

Session/Game: Polychronopolis/Rampage **Date:** April 24, 2022
Polychronopolis Episode #14: I'm an Elf, It's Elfville, I'll Fit Right In
Campaign Date: Leo 8-17 , MY1195

Characters:

Gorgo of Barbaria, human, F-4, Chaotic (Bob L.)
Ibson, half-elf, MUT/Th-2, Neutral (Craig J.)
 Stumpwad, human, CL-1, Lawful (henchman)
Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth, golden-elf, CL/F-4, Lawful (Quinton L.)
 Musical Boris, Bard/TH-1, human, Neutral (henchman)

Mercenary Support:

 The Hell Riders, human, F-1, Neutral, Horse Archers x10

Judge: Dave N.

Prologue:

The news went about that a large force of Mud Orcs had broken into the Eastern Grasslands recently. This offered several money-making opportunities.

1. The Podesta of Polychronopolis has issued a proclamation offering a 10gp reward for each Mud Orc head delivered to the city palace. Also, if anyone finds and destroys the Mud Orc Base in Z-4 and brings back proof, he will be rewarded with 1000gp.
2. Channels indicate that each live orc prisoner delivered, secretly, to the Mystic Union's back door will be rewarded with 25gp.
3. Lord Henrok of Frith has declared that any champion who can deliver a box full of 25 orc heads carried by 4 orc prisoners to him at Castle Frith will be granted a Captaincy in his mighty army.

LOG:

Leo 8—March of Chronos

After several weeks of resupply, rest and preparation, wherein they hired the Hell Riders mercenary band for a seven day expedition to the Eastern Grassland, the team led by Gorgo, Ibson and Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth quickly rode to Castle Amra at the border of the grassland to begin an orc-hunt.

Leo-9—Eastern Grassland

They found no orcs, but their tracker, the Hell Rider named Ernoc, found an abandoned clerical scroll in a wax-sealed bag on the ground. Despite the abundance of worms crawling over it, Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth took it, finding spells of Heal Wounded, Cure Disease and Neutralize Poison on it.

Leo-10—Eastern Grassland

In mid-afternoon the party was ambushed by a band of 7 Mud Orc Bushwhackers. They shot arrows from hiding, killing 3 of the Hell Riders and critically injuring 2 others. However, once their surprise advantage was gone they were quickly massacred and decapitated by the rest of the party. Ernoc got a general clue about the direction their secret base might be, but needed more information.

Leo-11-12—Eastern Grassland

The party discovered no orcs during these 2 days, but did find a patch of Comfrey and a large patch of medicinal Golden Rod. During one evening, Musical Boris's baton was devoured by termites.

Leo-13 Eastern Grassland

A flock of 7 Stirges decided to try to attack the party. Musical Boris used a Fear Spell (Seasons in the Sun was the tune) to drive off 4 of them and the rest were easily killed by arrows.

Leo-14 Eastern Grassland

On their way out of the grassland, the party was attacked by 7 man-sized flies. Boris drove off 2 of them with another fear spell, and the party slowly killed off the rest. 2 of the horses of the Hell Riders came down with fly-fever, one of which recovered, the other died.

The party reached Castle Amra near evening. The leaders realized that they couldn't afford to pay the Hell Riders for any more time. They also decided that their henchmen were too vulnerable to risk the grasslands without the mercenaries. They briefly considered getting Hackstyn to come along on another trip, but were afraid he would show how much they were all losers so decided not to. They discharged the Hell Riders at Castle Amra and resolved to go home to Polychronopolis.

Leo-15 March of Chronos

The party returns to Polychronopolis.

Leo-16 Polychronopolis

Gorgo, Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth and Ibson spend a day resting, eating hotdogs and reviewing their rumors and leads in order to find some quick high-paying work. They settle on the rumor that House Leo would pay good money for the head of Ugly Ralph from House Cancer.

Leo-17 Polychronopolis

The team approaches Elfville so that they might ask House Leo for details about the contract. Only Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth was allowed into the inner walls of the ward (Elfville being only accessible to Full Blooded Elves, and some half-elves who have specific business and can give proof of that business).

