

Session/Game: Polychronopolis/Rampage

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Polychronopolis Episode #1: Meet the Ass-kickers

Campaign Date: Aries 12, 1195 M.Y.

Characters:

Feelicks the Catling, Catter, MU/Th-1, Chaotic (Craig J.)

Lardo, human, CL-3 (Feaster), Chaotic (Toby M.)

Gorgo of Barbaria, human, F-3, Chaotic(?) (Bob L.)

Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth (a.k.a. Mr. Fancy Pants), CL/F-1 (Protector), Lawful (Quinton L.)

Tobimanthus Funke (a.k.a Tobias or Funko), human, MU-3, Neutral(?), (Andrew S.)

Mongo Junior, half-ogre, F-3, Neutral (Jason L.)

Judge: Dave N.

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Ramthor's Goblin is a rooming house in the South Bridge Ward of the City of Polychronopolis. Here assorted out of town cut-throats and sell-swords hang their hats when not cutting throats and selling swords. Our six adventurers all have been living here for a week or two when...

Scene 1: Ramthor's Goblin

Feelicks, Lardo, Gorgo, Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth, Tobimanthus Funke, and Mongo Jr. had just finished a hearty bowl of "Noon Time Soup" in the rooming house and had sauntered over to "The Buckets" tavern across the courtyard to get some ale to wash it down. The barkeep, "Buddy Brewski" turned to Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth and said that Ramthor was really angry with him for putting a possum head in the morning gruel and he'd better watch out. Feelicks piped up that he heard the elf singing and combing his hair all morning, and he couldn't have possible in-headed the gruel. Buddy suggested that they'd go tell Ramthor.

All six of them wandered over to Ramthor's house and Feelicks informed Ramthor of what he knew. He asked the landlord who had fingered Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth for the prank. He responded that it was Steve Polychronopolous, one of the other residents. It then dawned on Ramthor that Steve and his room-mate Bill Murray, Super-Thief, were the more likely culprits, and that they had likely also spread tar over the second floor hallway a couple of days ago. Ramthor said that he was appreciative of the information and suggested that if they wanted some work, they should go to the Sell-Swords Guild, a couple of blocks over, and talk to Harvey Deathblow, who runs the place.

Scene 2: The Sell-Swords' Guild

When they arrived, they found that someone had covered the door knob with glue, which was really annoying. After entering, they saw Harvey Deathblow throwing Steve and Bill out of the place, yelling that they had a lot of nerve, betraying their last client and then coming back for more work. Harvey looked at the arriving adventurers and yelled, "Kick those two guys in their asses and I'd consider a personal favor."

After many failed attempts at first, the crew thoroughly kicked the asses of both Steve Polychronopolous and Bill Murray, Super-Thief. Leaving Steve shouting "you think you're better than me, you're not."

Harvey Deathblow invited the crew into his private office and said that he liked the cut of their jib (or something like that). He said that he had a job offer they could earn some fast cash for one night's work. If they went to the Duck Parts Warehouse in Ratburg and retrieved a stolen barrel with silver hoops, and then take it to Blinky's Surprise Tavern in Wheelburg, a discreet interested party would pay 600gp.

They agreed that the job sounded splendid. After christening their new band "The Ass Kickers", they set forth toward Beertown on the way to Ratburg across the city.

Scene 3: Beertown

Among the rowdy goings-on in Beertown, they were approached by a half-orc wearing a brown pointy cap. The fellow was obviously drunk, but seemed to recognize Mongo, Gorgo and Lardo. After commenting on Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth's pants, he invited the three he recognized into a tavern nearby for "the meeting." The Ass-Kickers decided to ignore him and move on with their job. When the half-orc entered the tavern, he heard the chanting of "Marvin, Marvin, Marvin" from inside, and the Ass-Kickers wrongly assumed that the half-orc was Marvin.

Scene 4: The Bazaar

Proceeding rapidly to the Bazaar, the Ass-Kickers were impressed by the wide variety of items available in the busy district. Lardo spent some time sampling a variety of exotic street food. Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth was approached by a scabby hobo who was brushing his shiny scale armor and spouting typical hobo gibberish. Tobias sprayed the hobo with wine, hoping to send him packing, but he seemed to appreciate it. Eventually, they spotted 2 more hobos behind the elf making the "his pockets are empty" and the three vagrants wandered off. Tobias bought some more wine and collected Lardo and the crew moved on toward Meekville.

Scene 5: Meekville

They quickly moved through Meekville without incident. Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth wanted to help some woman who was screaming because her purse had been stolen, but the rest of the Ass-Kickers said nix to that noise and they all soon passed into Ratburg.

