

## REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 06/24/2018

### TODAY'S EPISODE: ARSON, SHE WROTE

Our heroes and their vessel sailed into Port Shaw where they have embroiled themselves in uncovering a were shark cult, a shadow dimension cult, and child disappearances. They pursue the child disappearances or a portion of them back to the sewers where they kill an ogre shapechanged into a giant cockroach. Said ogre cockroach enjoys eating children and sent its cockroach minions to retrieve tasties. Over twenty dead children are recovered and one living child. The pirates then cover themselves by getting forged paperwork saying they had permission to enter the sewers, investigate the disappeared children, etc... This leaves the pirates with plenty of time to ponder a legendary Mwangi scrimshawed whale jawbone.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> level heroes are:

- ♣ Captain Sindawe of the *Chainbreaker*, the fist-punchin' Mwangi monk (Chris).
- ♣ Chief Gunner Wogan, the pistol-packin' celibate cleric of Gozreh (Patrick).
- ♣ Quartermaster Serpent, the staff-bashin' Ulfen druid/ranger and his snake Saluthra (Paul).

### *Law Enforcement Shuffle*

Our heroes regroup at Casa Serpent in the Silk District so the group of them can return to the docks with their "Sewer Investigation" (newly forged) writ to present to the gendarmes. They arrive at the docks to find the a huge crowd blocking the way starting several blocks away. They push their way through the crowd only to be confronted by dragoons surrounding Captain Farrows and all the child corpses they retrieved from the roach king's sewer lair. Sindawe reads from their writ and describes the dragoons and particularly Sergeant Darenar as the heroes who

made this all possible: entry into the sewers, investigations, and child rescues. The crowd claps in appreciation of the dragoons' good work.

The pirates depart after a short time, leaving the matching of child corpses to parents. But not until Sindawe tells Sergeant Darenar about the sahuagin menace down in the sewers. The pirates get a week extension on their writ from the sergeant.

### *Ship Business*

The pirates return to their ship, the *Chainbreaker*, where Wogan casts a spell to locate the *Albatross*, the vessel, tracking the a famous pirate's treasure. Mitabu and Tasty Mike are on watch. The pirates clean themselves again then roll into their perspective bunks. Serpent looks around his cabin; he thinks someone has been searching the place. He finds nothing missing. Using his scent ability he detects someone, not his family.

Serpent wanders the ship looking for that scent again. In the bunks section he finds Wekk the Cloven clutching a bag of burnt smelling objects. In the hold, he hears a thumping noise but the smell from that direction isn't his snooper. He returns to the deck where he passes the time checking the ship over.

Tasty Mike approaches him with the information that Arsoner was arrested for arson. A building burned down on the docks and she was pinched for it. Serpent remembers Cloven's bag of burnt goods and asks if he was involved. Serpent asks himself, "Who's responsible for bailing out crewmembers on this ship?" He arrives at the quartermaster, which is his job.

Tony also adds, "Oh yeah, Billy Breadbasket stole money from a beggar and will have to appear in court."

Serpent waits until Wogan and Serpent waken to tell them about the law enforcement news. They wake up Cloven with a bucket of water; he awakens none too happy. They ask about his bag of burnt stuff; he stole them from a burning warehouse. He saw smoke from the warehouse, broke in, and stole what looked valuable. Arsoner was hanging out with few locals nearby but didn't seem involved.

They talk to Billy Breadbasket about his stealing from a beggar. He knows nothing about it, so they leave him be with orders to report to any of his officers if he hears more on the matter.

They depart the ship for the dragoons' HQ at Fort Stormshield. They stop at a coconut vendor to purchase coconuts, straws, and rum. They walk through the Jade District to get to the fort, which has tall, strong walls topped with cannon and dragoons. Wogan notes the fortress' defenses and weaknesses: he notes the 30' tower mounted with long nines, the sluice gate and remembers the rumor of a sewer.

Dragoon guards greet them harshly. They explain they are there to see a prisoner but are told to leave. Then they ask to see Sergeant Darenar for which the guards reply, "Grumble!". They are taken to Commandant Gregory Bonaduce. He is a chiseled handsome man wearing a blue uniform with many medals and various items indicating his status as a well-to-do gentleman.

The Commandant says, "Greetings! I hear you are Sergeant Darenar's new friends. Cigars?"

They accept and after the lighting, he says, "I hear one of your crew was accused of arson. That's serious business. My men found her outside the building and arrested her based on her suspicious name, 'Arson... ee'". He offers to put her interrogation on hiatus until they bring him the real arsonists." They agree.

