

REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 01/13/2012

TODAY'S EPISODE: REGENERATION RUN

Our heroes are docked in the Hermean port of Promise. The *Teeth of Araska* has been fully repaired and up-gunned and the *Black Bunyip* is made seaworthy as well. They plan to depart for the Arm Ripper Shrine at Argavist Island, then head home to Riddleport. Our heroes are:

- ♣ Captain Sindawe H'kilata Narr of the *Teeth of Araska*, the fist-punchin' Mwangi monk (Chris).
- ♣ Bosun Ref "Serpent" Jorensen, the staff-bashin' ulfen druid/ranger and his snake Saluthra (Paul).
- ♣ Samaritha, the wand-blastin' serpentfolk wizard in the guise of a pretty half-elf, and now Serpent's wife!
- ♣ Hatshepsut, monk and high priestess of a lost civilization who doesn't savvy much Common and her cobra Naja.
- ♣ Captain Wogan of the *Black Bunyip*, the pistol-packin' celibate cleric of Gozreh (Patrick).
- ♣ Bosun Tommy Blacktoes, the staff-slingin' sneaky halfling rogue.
- ♣ Lavender Lil, a buxom tiefling ex-prostitute, and Tommy's girlfriend.
- ♣ With them are the pirates of the *Teeth of Araska*, about 20 souls consisting of:
 - ♣ Survivors from the ship's previous pirate crew
 - ♣ Ex-slaves escaped from their Chelish owner (Martino Marcellano) and recruited from their castaway island home
 - ♣ Various other recruits, some willing, some not.
 - ♣ JJ, an aquatic homunculus, whose master may be dead.
 - ♣ Recruits from the Andoran Colony, rebel faction (not Nuruu'gal):
 - ♣ Lefty (Narbus Smeet), self-inflicted amputee. He's escaping his mother (sorceress Elder Adara Smeet) and guilt (forced spying for other faction).
 - ♣ Claxton, he's tried "rebel" now he'll try "sailor".
 - ♣ Tegan, skilled house wife, and recently married to Stoke.
- ♣ Also are the recently captured 20 or so pirates of the *Black Bunyip*, whose captive captain Morgan Baumann languishes without her thumbs in the *Araska's* brig.

Loot - Buying and Selling

Paul is here today and he has the treasure list, so the clock is set backwards a week to allow the players to sell loot and buy at Hermea's Port Promise. Paul tallies the ship's loot which will be split amongst the PCs and the NPC crewmen (*Araska* only):

- The four plunder units captured from the Black Bunyip are valued at 1000gp each. Wogan is able to sell them for 850gp apiece.
- Individual items are identified and sold for 50% book value.
- 2000gp is subtracted for ship repairs, switching out cannon, etc...
- Loot from the Fishwife/Giant Squid battle covers the 20gp per crewmen early payout.
- The ship's loot totals 45,543gp.
- Each *Araska* crewman gets 1651.67 gp. Each officer gets 1.5 times that. The captain gets 2 times that.

The PC loot (actually Wogan, Sindawe, Serpent, and Tommy) is tallied next:

- A few new magic items are identified as "already distributed" and removed from the list.
- All of the remaining magic items are sold.
- The total comes to 64,821gp or 16,205gp for each PC.

The notable purchases are:

- Sindawe buys a *Cloak of Resistance* +2, has *Gloves of Swimming and Climbing* manufactured, and purchases half dozen 1st level potions.
- Serpent pays to have his breastplate increased to +3. Serpent also keeps the *Dragon Staff* taken off of Daphne the sorceress. He doesn't disclose its true power to Gareb who had the

staff stolen by Daphne. Serpent does gift the staff to his wife, Samaratha. She feels a little guilty and offers to magic one of Gareb's weapons.

- Wogan pays to have one of his pistol magicked up to +1. He also purchases a bunch of *Feather Tokens*.

