

REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 03/28/2021 TODAY'S EPISODE: NIGHT OF THE SHARK PART IV

Our heroes sailed the *Chainbreaker* into Port Shaw moments before Dajobas' cultists started the Night of the Shark. Our heroes and their allies rescued the shaman and the scrimshaw whalebone artifact, the *Jawbone of Kabo Ali'i*, then rushed to the docks to interfere with the Dajobas followers who are threatening to sacrifice townsfolk unless someone coughs up the Jawbone. A giant melee ensued.

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).

Dock Fight!

Wogan, Serpent, Samaritha, Sindawe, Saluthra, Father Zalen, Mitabu, and Mokoli Ali'i (Chief Mokoli), one of his native warriors (Chaga), and the Mwangi shaman Milliauka are at the Port Shaw docks.

A fire set by the were-shark goons and a *blade barrier* (of shark teeth) have cut off an ocean facing portion of the dock from the land side. A homemade raft sits in the water about 100' away. The raft is covered in whale oil and has a number of locals and friends of the PCs tied up on it. Serpent boarded the raft to fight the were-sharks that were killing the prisoners. Falken Drango joined him a bit later after a cannonball fueled trip line removed a few other were-sharks. Of course, that's all debatable to the rest of the party since the raft is covered in a vision limiting sleet, courtesy of Wogan's *sleet storm* spell.

Wogan and Sindawe are on the water side of the dock, the fire and *blade barrier* at their backs. Dalang Jalar, one-time Gozreh high-priest and now high-priest of Dajobas, lurks in the waters in between them and the raft, having taken the form a huge shark.

Serpent uses his sharp scent to smell for enemies – two of the “prisoners” smell of salt-water and chum. He attacks the closest with horrifyingly effective battle ax swing (59pts). The townie, forcibly converted to the Dajobas were-shark horde, is horribly wounded! Aboard the raft another were-shark climbs aboard to join the two townies that are also were-sharking (transforming now)! Falken and Serpent battle it out with the were-sharks... Falken seeks flanking against his opponent.

Several dozen Mwangi townsfolk, inspired by Mokoli Ali'i and his brandishing of the Jawbone, return from their rescue of non-combatant townsfolk. They hesitate at the fire's edge.

Three more were-sharks rush the docks from the screaming city, drawn by the scent of blood. Mokoli Ali'i urges the Mwangi to stand firm against these new foes. They do so and pay dearly in blood and limbs as the were-sharks chew through their ranks. The Ali'i and his warrior join the bloody fray – laying about with silver spear and great clubs, backed with barbarian rage.

And the moon turns the color of blood! A towering hulk emerges from the surf near where Sindawe and Wogan stand. It is a creature of shark-like form, its massive chest is a field of shark maws squirming insatiably for prey. Wogan recognizes this kind of manifestation; “It's a herald of Dajobas!”

It rushes Sindawe missing with a bite and hitting with a claw. It pulls the monk to its torso where biting mouths tear at his flesh (17pts). Sindawe escapes and throws a futile punch at it. Wogan casts *freedom of movement*, ducks the herald's long tail that has yet another shark maw on it, and touches Sindawe.

Milliauka, also on this side of the *blade barrier*, yells out, “It’s a herald of Dajobas, the Drolsharg!”

Wogan complains, “All he added to what I already said was a proper noun! And that’s not actionable!” In response a faraway towns person yells in affirmation, “They’re taking our jobs!!!”

A fiery form emerges from the burning dock and slams into Drolsharg (15pts)! Pelé’s pet has joined the fight in response to Wogan calling on her for aid! It’s a giant magma golem that the volcanic goddess has sent to thwart Dajobas.

Father Zalen rushes through the *blade barrier* (37pts) to arrive at Wogan’s side, then uses a *cure* spell on himself. He casts *call lightning* spells at the Drolsharg (8pts).

Samaritha casts *fly* on herself and flies over the *blade barrier* and the water toward the raft. Jalamar changes course in the water and hits her with a *cone of cold* as she passes overhead. Saluthra slithers off the dock and into the dark streets of the city, well those not lit by uncontrolled fires. Mitabu flings a firebomb at Jalamar’s fin (14pts). Samaritha uses the Mask of the Skull’s *finger of death* on Jalamar (17pts after he saves)! Jalamar submerges.

The Drolsharg frenzies, then attacks Sindawe and the magma monster. It wounds the magma monster but is burned in turn. Sindawe flanks with the magma monster and hits the herald with a flurry of blows (52pts silver, 14pts electricity). Wogan shoots it too with a silver bullet (15pts).

Mokoli shouts at Sindawe, “It is weakened! Hit it with the jawbone! It will send Drolsharg back to Dajobas’ dimension!”

Sindawe shouts back, “You should have led with that last session when we asked what this thing does! Or even mentioned it!”

The magma monster bull rushes the Drolsharg allowing Sindawe to whack it with the jawbone, which forces it back to whatever hell-plane Dajobas resides.

Back on the raft full of hostages, Falken sneak attacks a were-shark, hurting it. Serpent ends the heavily wounded townie were-shark, then turns and ends the other one that Falken has been working on! Falken throws his tricorne hat into the water where it turns into a sailboat for their escape. Serpent answers this by tossing bound prisoners into it like sacks of flour. Falken loads six people in the same amount of time while demanding of Serpent, “Bet me 50gp on who can load more!” Serpent answers by loading 3 more!

The Mwangi commoners continue to fight alongside the Ali'i and his warriors against the were-shark trio. Father Zalen uses *dispel magic* to remove the blade barrier. Mitabu realizes he is cut off from land by burning dock, so he rushes forward to the *Chainbreaker* along a dock that is being pummeled by volcanic ash and debris. He runs along the dock and up the ship's gangplank, narrowly avoiding a scary clown doll (Mr. Smiles) who is defending the gang plank via tripwire.

