

Session/Game: ACKS/Gatavia III #46

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Episode 46: The Death Troopers are Dead

Campaign Date: May 1-May 23rd 1432 AY

Characters

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-1, neutral (henchman)
Osmund, human, fighter-1, neutral (henchman)
Murderface Jack, dwarf, fury-9 neutral (Jason Liebert)
Fancy Jill, dwarf, craft-priest 6, neutral (henchman)
One Axe Jack, dwarf, fury-5, neutral (henchman)
Two Axe Jack, dwarf, fury-5, neutral (henchman)
Whispy Nuggets, elf enchanter-6, neutral (henchman)
Tiberius, human, mage-9, neutral (Tim Moyer)
Helpful Bill, human, fighter-7, 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-4, neutral (henchman)
Nimrod, human, explorer-4, neutral (henchman)
Mister Boarley, orkin, thug-1, neutral (henchman)
Fred, human, fighter-8 Neutral (Bob LaForge)

Judge: Dave Nelson

May 1-7

Rinaldo looks for henchmen in Orchester. Tiberius finishes his spell research on his quick reaction spell. Manfred pays his dues to the Order of Shadows and learns the spell Hallucinatory terrain from Nigel Mysterio. Beavis vainly hunts for treasure. Murderface cuts a blood eagle on the back of his prisoner Knevel Rampage, killing him most horribly. He then sacrifices Gaius Octavius and the other clerical prisoners in a large hanging ceremony to Woden. A wandering adventurer named Fred petitions to join the Skull Collectors, offering a set of 5 magic rings, called the rings of the Pentax council, as his entry dues. Wearing one such ring allows one to teleport to the location of any other of the rings (1/week). Impressed by the gift, the Skull Collectors initiate Fred. Split-Tongue holds a festival at his domain. Yengemel conducts some spell research.

May 8-15

Murderface and Split-tongue attempt to recruit henchmen in Bad Axe Hold. Tiberius and Yengemel both conduct spell research. Rinaldo recruits henchmen in Yoesville
May 16-21

Murderface and Rinaldo recruit in Yoesville. Tiberius, Split-tongue and Fred also gather in Yoesville. Rinaldo announces that he intends to cross the river to destroy the Death Trooper fortress and claim the area thereabouts as his own domain, outside of the grinding tyranny of King Amicus.

May 22

Manfred does an invisible fly-by of the Death Troopers' Garrison, finding it to consist of 4 stone barracks buildings linked by stone walls. There seem to be just a collection of Easterling human troops in the garrison.

May 23

The assembled Skull Collectors storm the fortress. Deadeye Hayes rapidly flies over the wall and opens the front gate from the inside. Growth spells are placed on Helpful Bill, Murderface and Fred, and various warriors are Hasted. Everyone rushes to the wall, except Osmund and Rabid Jack who hide near the edge of the battlefield. Helpful Bill supported by a summoned Purple Worm (from Tiberius) and Hydra (from Manfred) rush the center of the courtyard, devastating a squad of Death Troopers. Split-tongue blows up another squad using a fireball spell.

Next, 2 Death trooper Scouts appear from hidden spider holes and cut down Osmund and Rabid Jack. The Death Trooper Priest comes out of the man building and dispels the purple worm and hydra. However, he is immediately beaten to a pulp by Sister Helena. The Death Trooper champion charges forth and brutally hacks Helpful Bill with a war axe. Another barracks building opens and a horde of 20 gargoyles pour out and fill the skies. Fancy Jill uses a Protection from Evil spell to defend a group of the collectors from the gargoyles.

As Murderface begins to utterly crush the gargoyles in great numbers, and Split-tongue pins down many of the remaining troopers using Chaos Monkeys, the Death Trooper champion cuts down Helpful Bill. The Death Trooper Priest and Assassin attempt to flee over the wall, but Deadeye Hayes catches the priest immediately and kills him. Tiberius summons up some more worms who kill a few gargoyles and swallow up the Champion.

As the party cleans up the last few troopers and gargoyles, Deadeye Hayes manages to kill the assassin despite being backstabbed once and poisoned twice. The remaining Death Trooper Scouts, hidden around the fort flee in terror.

The Skull Collectors loot the garrison and Rinaldo claims the fortress for his own. They then split the treasure, and despite the fact that Split-tongue objects that Rinaldo shouldn't get a share since he got a nice fortress out of the deal, the Exorcist takes his share (proving the maybe Amicus is a better king after all).