ARGAVIST ISLAND

The Black Bunyip and Teeth of Araska arrive at Rivenrake Island, then tack south heading to a cove on the nearby Argavist Island that the officers are familiar with. They pass by Hollow Mountain's carved face - the face of a long dead queen stares down at them. The higher portions of the mountain have some snow, but the island and its waters appear free of snow and ice.

Wogan, Sindawe, and Serpent assemble their shore party: Lefty, Peg-Leg Pete, Orgon One-Ear, and Mace Venjum. All four pirates are missing body parts. Sindawe offers them a deal: "If you survive the journey to Arm-Ripper Shrine we can re-grow your missing body parts, one time only. In return, I'll expect undying loyalty and for you to keep your mouths shut about what we encounter on shore." The pirates agree, though Orgon only seems interested in "loot". The crew mentions that they had trouble with doppelgangers last time they were here, and advises all to "trust no one."

Wogan remembers Captain Baumann and her missing thumbs. He decides that a limb regenerating shrine is just the opportunity she needs to escape and steal the *Black Bunyip* back. The officers decide on extra security. Sindawe enters her cell, avoids Baumann's kicks, and pummels the woman unconscious. He then orders her mummified in chains. He hangs a funnel outside the brig and tells the crew, "You will feed her with that. Don't unwrap the chains."

Wogan grins and says, "You are a monster."

Sindawe nods agreement, "That's what you get when you have a crazy history of getting captured, escaping, and murdering everyone in their sleep."

Meanwhile Samaritha takes Serpent to their cabin and fucks his brains out. After she says, "I have something to tell you." Eventually he drags it out of her.

Samaratha explains, "I'm pregnant."

Serpent smiles, "That's good. I am happy."

They had not been sure that Samaritha, a serpentfolk, could be made pregnant at all, let alone by a human. The magic of the Wedding Rock back on Nal-Kashel must have aided them. They discuss this development for awhile, ending on a high note with Samaratha explaining, "Wogan examined me recently. He thinks the pregnancy is going well and the child is healthy."

On Shore

The Black Bunyip and Teeth of Araska are anchored in the cove with Samaritha, Hatshepsut, Tommy and Lil left in charge.

Serpent, Saluthra, Wogan, Sindawe, Lefty, Mace Venjum, Orgon One-Ear, and Peg-Leg Pete boat to the beach.

They immediately find a trio of rowboats pulled into the tree line. They are empty, unattended, and appear to have been there for several weeks. Wogan thinks they're of Riddleport manufacture. No valuables remain, nor are there any more clues.

The pirates head inland. After crossing a small trail several of the pirates feel like they're being watched. Serpent looks around for signs of recent travel while ordering Saluthra to circle the perimeter. He finds several sizes of humanoid footprints: man-sized and larger. He then uses a Serpent Totem power to gain the *scent* feat; a long snake tongue extends from his mouth to smell the air.

Sindawe whispers to Orgon, "His wife taught him to do that." Orgon laughs heartily.

Serpent picks up the smell of sour milk and feet. Saluthra finds something - she lunges and strikes at a hidden goblin. Several more goblins break cover and run. Wogan guns one down while Sindawe chases the other down and drags it back for interrogation.

Wogan checks for tribe affiliation.

The captured goblin knows little of use beyond that the island is lousy with slime-covered rocks (tasty), things like dogs (wolves), and other goblins... and some spiders and snakes. The pirates kill the goblin, then move on.

A short distance later the pirates are ambushed again! Serpent and Sindawe are struck by a bolt of lightning. This is followed closely by Ulfen warriors who break cover to charge or shoot bows. Arrows smack into Wogan (28pts). A raging Ulfen warrior with an impressive winged helmet screams out a challenge as he charges through Serpent (knocked prone and 18pts). The rest of the screaming Northmen slam into the party.

Serpent attacks from the ground, hitting with his staff (20pts) and biting once (10pts). Wogan shoots at a charging Ulfen with his trick gun (14pts), which leaves a *stinking/fog cloud* 15' long in front of him. Lefty is hit by a great axe (12pts). Several axe wielders miss Sindawe. Serpent takes another axe hit (19pts). Mace Venjum is hit (16pts). Orgon and Pete counter attack. Sindawe attacks the winged helmet Ulfen (13pts).

