

REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 04/11/2021

TODAY'S EPISODE: MAN BITES SHARK

Our heroes of the *Chainbreaker* saved Port Shaw from a plot by Dalang Jalar and a were-shark horde to bring the shark god Dajobas the Devourer into this world. Said plot involved sacrificing townsfolk and a Mwangi artifact, the *Jawbone of Kabo Ali'i*. Our heroes and their allies foiled the plot by stopping the sacrifices and killing Jalar and quite a few were-sharks. And the many were-shark infected are relieved of the curse by virtue of Jalar's and Dajobas' defeat!

Our now-9th 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 After-Party of the Shark

Wogan, Serpent, Samaritha, Sindawe, Saluthra, Father Zalen, Mitabu, and Mokoli Ali'i (Chief Mokoli), and the Mwangi shaman Milliauka survived. Unnamed Mwangi auxiliaries, townsfolk, and the Ali'i's warrior buddy, Chaga, did not.

All of their foes are dead. The sea water retreats out of the city and docks, sluicing blood, corpses, and debris away into the harbor. The moon has turned from blood-colored to its normal pale white. It's half past ten at night by this point.

Melella, Flavia, and Marr Eiderson along with Falken Drango and some others are aboard the *Chainbreaker*. Most are wounded.

Father Zalen takes his leave to carry Gozreh's healing magic into the city, where there are many wounded.

The Mwangi, led by Milliauka and the Ali'i, head back to their native village hideout east of the city.

Wogan and Mitabu head into the city to see how the Lavender Feather made out during the were-shark apocalypse. Sindawe reminds them, "Drop by Flotsam Alley and rob that Dragoon patrol of were-sharks we killed earlier tonight." Wogan, replies, "Sure, if they are there."

The bodies are there but their loot is not. Even in the throes of disaster, Port Shaw is happy to gobble up unattended goodies.

They arrive at the brothel, where Thalios Dondrel, son of Mordekai, challenges them through the door, "What's the password?"

Wogan shouts, "Open up or I'll blow your head off!"

Thalios agrees that Wogan knows the password and orders the door opened. Once the barricade is cleared, Molly rushes into Wogan's arms.

Wogan takes a head count and finds that only Wekk the Cloven is dead. The rest are wounded and tired.

Crazy Jake, Feather, and Ophelia are tied to chairs in a room upstairs, because they were bitten by were-sharks! Wogan examines them and frees them, explaining, "The curse is over!"

Gareb declares it "party time", so Wogan starts to depart until Molly reminds him the brothel has a well-stocked rum supply. Wogan allows, "I can stay for a while."

Serpent and Sindawe check on the *Chainbreaker*, moving tenderly through the heavily damaged portions of the pier. They pass the stunned Wharfmaster Creely, who is having trouble taking in the massive damages done to the docks, wharf, and shipping.

They make sure the ship is safe, ordering the crew present to guard the ship. Phamas Harcey is left in charge of only JJ, Melella, Rucia, Flavia, Said, Narbus “Lefty” Smeet, Bagrak, and Marr Eiderson.

Captain Shakes, Jenkie, Captain Lester Farrow, and other associates are also aboard the *Chainbreaker*. A crowd of townsfolk approach the ship to check on their loved ones.

There are some happy reunions, especially Farrow and his very large family. And some unhappy townsfolk looking for missing family and friends are disappointed to not find them - alive.

Jenkie and Captain Shakes volunteer to retrieve the dead from the waters and the makeshift raft. Sindawe orders half of his crew to assist.

The Serpent Homestead

Serpent takes leave to check on his home. Falken Drango leaves with him.

Drango places a blonde wig on his head to disguise himself, as he is “the famous pirate Falken Drango” then runs to catch up with Serpent. They stride merrily through the dark and abandoned streets.

He asks Serpent, “I want to ask Sindawe for my ship back. How should I ask?”

Serpent replies, “He’ll want something for the *Night Slink*. What do you have?”

Drango offers, “I have some gold from Rape Monkey Island. My reputation and bravery! Having me at the helm of my old ship would be nothing but the greatest and advantage to you and yours!”

Serpent says, “I feel like you’ll need to offer something solid or even a treasure map.”

Drango considers, “Oh yes, I keep a heist or two ready in my pocket. The *Whale Finder* was captured by a cursed Sargasso. It should be full of whale oil and other whale valuables.”

They pass near the Jade District, noting that the Dragoons and other municipal military and law have erected and manned barricades to defend the wealthy against the un-materialized were-shark and poor people mobs.

