

Session/Game: Polychronopolis/Rampage

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Polychronopolis Episode #18: Big Loser Johnson Tells EVERYONE (or Dead Doofus and Rat Hitler)

Campaign Date: Libra 7, 1195

Characters:

Brother Jake, human, CL-5, C (Craig J.)

Feelicks, catter, MU/Th-3, C (henchman)

Hackstyn, human, F-4, N (Dave N)

Big Loser Johnson, human, Th-3, N (henchman)

Gorgo of Barbaria, human, F-4, C (Bob L.)

Annaias Maw, human, Th-4, N (Chris L.)

Scamps, ratter, Th-3, N (henchrat)

Tobimanthius Funke, human, MU-4, Ch (Andrew S)

Hobgoblin Shemp, hobgoblin, F-2, N (henchmob)

The Ravagers, human, F-1, Ch (5 mercenaries)

Judge: LOH GM Emulator

LOG:

Dungeon of Hobgoblin Rufus, Riverlands, Libra 7

Desiring a return raid to the Dungeon of Hobgoblin Rufus, Brother Jake and Hackstyn convinced Tobimanthius, Annaias and Gorgo to join them with their henchmen. They reached the dungeon on Libra 7 and made camp. Leaving the Ravagers to guard their horses the party climbs into the dungeon, passing through the crab-pool to the second level beneath.

At the entrance to the second level, they found a room with a drain that prevented the crab pool from flooding the second level. Hobgoblin Shemp examined an empty old crate in the room, and was attacked by 3 small-sized ticks. He took some damage from an energetic tick, but was soon rescued by the rest of the party.

Past a secret door, they discovered a room containing a magic chimney, protected by 4 small fire elementals. A brutal battle broke out in which Hobgoblin Shemp was killed and burnt to ash. Gorgo and Hackstyn took much damage in the process. Tobimanthius used Stone Missiles to kill one of the elementals and Brother Jake and Gorgo killed a second. Tobimanthius managed to temporarily disable the other two using a Dirt Pile spell. This gave Gorgo and Hackstyn a few moments to patch themselves up and go into berserk rage. When the elementals emerged from the pile, the fighters, supported by the rest killed them before the party suffered any more losses. From the chimney, the party recovered Hobgoblin Rufus's "Best Sorcerer Ever" trophy. The party rests for an hour to get themselves ready to go on.

They travel forward and uncover a room containing 30 big rats. Tobimanthius puts 15 and the rest of the party kills the rest of them quickly, taking only minor damage. In some piles of rat-garbage, Scamps discovers 2 caches of magic ammunition (friendly crossbow bolts and exploding sling stones).

The party moves even deeper and opens a chamber that contains a band of 13 Mud Orc Raider, led by a Shaman of the Slaughter King named Rumbo. Hackstyn leaps forward and begins to lay a serious rampage on the orcs, over Brother Jake's objections. Gorgo and Scamps join the slaughter fest, to Jake's frustration (he had wanted to recruit his fellow cultists to the party's cause, but Hackstyn and Gorgo knew that orcs are only good for killing).

To try to stop the fight, Jake throws a darkness spell, but Rumbo uses Light to cancel it. Jake throws a second Darkness, but Rumbo throws a dispel magic to lift it. The last of raiders are killed Rumbo throws an Example spell onto Scamps, turning his head into a Steven Buscemi head with a Hitler Mustache (hence Rat-Hitler for the rest of the night). When Hackstyn beheads Rumbo and kicks his head down from his platform he cries "The Slaughter King is a Pussy" in triumph, which angers Brother Jake immensely. They recover a magic spear from Rumbo and a be-jeweled sign of the Slaughter King from the altar stone.

Moving still deeper into the level, they come upon an “unopenable” door which neither Gorgo nor Hackstyn can open. Figuring it must be magic, they have Tobimanthius use his magic knob turning powers to open the door. Inside they discover 5 angry Crab People. Tobimanthius puts one to sleep with a spell, and both Gorgo and Hackstyn take significant harm from the first claw assault. However, the fighter turn the battle quickly and the crab people are wiped out before any casualties.

However, when the fight is over, Brother Jake decides to avenge the insult to his god and stabs Hackstyn in the back and murders him. Big Loser Johnson tries to use a scroll spell on Jake, but the spell fails and Johnson, thinking he wasn't going to do 2 things, fled a full run to the surface. With the battle cry “Slaughter King is a Pussy” Gorgo attempts to avenge Hackstyn, but is backstabbed by Feelicks and then when he falls sore wounded is also murdered by Brother Jake. Annaias, Tobimanthius and Scamps, despite being Gorgo's friend, do nothing this whole time.

Big Loser Johnson reaches the surface, pays the Ravangers their dungeon wage, telling them that Tobimanthius wants them downstairs immediately and that Johnson himself had been sent to tell them and to guard the horses himself. As soon as they are out of sight, Johnson takes his own, Hackstyn's, and Feelick's and Jake's horses, scattering the rest as best he can and flees overland at full speed.

Since he is force-marching and has spare horses, Big Loser Johnson reaches Polychronopolis in just over a day's hard riding. He spends an hour or two telling everyone at Ramthor's Goblin and also Harvey Deathblow of the Sell-Swords Guild, that Brother Jake and Feelicks had betrayed their own party for the sake of the Slaughter-King and to check with Tobimanthius, Scamps and Annaias for confirmation when they return. He then sells all the horses, takes a coal-boat to Portburg and departs for parts unknown from there.