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In the last two decades 700-900 people gathered every year in the woods near Doksy to participate in the Battle of Five Armies which is one of the oldest, and definitely the largest of the many live action role-playing game (LARP) events organised frequently in the Czech Republic. We asked Ondřej Janovský about this and other LARP and Tolkienite events in his country.

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