

# REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 07/07/2019

## TODAY'S EPISODE: VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED

Our heroes and their vessel have sailed from Port Shaw to find a lost city of gold. Their decision is forced by expedience: recovering the treasure will net them a 50% share and their own ship's title back. With Captain Razor guiding them they have braved the Armada Island and Admiral Tame for permission to sail the Torment. Again with Captain Razor's navigation they sailed to the Veiled Isle and formed an uneasy alliance with another pirate crew already present to loot the golden city in the island's interior. Ashore they fought girallons, green orcs, and orc/girallon hybrids. And all that before even reaching the golden city.

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).

### *Veiled Isle – Day Three*

The away party is:

- *Greedy Gull* crew: 14 sailors and two officers - Demented Dubb and Captain Smiles
- *Chainbreaker* crew: Captain Razor, Wogan, Serpent, Sindawe, Mandohu, Old Lizard, and Mitabu.

They just fought a battle with an orc village, orc/girallon hybrids, and girallons. These enemies were largely vanquished when a second group of girallons arrives and attacks.

## *Gorillas Fricking Everywhere*

A trio of girallons swing out of the jungle canopy and hang high above. One, a silverback, pauses, and rips off a mask – a pale white mask of nothingness literally flies off its head and hits Wogan. He successfully resists the *finger of death* spell it directs at him, taking only 21 pts of damage. The mask returns to the silverback.

Pirate arrow fire peppers the girallon trio followed by a *chain lightning* spell cast by Wogan. Then counter arrow fire comes from a nearby tree striking down a pirate. The girallon trio descends to attack individual pirates.

A large melee develops when the masked girallon and one other attack a unit of pirates. Bethany Razor and Demented Dubb join them to double team a girallon with rapier and war hammer and Bethany gets in a good sneak attack (43pts). The girallon replies with its claws and bites. Sindawe joins the melee attacking the masked girallon inflicting light wounds initially, despite their numbers. The two girallons flank Sindawe until Sindawe downs the normal girallon. Another girallon sneaks into the melee and jumps Demented Dubb but fails to grapple her. Bethany sneak attacks that one several times with her rapier, badly wounding it. Mitabu ducks through the melee, sneak attacking with his keen rapier (23pts). The masked girallon, Father Mask, orders a retreat with grunts – he and the other girallon withdraw taking some stabs in the process.

Another unit of pirates returns arrow fire at some orc-girallon hybrids sniping from the tree 30' overhead. Captain Smiles joins them, throwing javelins. Several pirates are downed by arrows during the exchange. A girallon drops from the trees and attacks Smiles, who switches to her trident to battle it. The pirate unit drops their bows in favor of scimitars when the hybrids drop into their unit for hand-to-hand combat. The girallon fighting Smiles withdraws.

A girallon tries to grab up Wogan and flee the battle site, but misses and is set upon by Saluthra – the giant snake loops its coils around the beast and squeezes it tight. Serpent attacks the grappled beast with his attack. Wogan steps back from it and blasts its face with his custom made pistol (15pts). The beast still lives! It rips into Saluthra, who barely holds on for life, then constricts it to death. Another girallon sneaks out of the foliage to sneak attack Wogan. Wogan and Serpent flank it to lay on the hurting. The girallon tries to kidnap Wogan and flee but is cut down by Serpent. Wogan heals himself and allies with a positive energy burst.

Demented Dubb joins the melee with the hybrids, smacking one with her warhammer. Sindawe guzzles a potion and joins her. Saluthra tries to eat a deceased girallon. Serpent uses snake totem to give himself a climb speed. Mitabu throws a bomb after the retreating girallons, causing some wounds. Wogan shoots Father Mask with his short musket (13pts).

The hybrids attack the pirates about them with spiked morning stars, killing one sailor and injuring Demented Dubb. Dubb beats one hybrid's head into applesauce with her war hammer. Bethany Razor shoots the other hybrid with her pistol just before the pirate unit cuts it down with scimitars.

Sindawe starts to climb a tree and is hit by a spiked log trap that wipes everything off the tree's trunk (on that side) taking 48pts and dropping him to the ground. No one else is injured. Serpent climbs the tree. Those on the ground kill wounded apes and heal wounds.

Sindawe, healed slightly, follows Serpent up the tree. They arrive at a "lounge" about 50' up. They climb further where they are attacked by a bull rushing girallon. Serpent hits it with a good chop bringing it to a stop. Sindawe closes with Serpent and stuns the girallon with a well-placed punch; Serpent pushes it off the branch. The beast smacks every branch on the way down to hitting the ground.

Another girallon throws a mud basket of hornets at Sindawe which misses and eventually lands on the ground dispersing a small group of pirates with poisonous stings. The fallen girallon sits up in time to enjoy Wogan's *chain lightning* spell and wasp stings; the lightning takes out some wasps. Mitabu runs while Wogan continues pummel the swarm with *chain lightning*. Mitabu wins free of them and throws a bomb into their midst, destroying them.

Another mud basket hits the tree near Sindawe and Serpent, covering them with crushed fruit, stinging wasps, and "mud". Sindawe climbs quickly after girallon that threw the gift, tackles it and sets it on fire with his shirt of immolation. The girallon dies from immolation after several grapple checks. Serpent climbs after them while fending off wasps. Sindawe grapples Serpent to burn the wasps off, as he is hurting more from the insects than from third degree burns. Serpent attacks the swarm with alchemist fire.

