

Episode 34 Attack on Guardway Tower

Monday, June 5th, clear and SE breeze: At Guardway Tower (Northeast of Topaltown)

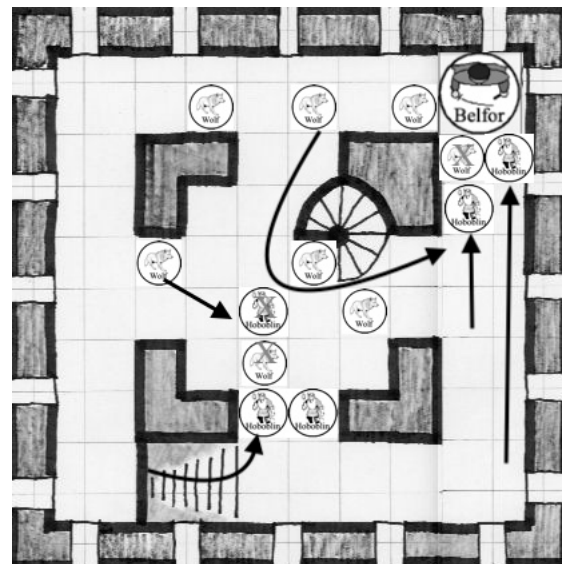
1. The party was at Guardway Tower, having approached from the west after traveling north from Topaltown over the past day and earlier today. The party consisted of Oliver (PC – F6), Atreyus (PC – S3), Doil (F5), Veylann (T5), Slippa (I5), Belfor (D5), Elsapheth (C5), and Felicity (F4). Just prior (at the end of Episode 33) the party had engaged in missile fire with several hobgoblins on the “porch” level of the tower (4th level up?) and then had engaged in bow (or crossbow) fire with several hobgoblins which had come out of some small shabby cabins just to the northeast of Guardway Tower proper. Elsapheth (a Light cleric) cast a Fireball spell that killed most of that bunch of hobgoblins.

Meanwhile, Belfor (carrying a rope) had moved over to the southeast corner of Guardway tower. He intended to transform into a squirrel and go up and tie off the rope somewhere. Meanwhile there was continual clanging from a loud alarm bell within the upper levels of the tower.

2. Elsapheth had just done a “Cure Wounds” on Atreyus to restore him to full health. Right about then another batch of hobgoblins appeared from the north, having come out of the small cabins north of Guardway Tower. There were bow shots back and forth. Veylann was the closest target, and he was hit twice. Oliver and Slippa both scored on hobgoblins as Atreyus rushed up to use his “Fire Bolt” spell, though missing. He also was fired at by a few of the hobgoblins, but cleverly cast a “Shield” spell to deflect them. Just after that Elsapheth cast a second Fireball spell, and caught all but one of the remaining hobgoblins. Oliver got the last one.



3. Meanwhile, Belfor had transformed himself into a squirrel. He was small and light enough that he could get purchase on the rough stone sides of the tower, and climbed up to the “porch” level. Then he disappeared for a bit. So, until he reappeared, the party remained under a tree there in front, just to the east, of the tower.
4. Belfor reappeared on the east face of the tower, just below the wall of the “porch” level where the windows were. There were numerous windows a couple of feet wide looking out in all directions. He was taking peeks into various windows, apparently not liking what he was seeing. He checked all the east facing windows, south to north, then went around the corner to check windows on the north side. Oliver and Veylann noticed this, and followed around to where they could see the north side of the tower. The squirrel that was Belfor must have found what he was looking for. He disappeared into the second window of the north side.
5. Suddenly ropes tumbled down from the tower’s small windows, the ones on the north side closest to the NE corner. Not just that, but a howling of wolves erupted from above, inside the tower. Nobody on the ground outside could see what was happening. It was not just wolves, but now also hobgoblins yelling and swords hitting stone or metal and clearly the sound of a battle taking place. Oliver and Veylann each grabbed one of the ropes to start climbing. Veylann got a better or earlier grip on his rope, but it wasn’t secured at the other end! When Oliver tried to start climbing, the rope jumped out of Veylann’s hand. It was the same rope, dropped down from two windows about 100 feet apart! Veylann jumped up and grabbed the rope before it could get out of reach, while Oliver held onto his end. Then, while Oliver (aided by someone?) held his rope, Veylann climbed. It wasn’t too difficult because the sides of the tower were not vertical. The slanted inward towards the top. It was still about a 75 degree climb; not easy.
6. While Veylann was climbing, Belfor was fighting hobgoblins. There were four of them there on the level below the porch. He had sneaked in through the second window on the north, and then transformed back to himself out of sight. He had just the one rope, and no place to tie it off. So, he dropped it out of the nearest (second) window, then stepped over and dropped the remainder out the first window, being careful to keep the rope about even. That move to the second window exposed him to two of the hobgoblins. He managed to cast “conjure animals” (eight wolves) and transform himself into a big dire wolf before the hobgoblins could get to him. The hobgoblins managed to take out two of the wolves, but then the wolves attacked. From that point on it was a desperate fight as Belfor and the wolves managed to fight the original four hobgoblins plus another that raced up the steps to help. Soon just three hobgoblins were left up, but things were getting desperate.



