

REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 04/01/2019

TODAY'S EPISODE: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED

Our heroes and their vessel sailed into Port Shaw on the Razor Coast where they have embroiled themselves in local horror stories before deciding to chase a pirate legend's treasure cache. They round up their crew, rescue a few from a barghest's bomb plot, and foil an assassination plot against Bishop Zalen. Just a few more loose ends before our heroes leave the city in search of pirate treasure.

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 Lavender Feather

Sindawe, Wogan, Serpent, and an halfling prisoner are on their way to the Lavender Feather for some investigation. The naked halfling is in a sack carried by Serpent; Sindawe punches the bag whenever it stirs.

Molly, Opheila, and Feather are there directing last minute setup and staffing for a soft opening of the pirate-funded brothel, the Lavender Feather. They greet the pirate trio with hugs and squeals. Sindawe listens to their report, then asks for a dungeon-esque room where the halfling can be questioned. That room exists but is currently in use by Lil and Tommy.

Sindawe orders the prostitute trio to gather together Pirro's partners from earlier in the week Septiva (snake on shoulder), Austin (three pony tails and star tattoo), Bordeaux (braided hair), and Jesse (youngster with mohawk) so that Wogan can perform a ghoulish fever check. Since Pirro showed up with a fever, ghoulish fever, and he hadn't been bitten, Wogan decided it must be sexually transmitted. Thus, the physical exams in another room while Sindawe keeps an eye on the bagged halfling and the waiting prostitutes.

- Austin appears clear despite being uncooperative.
- Bordeaux appears clean but is extremely cold.
- Jesse is cooperative, appears clean, with a "mom" tattoo and another tattoo that Wogan doesn't recognize. Wogan asks and she explains she found the symbol in a book and made it hers.
- Septiva is reluctant and yawning a lot. She too seems clean. She claims to be sleepy due to long hours getting the place set up.

Wogan says, "They're all clean. Let me try one more thing." He looks the prostitutes over with a *detect magic* finding magic on Bordeaux and Jesse. A positive energy burst heals their wounds, but causes no negative reactions. Sindawe orders Bordeaux and Jesse to lay down their magic items for another review. Both claim to be clean of magic items.

A second *detect magic* review by Wogan shows both ladies have necromancy enchantments. Jesse's comes from the unknown neck tattoo. Bordeaux has the stronger aura.

Wogan and Sindawe discuss the pair in Aklo and decide on a *dispel magic* on Bordeaux. The *dispel magic* fails to make a difference in her aura (he checks again). Wogan tries *remove disease*; again with no difference.

At Sindawe's threat of being fired, Bordeaux remembers that she had a sexual encounter with a necromancer named Cartis Delnor. He had a ferret or weasel familiar and was looking for the secrets of a dead necromancer. And he worked for Sagacious Samuel, but didn't enjoy that employment.

Jesse is able to remember where the book that supplied her neck tattoo is located, but only after Sindawe's insistence. The book is at the Church of Gozreh. She can't read, so she is asked many questions about the book's appearance. She offers to take them to the book; they agree. Lil is placed in charge of watching the halfling and hookers.

Restringing a Bow

Serpent and Feather leave the brothel to get his bow restrung. She flirts with him as he negotiates the price with the bowyer. She reaches around him for the "Here, show me how to draw a bow" gambit.

At this exact moment Serpent spots his wife, Samaritha, with one of their children at a nearby stall. He attempts to look casual when Feather goes still after placing a nearby arrow to her own neck. Samaritha *dominates* Feather further using her serpentfolk powers; Feather stabs Serpent with the arrow, scraping it across his armor.

The bowyer cries out, "Hey, take it outside!"

Samaritha leaves quickly, dragging the child behind her by the hand, then turns to fire a *scorching ray* into the store, setting it mildly aflame. She flees down the street with Serpent in pursuit.

She argues with Serpent who in turn answers honestly. She is not satisfied and still angry and eventually stomps off angrily. He returns to retrieve the shaken Feather and pay the bowyer for the damage to his stall.

Questioning the Assassin

Serpent and Feather return to the brothel in time for Serpent to join the questioning. Tommy offers to help. The group enters the bondage room and straps the prisoner into a device.

Tommy asks for information before the prisoner is revived. Sindawe and Wogan supply what info they have, which isn't much. They ask Tommy to focus on the following questions during the interrogation:

- Who hired you?
- Where are they?
- Why were they after Zalen?
- Were you working alone? If not then who?

They leave Tommy and another prostitute alone with the prisoner, leaving to take Jesse to the church library.

The Church Library

Wogan fills Serpent in on the neck tattoo and Bordeaux's possible necromancer curse. Jesse is friendly on the walk and tells them about her tattoo artist friend and her pottery artistry.

Bishop Zalen lets them in; Sindawe fills him in on Jesse's problem. Zalen knows Jesse as Calindra. He takes them to library, explaining that it is full of books that have been donated and purchased by the church over the years. Any dangerous books are destroyed.

She locates the book she last held when she was fourteen. It is a long epic poem about Jandelay. The foreword says it was translated from Thassilon. The collective group knows little about Thassilon and Jandelay, but none of it is good. The rune she has tattooed appears to be associated with the "Oliphant of Jandelay", some kind of ancient psychic tandem war elephant.

Sindawe asks her to change the tattoo; Jesse refuses. He fires her; she accepts gracefully. Everyone departs ways.

Sagacious Samuel's Magic Emporium

Wogan, Serpent, and Sindawe go to Sagacious Samuel's Magic Emporium located in the Silk district. Its sign glows in the dark. And it is still open after dark.

They enter to find the store lights on, several patrons in the aisles, and Sagacious Samuel dressed like a ren-faire wizard. Sindawe sees Samuel put away a Garr Bloodbane treasure map as he walks up to the front counter.

Samuel is very forthcoming about his onetime apprentice the necromancer, Cartis Delnor, who was interested in a necromancer dating from the founding of Port Shaw. Cartis stole a lot of material Samuel had on that ancient necromancer.

Sindawe tells him about the necromancer cursed employee and asks, “What can be done?” Samuel recommends *remove curse* for a reasonable fee. Sindawe asks for a personal consultation and offers, “Hey, that employee and a bunch more are throwing an opening party at our brothel tonight. It’s a nice place. Why don’t you come over and see her there?” Samuel agrees.

Serpent sells a bunch of ship’s loot to Samuel before they leave. A lot of magic and treasure is pulled from *bags of holding* and packs by the pirates. Samuel reviews the lot and asks several times, “Are these stolen? Did they come from dragoons or anyone else that will come looking for it?” Serpent answers, “No” and “No” again.

In the process, they find out that one of their items is a *folding boat*, which is given over to Sindawe for “pirating adventures”.

Conclusion

The trio of pirates head to the Lavender Feather brothel with an eager and well-dressed Sagacious Samuel.