Serpent notices a monkey being lowered on a fishing line toward Falken Drango's head. The monkey reaches for Falken's blonde wig until Serpent's shield bashes it into orbit. Serpent and Drango race up after the fishing line's owner by climbing the building's exterior.

Serpent reaches the top first, then races up the roof's steep slope to grab one of a pair of prospective wig thieves. Falcon reaches the other a second or two later. They appear to be a middle aged man and woman who are drinking and living that urban roof life.

Then they rob the wig thieves of anything of value, which largely includes drugs, mostly a dragonsmoke variant, and drug paraphernalia. And a book titled, "Splendid Visions of the Druid". The wig thieves depart with their lives.

A short time later they arrive at the villa Serpent's family calls home. Serpent walks the perimeter, checking windows, doors, and gates. He finds some tracks indicating someone, four men, entered his villa after his family departed last night. He finds the door they entered through locked so he and Falken climb up to the balcony and let themselves in.

Serpent sneaks inside and toward the murmurs of the home intruders. They appear to be a group of well-armed pirates.

Serpent throws himself forward with drawn battle ax, screaming, "Explain yourselves!"

One of the men shouts back, "This house belongs to us!"

Serpent responds by cutting the man deeply with his battleaxe. The others flee in different directions. Falken kills the one that runs out the front door. Serpent corners another in the kitchen.

The man admits, “We were only seeking shelter here! Let us go!”

Serpent agrees, “Yes, you can go, but leave anything you took from here or my wife will find you!”

Serpent watches them depart, then checks for damages and missing items.

Looking for Salty Dogs

Back at the docks more people have emerged from their hiding places on the docks and various ships lined up there. More people come out of the city to ask questions. Sindawe points them to Marr Eiderson who recites his draft ballad of the night’s events.

Sindawe notes that Jimmy Sticks and the Salty Dogs are missing and that things seem under control here, so he personally retrieves Erina’s body from the makeshift raft, wraps it carefully in sail cloth. And a dead crewman is also retrieved, wrapped and then stored in the meat locker.

Sindawe throws Erina’s corpse over his shoulder and heads to the Salty Dogs’ HQ. There he finds that the Dogs have flown the coop taking their gear and dogs with them. They fled hours ago. Sindawe searches the neighboring buildings for occupants or night watchmen to see who saw what.

He finds one such watchman peering out a window who refuses to communicate with him. He lays Erina’s corpse down in line of sight, then disappears to find a way inside. He forces his way inside to find that the night watchman is a propped-up corpse. A small constitution draining insect attacks Sindawe but is quickly killed. Sindawe robs the dead man, then takes his keys to explore the warehouse. He finds plenty of crates but beats a hasty retreat upon hearing more stirges.

He drags Erina's corpse to the Lavender Feather to find the party in full swing. No one knows where the Salty Dogs have disappeared to, but Tommy is sure they'll surface soon given their numbers.

Sindawe tells Wogan and Tommy about the unguarded warehouse, 10-20 crates. Tommy suggests the sewers and Wogan remembers the empty storehouse they encountered awhile back complete with a loading pit. The area was originally built to house one of Port Shaw's emergency depots/bunkers but was being used by a succubus making a giant firebomb to take out the church of Gozreh.

They agree on the plan:

- Wogan, Mitabu and Tommy are sent ahead to scout the depot/bunker.
- Lil and Thalios (drunk) are sent to Serpent's home to send Serpent to the Salty Dog warehouse.
- Sindawe takes the rest of the partying pirates to the warehouse. They are already pretty intoxicated so this is likely to be quite a time.

It's Not A Disaster Without Looting

Wogan, Mitabu and Tommy investigate the block house, still abandoned. They deal with an aggressive swarm of rats, then descend into the storage bunker to find it empty and safe. Same for the access silo.

Lavender Lil and Thalios Dondrel arrive at Serpent's house despite a Lavender Feather patron stopping them in the street in an open attempt to hire them for sex. They refuse and arrive safely at Serpent's house, where Falken is aggressively chugging bottles of Samaritha's wine and Serpent is busily cleaning up the damage left by the men he just chased off.

Serpent listens to their drunken message about “Sindawe is going to some warehouse” and decides to head to the docks. He locks up his house after ensuring they are all out. Lil, Thalios, and Falken accompany him. Eventually, Serpent guesses “oh, the Salty Dogs HQ”. Meanwhile, Thalios and Falken argue about which of them is better, braver, and more sexually active.

