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Synopsis

The 15th Day of Ches in the Year of the Sudden Journey

Charged with investigating and perhaps even clearing a goblin warren near Blackengorge, the party move slowly up to the lair behind a waterfall.

- Beltak Ancaron - 3rd Level Male Human Cleric of Pelor (NPC)
- [Khálin Grundokri](#) - 3rd Level Male Dwarven Warlord
- [Kireth Majere](#) - 2nd Level Male Half-Elven Wizard
- [Tradden Aversward](#) - 3rd Level Male Human Fighter
- [Zero Uhlit](#) - 2nd Level Male Human Rogue

Scene Length

This scene starts on Wednesday 12 January 2011 and is expected to be completed by the end of Tuesday 18 January 2011. Players are expected to be able to post at least once a day.

Me, Random and Matt:

INITIATIVE BLOCK

Combat Encounter Complete

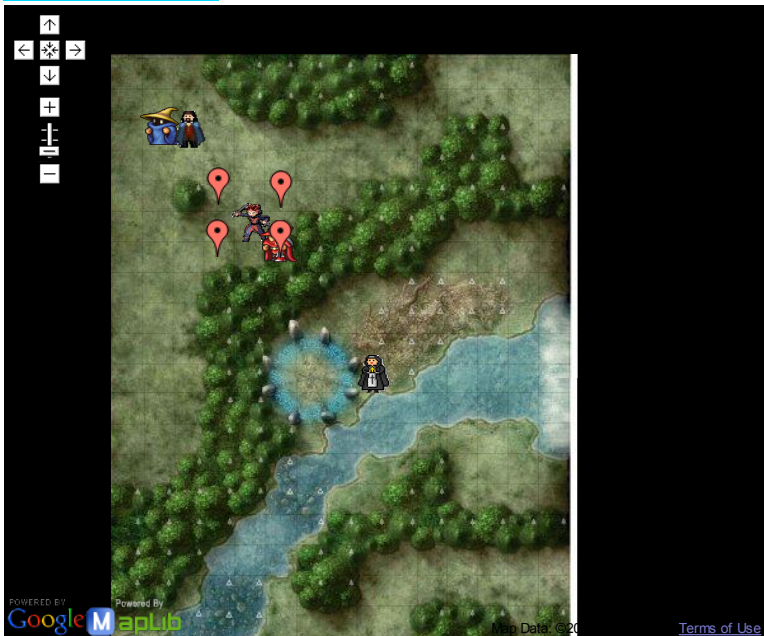
- 01) [29] Kireth - **1d20+7+2: 29** - HP 23/27
- 02) [24] Beltak - **1d20+2+2: 24** - HP 6/32 (Bloodied)
- 02b) [19] Weakened Rot-Grub-Swarm - **1d20+3: 19**
- 03) [12] Tradden - **1d20+3+2: 12** - HP 21/38 (Immobilised)
- 05) [11] Zero - **1d20+4+2: 11** - HP 23/30
- 08) [07] Khalin - **1d20+2+2: 7** - HP 25/36

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- 04) [12] Goblin Warriors - **1d20+5: 12**
 - Goblin Warrior #1 - Dmg: 16+19=35
 - Goblin Warrior #2 - Dmg: 23+12=35 (Bloodied)
- 06) [09] Goblin Grunts - **1d20+4: 9**
 - Goblin Grunt #1 - Dmg: 17=17
 - Goblin Grunt #2 - Dmg: 7=7
 - Goblin Grunt #3 - Dmg: 3=3
 - Goblin Grunt #4 - Dmg: 18=18
 - Goblin Grunt #5 - Dmg: 17=17
- 07) [08] Kobold Slink - **1d20+7: 8** - Dmg: 14+4+11=29 (Bloodied)
- 09) [07] Kobold Slinger - **1d20+3: 7** - Dmg: 3+6+8+4=21 (Bloodied)
- 10) [07] Kobold Dragonshields - **1d20+4: 7**
 - Kobold Dragonshield #1 - Dmg: 4+11+10+15=40 (Marked by Tradden) (Bloodied)
 - Kobold Dragonshield #2 - Dmg: 10+15+6+6=37 (Bloodied)
- 11) [04] Kobold Minions - **1d20+3: 4**
 - Kobold Minion #1 - Dmg: 4=4
 - Kobold Minion #2 - Dmg: 9=9
 - Kobold Minion #3 - Dmg: 6=6
 - Kobold Minion #4 - Dmg: 11=11
 - Kobold Minion #5 - Dmg: 17=17

Me, Mark and 2 others:

BATTLE MAP



The two men, both stood with similar positions, cross bows ready to fire, turned their heads and shared a meeting of eyes for a second, before breaking the look and turning their eyes towards the enemy .


Neither man would ever speak of it again.

Seeing that none of the creatures had yet made any movement towards them as of yet, Tradden held his ground and fired another shot at the slinger, trying to ensure that he had its full attention...

[Hand Crossbow vs Kobold Slinger: **1d20+5-2: 12**] - misses!