Shaman Milliauka reminds Sindawe, “The jawbone goes inside Jalaran to ensure Dajobas' scheme is utterly crushed! It won't help you kill Jalaran, but it is controlling Dajobas related 'badness' on the metaphysical level so that's good. Just kill Jalaran normally, then stick the jawbone into him!”

Sindawe replies, “Got it! Get away from the edge unless you want to end up like Samuel L. Jackson in *The Deep Blue!*”

Milliauka nods, lays a *resist energy (fire)* on himself, and runs through the flames to join his chief in combat against the were-sharks.

Chaga, the Ali'i's lieutenant, dies from the unwanted attentions of a were-shark. His mighty club falls to the dock.

Wogan channels positive energy to heal himself and those near him (17pts).

The magma monster vomits lava off the dock into the ocean. A steam bath washes over those nearby.

Father Zalen uses *raise water* to flood the dock and extinguish the fires! The fighters on the dock find themselves in waist deep water.

Sindawe yells at the ocean, “Jalamar, you loser! I heard you failed to bring back the right bird when you were sent to find Gozreh’s sacred bird! Did you even bring back a bird? Also, I have the jawbone!”

The water rises even dramatically (20’ deep on land) – Jalamar added his own *raise water* into the mix. The water floods the dock and the fight between the Mwangi and were-sharks. More sharks seem likely to join the fray as a result.

Wogan casts water breathing on himself, Zalen and Sindawe. Then he swims for shore.

Father Zalen ceases his *raise water* spell, ending the flood and taking it down to chest level.

The Mwangi mob of untrained fighters break and run, leaving Mokoli and Milliauka alone to fight three were-sharks. Milliauka’s cure spell gives the Ali’i a lease on life, which is paid in were-shark blood! He then throws himself in front of Ali’i to protect him; were-shark claws cut him deeply (24pts). He does this once more, then drops face down in the receding surf. The Ali’i slays the last were-shark, then drags Milliauka to shore and feeds him a *cure light wounds* potion.

Falken throws the last two sacrifices into the tricorn boat, then sails away from the raft. Eventually, he ties off at the *Chainbreaker* and the sacrifices are untied; the crewpeople who aren’t heavily wounded start helping the others aboard.

Jalamar explodes from the ocean transforming from shark to shark-man form, larger than normal, dual wielding the daggers of Dajobas! He hits Sindawe four times with the daggers (52pts and 5 bleed) despite the *displacement* potion he drank earlier. Wogan swims back and heals Sindawe (40pts) with an empowered *cure* spell, then gets slashed (14pts) by Jalamar's long arms. Serpent uses his flight to charge into the Jalamar/Sindawe melee, hitting Jalamar with his magic battle ax. Sindawe's flurry of blows hits quite a bit!

Father Zalen channels positive energy to heal Wogan, Serpent, and Sindawe.

Samaritha blasts away at Jalamar with *magic missiles*, distracting his attacks! Jalamar turns into a shark (free action) to gain a stack of cover bonuses vs being attacked from the water!

Wogan shoots his underwater pistol at the Jalamar shark, then the magma monster thrashes over and pummels the shark several times. Not to be outdone, Serpent attacks Jalamar with battle ax and bite (37pts). Sindawe's flurry of silver spear jabs knocks Jalamar unconscious.

(Jalamar's damage resistance requires silver and good to overcome)

Samaritha flies into Serpent's arms! Victory!

Or Not!

It was a trick! Jalamar was playing possum! (The GM realized he forgot his DR 2/-, but plays it off as a horror movie bad guy fake death jump scare.) He returns to hybrid were-shark form, then lashes out with his daggers at those around him.

- Serpent takes 18pts, one bleed, plus a will save to avoid being cursed.
- Wogan takes 20pts, one bleed.
- Samaritha takes 16pts, one bleed.
- Sindawe is missed, thanks to *displacement*.

Wogan channels positive energy (19pts) to heal everyone in the area. Everyone unleashes heck on Jalamar! Serpent's ax ends Jalamar forever.

Sindawe shoves the whale jawbone into the dead Dalang's body "reverse Fifth Element style" while Serpent holds the corpse.

Strange wails sound from the city signaling the were-sharks are no longer were-sharks! The blood-colored moon reverts to its normal color. The water recedes from the docks. The magma man and the volcanic storm descend into the water and disappear.

Conclusion to the "Night of the Shark"

Wogan casts healing spells on Milliauka and the other wounded. The Dalang has a pair of Dajobas infused/cursed knives and a gem of water elemental summoning. The fake Dalang had a +1 vicious sword, ring of minor fire resistance, and little else.

The knives lead the bearer into Dajobas fueled adventures, so they are handed over to Milliauka to destroy in the proper way.

The whale jawbone is returned to Milliauka and Mokoli Ali'i. Its insertion into the Dalang's body ended the Dajobas related were-shark infections.

The townsfolk saw our heroes fighting monsters and weirdness, so they gain some fame. And the players get to level to 9th! It's been 5+ years at 8th level!

They have many things to attend to next:

- Gather their missing crewmen for a head count
- Deal with the Salty Dogs, since Jimmy Sticks' girlfriend, Erina, died at the docks.
- Check on their ship and their business, the Lavender Feather brothel

- The Dragoons
- The Ring of the Kraken gang

And adventure still lies before them:

- Garr Bloodbane's treasure (involving Jacob Razor's ghost and Hot Springs Island)
- The Stormdaughter
- Fake Elias Tammerhawk and the phantoms