

REAYERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 02/28/2021

TODAY'S EPISODE: NIGHT OF THE SHARK PART II

Our heroes sailed the *Chainbreaker* into Port Shaw moments before Dajobas' cultists started the Night of the Shark. Once there, our heroes split into three teams to rescue dependents and gather allies. The dependents are hidden in the jungle and the allies are led to the last known location of the Mwangi artifact that can help defeat Dajobas.

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).

Rescue the Jawbone

Wogan, Serpent, Samaritha, Sindawe, Saluthra, Father Zalen, Mitabu, and chief Mokoli Ali'i, plus two of his native warriors (Tambo and Changa) leave the abandoned plantation for Port Shaw. There they intend to rescue the Mwangi shaman Milliauka and more importantly a Mwangi artifact that keeps the slobbering, shark god Dajobas exiled from this dimension. The Kraken's Gullet is where the shaman and jawbone were captured.

Sindawe and Serpent use *bats of disguise* to make themselves look like were-sharks. They'll shout at any real were-sharks, "These prisoners belong to us! We are taking them to sacrifice pit!" Samaritha casts *disguise self* to obtain the same effect.

Changa and Tambo are not thrilled with this plan, because "Well, maybe they really are were-sharks!"

The rescue party navigates the outer layers of the city, noting were-shark carnage, dead were-sharks, and a number of unchecked fires. Most homes are buttoned up tight with the lights off.

They turn a corner where Sergeant Darenar is leading a small patrol of dragoons.

Sindawe attempts to bluff them with, “Run or be consumed by a mighty were-sharks! We are taking these prisoners to the sacrifice pit! Or maybe eat them... whichever comes first!”

The Sergeant looks the group over, then points at Mokoli Ali’i and shouts, “You! You’re that chief! Where is the jawbone? Your were-shark disguises are clever, but not clever enough... unless you were going for halfling were-sharks!”

The Sergeant and his dragoons begin changing shape... into their were-shark hybrid form.

Several scream out as they change shape with great enthusiasm, “Over here brothers! It’s the Mwangi chief! And that really cool pirate captain, that really cool and fat sea priest, and that cruel Ulfen that hates shuttered windows!”

Wogan points and fires his *mace of terror* at the dragoons causing four to flee down an alley, shrieking, “He is cool and so TERRIBLE!”

Weapons are drawn! Sgt. Darenar hits Serpent with a magical thrown warhammer to which Father Zalen shouts, “That was my father’s hammer!”

Zalen uses a positive energy burst on the dragoon patrol (16pts). Samaritha points a *magic missile* wand at the Sergeant (14pts). Serpent, Mokoli Ali’i, Saluthra, Changa, and Tambo team up on the Sergeant (47pts). Darenar performs a great cleave on his many foes, smacking Changa and Tambo with his war hammer. Then he is hit by a *lightning bolt* thrown by Zalen and more *magic missiles* and a bullet. The Sergeant dies.

The remaining dragoon attacks Sindawe and connects with a double handed long sword swing (15pts). Wogan shoots that one in the back with a silver bullet. Mitabu joins in with a sneak attack (26pts), knocking him prone! A flurry of temple sword swings from Sindawe ends the evil creature's life.

Zalen claims his father's war hammer, "This is Maelstorm! My father's weapon!"

Wogan asks, "Did you mean Maelstrom?"

Zalen assures him "Maelstorm is correct."

They flee the area, hoping to avoid were-shark reinforcements, leaving the bodies unlooted including a set of magic banded mail that Darenar was buying from them on consignment.

The Buffet

They arrive on the street where the Kraken's Gullet sits. It is a three-story building. Blood in great quantity leaks out the open front door. The pirates remain out of sight at a nearby building. Father Zalen hands out some buff spells while Wogan heals.

Mitabu sneaks up on the building to peek through windows. He spots several were-sharks eating dead restaurant staff and patrons. He sees several more searching the dining area. A single Mwangi that he does not recognize is tied to a chair. The air carries a strong alchemical smell that he knows is a jungle trick designed to thwart tracking by scent. A single were-shark guards the front door. Mitabu goes unnoticed.

He signals back to his companions, "Seven were-sharks, maybe more, inside!"

Sindawe says to his companions, "Draw them out!" He uses the *bat of disguise* to appear as the missing shaman, steps out into the open, then shouts, "Hey, sharkies! I'm out here! Yes, it is I the great and mighty Milliauka! With the whale jawbone!"

The were-sharks bite, figuratively at least. The one guarding the door shouts to his companions and rushes outside! He rushes Sindawe and hits with his masterwork rapier (10pts). The three in the dining area dash to the front door. More on the upper floors move to the stairs.