[Marked]

Also noting that many of his comrades were stood in the open, the young fighter shouted out: "*Find cover if you can!*" If the various Kobolds and Goblins were armed to the teeth with bows and crossbows, they might just pepper the group with shots. Tradden was hoping that was not the case - his style of fighting was up close and personal. He waited to see what they would do...

 Me and Random: *The first goblin warrior splashed across the stream, pointing with his javelin towards the group and shouting earnestly. As he got to the treeline, he let fly with his javelin at the last person to fire at his colleagues.* Jan 17 ▼

[Goblin Warrior #01 Javelin: **1d20+6-2: 14** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!


The javelin thudded into the tree in front of Tradden.

 Me and Random: *The second goblin warrior, spurred on by his comrade, dashed through the trees to his left, stopping at the edge of the treeline, and hurled his javelin towards Khalin.* Jan 17 ▼

[Goblin Warrior #02 Javelin: **1d20+6-2: 20** vs Khalin's AC(19)] - hits!

[Damage: **2d6+2: 11**]


The goblin's ferocious sprint leant speed to the javelin, which sailed straight and true into the dwarf's mail, puncturing through into his side. [Great Position Trait]

 The.brainbuster@googlewave.com, me and Random: *Zero knelt down and took aim again at the kobold he had perforated a few seconds earlier.* Jan 17 ▼


[Standard attack: **1d20+6-2: 20**] - hits!

[Damage: **1d6+3: 6**]

The bolt thudded into the kobold's thigh and drew a bark of rage!

 Me: *With a large warcry, the goblins to the end of the stream raised their shortswords as one and charged towards Khalin and Beltak!* Jan 17 ▼

 Me: *The kobold slink came round the treeline towards Zero and hissed!* Jan 17 ▼

 Mark, me and Random: *Khalin snarled, snapped the javelin out of his side, and swiftly scanned the scene, his martial instincts quickly taking over.* Jan 18 ▼

"Zero," he yelled over his shoulder, "don't let that scaly rascal outflank us! Tradden, take the middle! Beltak?" he stole a curious glance at the cleric. "Know any good spells for killing greenies? If not..." he roared, eyes wide and blazing "FOLLOW ME! HAHA!"

With that the warlord hurtled to meet the three oncoming goblins on the right, again trying to prevent the group from becoming outflanked. Cunningly darting just inside the treeline to gain cover as he grew close, he ploughed into the largest goblin in the centre, hammer-hand whirling...


[Warlord's Strike vs Goblin Warrior #2: **1d20+6-2: 18**] - hits!

[Damage: **2d10+5: 16**] and [Allies gain +2 to damage rolls vs target until end of next turn]

The warhammer hit home with a satisfying crunch of bone. [Bloodied]


"Follow up on one of these stunty bastards, Beltak!" urged the dwarf as the frenzy of battle took hold.

[Minor action - Second wind: 9hp regained, +2 to all defences until start of Khalin's next turn]

 Me and Random: *Beltak followed Khalin's lead, charging at the goblin warrior. His battle cry might not have been as loud, but it was meant with the same heart. As he crashed into the goblin he uttered a prayer to Pelor.* Jan 18 ▼

[Invigorating Assault vs Goblin Warrior #02: **1d20+3-2: 9**] - misses!

But the swing of his mace was easily dodged by the goblin from within the cover of the trees.

 Me and Random: *The kobold with the sling hissed in Tradden's general direction and took a small ceramic globe from its bandolier. It loaded it into its sling and took aim at the young fighter.* Jan 18 ▼

[Kobold Slinger Sling: **1d20+6-2: 7** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!

The globe bounced harmlessly wide and broke on the floor some distance behind the warrior.

 Me: *The two dragonshields urged their troops forward with a cry!* Jan 18 ▼

[Delay] until end of round.

 Me and Random: *The first of the kobold minions tore through the thin trees, charging at Tradden with a wicked spear.* Jan 18 ▼

[Kobold Minion #01 Spear Charge: **1d20+5+1-2: 16** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!

However, it connected with a low branch.

The other minions followed closely behind and hurled their javelins.


[Kobold Minion #02 Javelin: **1d20+5-2: 14** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!

[Kobold Minion #03 Javelin: **1d20+5-2: 12** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!

[Kobold Minion #04 Javelin: **1d20+5: 14** vs Zero's AC(16)] - misses!

[Kobold Minion #05 Javelin: **1d20+5: 12** vs Zero's AC(16)] - misses!

But all of the javelin's fell short.

 Me and Random: *Both dragonshields charged when the minion went past them. The first dragonshield had further to go and didn't quite make the distance, but the second skipped through the trees effortlessly and barrelled into Tradden.* Jan 18 ▼

[Kobold Dragonshield #02 Charge: **1d20+7+1-2+1: 13** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!

The trees once again provided Tradden with some cover, however, and the dragonshield bounced off before slyly shifting around his flank. [Shifty]



Neil, me and Random: Kireth's eyes darted over the scene, taking in the possible threats.

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A single Kobold was trying to flank then on his left; Tradden and Zero were almost surrounded; and Khalin and Beltak faced three. It was a "no brainer". Tradden would certainly need help.