Scene 6: Entering Ratburg

Upon entering Ratburg, they realized that they didn't know exactly where the Duck Parts Warehouse was. They began to ask people, to no avail. Feelicks asked a guy who had just killed a pigeon by throwing a knife at it, but the guy replied "how much?" Feelicks replied "1sp", to which the guy replied "Bite me." Feelecks decided to take him up on the offer and rushed at him. The guy took out a pouch and sniffed up its contents as Feelicks bit him. The guy yelled and whipped out a hand axe and attacked. Mongo, Lardo and Gorgo ran to help try to bite the guy, when his 5 friends appeared from around the corner. A bloody brawl breaks out, Feelicks subdues and then is forced to kill the first guy when he kept fighting, even pulling himself up the catter's spear, after taking huge punishment. Mongo manages to kill another one and Gorgo a third. The last three were put into a magical slumber by Tobias.

The Ass-Kickers dragged their three sleeping prisoners into an abandoned shack nearby and searched them. They found 2 bags of a whitish powder, mixed with some brown shavings of some sort. Feelicks failed to persuade the first prisoner to reveal what they wanted (although he discovered that they really, really wanted the powder). Tobias and Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth failed to trick him, but Mongo smashed him hard enough to get him, whimpering, to reveal the location of the Duck Parts Warehouse. He also discovered that they were members of a gang called "The Burnouts."

Scene 7: Duck Parts Assault

Reaching the Duck Parts Warehouse, the Ass-kickers arrange themselves in front of the main loading door. Feelicks climbs onto the roof and peeking into the roof hatch, discovering inside were a Bronze Elf, his 2 hobgoblin bodyguards, a Half-ogre enforcer and 4 half-elf thieves. All of these guys were wearing cheap, brown, pointy hats and were injecting the word "Marvin" into the conversation right and left.

Tobias uses a disguise spell on Lardo, turning him into the likeness of the Half-orc they had seen in Beertown, wrongly assuming him to be the actual Marvin. The ruse fails and battle commences. The elf, Skunk Bill Falsehood Although, backs up and protects himself with an air shield spell. Gorgo, Mongo and Lardo manage to tear up 2 of the half-elves and the 2 hobgoblins. Feelecks wounds the bronze elf, but then the half-ogre Meatfist of the Marvins comes crashing into the main room and engages with Mongo. Skunk Bill Falsehood Although then throws a Dirt Pile spell, burying

Mongo, Gorgo, Tobias and Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth. However, Lardo then charges over the pile and slays Skunk Bill Falsehood Although. This causes Meatfist and the last 2 half-elves to panick and flee. As the rest of the team digs itself out of the dirt pile, Lardo eats part of the dead bronze elf.

Scene 8: Search and Defense

It takes over a half hour to find the correct barrel in the warehouse. They are momentarily distracted when a bunch of Badgermon start digging up one of the streets nearby, but the Ass-Kickers decide to ignore them. However, soon a mob of 24 losers in brown pointy hats arrive, chanting "Marvin, Marvin, Marvin." Gorgo and Mongo burst out of the loading door and in an instant slay 8 of the Marvins, several more are slain by Lardo and Feelicks. This causes a panicked stampede as the Marvins flee in terror.

Finally, a few minutes later the barrel is discovered. Tobias decides to use an Invisible Chuggins spell to move the barrel onto a barrel-cart and push it to their destination. As the barrel is pushed invisibly along, the Ass-Kickers swiftly move through the city under the cover of darkness.

Scene 9—Obstacle

When they reach the South Bridge, they find, rather predictably in hindsight, that the gate is closed for the night. They try to get the guards to open the gate, but their bribe offer is too low (they're corrupt, but not cheap). One even shoots a crossbow at Lardo's feet. They move off and decide to go down to Dockville and try to get a boat. In a stroke a luck, a boatman needed a small flatboat to be delivered to Wheelburg a.s.a.p. Mongo polled the boat down to Wheelburg and the Invisible Chuggins moves the barrel to Blinky's Surprise.

Scene 10—Blinky's Surprise

At Blinky's Surprise, they waste some time talking with Hobgoblin Molly the Barmaid (who thinks she's witty, but isn't). Eventually, she fetches Blinky who ushers them into the private room. A few minutes later a bronze elf, Mushroom Cynthia Acceptance What, comes in and begins to examine the outside of the barrel. However, the City Guard breaks in, but are overwhelmed with surprise at seeing all the people. This gives Tobias, at the suggestion of Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth, time to cast a Disguise Spell on the barrel, making it appear to be already open and filled with wine. This fools the guards, who depart after Mushroom Cynthia Acceptance What pays the customary bribe. The elf agent hands over the 600gp and everyone departs to the respective homes.