

REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 05/19/2012

TODAY'S EPISODE: PATCHING IN

Our heroes are docked at Riddleport. Their crew runs amok in the city buying, drinking, drugging, fighting, fornicating, and stealing. Wogan, Serpent, Sindawe and a small landing party are currently escorting the Cypher Lodge mages on their outing to study the Cypher Gate. A mob showed up to interrupt that study, but they dispersed after the pirates captured the demagogue organizing the venture. The next step is to interrogate the demagogue followed by a bit of mayhem with his paymaster. Our heroes are:

- ▲ Captain Sindawe H'kilata Narr of the *Teeth of Araska*, the fist-punchin' Mwangi monk (Chris).
- ▲ Bosun Ref "Serpent" Jorensen, the staff-bashin' ulfen druid/ranger and his snake Saluthra (Paul).
- ▲ Samaritha, the wand-blastin' serpentfolk wizard in the guise of a pretty half-elf, and now Serpent's wife!
- ▲ Hatshepsut, monk and high priestess of a lost civilization who doesn't savvy much Common and her cobra Naja.
- ▲ Captain Wogan of the *Black Bunyip*, the pistol-packin' celibate cleric of Gozreh (Patrick).
- ▲ Bosun Tommy Blacktoes, the staff-slingin' sneaky halfling rogue.
- ▲ Lavender Lil, a buxom tiefling ex-prostitute, and Tommy's girlfriend.
- ▲ With them are *Teeth of Araska* pirates:
 - ▲ Survivors from the ship's previous pirate crew
 - ▲ Ex-slaves escaped from their Chelish owner (Martino Marcellano)
 - ▲ Other recruits, some willing, some not, including a few from the Andoran Colony.
- ▲ 20 or so pirates captured along with the *Black Bunyip*; they have signed on with the *Araska*. Their ex-captain, Morgan Baumann, languishes without thumbs in the Citadel.

Picnic Lunch at the Cypher Gate

Captain Scarbelly finished his "pirating" conversation with Captain Sindawe, so he and his orcs depart. Several of his crew linger to try their luck with Lavender Lil, who has been shamelessly flirting with them for the last hour. Aggro, an ogre and Scarbelly's lieutenant, pulls out his *cat of nine tails* to move them along. Those orcs nervously eye Aggro, then lustily eye Lil.

Lil skillfully manipulates the lingering orcs, "Oh, I am so sorry you can't stay and... talk." She leans into each one, playfully slapping their hands away, and whispers, "Ask for my friend, Seyanna, at the Silken Veil. Tell her Lavender Lil sent you and she'll treat you real nice and give you a discount." The orcs make happy noises as Aggro's *cat of nine tails* chases them along.

Wogan and Serpent overhear this last bit and understand that Lil is sending these orcs to her succubus friend, Seyanna. Best case, they will feed her demonic hunger and return to their lives feeling drained but satiated. Worst case, Seyanna will recruit them into her cult of Nocticula, demoness lord of Lust.

Sindawe, Serpent and Wogan drag the unconscious demagogue they captured previously into the fog and away from their crew and the mages. Wogan uses *cure light wounds* to revive the man. It takes the pirates awhile to convince the man that he can answer their questions or disappear off the nearby cliff. The man chooses to answer questions:

- Sindawe asks, "What is your name?"
- Wogan slaps the man demanding, "Answer the man!" *Fallon*

- Why did you whip up that crowd? Who hired you? *No one! I am a patriot. Those fancyboys need to be run out of town. They nearly destroyed Riddleport once.*
- OK. What is your group's name? *The Good Citizens of Riddleport.*
- So, if I kill you then the problem goes away. Right? *No, I'm an upstanding member of this community... and The Good Citizens of Riddleport. People love me!*
- Who ordered you to whip up that mob? *Marlin gave me the money. He's higher up in the organization. He told me the fancyboys were coming out today. He told to get some members and citizens out here intercept them.*
- Serpent asks, "And who backs Marlin?" *Mr. Clegg Zincher! We voted for him! He's done wonderful things for Riddleport.*
- So you work for Zincher? *Nd! You don't understand. The Good Citizens don't work for Zincher. His businesses finance our meetings and public works, but then so do a lot of other businessmen. Citizen's groups like ours pick up the slack because there aren't enough gendarmes and honest folks to make things work. We help hold elections, back candidates, and make sure stuff gets done. The Overlord doesn't recognize us as government or rivals as long as we stick to matters he doesn't care about.*

The pirate officers bring Eli into the conversation and up to date.

Eli listens to it all, then says, "I thought the rock throwers were just riffraff."

Wogan replies, "Despite what this guy is saying, Clegg Zincher is behind these mobs.