The staff began to vibrate within his grasp as he called forth the words, words that one day would shatter cities "Templa Koron"

[Force Orb Vs Kobold Dragon Shield #01 Reflex: **1d20+1+5: 11**] - misses!

Kireth's orb of energy passed the dragonshield by and harmlessly dissipated into the ether.

Me and Random: *Beltak continued to strike at the Goblin Warrior as Khalin had instructed.*

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[Invigorating Assault vs Goblin Warrior #02: **1d20+3-2: 9**] - misses!

But the priest once again failed to connect with the greenskin.

Me and Random: *From just behind Tradden the sound of ceramic pieces breaking and shifting could be heard. Kireth watched on in amazement as a swarm of small grubs trickled out of the broken pot and crawled at speed towards Tradden's legs. With haste they swarmed around his legs and the surrounding area [Swarm Attack, Aura 1] and began to burrow. [Swarm]*

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[Rot Grub Swarm Infesting Bite: **1d20+9: 11** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!

The swarm made it's way up Tradden's legs, but couldn't gnaw through his armour.

Me: *The grubs were insistent though and small bites and scratches tickled Tradden's legs.*

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[Swarm Attack Aura: **2** damage]

Matt, me and Random: *Zero had watched helplessly as javelin after javelin after javelin speared into the little copse of trees where Tradden had been taking cover. The branches obscured his view, but he was concerned to hear a howl of sadness and pain emanating from the now porcupine-like set of bushes.*

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"Tradden? Tradden – are you ... dead?", enquired the rogue, suddenly fearful.

His fears grew as one of the larger Kobolds barreled into the copse, slashing away and hoping to rend human flesh.

A frosty blade suddenly appeared [Minor Action], and the Kobold's strikes were parried away. As it slinked around the side, of the trees, Tradden was exposed fully – miraculously untouched except in one, important, respect on which he explained angrily.

"My shirt! My bloody shirt! This is my last good one as well! How am I going to get that kind of quality in this gods-forsaken land now?" He picked at what was left of the large frilly collar on his left hand side with his free hand – ruined. He would have looked almost tearful were it not for the murderous look in his eyes.

Zero breathed a sigh of relief. *"Not to worry my friend. It would have been mine in this evening's game of cards anyway – I have won all your gold so far, and the shirt from your back is the next logical What in the hells are they!"*

The tone of Zero's voice snapped Tradden out of his fashion-related rage, but before he could even start to wonder why the rogue was so concerned the reasons became all too apparent. Strange, grub-like creatures were swarming over his legs, and whilst they could not penetrate his armour they quickly found ways in-between the joins, and he felt a very, very unpleasant sensation on his thighs and calves. The ground in the middle of his current cover was literally crawling with the things – time to move!

[Pass Forward as movement action, based on Kobold Minion #1]

As he ran out, the grubs seemed to drop away, and bar the odd ticklish sensation he seemed clear of them. He now had other problems however, not least of which was that he had not yet had chance to draw his other sword. There was no time do anything than to strike out at the nearest creatures...

[Cleave vs Kobold Dragonshield#1: **1d20+9: 15**] - misses!
[Marked]

Unbalanced by only wielding a single sword, Tradden missed his target, which slyly moved to one side. [Dragonshield Tactics: Shift]

Thinking back to the problems caused by a creature using a sling in a previous battle, Tradden growled out:

"Someone take care of that bastard with the sling!"

Me and Random: *The first goblin warrior turned in the trees, noting that the secondary warrior was taken care of. He turned back towards his colleague to concentrate on the main warrior of the party.*

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[Goblin Warrior #1 Spear: **1d20+6+2-2: 12** vs Khalin's AC(19+2)] - missed!

The dwarf was too canny to let a greenskin flank him, though.

Me and Random: *The second goblin warrior continued to attack the warlord.*

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[Goblin Warrior #2 Spear: **1d20+6-2: 19** vs Khalin's AC(19+2)] - missed!

The spear bounced off Khalin's shield drawing a thunderous shout from the dwarf!

The.brainbuster@googlewave.com, me and Random: *Alarmed at the proximity of his enemy, Zero darted aside nimbly and let loose another bolt at it. (OOC: Zero moves two squares north/NE/NW, whatever's possible).*

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[Def strike: **1d20+6: 9**] - misses!

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Me and Random: *The goblin grunts continued their sprint through the woods and surrounded Khalin and Beltak in a tight circle. With taunting words they struck out with their swords.*

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[Goblin Grunt #01 Shortsword: **1d20+6+2-2: 21** vs Khalin's AC(19+2)] - hits!
[Damage: **4**]


[Goblin Grunt #02 Shortsword: **1d20+6: 12** vs Beltak's AC(17)] - misses!

[Goblin Grunt #03 Shortsword: **1d20+6: 22** vs Beltak's AC(17)] - hits!
[Damage: **4**]

[Goblin Grunt #04 Shortsword: **1d20+6+2: 9** vs Beltak's AC(17)] - misses!