Sindawe exits the swarm and lays into Father Mask. He punches the beast, then spends a Fate Point golden coin to turn Father Mask's critical hit against Sindawe back onto himself – the monster is blinded and dazed. Serpent closes in and slashes the monster with his ax – the critical blow delivers 46pts and permanently blinds the monster. The mask is split in two. Father No Mask falls out of the tree and lands heavily on the ground below. The hornet swarm chases Serpent and Sindawe until they are ended by alchemist fire.

They climb into a spherical nest further up, made of tree limbs, vines, fur, and bones. They examine obscene carvings in the tree trunk that depict a huge female girallon giving birth to monsters. Several of that monster's teeth are carved stone that depict cloven hooves. The chamber is packed with hundreds of items: bones, skulls, petrified creatures, etc...

They search and find:

- a ship's wheel
- solid gold owl figure (400gp)
- head and spine of dire crocodile decorated with zircons (400gp)
- very fine garnet (600gp)
- skeletal arm with a bracer (armor but need two to make it work)
- chime of opening (crude bone)
- shark figurine made of rings (gold ring 200gp, silver ring with black pearl 200gp)
- conch bead necklace with obsidian chunks (150gp)
- ivory bracelet (30gp)
- huge dragon figurine with dozens of sharp gold teeth nailed into it (600gp)
- “mud” basket full of wasps

Most of the loot is Mwangi. But the ship's wheel and dragon figurine are not from here. The heavier items are lowered via rope. And then they climb down with the rest.

Three dead pirates are looted and buried. The living pirates are excited about the loot. The pirates move into the abandoned orc village, looting and destroying. The orc food provisions are located, mostly bugs and grubs. Sindawe offers Captain Smiles' cook 20gp to cook a “fine meal” of the orc food stuffs and girallon meat. He dines well though no one else touches the repast.

Father No Mask's corpse is desecrated, the ship's wheel is nailed up in the village center and played with, the pirates sneak extra rum rations, etc... The officers issue orders and more importantly discipline before night sets in.

During first watch Wogan and Serpent climb the tree so Wogan can examine the carvings in the girallon nest. No new information comes from it except that sometimes clues are hidden in plain sight.

### *That Night*

During second watch, Sindawe and sailors are on duty. They pass the time with small talk. The fires have died down. A sailor talking to Sindawe asks, "Did you hear that?"

Sindawe grabs the man and drags him around the perimeter to find the other three guards all gone. Sindawe hears a voice beckoning to him. "Come to the jungle! Come to me!"

He wakes sleeping pirates in the huts, while dragging the last guard about with him. He fills the officers, Serpent, and Wogan in on the situation. He orders Serpent to track the missing men. Serpent leads, while Wogan and Sindawe follow. The tracks continue until they end; they look up to find the dead pirate hanging from his own viscera.

Sindawe cuts the body down. Wogan declares, "Yeah, this body is missing a lot of blood. Way more than getting gutted would account for. He was cut pretty heavily by claws."

Serpent checks for more tracks leading away. He finds markings that indicate the killer travels by tree and does so quickly. The trio loots the dead man of two gold teeth, bag the corpse and returns to camp. The body is buried.

The pirates, minus the hardened captains, are upset by this turn of events. They notice that the other guards are also gone and say, "Someone should look for them."

Meanwhile, Serpent decides to examine the dragon statue closer, checking for hidden compartments. He finds no and no more clues. The statue is split open and burned.

Serpent tracks another missing guard with Sindawe and Wogan in tow. They find the corpse in a similar position with a feral rat watching over it.

Serpent declares, “I hear a whispering voice. It’s telling me to come to it. And that Fox News is the best.”

Serpent kills the rat which provokes two swarms of rats to attack. Serpent climbs higher into the tree toward the voice and away from the swarms. Wogan and Sindawe flee the swarms, tossing alchemist’s fire as they go. This proves to be needlessly complicated, so Sindawe beats a swarm to death.

Wogan panics temporarily from the rats crawling over him.

A pale hugely obese female girallon vampire sneakily attacks Serpent – 12pts damage, confused for 1d3 rounds, and two levels of energy drain. He shakes off the confusion and attacks with his ax. The vampire retreats around the tree’s trunk.

Sindawe continues killing rats, destroying the last two rat swarms. Sindawe taps his head to remember that rat swarms are easy to kill. Wogan casts  *blessing of fervor*  on himself and Sindawe.

Sindawe hands a potion to Wogan and climbs quickly up. He finds Serpent beating on himself (due to  *confusion* ) and no attackers.

The trio retreat back down the tree to lick their wounds. They hear caterwauling back at the camp, so they haul ass back. They find the pirates lined up watching the far edge of camp. They shout, “Captain got dragged off!” Bethany Razor is strapping on her belt. Sindawe whispers, “Vampire girallon on the loose.” They go after Captain Smiles.

The vampire girallon is feeding on Captain Smiles in the bush. Demented Dubb is beating the vampire with a war hammer to little effect.

Sindawe charges at full monk speed and stabs the vampire with his silversheen temple sword. Serpent charges and hits her with his ax. Wogan hits it with a maximized *searing light* spell (56pts)!

Captain Smiles tries to escape the vampire's grip but fails. The vampiric girallon throws down Smiles and flees. Serpent gets a departing blow. Sindawe tries pursuit but cannot keep up with her despite 80' of movement.

The pirates return to camp.