Do you guys have any connection to him?"

Eli shakes his head "no", then explains, "Tammerhawk took care of us when it came to Riddleport politics. After Tammerhawk fell Thorgrim took over and did the same. Since his death

we have just holed up. None of the factions have visited or offered overtures. We no longer have the reputation or menace needed to be left to ourselves."

Serpent asks, "So, you think it is nothing personal?"

Eli muses, "I doubt it is personal. Certainly, not with me. Or anyone currently living in my organization."

Sindawe says, "You have to do something. Cut a deal with Clegg Zincher. Or send a message with violence."

Eli shakes his head, "Ours is an organization in search of knowledge. We have very few offensive casters and even fewer who would be inclined to do what you are describing. I will reach out to Mr. Zincher at the festivities you mentioned."

Wogan says, "You should invest in guards, at least for the party. Check out the *Tranquil Shark Protection Agency*. They look like professionals."

The mages continue their study of the gate into the late afternoon. Sindawe calls it a day when the beer supply is exhausted. The pirates escort the fancyboys back to their lodge.

Most of the crew split off from the group in ones and twos without fanfare, intent on pursuing their own low entertainments. In one instance, the officers pretend not to hear the sound of breaking glass.

Later that evening, Samaritha and Serpent return to the Windward district to visit the *Block and Tackle* store. They pay the balance on the protective chest being built for their eggs. The final cost is 6500gp; they both pay for half. The final step is to "key" the magic lock to their persons. The chest will be ready in two to three days.

Divinations, Interviews, Letters, and Religion

As the officers continue their walk back into town, Wogan relates the vision Gozreh gave him:

A picturesque bay's clear blue water gleams under the high sun. The air is lightly scented with salt and sea breeze. Suddenly, the water turns to blood and the air smells of copper. Wogan has a strong sense of something awful lurking further out in the bay... something that he might be able to stop.

Wogan explains, "I think it has to do with my sister in Nidal. I believe we need to go there and save her." The bearded pirate chuckles, then adds, "Or maybe the danger is us. And we could save her by not going."

Serpent says, "Well, we could get a second opinion. The Cypher Mages owe us. We can have them research the matter."

Sindawe looks puzzled, then asks, "But I thought divination was only possible with divine magic?"

Wogan (rolls a natural 1), "Uh, you might be right. Divination does contain the word *divine... divina*."

Sindawe nods, "Yeah! I've never heard of a sorcerer or wizard using goat entrails or talking about chakras."

Serpent shakes his head, "No, I'm pretty sure arcane casters can do divinations." The Ulfen launches into a long and complex explanation. Wogan and Sindawe's take aways are:

- Serpent must be learning stuff from Samaritha, because the Ulfen has never shown interest in such topics before.
- Samaritha might be right. She's terribly clever.

The officers continue their friendly argument until they arrive at the *Gold Goblin*. They find a long line of pretty, young prostitutes lined up outside. Each woman is dressed and made-up to impress. Hans and Beyar are guarding the front door and keeping the prostitutes "in line". The pair appear burned out on strumpet flesh and sass; they ignore the women and the women quietly wait their turn.

Sindawe asks one of the women, "What's up?"

The first woman ignores the question and attempts to barter sex for coin. The second woman he asks replies, "Saul Vancaskerkin is having try-outs for *Cheat the Devil and Steal His Gold*."

Wogan and Serpent head to the bar. Out of curiosity, Sindawe follows the next prostitute to Saul's office. Saul greets Sindawe, then proceeds with the interview:

Saul proceeds with the interview, "What's your name?"

The young woman says, "Bonsai."

Sindawe blurts out, "That's an awful name... for your line of business." The woman looks slightly worried.

Saul continues, "You look familiar. You worked for me last year, right?"

Bonsai replies, "Yes. It was a good gig. I want to work this year's too."

Saul looks thru a stack of papers, then examines one page carefully. "It says here you took in less money than the other girls."

Bonsai starts making excuses, "I was in a bad section. Some of the other girls were cahoots with the bartenders and the pit boss to get the better johns. My personal reading at the temple of Calistra said last year wasn't going to be my best. And..."

Saul waves her quiet, "OK. Let's make sure the problem isn't you. Put a smile on that black bastard's face."

Sindawe announces, "Uh, yeah, that's my signal to leave." He does so.

At the bar, Wogan drinks alone and cleans his firearms. Sindawe joins him and inquires with Marzielle Ajuela about the party she is organizing on his behalf. Their small talk continues as Wogan re-assembles and loads his guns.

Wogan announces, "I have to see Roland Torrin."

