

Session/Game: ACKS/Gatavia III #19

Date: June 15, 2014

Episode 19: "There's Always Room for Pudding"

Campaign Date: November 23—December 10th, AY 1430

Characters

Split-tongue, elf enchanter-5, neutral (Marlon Kirton)
 Flaming Jack, dwarf, vault-guard-1 (henchman)
Murderface Jack, dwarf fury-5, neutral (Jason Liebert)
Decius, human, explorer-5, neutral (Robert Swan)
 Exorcist Rinaldo, human, cleric-4, lawful (henchman)
 Muttering Osborn, human, shaman-2, neutral (henchman)
Max Bemis, human. Fighter-3, neutral (Zach Kleiser)
Weaponsmith Jack, dwarf, craft-priest-2 (Tim Moyer)
Mysterious New Guy, human, mage-2 (Tim Moyer)

Judge: Dave Nelson

Log:

November 23—Final Bloody Conquest of Old Ones' Expedition

Murderface, Decius, Rinaldo, Osborn and Max Bemis decide to return to level 5b of Skull Mountain to clean up any remains of the Old Ones' expedition. Split-tongue having not yet returned from an enchanter's conference does not accompany them. In a similar fashion, Rotwang hadn't arrived from meeting some of his barbarian kin and Amicus was bound to celebrate the Concordance of the Peeling Thunderbolt and couldn't stray and the Masked Archer was nowhere to be found. The team did find a dwarf named Weaponsmith Jack who had stormed out of Badaxe Jack's place, tired of altar-boy duty.

They climbed down the stairs, passed through the level to discover the Old Ones' expedition store-room. It was guarded by 10 High Orc soldiers and an Old One apprentice sorcerer. They manage to kill this group quickly. However, they proceeded into the next chamber, a cave which led off down to a tunnel leading downwards. This cave is guarded by 15 High Orc soldiers and their chief. Rather than hold off the orcs in the narrows of the cave, Max Bemis charges into the wide open center. This results in the party fighting the pole-armed wielding orcs in more or less the open. Weaponsmith Jack dies after an orc chops off both his legs. Muttering Osborn is permanently lamed in one leg by a fierce wound. Rinaldo flees the battle in terror. Finally, however, Murderface manages to turn the battle and he Decouds and Max finish off the orcs. The party flees to the surface.

November 24—Party rests at Skull Manor.

Split-tongue (with Flaming Jack) arrives home and agrees to join the next assault. He has brought a human mage (whose name for now is kept unknown) and he also agrees to join the attack.

November 25—\$240 worth of Pudding

The party again enters level 5b, they surprise and destroy 3 gargoyles who were waiting in ambush, but facing another direction. Then, they discover a Black Pudding in one room. Murderface grabs and hurls "Terrance Phillips" an evil little imp, who had been attempting to lead Decius into an act of evil sacrifice for several months, across the room into the pudding and to his doom. Murderface tried to shut the monster into the room, but it squeezed out under the

door. Then he attempted to attack it with weapons, but succeeded only in breaking it into 3 smaller puddings. Split-tongue used a wand of cold to freeze the puddings. While the party gathered wood and oil to burn the paralyzed puddings, they attract the attention of an 8-headed Hydra who laired in a chamber down the hallway.

Just as the Hydra attacks, the puddings wake from their torpor and attack as well. The Hydra snakes out and rips one of Split-tongue's eyes from his head causing him to collapse screaming in agony. Mysterious Mage summons 4 berserkers magically to help hold off the hydra. The hydra then tears at Flaming Jack's genitals causing him to join his master screaming in agony on the floor. After a long battle, the Hydra is finally whittled down, and then the puddings, weakened by the burning wood and oil, are finally killed by torches. Having gathered the Hydra's treasure, the party hauls the wounded back to Skull Manor.

November 26-December 10th

The party divides their treasure and rests at Skull Manor to recover from their ordeal.