7. Then Veylann made it up his rope and squeezed through the window to join the fight. Someone held the rope so Oliver could start climbing. About this time two more hobgoblins came down the spiral steps from the level above. Maybe four wolves were left, including Belfor in dire wolf form, and at most one of the hobgoblins from the original five. But one of these hobgoblins was bigger than most. He was wearing half plate armor, wielding a heavy sword with both hands. He hit Belfor hard and knocked him out of dire wolf form. Veylan countered with a shot that hit this powerful hobgoblin hard, and the one that had come down with him fell. So, the hobgoblin retreated back up the steps. Belfor sent the last two wolves after him. After maybe a minute one of the wolves returned, barely standing
8. About this time Oliver made it up to the window and got in. The fight was over, though. The bell had stopped clanging, too. But hobgoblins could be heard below, moving about, talking and issuing orders. Now with Belfor, Oliver and Veylann all able to hold onto the rope, Slippa and Atreyus were able to climb up, and then all the others. Doil was the last up. So, the party was re-united inside the tower (except for the horse Pacman). Note: final positions shown are approximate.
- (The adventure session ended at this point, and will pick up here for Session 35.)



Experience:

	Oliver	Veylann	Doil	Slippa	Belfor	Elsapheth	Felicity	Atreyus
	F6	T5	F5	T5	D5	C5	F4	S3
6 hobgoblins (EO(AFVS)((DB)))600	109	55	27	55	27	218	55	55
6 hobgoblins+ldr(BV(O(A(FSDE)))1300	153	306	38	38	612	38	38	76
Total this Episode	262	361	65	93	639	256	93	131x2
Previous total	21620	9320	8158	9093	9568	9129	4066	2726*
Current total	21882	9681	8223	9186	10207	9385	4996	2988*

Training credit: Unchanged from Episode 33.

Oliver at +9 towards 7th level(needs 36).

Melodious at +20 days toward 7th level(needs 36)

Groa: S5 at +30 days toward 6th level (needs 30) excess will swap for xp's here on.

Doil, at +18* days toward 6th level (need 30) *: +2 due to help from Oliver

Belfor, Veylann: Now at +9 days toward 6th level (need 30)

Slippa at +9 days toward 6th level (need 30)

Elsapheth: at+9 days toward 6th level(need30)

Corvyn: W3 at +26 days towards 4th level (needs 18) Extra days later to xp's

Sheth: at +28* days (needing 18) toward 4th level *: +2 for help at the Church Extra days later to xp's

Felicity: at +8* days (need 24) toward 5th *: +2 due to help from Oliver

Atreyus: at +2 days (needs 12) toward 3rd.

Treasure: None yet. (But, it's there for the picking up!)

Scheduling Note: Next session (#35) is currently scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th, 2026 (time TBD). Session #36 is anticipated to be Friday, July 24, 2026 at the usual 7:30.