

Session/Game: Rampage/Shieldlands #2
The Shieldlands Episode 2: Hoborgs Suck Volume One
Campaign Date: April 17, CY 576

Date: March 19, 2023

Characters:

Gnomelash! Gnome Jack / Mage (Dave)
Jondar Garvit, Human Fighter (Travis)
Petrichor Silverleaf, Half-Elf Cleric-Spiritual (Quinton)
Morcar the Wanderer, Human Cleric-Militant (NPC)
William Snow, Trollson Fighter / Mage (Craig)

Judge: Andrew

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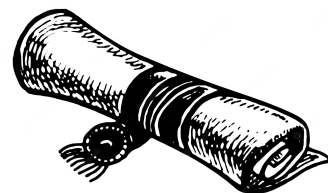
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Approximately a dozen veterans of the third battle of One-Thousand Bones do in fact meet to celebrate one year later. The celebration at Castle Hydra is full of boasting and feasting, and features a rousing speech by Lord Wilford of Bromley remembering the “Boners,” those honorable soldiers who fought at One-Thousand Bones to help hold back the forces of chaos from the Northern Shieldlands.

April 19, CY 576

After the feast at Castle Hydra, the “Boners” wandered to East Fudley and took rooms at Shedley's. The one-eyed halfling proprietor was ecstatic to fill the vacancy at his roadhouse. About half of them were gathered in the common room when suddenly they were introduced to Lord Petestone the Holy by their colleague Burt. Burt clearly worshiped Petestone, and had nothing but great things to say on his behalf. Burt pleaded for the group to listen to what the holy one had to say. The dwarven Baron offered lands and titles, including ownership of the keep of Petestone itself, in exchange for helping to liberate his holdings that were lost to he and his family twenty years earlier.

Despite the fact that Baron Petestone was clearly a jerk and would routinely insult their fellow Burt, the former soldiers in attendance agreed to help. The “Boners” are given a writ of passage to deputize the party allowing them to act as the hand of the Baron. Burt is overjoyed, and Lord Petestone the Holy departs Fudley to return to his comfortable dwelling in Admunfort leaving Burt to oversee the operation.



April 20, CY 576

The “Boners” take some time to prepare for their trip to Petestone Barony. Many visit the market day in West Fudley and Petrichor takes on a henchman who answered his queries from earlier the week before.

April 21, CY 576

The “Boners” travel east toward Petestone. They bypass Rufo headed directly to Spry. There they happen upon an old woman picking leeks by the creek named Yolga. She is less than helpful, and there is little in the way of amenities so the party continues on to Jacobus. There they are welcomed warmly by Sir Jack Flobus of Admunfort. He offers a room in his humble cottage. They also find a strange, rustic shrine to “Pelor” attended to by a mixture of elves and humans.

April 22, CY 576

As the “Boners” approach Tramphollow, the lone bit of civilization near Petestone Keep they are set upon by an ambush of goblins. Luckily between the withering arrow fire and the quick thinking of Gnomelash! the goblins are dispatched or captured. The heroes meet the citizens of Tramphollow including Sivart the town drunk, the vivacious widow Griselda, and the helpful drudge Zukerdog. They recruit Zukerdog and decide to venture to the abandoned mine.



As they approach, they find about a dozen hoborg miners standing around snacking on dried gnome jerky. The “Boners” attack, and several hoborgs flee into the mine. The heroes press in, encountering resistance from several nearly invisible hidden hoborgs. After putting down several assassins and miners, the heroes fill their packs with silver ore and return to Tramphollow to regroup.

They spend the night under Griselda’s roof. She tells them that they are lucky to find a vacancy because “That nice Margaret and her four friends had just left” not a few hours before they arrived. The heroes also learn about the strange fly-man Flybert who is often caught creepily watching the village and cruelly rubbing his “hands” together from a distance.

April 23, CY 576

The next day the veterans of One-Thousand Bones decide to check on Petestone Keep itself. They quickly realize that a frontal assault on this position might be a tall order. They witness a cadre of goblins arrive with turnips to buy a keg of chemically reactive liquor. They later realize that the Skank Vomit clan of goblins who live in the Nasty Hills consumes this “beverage” as part of their rites after they magically put the cadre to sleep and imprison them.

April 24, CY 576

Even after a day to re-inforce, the hoborgs are unable to successfully defend the Abandoned Mine from the might of the veterans thanks to a mighty war-whoop by Jondar that forced the dirty hidden hoborgs to reveal their locations. Five hoborgs are captured to go along with the goblins roped together from earlier run-ins. Along with a mule, these shanghai'd chaotic monstrous beings are forced to help carry the silver ore back to Rufo, Fudley, and Bromley for sale. The goblins are let loose and the despicable hoborgs are sold into subjugation to Baron Zander of Bromley.