Sindawe says, "OK. I'll go along; I have business in the area."

Wogan and Sindawe journey down to the docks, where itinerant Gozreh priest Roland Torrin is staying.

Wogan asks, "Do you know someone named *Ansar*? Possibly from down around Nidal? My sister mentioned him in her letter."

Roland replies, "No. But I'll keep an ear to the waves."

Wogan, "When are you leaving town?"

Roland smiles, "I let Gozreh decide."

Wogan nods, "Oh, you go where he blows... uh, that came out wrong."

Meanwhile, Sindawe goes in search of a *Shimye-Magalla* shrine that he visited once many months ago. It takes awhile to find it in a common area in the dock section. Sindawe looks at the time worn shrine and the meager offerings around it. He suspects the locals have no idea which deity it represents, let alone that is a religious item. Sindawe drapes a single necklace over the shrine, then prays for guidance.

After an hour he notices a snake emerge from a nearby warehouse wall to sun itself. He takes this as a good sign, but decides against handling the creature. Back home only the shaman and madmen would dare handle *Shimye-Magalla's* avatar.

Death Cheated, Revenge Rendered Meaningless

Just before sundown Salvadora Beckett comes sauntering down the dock in her big hat and duster. Sindawe, Serpent and Wogan meet their friend on the main deck.

Salvadora says, "I have something to show you. We should be on the quarter deck." She climbs up the stairs, over to the starboard rail, then points out a nearby ship, "Your three friends are leaving town."

Serpent squints while Wogan and Sindawe pull out their spy glasses. They see a squad of gendarme escort some women onto the ship, then stand guard to guarantee they stay on board. The pirates recognize the women as the Yellow Jackets responsible for killing Little Mike: Ms Pants, Ms Whip, and... Ms Kukri.

Wogan closes his glass and says to Salvadora, "Ms Kukri... the knife woman killed Little Mike. And we killed her. That was fair. Who paid to raise her?"

Salvadora stares intently at the three men, then explains, "The House of Silken Veils paid for it. I delivered the Yellow Jackets to Madame Shorafa Pamodae, the highest local representative for Calistra. She and I went over the agreement that Riddleport has with the Calistraian sect – units like the Yellow Jackets are not allowed in Riddleport. She regrets the misunderstanding and agrees that they were in the wrong. And that they should pay to fix it. So, Pamodae raised... *Ms Kukri* as you call her. And she gave me this for your man." Salvadora hands a scroll case to Wogan.

The bearded pirate casts *detect magic* then studies the scroll case intently. It is adorned with intertwined, coupling lovers. Seeing no magical wards, he opens it and dumps out a scroll (*raise dead*) and a small bag. The bag contains enough diamond dust to supply the material component

needs for a *restoration* of a permanent negative level. Wogan explains that it is everything needed to return Little Mike properly to the land of the living.

Sindawe tells Salvadora, "Thank you. That settles the matter for us." She nods.

Serpent asks Salvadora, "What do you know about *the Good Citizens of Riddleport*? Are they allied with Clegg Zincher?"

Salvadora hesitates before answering, "Not really. They get money from his businesses." Serpent shrugs at the non-answer.

Sindawe changes the subject, "We are having a *patching in* ceremony and party tomorrow night. The Overlord and other big wigs will be there. You're invited of course."

Salvadora replies, "I am a law officer. My presence would put a real dampener on your party. Besides, I'm already running too high of a profile for my line of work."

Sindawe says, "You could wear a disguise."

Serpent blurts out, "You could always come as a stripper... uh."

Salvadora's eyes slide over to Serpent, who shuts up.

Sindawe laughs at his friend's mistake, then jokingly tells Salvadora, "You could fake your own death, just like those famous detectives do in the bardic songs. Then you can investigate without having to answer to your boss or the rules. You can bring the villains to justice."

Salvadora considers this then replies, "I do have a hanging harness." She clomps off.

Wogan tells Sindawe, "I think she was hitting on you."

Sindawe thinks about that possibility.

Sindawe and Wogan descend to the hold and open the freezer box (built with Azlanti technology). They retrieve the canvas bag holding Little Mike, which was being saved for a decent burial at sea. They carry the remains up to the main deck, then open the bag to reveal the contents.

Crew men gather about Little Mike's remains, murmuring quietly. Wogan opens the scroll and successfully casts *raise dead*. Little Mike's remains recompose as his soul returns to the Material Plane. He awakens with a choking breath, rolls over, and spits out sea water. The gathered crew cheers!

Wogan follows up with a *restoration* spell. Little Mike's color improves a bit and his breathing eases. He is alive, but very weak. Wogan offers the man rum while the crew welcomes him back. A bit later several crewmen help him down below to a hammock and some stew.