Sindawe’s team encounters a frightened woman hiding from the chaos on their way to steal a wagon. Her name is Carna (ragged chemise, close cropped red hair, 5’5”), prostitute who works the docks solo, while being abused and occasionally robbed by monsters, sailors and Salty Dogs. She doesn’t know where the Salty Dogs took off for or that they are gone. But she does know where a ready to steal wagon exists.

She comes along for the protection and leads them to a cargo wagon depot.

Sindawe leaves his team for a brief moment to check on a reported sighting of a pair of pirates dragging a couple of bodies along. He leaves them alone.

They make the warehouse where Serpent’s team joins them a short time later, who announce themselves via Falken and Thalios arguing about their sexual conquests in a manner audible half a block away.

The men enter the warehouse, where they kill stirges inefficiently at first. A bundle of tobacco is accidentally set on fire by drunk pirates. Sindawe drags the tobacco out after the battle turns in favor of the pirates. Tasty Mike finally leads the lion’s share of the stirges out of the warehouse then ditches them around back in a “Shaun of the Dead” style sacrifice run.

The looted warehouse produces 9 crates of clothing, 2 big bundles of tobacco, and 1 crate of armor. The wagon groans under the weight, but holds up until they reach the storage site. They unload, then lock up (Mitabu was able to pick the locks to break in).

They ditch the wagon and horses far away from there, then head back to the Lavender Feather. Upon noticing the building is too quiet, they pull back and send in a scout. Tommy checks it out and reports whispering from inside. Further scouting doesn't show any gangs waiting nearby.

Wogan is left in charge of the pirates while Tommy leads Serpent and Sindawe in through a second-floor balcony that hasn't been repaired from an earlier fight. They find a quiet brothel because Feather, other employees, and the customers are looking pensively at a tarp covered corpse.

Sindawe sends most of the pirates outside plus Carna away to keep the possible murder that much more under wraps. Lil, Wogan, Thalios and Sindawe join Tommy and Serpent inside.

Murder Most Foul

Klangin lets them inside then locks up after they are in.

Feather says, "Welcome back."

Serpent asks, "What happened? Who knows?"

Feather, "Everyone else is off in private rooms. These (she gestures toward the other NPCs) saw him just fall over. Dead."

Wogan and Serpent check the corpse and find nothing.

Feather and Ophelia explain that the dead patron ate an orange from a fruit basket. It was delivered during the day, a gift from a satisfied customer.

Feather explains, "The delivery guy seemed like a servant not a patron."

Serpent asks for a physical description, which is provided.

No one knows who the delivery guy is from the description. Wogan speculates, “They were out to randomly poison someone.”

Sindawe produces a *potion of detect poison* and hands it to Tommy.

Tommy says, “This poison is dark reaver powder. It’s expensive. Maybe that old assassin supply guy knows more about it.”

The victim’s name is Tall Jim, no one important, a regular and good customer.

Serpent says, “Well, no one should eat any gifts in the future.”

Feather nods in agreement.

Serpent thinks to himself, “It could have been my wife, Samaritha.” The serpent woman found him getting a bit too close to Feather and gave them a good blasting earlier.

Next Up

They run down the list of things to do:

- Salty Dogs – track them down.
- Dragon Smoke Distribution – Bonegnaw, Gerrig (Salty Barnacle)
- Ring of the Kraken – Fr. Noeliss
- Phantoms – skin suit wearing well to do people
- Elias Tammerhawk
- Stormdaughter
- The Dragoons
- The Ring of the Kraken gang
- Garr Bloodbane’s treasure (involving Jacob Razor’s ghost and Hot Springs Island). Old Makana knows about Jacob’s ghost curse.

- Jacob murdered by Bonedeuce
- Bonedeuce ordered the Albatross to investigate the Garr Bloodbane's treasure
 - Wogan has word from Albatross, which is the vicinity of Hot Springs Island.
 - Jacinth had information by Hot Springs Island, because she's half-elf and wants to know more about the elves. HSI is full of elvish ruins. Her father is Vicount
 - Letter to Jacinth Deepwater
 - Jason Deepwater silver signet ring.
 - Hot Springs Island is very far away. The pirates have a map of the island from Jacinth Deepwater. It's supposed to be full of ancient elven cities. It is a lost island. They have a map of where it is located from the gnoll drug supplier Bone Gnawer.
 - 250gp minimum for the signet ring.
- The Stormdaughter
- Fake Elias Tammerhawk and the phantoms