[Goblin Grunt #05 Shortsword: **1d20+6+2-2: 18** vs Khalin's AC(19+2)] - misses!

All of the goblins hissed at the heroes.

 **Me and Random:** *The kobold slink moved silently over the battlefield close to Tradden, pushing aside the dragonshield [Shift and Slide; Minor]. With it's spear it thrust dangerously at Tradden whilst the fighter was busy fending off other attacks.* Jan 18 ▼

[Kobold Slink Spear: **1d20+6+2: 27** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8: 7** plus **1d6: 6** sneak attack]

The spear hit home, drawing a nasty wound on Tradden's arm.

 **Mark, me and Random:** *Khalin's grin grew wider as he beheld the throng of goblins surrounding the two heroes - the warlord seemingly never happier than being in the very heart of the battle - there was no doubt things could turn very ugly very quickly given the sheer advantage in numbers the enemy held.* Jan 18 ▼

The dwarf wasted no time trying to even the odds, raising his shield to better guard himself and his companion, and thrusting his hammer at the largest of the goblins again, looking to finish it off...

[Shielded Assault vs Goblin Warrior #2: **1d20+6-2: 21**] - hits!
[Damage: **2d10+5: 19**] and Khalin and adjacent allies get +2 to AC until end of next turn

The goblin crumpled under the assault with a crack of bone. [Dead]

Khalin had no time to savour the minor victory and turned to the next opponent.
"Who's next?" he challenged, grinning manically at the next greenie, before yelling over his shoulder: *"Hang in there Tradden, we'll have these greenies on the run in two shakes of a hammer!"*


[Inspiring Word: Tradden spends healing surge and regains **1d6+9: 14** hp]

[Spends Action Point]

The dwarf quickly decided the goblin to his right would be the best target, eliminating another threat to Beltak. Outside the treeline would be no cover to protect this one...


[Warhammer attack vs Goblin Grunt #4: **1d20+6: 11**] - misses!

The warlord cursed as the strike failed to hit home. *"Your go Beltak!"*

 **Me and Random:** *The slinger pulled another ceramic jar from his bandolier, loaded it into his sling and swung it around his head. At the right moment he let fly.* Jan 18 ▼

[Kobold Slinger Sling: **1d20+6-2: 24** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - critical hit!
[Damage: **1d6+5: 10**] plus [Immobilised] (Save Ends)

The pot crashed into Tradden's armour, spreading sticky glue all over his legs and feet, sticking him to the spot!

 **Me and Random:** *The kobold minions joined the fray, sweeping through the trees and surrounding the heroes.* Jan 18 ▼

[Kobold Minion #01 Javelin: **1d20+5+2: 20** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - hits!
[Damage: **4**]


[Kobold Minion #02 Javelin: **1d20+5: 17** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - hits!
[Damage: **4**]

[Kobold Minion #03 Javelin (thrown): **1d20+5: 13** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!

[Kobold Minion #04 Javelin: **1d20+5-2: 5** vs Khalin's AC(19+2)] - misses!


[Kobold Minion #01 Javelin: **1d20+5: 17** vs Beltak's AC(17+2)] - misses!

Two javelins connected with Tradden, drawing deep wounds.

 **Me and Random:** *The first kobold dragonshield looked the bloodied and immobilised Tradden up and down as if weighing him up. It then struck swiftly with its short sword.* Jan 18 ▼


[Kobold Dragonshield #01 Shortsword: **1d20+7: 13** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!
[Marked]

Although the lizard misses, it taunted Tradden the best it could.

 **Me and Random:** *The second kobold dragonshield, blood flowing from it's wounds struck at Zero.* Jan 18 ▼

[Kobold Dragonshield #02 Dirty Tactics: **1d20+5: 16** vs Zero's Reflex(18)] - misses!
[Damage: **2d6+7: 15** halved to **7**] and [Slowed]

Zero reacted quickly, dodging out of the way of the wicked swipe, but the sword still cut across his thigh, slowing the rogue down.


 **Neil and me:** *What had started out as "Advantage party" was quickly becoming a disaster. Bad luck and poor decisions were weighing heavy. The Gods were plainly against them, more reason to despise them.* Jan 19 ▼

Deal with that which is right in front of you for you cannot clearly see the future until you have. "Right" thought the mage "Free up Zero first so that he can better aid the others"

Pointing his staff at the enemy, it pulsed a familiar glow "Gurtha da Simone"

[Magic Missile Kobold Dragonshield #2 : Damage **2+4: 6**] - automatic hit!

The force missile took the dragonshield in the chest, blasting it back and leaving it smoking on the floor. [Dead]

 **Me and Random:** *Beltak began a slow rhythmic chanting, holding aloft his symbol of Pelor in his shield hand. As the symbol reached it's zenith the clouds above began to part and motes of light played across the creatures around him and Khalin, perhaps a sign of the radiance to come.* [Minor: Channel Divinity - Solar Enemy] Jan 19 ▼

The chanting drew to a crescendo and thin beams of light appeared to be growing in the clouds. Beltak was concentrating so much on his prayers that some of the enemy took their chance to attack.

