

REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 03/15/2020 TODAY'S EPISODE: THEY SAILED OUT OF THE SUN

Our heroes aboard *The Chainbreaker* are sailing home from the Veiled Isle to Port Shaw with a handsome amount of looted gold. They circled around the Armada's territory and shake a complex ship tracking operation, only to investigate a derelict fishing trawler. Another vessel sails out of the sun to attack!

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).

Drango Attack!

Captain Bethany Razor, six volunteer pirates, and the longboat return from investigating the derelict fishing trawler, *The Good Day's Catch*. They have a single prisoner, mad from drinking sea water, who is unconscious. Razor reports, "There was fighting on that vessel, but no bodies." The entire lot of the away team is covered in black goo from the bilge of the trawler.

The filthy prisoner and away team are being washed with sea water when the lookout shouts, "There's a ship coming at us out of the sun!"

Wogan looks and guesses that it is not one of the vessels that was tracking them previously. Its flag is obscured by the sun's rays.

Orders are given to put on sails and get under way. The long boat is cut free.

Bethany looks at the approaching vessel and says, "That's Falken Drango's flag (a falcon holding a saber)."

As the *Chainbreaker* gains speed, it moves away, and keeps Drango at medium range. The officers note that the vessel is the *Encore*, the one that they stole at the Armada and sent home with a skeleton crew. They can even spot members of that skeleton crew on deck.

The *Encore* signals: "Surrender and prepare to be boarded."

Chainbreaker signals back: "No quarter."

Encore signals: "Just joking!"

Falken Drango appears on deck, flourishes his hat, and yells, "Permission to come aboard?"

Sindawe replies, "Granted!" Then whispers, "Wogan, can you target just Falken with the cannon?"

Big Mike also boards from the *Encore*. He explains, "We sailed into Port Shaw. Falken found us and said you needed our help. So here we are."

Sindawe grimaces and nods, "So some of my orders were followed." No one takes notice.

Bethany stares daggers at Falken Drango.

The officers discuss taking the *Good Day's Catch* back to Port Shaw. It is in need of repair but reward or even ownership, with Bethany's connections, is possible.

Sindawe and the others are concerned about the trawler's attackers returning while they are stopped making repairs.

The prisoner is retrieved, washed again, and revived. The prisoner is still crazed yet recognizes that several dozen armed pirates are not to be trifled with. More watchers are placed in

the sails. The prisoner suffers from the shakes (probably contracted from bad water). He improves a bit after drinking several rum rations.

The prisoner incoherently describes they were attacked by a black ship crewed by weresharks. Falken Drango grabs the prisoner and demands to know more about the vessel then declares, "That was my vessel, the *Nightslink!*"

The prisoner's name and rank is Master's Mate Jeff McDougal. He hid in a pickle barrel while the shark men killed his crew and shoved them into the bilges. He overheard them mention Beacon Island.

Jeff passes out from rum and exhaustion.

The trawler is boarded again and examined for repair. The sails are ruined and a hold full of corpses and disease. If those are addressed, then yes it can be sailed home. *Chainbreaker* is short on extra sails and repair material. The *Encore* has enough to repair one sail.

Falken wants to sail immediately to find the *Nightslink*. Sindawe orders him placed under arrest and explains they will return to port, do business, then return here to hunt the *Nightslink*. Falken produces the *Chainbreaker's* deed, or so he claims, saying he liberated it from Bethany's first mate back in town and will trade it back for the *Encore* and a shot to go after his ship. After some questioning Sindawe is concerned that Falken may be lying and possess a forged deed (possibly forged by Sagacious Samuel).

Sindawe offers Bethany their original deal, plus using her clout to help him get salvage deed to the *Encore*. Meanwhile, Falken is given temporary command of the *Encore* if he can muster volunteers – Sindawe explains, "You'll be sailing into the unknown to find a ship full of weresharks." Even so, Falken raises volunteers. Big Mike, Claxton, Nemo, Melella, Arsonnee, and Phamas Harcey request to go with him for the time being.

Bethany says to Sindawe, “You know you are sending those volunteers to their death? Falken has a great ability to lead men and women to their deaths, yet survive himself.”

Sindawe nods, “Yes, I understand that. Perhaps it will work out for us.”

The *Encore* sails toward Beacon Island under Falken Drango’s command, while the *Chainbreaker* sails to Port Shaw.

To Port Shaw

The rest of that day is spent sailing against strong winds, which require frequent navigation checks to avoid being blown off course. They set anchor at the Pearl Eye atolls as it is best to not navigate those at night.

Bethany says, “Those islands are full of pygmy cannibals, fruits, fresh water, and pirate loot.”

The officers play cards that evening. Bethany explains she can use her in with the Dragoon’s commander, Gregory Bonedeuce, who is sweet on her, to get a salvage deed approved for the *Encore*.

Serpent, Wogan, and Sindawe each take one of the ship’s watches to augment the regular watch. Nothing happens.

The weather is clear the next day with a moderate wind. The ship makes good time. The crew spots larger than normal birds high overhead. Sindawe points them out to the rest of the crew and adds more lookouts. The birds eventually leave and the ship anchors at Kai Bay that evening. Port Shaw is another 100 miles away.

Hovac Little Hands is in the crow’s nest; he announces, “Ship ahoy!”

