

Session/Game: Badlands AD&D #18 **Date:** 8/14/2011
Campaign Date: May Ardean Year 1421

Episode 18: “Forget the Orcs, Fear the Sheep!”

Badaxe Jack, dwarf, fighter-4, neutral (Jason Leibert)
 Radwulf the Tall, human, gothi-1, neutral (henchman)
 Garvin and the Dogs, human + 2 wardogs, neutral (mercenaries)
Kuman, elf, fighter-4, neutral (Marlon Kirton)
 Henry the Pack Hauler, human, lackey (hireling)
 Honest John, human, thief-1, neutral (henchman)
 Phineas, human, magic-user-1, neutral (henchman)
 War Dog
 Orkin raw recruits A, orkin, recruits x10, neutral (hireling)—left at home
Bosco Tripod, Halfling, scout-5, neutral (Bob Laforge)
 Earl of the Mountains, hill giant, fighter-1, neutral (henchman)
 Hobo with a Crossbow, human, fighter-1, lawful (henchman)
 Peaches, human, thief-3, neutral (henchmen)
 The McNasty Shooters, gnome, crossbowmen x7, neutral (mercenaries)
 Avengers of St. Chisum, human, light cavalry x4, lawful (mercenaries)
Ping, human (Easterling), fighter-3, neutral (Andrew Smith)

GM: Dave Nelson

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PART 1: Rocky Mountain Deadly Fever

May 3rd, Island of the Dead

In the Crypt of the Noviodunum Cathedral, the party realized that both Mallak and Badaxe Jack had been infected with Rocky Mounted Deadly Fever by the giant tick bites. Also, Ping was badly bruised up and needed rest. The rest of the party decided that they would abandon Mallak’s quest and return to Portchester to get Badaxe Jack cured, leaving Mallak to his own devices.

May 4th to May 6th Badlands

Bosco Tripod, Ping, Kuman and Badaxe Jack travel back to Portchester, spending one night in Boscovania on the way, where Peaches rejoined the party.

May 7th Portchester

Badaxe Jack gets an audience with the Bishop of Portchester. The Bishop cures Jack’s fever in exchange for 1000gp and an oath to destroy the Nasenna Settlement in an ancient Ardean monastery across the border from North Shire on the East March. Badaxe Jack was genuinely contrite about his participation in the attack on the Spirit of Aurelius, laying all the blame onto Mallak the Druid for the blasphemous intent.

PART 2: Expedition Against the Old Ones

May 8th to May 10th, Portchester

Badaxe Jack recruited a new henchman, Radwulf the Tall, a Gothi of Tiwaz. Bosco Tripod hired some artillery men, bought a ballista, and hired a bunch of lackeys and sent the whole lot to Boscovania.

May 11th, The East March

Bosco Tripod, Badaxe Jack, and Ping with their henchmen traveled to the East March of the Kingdom, and then northward to the coast, entering North Shire. They were stopped along the frontier by two border-riders who took them to the hall of Lord Gilgar, Reeve of North Shire. The Reeve had them in for sandwiches and let them spend the night. He invited them to join him in guarding the border and killing border-crossers from the East, but refused them permission to cross the border and risk breaking the truce with the Old Ones. Meanwhile, Kuman, having spent an extra day in Portchester hiring 2 new henchmen—Phineas and Honest John—started out to catch up with the rest of the party.

May 12th, The Lands of Urvotz: The Morning

Tripod, Jack and Ping with their underlings crossed the frontier and were ambushed by an orcish patrol, consisting of 14 orcs and 4 prancing pigdawgs. The battle was over quickly, with only 1 gnome of the McNasty Shooters being wounded. Proceeding forward, they spotted the old monastery, which was guarded by a full orc village. While the party was making plans, Kuman and his new henchmen caught up with them in time for the attack.

May 12th, The Lands of Urvotz, The Afternoon

Kuman, his henchmen, Bosco and Peaches came at the village on their left flank, facing the orcish animal pen. Ping and the McNasty Shooters came in at the center, and Jack, Earl, Radwulf, Garvin and the Avengers of St. Chisum came in on the right flank.

The orcish force consisted of 58 orc soldiers, their four leaders (Chief Chopper, Baldo-1, Baldo-2, and Clubbo), 4 prancing pigdawgs, and 5 carnivorous sheep.

Battle Phase 1:

The orcs deployed with a loose skirmish line facing Jack and Ping; a solid column led by Chopper and the Baldos coming up the middle, and the pigdawgs and Clubbo facing Kuman and Bosco. About a third of the orc soldiers were held in reserve in 2 shield walls to protect the monastery entrance. When the pigdawgs left the gate of the animal pen, Clubbo blew a horn and all of the pigs and sheep in the pen came rushing out. The pigdawgs engaged Kuman and his men, but soon it became apparent that the sheep from the pen were deadly carnivorous sheep that Clubbo directed to aid the pigdawgs. The main column of orcs moved forward, appearing to head toward Kuman or toward the McNasty Shooters. Ping, meanwhile leaps forward and strikes the skirmish line killing a

bunch of them. Jack, Earl, Radwulf and the Avengers also begin to roll up the far flank of the skirmish line.

Battle Phase 2:

The main orc column breaks in two. The smaller part rushes forward and engages the McNasty Shooters and Hobo with a crossbow, eventually defeating them and driving them from the field.

The Sheep and Pigdawgs grind Kuman (mortal wound), Bosco (killed), Peaches (mortal wound), Honest John (stunned) and Phineas (fled) into the dirt. Phineas alone manages to flee and climb a tree to safety.

The main part of the column pivots left and surrounds Ping and engages Jack, Earl, Radwulf and the Avengers.

Battle Phase 3

With the rest of the adventurers defeated, Jack, Ping and Earl slowly begin to defeat the main orc column. It was grinding, but the orcs, pigdawgs and carnivorous sheep are finally defeated. Staggering and beaten to pieces, the party staggers toward the orc reserve shield walls. Kuman, Jack, and Ping break the walls and kill them all, after failing to use 3 javelins of lightning against them first. They loot the village of a large amount of silver, gems and potions and then flee back toward Northshire, with Jack vowing to return for the monastery.

Casualty List:

Avengers of St. Chisum: 2 men wounded

McNasty Shooters: 2 killed, 3 wounded

Bosco Tripod: killed in the battle

Peaches: mortally wounded: healed with Keoghtam's ointment

Hobo with a Crossbow: mortally wounded, healed with Keoghtam's ointment

Garvin: wounded: 1 of his dogs wounded, 1 killed

Kuman: mortally wounded. Healed with Keoghtam's ointment

Kuman's Wardog: killed

Honest John: stunned

Henry the Pack Hauler: wounded

Stewpot Ralph: wounded

Epilogue

May 17th, Portchester

Having saved the lives of Peaches, Hobo, and Kuman with the last 3 doses of Keoghtam's ointment, the party takes the body of Bosco Tripod back to Portchester. His henchmen take Bosco's body to the bishop, and since Bosco had a Boon from the Church to redeem, the bishop raised him from the dead for 5000gp.