[Goblin Grunt #01 Opportunity Attack: **1d20+6: 25** vs Beltak's AC(17+2)] - hits!
[Damage: **4**]

[Goblin Grunt #02 Opportunity Attack: **1d20+6: 12** vs Beltak's AC(17+2)] - misses!

[Goblin Grunt #03 Opportunity Attack: **1d20+6: 19** vs Beltak's AC(17+2)] - hits!
[Damage: **4**]

[Goblin Grunt #04 Opportunity Attack: **1d20+6: 16** vs Beltak's AC(17+2)] - misses!

[Kobold Minion #05 Opportunity Attack: **1d20+5: 12** vs Beltak's AC(17+2)] - misses!

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[Light of Arvandor vs Goblin Grunt #01: **1d20+6: 23** vs Will] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8+5: 12** plus **5** radiant vulnerability]

[Light of Arvandor vs Goblin Grunt #04: **1d20+6: 16** vs Will] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8+5: 13** plus **5** radiant vulnerability]

[Light of Arvandor vs Goblin Grunt #05: **1d20+6: 17** vs Will] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8+5: 12** plus **5** radiant vulnerability]

[Light of Arvandor vs Kobold Minion #04: **1d20+6: 23** vs Will] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8+5: 6** plus **5** radiant vulnerability]

[Light of Arvandor vs Kobold Minion #05: **1d20+6: 22** vs Will] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8+5: 12** plus **5** radiant vulnerability]

[Light of Arvandor vs Goblin Warrior #01: **1d20+6: 26** vs Will] - critical hit!
[Damage: **1d8+5: 13** plus **5** radiant vulnerability plus **1d6: 5** critical]

Four of the foes were turned to ash in the searing light, causing Khalin to shield his eyes for a moment. The fifth was left smoking and howling in pain. [Bloodied]

Beltak lowered his symbol, uttering one final prayer to Pelor before wheeling around to face the rest of the goblins.

[Minor: Healing Word: Tradden regains **1d6+9+4: 17** hit points]

He then struck out once more with his mace. [Use Action Point, with Khalin's Brawura Presence]

[Invigorating Assault vs Goblin Grunt #02: **1d20+3: 17**] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8: 7**] and Khalin gains **4** temporary hit points

Before the goblin fell it had one sweep at Beltak...

[Goblin Grunt #02 Opportunity Attack: **1d20+6: 21** vs Beltak's AC(17+2)] - hits!
[Damage: **4**]


...catching him on the knee before the goblin fell. Khalin spurred Beltak on to complete the job. [Warlord Brawura Presence]

[Mace vs Goblin Grunt #03: **1d20+3: 19**] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8: 1**]

The goblin fell, leaving the remaining Goblin Warrior alone, facing the mighty dwarf and the power from the sun.

Panting and bloodied, Beltak looked Khalin in the eyes, seeking approval for his inclusion in the party.

"Leave the last greenskin to me," he said between gasps. "You go help your friend."


 Me and Random: The small rot grubs scrambled across the ground towards Tradden once more. With haste they swarmed around his legs and the surrounding area [Swarm Attack, Aura 1] and began to burrow. [Swarm] Jan 19 ▼

[Rot Grub Swarm Infesting Bite: **1d20+9: 11** vs Tradden's AC(17)] - misses!

The swarm made it's way up Tradden's legs, but couldn't gnaw through his armour.

 Me: The grubs were insistent though and small bites and scratches tickled Tradden's legs. Jan 19 ▼

[Swarm Attack Aura: **2** damage]

 Me, Random and Matt: "Right!", snarled Tradden, drawing his second sword, and batting away some grabs, "I have had enough of this!" Jan 20 ▼


Draw second sword [Minor Action]

He howled in frustration as he lashed out, twisting as he did so. His bluey-white, glimmering long sword flashed through the air, cleaving through the kobold in front of him's breastplate and tearing across its chest, before carrying on in an arc to neatly behead the one behind.

[Cleave vs Kobold Dragonshield #01: **1d20+9: 20**] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8+7: 11**] and [Marked] and [Kobold Minion #01 takes **4** damage]

However, the effort of twisting so far has the consequence of not allowing him any opportunity to break free from the goo currently fixing him in place.

[Save vs Immobilisation: **1d20+1: 2**] - critical failure!

 Me and Random: The remaining goblin warrior, smoke still issuing from its hide, continued to attack the warlord. Jan 19 ▼

[Goblin Warrior #02 Spear: **1d20+6-2: 23** vs Khalin's AC(19+2)] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8+2: 7**]

This time the spear got through, at least giving the goblin some minor victory.

 The.brainbuster@googlewave.com, me and Random: As the kobold on him hit the ground, dead, Zero hastily backpedalled to beside Kireth. Jan 19 ▼

"Thanks," he huffed in relief.


He then planted his feet and took careful aim at the kobold that was jabbing viciously at Tradden. If he sliced its arm in the right spot, it might just blame its ugly friend beside it...

