

REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY II/25/2018

TODAY'S EPISODE: THE SUNKEN TEMPLE

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. And they're interested in pursuing the pirate Garr Bloodbane's buried treasure and true to form their clues take them to hunting for pirate captain Falken Drango's crewmen and missing plantation slaves in the swamp near Port Shaw. But that leads them to gator men, hauntings, more disappeared children and a Dajobas shrine. Everyone is confused and hates water more than any pirate should.

Our 8th 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).

The Sunken Temple

Sindawe, Wogan, Serpent, and their new "friend" Falken Drango remount their coracles and squeeze their vehicles through the door and into a new chamber. The roof is in poor repair and a trio of crows roosts in the water choked chimney. In the corner, beneath the surface, is a well that is plugged. Wogan can see in the silt heavy water thanks to his *Goz mask*. The well is plugged with a rusty sheet of iron, maybe a door. They remount the coracles and paddle out of that room and into the middle of a long room. One end is low into the water; the other end is high and close to the ceiling as if the room were balanced on a huge bar like a see-saw.

A gator man attacks Wogan when he dismounts his coracle. His armor protects him as he backpedals and fires waterproof pistols at his attacker. Sindawe leaps in and attacks another gator man that rocks his coracle; he grapples and burns the monster with his *shirt of immolation*. Falken Drango remains in his coracle stabbing with his rapier at targets of opportunity. Serpent enters the water with his rapier at the ready, then attacks Wogan's attacker. These gator men also thrash when killed.

They search for loot, find none, and move toward the rubble hill at the end of the hall. Sindawe and Serpent climb the hill and wiggle through the narrow gap. Wogan and Falken Drango follow suit using some oil to lubricate their passage. Unfortunately, Falken Drango collapses the ceiling with his passage, raining debris on himself and Sindawe. Wogan and Serpent are also buried in the debris that slides down the hill. Serpent digs his own way as Sindawe uses a *feather token "tree"* to rip his way out at the top of the rubble pile. Wogan and Falken Drango scramble out in the greatly loosened rubble. The tree collapses the remaining ceiling and upper shrine as the pirates flee before it. The rubble pushes them and a wave of water out of the room.

The next chamber is a long one with colonnades. Drowned men and women are tied to the colonnades. The group holds their breath to swim through the corpse strewn water. Everyone guesses that the corpses hide a multitude of undead and yes they are. Wights line the walls at a narrow portion of the passage, tied in place where they can still slap at any passersby. They enjoy "concealment" from the pirate attacks thanks to the silty water. Wogan's channel positive energy bursts fry them handsomely; the rest of the pirates chop and stab at them.

They pass through that hallway and into a new chamber that is largely submerged. This chamber has a ripped open hole going down that has its own current and "pull". Sindawe swims

into deep, deep down using the pull to drag him down. He comes back with a satchel, skull, and breastplate from a dead man wedged into a narrow crack. Swimming back is difficult due to the current. Loot: +2 breastplate and a small knife designed to look like a bat including ruby eyes worth 300gp.

The Drowned Church

The group swims over the chasm to the chamber's far side. They enter a vaulted chamber that kneels dying at the end of the frightful colonnades. The floor is covered with greens and algae. Splintered beams stab down from the ceilings and wall, no longer holding the ceiling aloft. A pair of giant alligator jawbones hang from massive ropes. Between them is a wicker cage containing at least a dozen frightened people. A horrid dead thing shuffles about the dais that holds a massive elm staff topped with a scythe blade. Gator men lurk here too.

The horrid undead looks at the pirates and croaks, "Start the sacrifice!"

Gator men rush to the many vines holding the wicker cage aloft over a huge pit. The horrid undead casts the spell *insect plague*. Three wasp swarms land on the main pirates. Falken Drango rushes a nearby gator man that is about to bite a vine holding the wicker cage up. Three vines are bitten through, leaving eight.