Once past the gate, Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth was approached by Ivy Steve Unimportance Semi-Colon who entreated (hee-hee) Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth to join in a Class-7 Dance Circle (hee-hee) in the street. Not wanting to be rude, he did so, but made a fool of himself (hee-hee).

Approaching the House Leo palace, Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth mumbled and stuttered his way through trying to talk to them, eventually saying something about a contract, at which time he was told that tradesmen go to the back door and was seen off (Besides, there was a Class-9 Dance Circle in the main lobby, hee-hee).

Coming round to the back door, he was let into the kitchen. Stammering and mumbling some more, the cooks thought he was there to talk about a building project and summoned the palace steward, a grim bronze elf named Waterfall Steve Insistence Meanwhile who asked him if he was there about the masonry contract. When Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth was unable to give a coherent, intelligible answer, the steward summoned a guard named Bush Jim Power Razzmatazz to see Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth out the back door, poking him with a spear the whole time and slamming the back door in his face. Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth was put on the House Leo shit list and banned from Elfville for wasting everybody's time.

After the gang got back together and had some lunch, they decided to maybe go talk to House Cancer and maybe get them to pay the party to mess with House Leo. They wandered to the Towers ward and went up to the front door of the House Cancer palace, where a bravo captain named Surly Grod was on duty. Ibson pretended that they were there to talk about the "Crab People" breeding set bounty that the house had issued and were told that Ugly Ralph was in charge of that project. Ibson arranged to meet him at the "We Serve Crabs" tavern nearby (rather than the "We've Got Crabs" next door). The Half-Orc captain Surly Grod then punched Ibson in the face, just because it was funny.

Around 4pm, Ugly Ralph shows up at "We Serve Crabs" (I mean, you didn't expect him to wake up before 3 did you?). He gives the crew the run-down of the requirements for the Crab People (4 females, 2 males, in breeding health—no grey-black streaks on their shells). When asked how to

tell the difference between male and female Crab-People, he responded that you should let them free in the woods and the ones that ask for directions are the females.

Ibson and Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth then try to fish for work from Ugly Ralph in killing some House Leo bronze elves. He wouldn't bite, he prefers to do his own elf-killing. The subject being raised, Ugly Ralph asked Gorgo if he would like to see him kill Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth using the "Old Number 2" method. Gorgo said, no, he didn't want anyone killing Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth before he got a chance to himself. Ugly Ralph seemed willing to back down. Ibson, on the other hand, said that he'd really like to see an "Old Number 2". So, Ugly Ralph began to get out his array of cutlery. Gorgo intervened and slapped Ralph with the flat of his sword. Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth used a Stun Blasphemer spell to disorient the half-orc. Then Gorgo gave up on the project and went outside. Ibson and Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth beat Ugly Ralph into unconsciousness. Musical Boris used a Fear Spell to sent the restaurant staff, except their waitress Barbra, fleeing in terror.

The pair then dragged Ralph out the back door, where they saw that a broken wagon blocked one way, and a punch of wealthy swells from the Podesta's palace were smoking cigars down the other way. They dragged Ralph to the wagon, where Ibson cast a darkness spell to mask him cutting off Ralph's head and wrapping it in a cloak. They dropped the body and sneaked off.

Returning to Elfville, Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth was refused entry because he was now on the shit list (hee-hee). Ibson, however, being a half-elf on legitimate business with proof of that business (Ralph's head) was allowed entry and was escorted to House Leo. He had to wait 5 minutes until the current Dance Circle was complete, and then was shown into the palace and met with Waterfall Irving Insistence Meanwhile. The steward paid him 500pp and a vial of Dissolving Powder as a reward for Ralph's head (Ralph had killed the House Speaker's nephew). Ibson considered short-changing his team-mates, but decided to make an even split with them.

They returned to Ramthor's to gather their things to leave town, since they realized that far too many people had seen them asking about Ralph, making an appointment with Ralph, talking with Ralph, fighting with Ralph and dragging Ralph out of the tavern. House Cancer was very likely to be raining down half-orcy vengeance on them relatively soon.