[Confounding Attack vs Kobold Dragonshield #01: **1d20+6: 22**] - hits!
[Damage: **2d6+3: 10**]

The bolt caught the dragonshield in the right spot, spinning him round and his shortsword caught the minion across the chest.

[Kobold Dragonshield #01 Shortsword: **1d20+7: 16** vs Kobold Minion #02] - hits!
[Damage: **1d6+6: 9**]




The minion fell in a crumpled heap.

 Me and Random: The kobold slink took a moment in the confusion to shift himself into an advantageous position. [Minor Action; Shift and Slide] and [Move: Shift] Jan 19 ▼

It then struck swiftly at Tradden's back with its spear.

[Kobold Slink Spear: **1d20+6+2: 25** vs Tradden's AC(18)] - hits!
[Damage: **1d8: 2**] plus [Sneak Damage: **1d6: 5**]

It hissed slyly as the point rammed home.

   Mark, me and Random: Khalin surveyed the enemy carcasses strewn around himself and Beltak in barely concealed wonder, then briefly locked eyes with the panting cleric. "Why didn't you do that before?" he queried, before his questioning look broke into a hearty guffaw and he slapped his new comrade on the shoulder in a gesture of approval and new-found respect, then turned to sprint to Tradden's aid, diving momentarily out of the treeline then back in to attack the nearest kobold from cover. Jan 20 ▼



[Brash Assault vs Kobold Slink: **1d20+6: 25**] - hits!
[Damage: **1d10+5: 14**]

The slink was startled but Khalin's strike left the dwarf open to retaliation.

[Kobold Slink Spear: **1d20+6+2-2: 12** vs Khalin's AC(19+2)] - misses!



Khalin's gambit was spoiled, however, as the slink didn't follow through on its attack and leave him open for Zero to get a shot in.

Khalin pointed his hammer at the larger kobold that had been leering at Tradden. "You're next scale-face!" he challenged, hoping to distract the Dragonshield from the defenceless fighter.



  Me and Random: *The slinger took his final ceramic pot from his bandolier and hurled it with his sling towards Tradden.* Jan 20 ▼

[Kobold Slinger Sling: **1d20+8: 15** vs Tradden's AC(18)] - misses!

The lizard stamped his feet and hissed in the general direction of the group.

  Me and Random: *The dragonshield circled warily, the vast majority of its companions had been put to the sword already. The battle wasn't going the way it had hoped. Still, in front of it was a puny human, trapped by the slinger's gluepot and ravaged by rot grubs. This one would be an easy kill.* Jan 20 ▼

[Kobold Dragonshield #01 Dirty Tactics: **1d20+5+2: 23** vs Tradden's Reflex(15)] - hits!
[Damage: **2d6+7: 10**] and [Immobilised] until end of dragonshield's next turn

  Me and Random: *The remaining kobold minion held its javelin aloft and charged at Kireth, shrieking as it sped across the ground.* Jan 20 ▼

[Kobold Minion Charge: **1d20+5+1: 25** vs Kireth's AC()] - hits!
[Damage: **4**]



The javelin struck home, drawing a momentary wince from the wizard.

 Neil: Only a short time ago a wound such as this would have had Kireth staggering back in shock. Now, he looked down at the flesh wound and curled his lip in annoyance. Jan 20 ▼

He flicked his wrist at the Kobold, as one might swat at an annoying wasp. Giving it little more attention.

[Magic Missile Kobold Minion #3 : Damage **2+4: 6**] - automatic hit!

The creature let out a final gasp of air, sank to its knees and fell forward. Kireth stepped over it to stand next to Zero.

  Me and Random: *Beltak narrowed his eyes at the Goblin Warrior, circling around him to the other side of the trees into the strange stone circle, and raised his shield arm and his holy symbol to Pelor once more.* Jan 20 ▼



[Sacred Flame vs Goblin Warrior #01's Reflex: **1d20+6-2+2: 16**] - hits!
[Damage: **1d6+5: 7** plus **5** radiant vulnerability]

As Beltak looked to the sky the Goblin Warrior sliced at his exposed belly.

[Goblin Warrior Opportunity Attack: **1d20+6: 26** vs Beltak's AC(17)] - critical hit!
[Damage: **1d8+2: 10**]


Sacred light shone from above the goblin, searing down on its head. The goblin dropped with a howl. [Dead]

[Tradden gains **4** temporary hit points]

  Me and Random: *The small rot grubs scrambled throughout the ground at Tradden's feet. They crawled across his immobile legs and up to his thighs. [Swarm Attack, Aura 1] and began to burrow. [Swarm]* Jan 20 ▼




[Rot Grub Swarm Infesting Bite: **1d20+9: 25** vs Tradden's AC(18)] - hits!
[Ongoing **5** damage] (Save Ends)

The swarm made it's way up Tradden's legs and started to burrow under the skin.