Serpent casts *impaling entangle* at a distant point that lands it among two gator men biting at vines. Wogan casts blessing of fervor. Sindawe and Falken Drango rush the closest gator man who is grappled by Sindawe and burned by the *shirt of immolation*. Falken Drango swims/stealths his way up on an unsuspecting gator man, who he then backstabs. Serpent verifies that all three gator men are engaged then uses *snake totem transformation* to give himself a swim

speed so he can close with the horrid undead. Wogan casts *chain lightning* from his *staff of rightful rule*; he starts with the wight (the horrid undead) then hits its gator men henchmen and the wasp swarms.

The wight is lit up as are its gator men and wasp swarms. Some of those last two died. And the wight's spell is interrupted. It casts a spell and touches Serpent with *affliction* and levels drains him to add insult to injury. Falken Drango arrives to flank the wight with Serpent.

The gator man in the thorny entanglement dies reaching for a vine holding the wicker cage aloft. Sindawe kills the last gator man. Serpent's flank aided attacks all miss the wight with druid levels thanks to its ridiculous armor class. Luckily, Falken Drango is able to backstab the wight. Only five vines remain holding the cage aloft thanks to flailing weapons and gator men bites. Wogan hits the wight with targeted *dispel magic* to relieve it of some armor bonuses.

The wight calls down to the pit in Cajun, "The spell has failed. Summon Dajobas' <water boy>?"

Sindawe rushes the pit to see who is being ordered by the wight. He see that the bottom is covered in corpses and dead fish, a pool shaped like a shark, and in that pool the shadow of large form with glowing eyes. There is also the stink of brine, rot, etc... off to the side of the shaft is an altar. On that altar is a native man tied and thrashing weakly. He is menaced by a goon with a shark toothed dagger. Sindawe slow falls into the pit, and pushes off the last bit of it in an attempt to land in the altar room rather than the pool with the giant shark. He falls 30' to land in the altar room, then instant stands (thanks to *blessing of fervor*). The goon is very large and muscular, carrying a shark toothed club and whip. Sindawe curses the world that forces him to take such risks; the world seems unimpressed.

Wogan uses a *pearl of power* to recall his *dispel magic*, which he casts to remove the druid wight's *barkskin*. Serpent's flurry of axe blows misses the wight. Falken Drango's rapier hits three times for 58 points of damage.

Wogan casts feather fall on himself, Falken Drango, and Serpent. The trio drift down into the shaft, see the altar, shark goon, sacrifice man without arms, etc... as they drift to the pool below. A dire shark leaps from that pool and fails to bite Serpent, who in turn jumps off the mighty shark's snout and lands outside the pool.

Shark goon grabs a tooth from his necklace and throws it at Sindawe, who is instantly surrounded by three infernal crocodiles. The man bound to the altar shows the black eyes of the shark, has no arms, and shows clear evidence of having eaten his own arms as cloth, blood, and bone hang from his shark tooth lined jaw. Sindawe dodges past the crocodiles, runs up the ziggurat, and trips/throws the shark goon further down. The man stands and grows large with a spell. Sindawe punches the man repeatedly (56pts); the shark goon frenzies. He flays about with shark toothed club, whip and a single bite attack; he hits once with the club.

The trio hits the pool. Falken Drango surfaces and swims to the edge and climbs out. He yells encouragement to the others to do the same. Wogan does the same. Both are aided by *blessing of fervor's* speed bonus. The trio of summoned crocodiles attack Falken Drango and Wogan.

Serpent runs to the ziggurat and up it, dodging inside the huge shark goon's defenses. He and Sindawe are flanking the man. Sindawe delivers another 46 points of damage to the shark goon. The shark goon hisses, "I will sacrifice to Dajobas!" He moves away from Sindawe and

Serpent to fling himself into the pool for the shark to devour, but not quickly enough – he is tripped by Sindawe. They kill the prone shark goon.

Wogan runs through the crocodiles followed by Falkendrango, then climb up the first level of the ziggurat.

Serpent collapses to his knees from poison while Wogan attends their wounds.