

Session/Game: ACKS/Gatavia III #28

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Episode 28: "Oh Elders, Fleet and Strong and Wise, Appear Before My Seeking Eyes"

Campaign Date: May 10th to May 19th, AY 1431

Characters

Split-tongue, elf enchanter-7, neutral (Marlon Kirton)
 Flaming Jack, dwarf, vault-guard-5, neutral (henchman)
 Sammy the Wagon Master, lackey-1, lawful (henchman)
 Sigwulf, human, fighter-4, neutral (henchman)
Whang, human, fighter-5, neutral (Marlon Kirton)
Shady Jack, human, bard-3, neutral (Toby Miller)
Tiberio, human, mage-7, neutral (Tim Moyer)
Rinaldo of Saturn, human, cleric-8, neutral (Robert Swan)
 Mighty Beavis, gnome titan-6, neutral (henchman)
 Decius, human, explorer-6, neutral (henchman)
 Manfred, human, mage-5, neutral (henchman)
 Bobby, human, bard-4, neutral (henchman)
 Wingus, human, lackey-5 lawful (henchman)
Rotwang, human, barbarian-8, neutral (Bob LaForge)
Pontifex Amicus, human, cleric-8, neutral (Andrew Smith)
 Heilyn, human, bard-4, neutral (henchman)

Judge: Dave Nelson

Log:

May 10-11

Shady Jack is hired by the Easterling Merchant Pan-Lo to deliver a message from Portchester to Pontifex Amicus in Yoeville. He is accosted along the way by a small party of orcs. He manages to hide the message and bribe the orcs. However, when he reaches Yoeville, he discovers that the message has fallen from its hiding place somewhere on the road.

May 12-14

Decius and Mighty Beavis are sent by Amicus and Rinaldo to hunt for the missing message. However, they are ambushed by a larger party of orcs, led by an Orkin Hexmaster named Trug-Ho. They are both beaten badly and rendered prisoners of the orcs.

May 15-16

Communing with the divine power of Jupiter, Amicus locates the band holding the henchmen prisoner. He gathers Split-tongue and his henchmen, Shady Jack, Tiberio, Rinaldo and his remaining henchmen, and Rotwang and they rush to rescue Beavis and Decius.

They find the orcs and Trug-Ho drawn up in a gap of trees. Manfred throws a fireball spell at them, but it is reflected back by Trug's magic shield. Rotwang rides forth to close with them, with Amicus riding part-way there to back him up. Then they find out that there was more to the enemy than they thought. Three Old Ones Slayers appear from invisibility to backstab Amicus and an Old Ones sorceress also appears and blasts the party's wizards with a fireball wand. The Sorceress continues to pound the wizards with fireballs, knocking Tiberio, Manfred, Split-tongue and the bard Heilyn out of the battle with critical wounds. While the orcs and their prancing pigdaws keep Rotwang busy, the Slayers render Amicus frozen with a hold spell, and

steal the Rod of Castor from him. Eventually, Rotwang defeats the orcs, kills a slayer, and Rinaldo "holds" another. The last slayer and the sorceress however, escape the battlefield with the Rod of Castor.

May 17

The party returns to Yoeville and heals up. Manfred, Split-tongue and Tiberio prove too badly wounded to attempt to ride forth, despite the powerful healing magic used on them all.

May 18

Again consulting the divine powers and speaking with the corpses of their enemies, the party tracks the Old Ones to an ancient granary some miles to the north west. Joined by Whang but lacking their wizards they break into the building. Rotwang slaughters 6 pigdaws and some orcs at the door way. They push forward and engage in a huge brawl with 4 Old Ones sorcerers, 2 champions and 20 swordsmen (and 6 summoned demonic warriors). After a long battle, the Old Ones are destroyed and the party, in a fell rage, pushes forward to encounter 7 ogre mercenaries. While Whang and Rotwang do good service against the ogres, once again the Slayer and the Grand Sorceress appear from invisibility. The sorceress causes the entire party except Rinaldo, Whang and Rotwang to flee in magical panic. But, these three heroes prove more than enough to kill the remaining ogres and the 2 Old Ones leaders. After retrieving the Rod of Castor and the other magical and monetary treasure, they all return to Yoeville triumphant.

In a gesture of magnanimity, Amicus allows Rinaldo to take the magic shield of Grobyak, which was used by the Orkin Hexmaster, and which can reflect spells once a day, and granted him the use of the Rod of Castor.

May 19

The Easterling Pan-Lo arrives at Yoeville to see Amicus. He proves to be an incredibly decrepit man in a wheel-chair who offers Amicus 50,000gp to use the Rod of Castor to reincarnate him when he dies. Amicus leads him to Rinaldo, the new owner of the Rod. Rinaldo consults the divine voice of Saturn, and decides to refuse the old man's offer.