

Session/Game: Rampage/Virkon #15
Lost Virkon Episode 15: The Prince is Dead
Campaign Date: May 2nd - 3rd, YOR 2033

Date: May 5th, 2024

Characters:

Balleth Holdmare, Human Fighter (Travis)
Chummo AKA Alasandro de le Rosa, Half-Ogre Fighter (Bob)
Ivo, Human Fighter (Quinton)
Sister Sabine, Human Cleric (NPC)
Moonshadow, Half-Ogre Fighter/Mage (Craig)
Thomas of the Two Destinies, High Elf Cleric (NPC)

Judge: Andrew

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The Half-Gross heroes awaken to find that the Prince of Algart is dead! The five Archons of the noble families have been summoned to crown the young heir, Prince Thrimble. Sir Wymer the Stranger is fingered as the culprit. He has gone into hiding. The city guard is seeking anyone in the Brotherhood who knows of Wymer's whereabouts. Toby and Walker hustle their patron Sir Wymer out of the city to safety while the remainder of the Half Gross Heroes investigate for their various patrons.

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The heroes met and discussed the recent goings-on. They went to the Brotherhood of Victory Chapter House to look for clues, but it was crawling with Algart city guards.

The heroes next ventured toward the palace of the prince. The huge marble palace temple complex with its gleaming brass dome is actually connected at the corner to the Temple of Atlas. The party got some pushback from the guards, but Ivo managed to calm them down. Moonshadow's credentials got them into the isolated observatory, the scene of the crime. There they find a statue of Brother Kandros, one statue of Minister Gainsaw, and an empty statue pedestal. Each statue has a real-life piece of equipment as a prop. They find some magic dust in the same stone material as the other two statues.

They ask to investigate the murder weapon, Sir Wymer's actual sword. They surmise that the weapon was snuck in along with a statue of Wymer and that it was used to murder the prince in the observatory. Wymer told his followers Chummo and Balleth that his sword was stolen by a statue of Brother Kandros that was delivered a few days ago. That statue was a gift from the Mystic Union. It stood in his hall for over a day before animating and sneaking away with Wymer's sword. The two members of the brotherhood in the party surmise that a similar statue of Brother Wymer actually did murder the prince with Wymer's weapon.

They return to the Mystic Union. They ask Minister Xix Gainsaw if he can identify how these statues were made. He says that he himself created magical animating statues meant for the Temple of Atlas the visage of Sir Wymer the Stranger and Brother Kandros. These statues could be keyed to fulfill a single task or kill a specific individual before they self-destructed and fell into powder. The Minister specifically says that the statues were ordered by a lower level priest named "Rabz."

The heroes head to the Temple of Atlas. They are ambushed along a dark alleyway. There is some concern as several of the heroes were poisoned, but Ivo carried enough curative potions and a single bandit was questioned. He says that surprisingly the braggart who hired them proudly said that his name was "Machiste" and that he would have a bonus for the thugs and assassins once they had finished the Half Gross Heroes.

At the Temple of Atlas, the party meets Sabine who introduces them to a high priest named "Georg." As the priest stalls them in a side room, Ivo insults his patron and the whole Temple of Atlas. Ivo reveals that had heard rumors that someone named Machiste plans to mind-control the young heir and control Algart with their puppet now that the prince has been slain. Clearly, Ivo was never truly working for the Temple of Atlas at all! Moonshadow cast a spell to read the priest Georg's mind. Temple guards of Atlas are about to rush in and attack! Moonshadow magically locks the door. The heroes kill Georg and make their escape.

The heroes meet with the former prince's high advisor, a wizard named "Tim the Enchanter." Moonshadow asks Tim to read Moonshadow's true thoughts and provide that as proof to the five barons about the misconduct of the Temple of Atlas. Later that day after a standoff between the army and the city guard, Brother Kandros is put in prison, and Sabine herself takes over as the temporary leader of the Temple of Atlas in Algart. Ivo speaks to his fox and then sends Snickerlfritz off on an errand.