

Session/Game: ACKS/Gatavia III #48

Date: August 23, 2015

Episode 48: Thus Striketh the Warlock

Campaign Date: June 1-10 1432 AY

Characters

Murderface Jack, dwarf, fury-9 neutral (Jason Liebert)
Fancy Jill, dwarf, craft-priest 7, neutral (henchman)
One Axe Jack, dwarf, fury-6, neutral (henchman)
Two Axe Jack, dwarf, fury-6, neutral (henchman)
Claudia the Bard, human, bard-1, neutral (henchman)
Whispy Nuggets, elf enchanter-6, neutral (henchman)

Tiberius, human, mage-9, neutral (Tim Moyer)
Helpful Bill, human, fighter-6, neutral (henchman)
Sister Helena, human blade-dancer-8, neutral (henchman)

Split-tongue, elf, enchanter-8, neutral (Marlon Kirton)
Sigwulf, human, fighter-6, neutral (henchman)
Flamer, (reincarnated baboon henchman)
Yengemel, human, mage-5, neutral (henchman)
Nimrod, human, explorer-4, neutral (henchman)
Mister Boarley, orkin, thug-3, neutral (henchman)
Farley, human, cleric-1, neutral (henchman)

Exorcist Rinaldo, human, cleric-10, neutral (Robert Swan)
Mighty Beavis, gnome titan-7 neutral (henchman)
Manfred, human, mage-8 neutral (henchman)
Deadeye Hayes, human, blade-dancer-7 (henchman)
Rabid Jack, dwarf, fury-2, neutral (henchman)
Osmund, human, fighter-3, neutral (henchman)

Judge: Dave Nelson

June 1-7

The Skull Collectors spread out to conduct various bits of business. Murderface recruits Claudia the Bard. Split-tongue does spell research. Rinaldo goes to Orchester and makes 3500gp casting spells for various clients. Osmund, Mighty Beavis and Rabid Jack go searching for treasure, but fail; what's worse, they are ambushed by The Grand Warlock Zengu and all three defeated and captured. He takes them to the Warlock keep where he kills Beavis and feeds his body to a Black Pudding; casts Osmund into a dank dungeon, and puts out Rabid Jack's eyes and has him led back to Yoesville bearing a message that Zengu will avenge the insults that the Skull Collectors have made against Dengwur with terrible fury.

June 8

Hearing of the terrible fates of Rinaldo's henchmen, 4 of the Skull Collectors (Rinaldo, Tiberius, Split-tongue and Murderface) assemble in Yoesville to seek vengeance.

June 9

The Skull Collectors move on foot toward the Warlock Keep. They see that it is surrounded by a lake of fire, with only a small stone bridge. They take to the air on carpets, brooms, wings and spells and race toward the roof. Out of the flaming lake, they are ambushed by 8 Wyverns, who kill Claudia the Bard, and nearly kill several others by snatching them off the carpets and dropping them. After killing the Wyverns they land on the keep's roof, only to discover that it was an illusion (as was the lake of fire). All the dwarves, Rinaldo and Whispy Nuggets plummet toward the earth from the 80 tall false tower. Sister Helena manages to catch Nuggets. Murderface, One-Axe, Two-Axe and Rinaldo take the damage but are still standing. Fancy Jill is severely injured and must rest for a week. The Collectors flee back to Yoesville to recover from their injuries.

June 10

After resting the night, healing and recovering their spells, the Skull Collectors return to the Keep, finding the actual keep 100 feet away from the phantom one. They land on the roof and simultaneously break in the secret roof door and use Tiberius's wand to open a second door in the roof and they rush in. They believe they face 12 orcs, but they are in truth Deceiver Demons. The Collectors kill all the demons after a long fight, but not before 2-Axe Jack, having been backstabbed several times, stumbles into some glyphs of warding on the staircase door and collapses from the damage.

The remaining Skull Collectors clear a few empty floors and finally reach the Warlock's great hall. The warlock's forces (Grand Warlock Zengu, a Winged Demon, 4 warlock followers, and 2 gorgons) are in wait and surprise them. By the time the battle ends, Deadeye Hayes, Helpful Bill, and 1-Axe Jack have all been turned to stone. Murderface, a swarm of Chaos Monkeys and Tiberius's Curse of Swine Spell turn the tide and the evil-doers are all destroyed. The Skull Collectors loot and wreck the tower and haul their petrified henchmen back to Yoesville.

PC XP: 6500 each. Hench XP" 3250 each; Gold Share: 18,607gp per PC present.

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