The archers fire again at Wogan (10pts). Serpent, forewarned by the Ulfen shouting their plans aloud, dodges another lightning attack (from a thrown javelin). Sindawe's electricity resistance ring saves him from a direct hit (8pts). Winged helmet hits the prone Serpent (19pts). Saluthra grabs and grapples the winged helmet Ulfen (31pts). Serpent leaps up and hits winged helmet with a two-handed staff blow (32pts). Winged helmet drops - the pirates cheer. Wogan uses healing burst (15pts) and excludes winged helmet and one of the other wounded Ulfen. The pirates cheer again.

Ulfen warriors swing at and miss Serpent and Sindawe. Pete is hit (20pts). Several attack Saluthra (19pts). Lefty trips and falls. Orgon slashes at an Ulfen (15pts). Sindawe kills a warrior with a flurry of blows. The archers fire at Wogan (5pts) and Sindawe. Serpent charges the archers and wounds one severely (30pts), discovering that the archers are women. Wogan shoots an Ulfen warrior (11pts). Several warriors flank Sindawe but miss.

Lefty stands up. Orgon and Sindawe each drop an Ulfen warrior. One of the lady Ulfen archers switches to a spear and stabs Serpent (12pts). The other lady Ulfen archer shoots Serpent in the back (5pts). Serpent counterattacks the spear wielder with staff blows and a bite (43pts); the mortally wounded woman drops. Wogan rushes over to heal Serpent (25pts). The last three warriors surround Sindawe who dances through their attacks. Orgon and Lefty severely injure a warrior, who is killed by Sindawe along with another heavily wounded Ulfen.

The last archer guzzles a potion, dashes quickly over to Gunnar (the winged helmet, apparently their leader), snatches him up, and runs 40' away. It is pretty clear she drank a potion of *baste*. Serpent runs after her and hits with a two-handed blow (32pts). Wogan shoots at the fleeing woman but suffers a weapon malfunction. The remaining Ulfen warrior is slain by the flanking

Lucky (5pts) and Orgon (19pts). Sindawe rushes after the running woman and punches her once (14pts).

A chase ensues after the Ulfen woman manages a withdrawal maneuver. Sindawe keeps up only by using ki points to increase his speed. Serpent is soon left behind; he returns to Wogan for healing. A half mile later Sindawe finally beats the woman unconscious. A short time later an out of breath Orgon catches up to Sindawe, then collapses.

Sindawe checks the winged helmet wearing ulfen; he is dead. Sindawe strips everything off the man: battleaxe, shield, two throwing axes, chain mail, some potions, nice boots, and a Feather Token.

Orgon says, "I wonder where they were going?" He walks over to the nearby bluff, then quickly drops to his belly. He crawls quickly back to Sindawe.

"There's a Ulfen fleet over there. Let's get out of here nownownow."

Sindawe says, "In a minute. Let's carry these two back. Less chance of their comrades knowing something happened to them."

Orgon grows more and more anxious as he watches Sindawe feed the dead Ulfen's corpse and equipment into a *bag of holding*. Finally, Orgon can't take it any more and runs for it.

Sindawe kicks the unconscious woman in the head, then crawls over to the bluff and peers over. Sure enough there is a good sized Ulfen fleet flying the banner of the Linnorm King, White Estrid. Sindawe crawls backwards, stands up, gathers his loot and prisoners and heads back to the landing party.

CLIFF-HANGER

Orgon One-ear beats Sindawe back to the pirate shore party and urges them to flee back to the ships because White Estrid's fleet is nearby and Sindawe has surely been captured by now.

Suspicious, Wogan points a pistol at Orgon and demands, "What is your job on board the ship?"

Orgon desperately replies, "I'm the gunner! But that doesn't matter! We have to get out of here now!"

Serpent restores order to the pirate by threatening his life and indulging in some hearty shoving. Wogan helps by asking a lot of questions. They eventually get the whole story out of Orgon.