

**Session/Game:** 5 Hacks Deep #32      **Date:** August 29, 2021

**Episode 32:** The Battle for Chonk

**Campaign Date:** January 11, 1131 AD

**Characters:**

Duda, English, Soldier-4 (Andrew S.)  
Sean the Irish Bastard, Irish, Templar-5 (Bob L.)  
    The Sword Brothers (milita-4HD) (Friend of Sean)  
Lord Angus McNasty, Scottish, Barbarian-5 (Bob L.)  
Tariq, Moorish, Venturer-5, (Quinton L.)  
    The Gang (Tariq's 4-5 retainers)  
Cain, Irish, Guy-3 (Quinton L.)  
Raoul, Frankish, Occultist-5 (Andrew S.)  
    The Scribal Squad (Raoul's retainers Dunstan and Marge)  
Sir Wulfric, English, Knight-6 (Dave N)  
    Squire Penda, English, Knight-2 (Wulfric's henchman)  
Johnny Venice, Italian, Venturer-5 (Dave N)

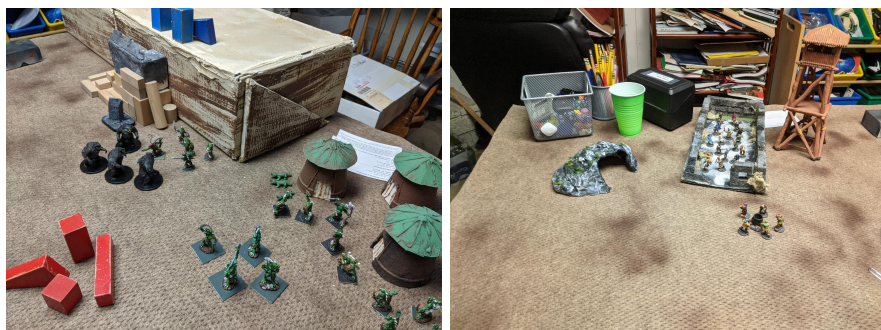
**Judge: Cards of Doom by Dave N. and Andrew S.**

**LOG**

*January 11, 1131*

Angus and his men had received news that young Chonk of Shepherd's Hollow had been kidnapped by Ice Trolls and was destined to be sacrificed by the undead necromancer Rubilion (the skeletal figure who led the attempt to kidnap Chonk some weeks earlier) and the fiend Morko (whom the party had freed from his captivity in Dead Man's Town) in order to reincarnate their Atlantean demon master Kyrslar. Raoul figured out that they could arrive by surprise at the sacrifice site by using the portal in Dead Man's Town to transport them there.

Arriving at the site, they spotted Rubilion and Morko, along with four Ice Trolls and a captive Chonk on a steep ridge ahead. There were all sorts of altars, idols and ruins on the ridge and an access stair of rough stone, guarded by two fierce turtle warriors. In the valley were a horde of Croktars and their four Hooger guard-beasts milling around a small collection of mud huts, and a large band of Cannibals squatting in a ruin, some of whom manned a wooden watch tower.



Sean, Wulfric and Penda rode ahead as the rest of the team walked more cautiously together under the cover of Raoul's magic and a tight shield wall anchored by Duda and the Sword Brothers. In a stroke of good fortune, the Hoogers decided that lizard-flesh seemed more appetizing than human or horse flesh, and turned on their Croktar masters and began to tear them to pieces rather than advance on the heroes. As Sean and Wulfric continued to advance, Penda swerved aside and attacked some cannibals to keep the way clear for the other two.

A brawl broke out between the main party and the cannibals, but the shield wall held firm, battling against the press of bloodthirsty murderers. Suddenly, a huge Fire Jotun emerged from the nearby cave and began attacking the Sword Brothers and Duda. Also, a puma emerged from behind the cannibal watch tower and tried to attack Sean, with little success - like a puma. Wulfric dismounted and climbed the crumbling stairs to begin a very long, very slow battle with the turtle warriors.



The Jotun managed to kill one of the Sword Brothers, and gravely wound Duda, but the cannibals lost their nerve and fled the field. Sean decided to ignore the puma and managed to ride his horse up the stairs to catch up with Wulfric and join the turtle fight. After Raoul's lightning bolt failed against the Jotun, and since the cannibals all had fled the field, the main body of the party scattered in fear of the Jotun's power. Johnny managed to delay the Jotun for



a bit by throwing devil grease under its feet and tripping it, temporarily keeping the monster from crushing more heroes. The puma tried to attack the Hoogers, but was torn to pieces. The Hoogers, hungering for the flesh of lizards and crabs pursued the last of the Croktars and both groups played no more part in the battle.

Just when Angus' men thought the Jotun was about to crush them all, a blessed miracle occurred. A heavenly angel appeared, slew the Jotun and then swiftly departed as quickly as it had appeared. A blessing from the Lord, God be praised.

Sean used his horse to push past the Turtle warriors as Wulfric continued trading blows with them. Penda tried to ride his horse up the stairs, leading Wulfric's horse too, but failed miserably causing both horses to bolt off the field. Penda, at least, lept deftly to the ground and climbed up on foot to join the Turtle battle. Since the field was clear of Cannibals, Croktars, Jotuns and Pumas, the main body recollected itself and rushed to the stairs, dealing only with the annoying attacks of some dreaded man-bats who harassed them before being destroyed by Duda, the Sword Brothers, Tariq, Cain and their retainers' warbows.



Sean rushed forward to Chonk's cage, ignoring the feeble blows of the ice trolls. He slashed the necromancer using his magic sword, causing him to back away and then used a holy miracle to restrain one of the trolls and the fiend Morko. The main body reached the summit and joined the battle against turtles, allowing Wulfric to ditch them and join battle with two of the trolls. Meanwhile, an Ogre appeared from a nearby Atlantean out building, engaging Duda and the Sword Brothers at the rear of the heroes' formation. At this time their old friend Elder Moss appeared late at the portal carrying a sack of healing potions.

Duda was grievously wounded by the ogre and Penda was on the point of collapse under the blows of a turtle. Just then the stone bull-altar transformed into a troll-cow which issued a horrific moo that sent Wulfric and some of the others into a temporary confusion.

Elder Moss revived Duda and he and the Sword Brothers slew the Ogre. Penda and Angus finished the Turtles, but Angus was locked into a long bruising battle with the Troll Cow. Raoul's attempts to help with magic failed in a most spectacular way, temporarily afflicting his own comrades with a worrying curse. The Necromancer made some ineffectual magic attacks against Raoul and both Wulfric and Sean were locked into long melees with two pairs of Ice Trolls.

Just then Chonk made a break for it and ran from the cage to the altar where a single coin lay. Johnny Venice and the Necromancer both ran to intercept. The Necromancer wounded Johnny with evil sorcery but he stayed on his feet. Wulfric killed one troll, and Tariq and his retainers filled the second with arrows, allowing Wulfric to join Johnny fighting the necromancer. Just as the Troll cow was slain, the small pyramid altar nearby opened up and a Hell Stalker emerged, aiming to rip off Angus's head. However, Tariq, Cain and the gang filled it with arrows too and killed it. When Wulfric and Johnny's weapons proved useless against the necromancer, Johnny used Devil Grease again to trip the necromancer, and then Wulfric pushed it to the edge of the ridge and over to fall 40' to the ground below. The monster still was not destroyed, so Johnny, Penda and Wulfric used holy water to finish it off. Chonk was saved. God be praised.