Sindawe's temple sword slashes his attacker to bloody wreckage, but the attacker remains standing. Mokoli Ali'i, Changa and Tambo eagerly charge the front door, crashing into three were-sharks. Sindawe and Wogan curse them for charging into a fair fight. Mitabu throws a firebomb into that melee, knowing that Wogan had put *protection from fire* on everyone in the party. Father Zalen throws a *sonic burst* into that inferno, leaving several were-sharks stunned (hybrid form).

More were-sharks run and fall down the stairs, then crash through the dining room. Serpent charges and ends the were-shark attacking Sindawe. Wogan shoots a stunned were-shark (15pts).

The were-sharks crowding the door bite and claw Changa and Tambo. Sindawe joins the press, slashing with his temple sword. He and the other Mwangi cut down the most heavily wounded were-shark. Zalen's *lightning lord* bolts rain down on the other were-sharks.

From his hiding place, Milliauka casts *web*, catching some but not all of the were-shark group from upstairs in the dining room. Mitabu spits a poisoned blow gun dart at a webbed were-shark (saved vs poison, 2pts). Two in the webs rip through and pile into the melee at the front door. Another crashes through the window that Mitabu is crouched behind (12pts). The last one runs after shaman Milliauka, biting him (8pts). Mitabu delivers a surprise pistol shot into the were-shark attacking Milliauka (14pts).

Serpent struggles against the press of bodies at the front door of Kraken's Gullet. He swings his ax (31pts) at a were-shark. Wogan's *lightning lord* bolts rain down on were-sharks everywhere! A pair of rogue were-sharks team up on Serpent (27pts), then one dies from a flurry

of blows from Sindawe. The Mwangi chieftain and warriors gang up on another were-shark, killing him. Zalen throws his father's warhammer at a were-shark, BOOM! It flies back to his hand. The other were-shark capable of backstabbing narrowly avoids a *bold monster* spell thrown by Samaritha. The remaining were-sharks bite, claw, and swing long swords.

Serpent hacks at a were-shark enforcer (39pts), then Saluthra grabs the enforcer... she enfolds him in her coils, crushing flesh into bone. Sindawe steps to the other were-shark and kills him with a flurry of blows. The last were-shark in the door dies from *magic missiles* and a thrown war hammer.

Milliauka squares off against a single, lightly wounded were-shark who tears into him. The shaman is barely standing. Then a trio of Mwangi burst into that bubble of violence: Mokoli Ali'i, Changa and Tambo crash into the were-shark (39pts) threatening their shaman. The shaman delivers the touch spell *touch of fatigue* to that were-shark. That spell saves the trio of Mwangi warriors some blood, when the fatigued were-shark turns on them (two hits, two misses). They return the favor with barbarian raged fueled weapon swings! The were-shark dies.

Mitabu drops an electricity trap, then tumbles away from the were-shark hanging out a window in the Kraken's Gullet. The were-shark follows Mitabu, stepping into the trap (15pts). Wogan screams at it, "Get back inside!" then blasts it with his blunderbuss (18pts). Sindawe hits it with a flying stunning kick (14pts); the were-shark is stunned! Mitabu stabs the stunned monster to death (49pts)!

The rescue party gathers around the wounded shaman, Milliauka, who tells them about the attack on Kraken's Gullet. Zalen and Wogan dispense healing magic to Milliauka, Mitabu and others.

Milliauka recounts, “I escaped and hid when Dajobas’ wicked followers attacked us. The warriors assigned by the Ali’i to safeguard me and the jawbone bravely purchased my evasion with their lives. They took our Mwangi councilman prisoner and slaughtered everyone else without remorse. They sought me out with their heightened smell until I deployed an old shaman trick to mask scents with the stench of copulating fruit monkeys. As they widened their search to cover the floors above I heard them yell back and forth about an unholy site down by the docks... they were to take the jawbone as soon as possible so that others might free Dajobas to roam this world.”

Milliauka waves the whale jawbone while continuing to orate, “Fear not! This jawbone is mighty magic against Dajobas’ followers!”

Sindawe eyes the bone dubiously.

Milliauka finishes, “We have to stop Dajobas’ followers from sacrificing the townsfolk because... <he notes the raised eyebrows of his Mwangi tribesmen> Well, okay, it would mean fewer foreigners causing us grief but the trade-off is more were-sharks eating us!” A brief debate over whether were-sharks or white people are more predatory ensues.

Milliauka is relieved to see some of his audience finally nodding in agreement.