giggles)

Captain Hendrick(Giggles), human, F3, neutral, Captain (Giggles)

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

Chet's Demons, human, F2 x10, Longbow, Neutral (Shump)

Portburg New Pike, human, XC, lawful, Pikemen (Shump)

Death Crushers, half-orc, XC, neutral, Heavy foot (Shump)

Lucky Stiffs, human, XC, neutral, heavy crossbow (Shump)

Bullet Squad, huamn, F1, Lawful, slingers (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.

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*February 7—Dwergontia*

The crew arrives at Dwergontia to question why Father Chanceford didn't show up at the abortive coronation on December 21. Father Chanceford says that he was told by Shump not to come in December. They reveal to him that he had been tricked and set a password lest it happen again.

*February 10—Ostkrags*

Zerkwad invites werebears to coronation.

*February 11-20—Ostkrags*

As Renly and Shump make healing talismans, and Mrow makes 2 potions, Zerkwad surrounds the Mt. Gaxto altar area with glyphs of warding.

## March 21—Mount Gaxto

The coronation begins, and when Father Chanceford says “Is there anyone who disputes the king’s oath?” An image of lich appears and claims the castle Shumhold is truly his. As the party heads to attack it, Zerkwad throws a True Seeing to see that the lich is an illusion and that there are invisible hoborgs everywhere. The hoborgs stab Shump and poison him, throwing him off the mountain. Praying to Isis, Zerkwad hurls himself from the mountain, catches Shump’s body and lands safely in a pile of dust on top of an ancient carving of Isis. He cures Shump’s deadly poison wound and begins the slow climb back up. Meanwhile, the hoborgs critically injure Father Chanceford and severely injure Mrow, Shump and Bud before the tide is turned and the hoborgs are all either slain or flee down the mountain.

Once the ceremony is resumed, Bafoom the Wise Serpent appears and demands the kingdom for the powers of neutrality, since Shump took it from them by force. Giggles suggests that Renly swear to create a substitute kingdom in the forest. Renly does so and this proves satisfactory to Bafoom who departs.

Finally Machiste appears and demands that Shump must exile Mrow from the kingdom for slaying the villagers of Goatburg, or else Shump is no true Lawful king, true to his oaths. After a moment to think, Shump agrees and banishes Mrow from the kingdom.

At last, Father Chanceford declares that Shump is indeed Lawful King of the Mountains!

### *Epilogue:*

Mrow packs up his things from his school and heads back to his townhouse in Passburg. Renly heads off to the Pine Woods to the west to create a realm dedicated to the Neutral Gods. Giggles begins to think of where more adventure might lie and Zerkwad, disturbed at the large amount of reading and writing involved in setting up a new freehold, decides to go elsewhere, wherever Isis (and Osiris) might lead him. King Shump I has the dwarves of Dwergontia begin work on the road down to Wheatabix and considers the future settlers and projects for his kingdom. The adventuring band known as the Cat Crew has finished their rampage together and set off to rampage separately.