

Session/Game: Polychronopolis/Rampage

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Polychronopolis Episode #12: Oh My God! They killed Steve and Thrax!

Campaign Date: Cancer 20-30, MY1195

Characters:

Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth, Elf, C/F-2, L (Quinton L).

Musical Boris, human, Thief/Bard-1, N (henchman)

Feelicks, catter, MU/Th-3, C (Craig J.)

Abominable Steve, Apeling, F-1, N (henchman)

Thrax, changeling, C-3, N (Bob L.)

Romeo, human, F-4, L (Andrew S.)

Judge: Dave N.

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Cancer 25—The Ruined Temple of the Bronze Elves (R4)

Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth, Feelicks, Thrax and Romeo, having spent some time recruiting henchmen and buying supplies, traveled from Polychronopolis to The Ruined Temple of the Bronze Elves. They had heard that House Pisces in town was paying good money for Bronze Elf artifacts and figured that this was a good place to find them.

When they approached the temple, Romeo had fallen somewhat behind, due to experience with some bad mutton. The rest found an alcove on one side of the cloister building and they sent Abominable Steve to poke around the leaf pile there. When he smelled a noxious odor and saw some movement, Steve panicked and ran to the back of the party. Thrax lighted a mighty cigar and examined more closely, disturbing an ordinary skunk which then wandered off. As he and the others were searching the stinky leaves, Boris spotted a band of 12 1-ft tall crazy elves rushing toward them (henceforth these small creatures are called Madlings).

The Madlings rush up and swarm Abominable Steve, bite him into a critically wounded state, at which time he explodes into a pack of 12, 1-ft tall, mad apelings whom join in the attack against the rest. Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth drops his 2-handed sword and switches to shield and dagger, taking the brunt of the assault. When they have reduced the now 24 madlings to 9, Boris throws a Fear Spell, causing them to flee. The party shoots down one more as they flee, and then goes back to searching the alcove. 10-minutes later, the madlings return, but all but 2 are killed in a hail of arrows. Romeo chooses this time to arrive and kills the last 2.

With Boris and Feelicks standing watch on the top of the ruined walls of the cloister, the rest begin to search the floor of the cloister building. Thrax manages to find a fine tile, with an emerald, which Romeo removes from the floor. As they are finishing the search, they are rushed by 12 more madlings (in the shape of tiny porcupine-men) who manage to wound Romeo before being wiped out.

The party moves onto searching the second ruined alcove off of the cloister building. Thrax and Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth are both attacked by Strangle Weeds hiding amid the litter on the floor and walls, but they destroy the weeds after only minor damage. They search the alcove thoroughly and Thrax discovers a loose stone in the pavement which hides a strongbox. While they are dealing with removing the box and getting it open, they spot and defeat 12 more Madlings and 2 Big Weasels that stumble by. Inside the box, they find a good store of gold, a golden necklace, and 14 magic arrows.

The party then spends a couple of hours searching the 4 hermit cells in the middle of the complex. They fight and destroy an animated iron statue of the Sky Father. Romeo pries off its golden crown, retrieving the gold, but ruining its other value. Thrax finds some more gold in another cell, but catches a disease from the garbage; a disease which will prove fatal to him later. They also examine the silver-decked idol stone in the middle of the cells, but decided that the time it would take to scrape the silver risked too much of a chance of being attacked by wandering monsters and decided to leave it.

They then approach the main temple building, which is all sealed up. Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth approaches the front door. While he is screwing around pretending to be about to knock on the door, a hidden Grey Ooze attacks him and burns him badly with acid. The rest of the party manages to kill the thing relatively quickly. The noise of the fight, however, awakens a Manticore that laired on the roof. Feelicks wounds it with arrows, and it responds by unleashing a launched tail spike that critically wounds Boris. The manticore wounds Feelicks slightly with more spikes but is then killed by a storm of arrows.

After they get Boris back on his feet, Feelicks opens the front door of the temple. Romeo, Thrax and Cypress Tristan Mercy Henceforth rush in and are met by a swarm of 24 Madlings. Boris flees and Feelicks climbs onto the roof to see what the manticore's lair might hold. The fighters and Thrax rampage their way through the horde of madlings, but Thrax and the elf are so badly chewed up that they withdraw to leave Romeo, who is also getting worn down, to face the remaining madlings alone. Thrax gets out a scroll of Heal 10' radius and heals all 3 of them and they soon kill the last of the madlings.

Feelicks brings down a master-work spear, some gold and a potion from the roof. The rest discover a masterwork bastard sword and an old composite bow on the walls of the temple, and a strong box, which they end up having to pry open, inside. The box contains some gold, vestments, bells and a wand.

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Realizing that Thrax is sick they attempt to force-march to the Henge of the Earth Mother, but do not arrive in time and Thrax dies of the garbage fever. They bury him, split the treasure and march back to Polychronopolis.