They finish their cigars then are taken to see Arsonce in the interrogation room. A man named Inquisitor Salem Vin is seated near a desk with pen and parchment. His robes are bloody. Arsonce is strapped to a table; her body shows many wounds. Her demeanor is pained but stoic; as a Nidalese she's used to torture. Wogan heals her wounds.

The crazed fishermen McFarrows is mentioned; Serpent suggests getting him to priest Zalen for a little insanity curing. The commandant agrees to release the man into their custody. They leave the interrogation room with Arsonce to the cells. In the cell section four dragoons assist a half-orc jailer.

The commandant issues orders to put Arsonce's interrogation on hold, then takes his leave after saying, "You have a week."

They talk to Arsonce who is in her cell. She explains that "Some local guys selling dragonsmoke had something better they wanted to show me. I went with them to a warehouse. They had a monster in a cage being prepared for transport. It had several different heads: goat, dragon, and lion. Another guy with a dog head was there; he got mad because my guys had brought me in. The caged monster breathed fire on some crates. The dog headed guy and his dog left with the wagon that the monster crate was on." She admits she was probably still enjoying the dragon smoke when this all happened. She then got arrested when the dragoons showed up.

She provides descriptions:

- A chimera
- A dog headed man
- A weird dog belonging to dog headed man
- The dragon smoke sellers: bald, tall, strong build. The other black, big eyebrows, looking like Randy Rabbit; named Kawinday.

Wogan slyly hands her some dragon smoke and pipe he stole a long time back. Then they depart.

The pirates depart with a dazed McFarrow in tow for the Chapter House of Gozreh. They have to stop once to calm McFarrow down from a “shark men are amongst us”. Father Zalen and Jessica, McFarrow’s daughter, are at the chapter house. They reunite father and daughter; she stares at her father blankly while he breaks down and blubbers. Wogan and Serpent pester the priest about magical healing for the father.

Zalen explains he doesn’t have the magics personally to heal peoples’ minds. And the local asylums have been closed down by the city council. Wogan pays out 100gp for Zalen to find an ex-asylum employee to watch over the McFarrows... this would include good food and living quarters.

### *They Investigate*

They return to their ship where Taunya and Chidike are on watch. They are not getting along well. Taunya can read and write, so Sindawe gives her the descriptions provided by Arsonce. He explains, “Talk to the folks coming and going about these. Collect the info. They get a reward if the intel is useful; you get a reward if the intel is useful.” Taunya seems up to the task.

They go down to Tommy’s quarters. He explains Lil is at the prospective brothel site with some of the new whores. He also gives them intel on the Salty Dogs: they are a big gang particularly in the Dock district, run by Richard Belerdon, arrangement with dragoons, and they all own mean dogs. Glowco is their leader on the docks.

Wogan suggests, “Pay them off.”

Next they head off to see the whores in Sindawe's business plan; they venture to the Dock district to arrive at its edge with the Silk and Tide. The Gozreh chapterhouse is a few blocks away. Wogan surveys the site which is a large building with boarded up windows. Its closest neighbor is Dontoren's Haberdashery, which is a ritzy hat-selling place. Wogan enters that store to purchase a new hat; the salesman is happy to help him. Hats off the rack are 10gp, fancier hats are 20gp, and designed for buyer hats are 100gp. Wogan sets an appointment for a hat design, then asks the salesman about the boarded up property. The salesman has no information on that place.

Sindawe and Serpent wait outside browsing a perfume stand and an exotic bird seller. A woman in green dress also browses the perfumes; she appears wealthy. She gives Sindawe a smile, then frowns at something behind him. He turns to catch a dirty street urchin girl picking his pocket. She runs; he pursues. He catches her in a nearby alley, tripping her. She flickers like the illusion she was all along. He looks around, sees nothing out of the ordinary, climbs a building out of the alley and leaves via the roof. He's atop the building for their brothel, so he lets himself inside to find Lil and Joy "working together."

Lil gives him a quick tour of the building. The upper floor is ring of rooms surrounding an interior large room with railings. The place is in rough shape needing cleaning, paint, and furnishing. More of the girls appear from various rooms. Lil sends Feather is sent to fetch Serpent, where she convinces him to buy a macaw for the business.

Wogan exits the store and reports back, "They seem open to having a business next door."

Feather, Serpent, and Wogan enter the brothel.

Ophelia and her dragon tattoo approach Sindawe; she and Lil think the location perfect for the job. Ophelia and Feather feel threatened by Lil but are working with her for now. They have 14-15 girls lined up with Lil as management.

The building still needs to be purchased and before that the owner identified. And then paint, wood work, etc...

Sindawe asks them if they have seen his dragonsmoke dealers. Feather has seen them down at the docks; she provides the location. When asked about monster sales, Ophelia says she dated a monster hunter once who sold his captures in Port Shaw... he joked about selling them to half monsters.