The ship has tattered sails and is named the *Martiosa*. It is heading toward Port Shaw. The *Chainbreaker* swings closer and signals, "All OK?" It signals back, "Yes, let's talk."

The two vessels close to shouting distance. Captain Garaway Crawford offers to buy any spare sails they have as theirs has been damaged by storm. Sindawe replies they have none to spare. A well-dressed man comes up to that Captain. Crawford shouts back, "Would you be willing to take on a guest who wants to return to Port Shaw more quickly?". Sindawe replies, "Yes, but only if no one on board your vessels have died in the last week."

A man named Loushish and servant named Mantagar board, pay 200gp, and are given Tommy and Lil's cabin. The storm that wrecked their sails was not severe, so Loushish believes its captain is less skilled. Loushish comes from a civilized settlement further south. The pirates tell him about wereshark cults, rescuing children from the sewers, and such.

Loushish tells them about the lands further south than Port Shaw around the southern tip of Garund where few civilized men have ventured: the dinosaur riding lizardfolk of Droon, the Matriarchy of Holomog, and Chauxen.

Loushish is concerned about status and seems to only engage the captains directly in conversation. Even so, the conversation is interesting and lasts past dinner of the second day.

Mantagar the servant takes close and personal care of Loushish, which Said imitates as he now has a good example of what a cabin boy should be doing.

That night Serpent, Wogan, and Sindawe again attend overnight watches. Wogan notes that Crazy Jake has the shakes, casts *remove disease*, and cures the man.

The next day the weather and wind are fair. Wogan informs Sindawe that some crew have the shakes again. Sindawe agrees it is time for examines and quarantine. Serpent and Wogan

examine the crew and find two with the shakes. One is cured with *remove disease* and the other is quarantined as they are out of magical cures. The quarantined are given extra rum rations.

Port Shaw

Towards evening they see the Port Shaw lighthouse. They are given favorable lodgings at dockside by the harbor master, who is still thankful that his dog was saved by a *Chainbreaker* crewman. Loushish and Mantagar pay their bill and depart. Serpent and Wogan spot several more crew with the shakes, so Sindawe declares a quarantine until further notice. The crew grumbles at this.

Loushish and his servant Mantabar depart after paying their 200gp passage.

Bethany discusses, “We might need to smelt our gold into smaller, portable quantities.”

Thus, begins a discussion on how and who to pay out with what.

Bethany pays street urchins to run messages for her. Eventually her crew shows up that night to haul her share away. And her 1st mate Corg the minotaur also arrives, looking sheepish. Apparently Falken Drango did indeed steal the real deed for the *Chainbreaker* from Corg while Corg was intimately involved with a prostitute. Bethany explains that and adds, “Captain, you have the one and true deed to your vessel. A pleasure doing business with you. I will help you with your *Encore* deed problem when its back in port.” She sashays down the dock in her black leather pants.

Serpent immediately goes ashore to sell items starting with Sagacious Samuel’s shop. Afterwards, Serpent returns home to a warm welcome from his wife, Samaritha, and a serpent-folk “warm welcome” from his sons, Fenrir and Jormund. He gives his wife gifts (expensive magic items)

and talks with her and his boys. He is happy that Samaritha is happy and even more so that his sons are growing quickly and learning the city.

Father Zalen from the church of Gozreh in town drops by that night to help his favorite crew of assassin wranglers. Wogan and he take on the task dealing with the shakes. They find four more crewmen on which Zalen can help with cure magic. The two clerics will be better prepared in the morning after meditating for new prayers.

Replacement ship supplies are purchased (5 shares of roughly 500gp) via having the merchants drop it off on the pier and then having crew bring it aboard.

Wogan asks for news from Zalen who shares:

- The Dragoon ship *Albatross* has not yet returned from its hunt for Garl Bloodbane's treasure.
- More stories and rumors of shark attacks – super aggressive.

Zalen volunteers to take the fishing trawler survivor to a sanitarium or to the man's family if they can be located. The pirates agree and invite him to a late dinner, drinks and conversation. He reports on little Jessica McFarrows and her father – the pair are being funded by Zalen with housing and food. The father's mind is still mostly broken. He departs later with the sole survivor of the trawler in tow.

The next morning Wogan and Serpent repeat the examinations for shakes, and find one more infected.

Tommy Blacktoes drops by to share information and find out what's going on with the ship, including that the deed was stole from Corg by Falken, that people are betting on how many times Corg has sex a day (eight times a day, with the especially willing prostitute Bordeaux), that Corg busted down a second story wall to beat up a peeping tom, the peeping tom is a somewhat rich

merchant who was angry, that the peeping tom operation was actually a moneymaking scheme on the part of the pirates to get money off of curious townsfolk that wanted to see a minotaur reaming out a hooker, etc.

Discussion turns to taking over the dockside Salty Dogs gang by taking out their leadership and taking over. They have a ton of intel on the SD operations thanks to crewman Club Breaker Cordell who has infiltrated them, including their general money making means, info on their leader Rickard Breedon, minor leader Glocue, packs of dogs they keep with them, etc. The pirates will launch their attack tomorrow night with a gathering at their brothel the Lavender Feather. The crew are not informed to avoid leaks.

The next day no new cases of the shakes are found and the quarantine is ended. The pirate crew are paid and released with watch crews given only part of their shares, again to guarantee their return for duty.