

**Session/Game:** ACKS/Gatavia III #44 Date: July 5, 2015

**Episode 44:** Ice and angels really, really hurt

**Campaign Date:** March 4<sup>th</sup>-April 9<sup>th</sup>1432 AY

### **Characters**

Exorcist Rinaldo, human, cleric-9, neutral (Robert Swan)

- Decius, human, explorer-6 neutral (henchman)
- Mighty Beavis, gnome titan-7 neutral (henchman)
- Manfred, human, mage-7 neutral (henchman)
- Deadeye Hayes, human, blade-dancer-7 (henchman)
- Leroy the Assistant, orkin, thug-8 (charmed henchman)

Tiberius, human, mage-9, neutral (Tim Moyer)

- Helpful Bill, human, fighter-3, neutral (henchman)
- Muttering Osborn, human, shaman-6, neutral (henchman)

Sister Helena, human, blade-dancer-7, neutral (Andrew Smith)

- Louis Impetious, human, fighter-5, neutral (henchman)

Split-tongue, elf, enchanter-7, neutral (Marlon Kirton)

- Sigwulf, human, fighter-4, neutral (henchman)
- Flamer, (reincarnated baboon henchman)
- Yengemel, human, mage-3, neutral (henchman)

Masked Archer of the Apocalypse, human, assassin-9, neutral (Dave Nelson)

- Trusty Nixon, human, lackey-7, neutral (henchman)
- Hackamore, human, thief-7, neutral (henchman)
- Granger, human, shaman-3, neutral (henchman)
- Mysterious Clive, human, mage-3, neutral (henchman)

Gorna, human, shaman 9, Neutral (Bob LaForge)

**Judge:** Jason Leibert

**Prologue:** Having taken a couple of days to recover from the fight with the undead frost giants, the group makes ready to enter the inner chamber of the mammoth shaman's temple.

### **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Skull Collectors ready themselves to enter the mammoth shaman's inner chambers. Spells are cast, and the group enters. They find a room full of freezing mist, with a dozen ice columns scattered through the room, and a huge man-shaped icy figure dimly seen at the other end of the room.

The Skull Collectors quickly begin carving their way through the columns, which turn out to be ice elementals, so they can engage the huge icy figure, which turned out to be a colossal ice elemental. Tiberius summons a pair of hydras which quickly bring the colossal ice elemental down, only to have the true frost giant shaman drop from the ceiling. The Skull Collectors are horrified to discover the shaman has the upper torso of a frost giant, and the lower body of a mammoth. The frost giant shaman is quickly discovered to be richly blessed by supernatural cold and wields a number of powerful attacks and defenses, overcoming not only the original two hydras Tiberius summoned, but two others he brought into being later on. Numbers began to tell against the shaman, but he unleashed a powerful cold breath weapon, wounding and killing a large number of the Skull Collectors henchmen before they manage to finally kill him. The group gathered the treasure they found, and began healing up.

The healing process is stressful, and a number of the healed or reincarnated henchmen leave the Skull Collector's service.

-Muttering Osborn is reincarnated as a rock baboon, but snaps and runs off into the icy wilderness.

-Granger is reincarnated back as a human, and immediately leaves service.

-Hackamore has his horribly wounded body restored, but gets changed into a woman (Hackamam)

### **March 4<sup>th</sup> thru April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Skull Collectors use a number of spells to summon a horde of berserkers to dig up, and retrieve, the mammoth tusks they came all this way to retrieve. Wave after wave of berserkers dies to exposure to the cold, some groups not even coming back at all, before the Skull Collectors fill their ship to nearly uncomfortable levels. The group narrowly, yet purposely, avoids the dragons flying around as they leave the valley.

After a long, sullen flight back to Yoesville, the Skull Collectors return with their rich bounty.

### **April 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

The Skull Collectors split their vast haul, and each head their separate way to engage in a variety of tasks.

### **April 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Skull Collectors gather in the beer garden of the gods to celebrate their good fortune, only to be interrupted by a host of angels led by an archangel!

The fight which followed saw the angels taking down wizards one by one, first, followed by them taking down clerics. After a horrifically extended battle, the angels are driven off, and the Skull Collectors vow horrible, violent revenge on the forces of law! (How dare you get revenge on us for stealing from you!)