 Me: *The grubs were insistent and small bites and scratches tickled Tradden's legs.* Jan 20 ▼

[Swarm Attack Aura: **2** damage]

[Ongoing Burrow: **5** damage] (Save Ends)

   Matt, me and Random: Tradden's vision started to narrow a little – pain was coming from all directions at the moment. He was fast getting used to the fact that he and Khalin were the "front line" in any battles against the various creatures they were coming up against, but he feared he would never be ready for the many slings and arrows of misfortune (Tradden was quite educated) that were always coming his way... Jan 20 ▼

Trying to choke back the rage, he instead looked to focus his anger into a more positive form. However, the calm, cool precision he had found in previous battles would not click into place due to the pain, and he could only lash out again, trying to twirl round despite his immobility.


[Cleave vs Kobold Dragonshield #01: **1d20+9: 22**]
[Damage: **1d8+7: 15**] and [Marked]
[Kobold Slink takes **4** damage]

The dragonshield took the full force of Tradden's blow and fell instantly. [Dead]

[Save vs Immobility: **1d20+1: 5**] - failure!
[Save vs Burrowing: **1d20+1: 20**] - success!


Once again, his twisting, cleaving attack bore fruit in terms of its ability to harm foes, but it prevented him from breaking free from the gooey mess. The movement did however have the benefit of shaking loose some of the burrowing worms.

[Use Action Point: Second Wind +9 HP & +2 to all defences next round]

 Me and Random: *Zero changed targets to the Kobold Slink, skulking around behind Tradden. He set his feet, took his aim, and let fly.* Jan 21 ▾


[Unbalancing Shot vs Kobold Slink: **1d20+6: 12**] - misses!

The bolt flew straight past the slink and harmlessly into the trees beyond.

 Me and Random: *The kobold slink kept its attentions on Tradden, seemingly content to fight to the death.* Jan 21 ▾

[Kobold Slink Spear: **1d20+6: 9** vs Tradden's AC(18+2)] - misses!

Tradden knocked the spear away with his shortsword.


 Me and Random: *Khalin stepped out of the treeline, moving around the side of the Kobold Slink [Shift] trapping the creature between himself and Tradden.* Jan 21 ▾

"How do you like that, lizard?" bellowed the dwarf and brought down his hammer.


[Warhammer vs Kobold Slink: **1d20+6+2: 21**] - hits!

[Damage: **1d10+5: 11**]

The hammer cleaved through the kobold's skull, leaving it a bloody crumple on the floor. [Dead]

 Me: *The remaining kobold, the slinger, took one last look at the decimation the group had brought on its fellows. It dropped its sling and headed across the river, aiming for the small entrance on the far side.* Jan 21 ▾


The going was rough, and it only managed to get halfway across the river before the group noticed it.

 Neil and me: *A retreating enemy, fleeing for its very life, its back unguarded and open to attack. So what?* Jan 21 ▾

The mage raised his arm and smiled.

[Magic Missile Kobold Kobold Slinger : Damage **2+4: 6**] - automatic hit!


The bolt thudded into the back of the Slinger, who faltered, but continued to splash across the river.

 Me and Random: *Beltak took a few steps towards the edge of the river and held his arms out once more. The sun caught off his holy symbol and a beam of focused sunlight struck the kobold as it ran.* Jan 21 ▾

[Lance of Faith vs Kobold Slinger's Reflex: **1d20+6: 17**] - hits!

[Damage: **1d8+5: 8**]

Zero certainly seemed impressed by the light show. [Zero +2 to hit Slinger on next attack]

 Me and Random: *The small rot grubs scrambled throughout the ground at Tradden's feet. They crawled across his immobile legs and up to his thighs. [Swarm Attack, Aura 1] and began to burrow. [Swarm]* Jan 21 ▾

[Rot Grub Swarm Infesting Bite: **1d20+9: 19** vs Tradden's AC(18+2)] - misses!

The swarm made it's way up Tradden's legs but failed to burrow under the creases of his armour.

 Me: *The grubs were insistent and small bites and scratches tickled Tradden's legs.* Jan 21 ▾

[Swarm Attack Aura: **2** damage]

 Me: *Tradden watched immobile, seeing the kobold running for the cover of the cave.* Jan 21 ▾

"Get him before he alerts any others," he shouted, quickly sheathing his sword and drawing his crossbow. He forgot about the rot grubs in his haste, loading the weapon and firing quickly at the sprinting kobold.

[Crossbow vs Kobold Slinger: **1d20+5-2: 7**] - misses!


As the bolt flew wide Tradden cursed, then looked down as the grubs had scampered up his tunic while he aimed.

[Rot Grub Opportunity Attack: **1d20+9: 21** vs Tradden's AC(17+2)] - hits!

[Ongoing **5** damage] (Save Ends)

The bites wouldn't start itching for a while, but Tradden wasted no time in trying to wriggle free from the glue.

[Save vs Immobility: **1d20+1: 9**] - failure!


 Me, Random and The.brainbuster@googlewave.com: *Zero peered through the trees at the fleeing kobold and took aim.* Jan 22 ▾

[Crossbow vs Kobold Slinger: **1d20+6+2-2: 21**] - hits!

[Damage: **1d6+3: 4**]

The slinger dropped into the river as the bolt struck home, but managed to get to its feet slowly and hobble further on.

"Drat," he cursed.

 Mark, me and Random: *With the remaining Kobold well out of the dwarf's range, Khalin turned and assessed Tradden's predicament. The young fighter was well and truly stuck, and though the ghastly beasties swarming him appeared to be moving more slowly, they were still persistently gnawing at the human.* Jan 22 ▾


It appeared the only option would be to get his hands grubby, so to speak.


"I'm going to regret this..." grumbled the warlord, before stepping carefully towards the fighter and attempting to splat the grubs with his hammer...

[Swarm Aura: Khalin takes **2** damage]

[Warhammer vs grubs: **1d20+6: 9**] - misses!

The dwarf repeatedly slammed his warhammer down onto the floor, but the grubs burrowed into the ground to avoid his attacks.

 Me: *While Khalin turned his attention to the rot grubs the slinger made his escape, climbing some rough hewn stairs to the side of the waterfall and entering the cave complex behind.* Jan 22 ▾

 Matt: *"Gods be damned!" screamed the normally mild-mannered Tradden, venting his frustration. He rounded on the group in general, nearly falling over due to the now stone-like goo affixing his legs - "Next time! Next time we kill those bastards with the slings FIRST!"* Jan 22 ▾

"And will someone get these bloody things off me?!", he finished, swatting with one sword and trying to scratch with his other hand - not easy when holding a short sword.

Me: As the kobold slinger disappeared behind the waterfall the grubs crawled down Tradden's legs and began burrowing into the ground. Where they could, Khalin and Tradden stamped and squished the bugs, but most escaped into the ground.

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Me: [...Combat Encounter Complete...]

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Short Rest

[Kireth spends 1 healing surge]
[Beltak spends 4 healing surges]
[Tradden spends 2 healing surges]
[Khalin spends 2 healing surges]
[Zero spends 1 healing surge]

[Zero progresses to 3rd level]

Me: As Tradden cleaned the goo from his legs and attended to his many bites the others gave the kobolds and goblins cursory checks.

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Zero kicked one of the bodies with the end of his boot, and when it just appeared to be destitute he turned his nose up at the prospect of checking the bodies.

Kireth poked a couple with the end of his staff, but with none of them showing any signs of magecraft he was fairly disinterested.

Khalin and Beltak continued the search, just in case something turned up.

It seemed that the weapons and armour of the kobolds were in better shape than the goblins', and perhaps much of it could be of use to the town. Between the group they found quite a few silver coins, and four gold coins, three of the strange looking ones as before, but this time, more surprisingly, they also found a Deepingwald coin.

[4 gp, 17 sp - allocated to Khalin]

Matt: Tradden was brushing himself down to one side. "A Deepingwald coin?" he said, as Khalin held it up. It flashed in the light. "Does that strike anyone else as odd?"

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Matt, me and Random: The group kept a watchful eye on the waterfall - anxious that an army of Goblins and Kobolds may spill out at any minute, having been alerted by Tradden's new nemesis - the rogue Slinger. In fact, Khalin had to take the lad to one side and calm him down - battles do not always go as one wants them to go, after all. As always the young fighter saw sense in the words of the Warlord, and it seemed to the others that he did indeed refocus and come back to his old self, his blood rage dissipated.

"Still," said Tradden, as they stood outside the waterfall - still a way away, but closer than before. "I don't like it. It's been, what - 20 minutes? And not a sign of anything coming out. Maybe they want us to go in?" The thought of some nasty surprise just the otherside of the roiling waterfall made him shudder.

The discussions continued, but they all knew there was only one thing to do - they could hardly go back and say they dare not pass the curtain of water...

"Right, first things first - come on Zero, lets see what we can see."

The two men carefully trod the path up towards the waterfall - the same route as the Slinger had taken, the Rogue looking for any tell-tale signs or traps, the fighter right with him, swords drawn and ready for any trouble. The others waited at the bottom of the path.

[Tradden Perception Check: **1d20+3: 9**]

[Zero Perception Check: **1d20+7: 15**]

[Zero Thievery Check - Find Traps: **1d20+9+2: 13**]

Behind the waterfall was a small carved stair leading up to a small cave entrance. It looked slippery, due to the constant barrage of water, but there didn't appear to be any laid traps or hazards.

The cave entrance looked as though it could take a couple of people side by side to enter, and a soft flickering light could be spotted from inside. Neither hero could hear anything from inside the cave mouth over the roar of the waterfall.

Matt: The two men crept back to the others and reported in. Things still hadn't changed ... they needed to go in...

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Me: The group prepared themselves, checking their equipment and weaponry, adjusting armour, and making sure they had everything they needed at hand. They then slowly and cautiously rounded the waterfall and set off up the path to the cave entrance.

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Khalin and Tradden went first, followed by Beltak and then Kireth and Zero at the rear.

As they rounded the cave entrance they saw a large grotto lit by torchlight inside. Facing them were a number of goblinoid and kobold faces, too many to count in the short time they had.

With a screech from the creatures, a warcry readied, battle ensued swiftly.

Me: [...continued in [Chapter #04, Scene #02...](#)]

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