Recruitment at the Gold Goblin

Later that evening, the officers return to the *Gold Goblin* noting the line of dangerous looking individuals waiting at the front doors. They go inside to find it business as usual excepting a large group of prostitutes in one corner trying on the devil horns and tails that they will wear for the *Cheat the Devil and Take His Gold* contest.

Saul's offers them the use of his saloon for their interviews. Wogan purchases an extra rum bottle, then decides to get beer for the others.

They enter Saul's saloon to find an interviewee already present. His manner of dress screams "pirate" right down to his eye patch and poofy white shirt. The man announces, "My name is Duke Ron. I have sailed to Desperation Bay and escaped the wrath of a lich. I am your new first mate."

Sindawe, sensing that the interview is already getting out of hand, declares, "We are not hiring a first mate. We have all the officers we need. But you are welcome to hire on as crew."

Duke Ron replies, "I cannot do that. I am worth more than common crew. I can out fight, out drink, and out wench any man on your crew."

Serpent says, "Accepted. Let's fight."

Wogan says, "I don't like where this is going."

Sindawe attempts to establish rules for the fight, but Duke Ron uses the distraction to break a bottle over Serpent's head (3pts). Serpent replies with a swung chair (8pts). Duke Ron rolls away and throws his broken bottle at Serpent's head (critical hit, 2pts, shaken).

Sindawe is shocked to see Serpent use a chair rather than his trusty staff. He tells Wogan, "I think Serpent's sick. Or he has been replaced by a doppelganger. We could really use a doppelganger."

Wogan replies, "Could be." He casts *detect magic* and determines that Ron has some magic equipment but nothing better than "the basics".

Serpent shakes off the bottle to the head and rages. He rushes Ron, who dodges out of the way. Ron pulls the rug out from under Serpent, who jumps clear. Serpent decides that the time for niceties is done and whips out his staff. The swinging staff forces Ron to roll out of the way and jump atop the desk aided by Saul's "summon booze" rope bell. Serpent trips Ron with his staff just before getting kicked in the head. Ron lands heavily then attempts to grapple Serpent. However, the Ulfen's "barrel of snakes" physique triumphs. Serpent pummels the prone man with his staff several times, then pauses, "Continue?"

Duke Ron declares, "No. But Duke Ron doesn't work for scale!"

Sindawe says, "OK. Third Mate then."

Duke Ron agrees, "OK. But Duke Ron won't take orders from Sempronia. We've got history."

Wogan rolls his eyes, then asks, "Oh? What sort of history?"

Duke Ron replies, "You know... history."

This scintillating conversation is ended by a knock at the door. Sindawe opens it to find Durt with a liquor bottle and clean glasses on a fancy tray. He places the tray on the table while glancing about the damage.

Duke Ron takes his leave, "Duke Ron awaits his hiring."

Serpent watches the man leave, then says "What a dick. And he took the bottle."

Wogan pulls out a spare bottle while asking Durt, "Do you want to sign up, Durt?"

Durt quickly replies, "Yes, sirs!"

Wogan adds, "Do you have any friends that might be interested?"

Durt quickly nods, "Yes, sirs!"

Wogan smiles, "Good lad. Bring your friends to the ship tomorrow night. We'll the lot of you up."

Durt leaves quickly. Wogan yells after him, "Send up the next guy!" He turns to Serpent and Sindawe, then says, "I hope Durt survives the voyage."

The other interviews proceed apace.

- Cannonball Jack is next; he has a do-rag and a peg-leg. He is asked if he is Cannonball Jack because of the peg leg or because he's good with cannon. He admits to cannon experience, which Wogan verifies. *Welcome aboard.*
- Nemo, 14th mate on Azlant Gem, is next. He's a weedy looking type, wearing a uniform ala "ship's crew from the 5th Element". Worked his way up from 26th Mate. He has decent sailing knowledge, no cannon experience, and knows little about shipping lanes. *Welcome aboard.*
- Kent. No nickname. Really. Sailing experience, no cannon, and an indifferent attitude. *Welcome aboard.*

- Ragged Pete Morgan, dressed in clothes that have seen better days. 5 years sailing experience, no cannon experience, several confirmed kills at sea, and no special skills. Quiet and dull. *Welcome aboard.*
- George Peters declares, "I am happy to serve aboard the *Teeth of Araska.*" The *Golden Parrot* was the most valuable merchant vessel he helped take. 3 years of experience, no cannon, and no special skills. *Welcome aboard.*
- Long Bonifacio Copper is a swarthy looking foreigner from Isgar, a land locked country. He is a good gunner, decent sailor, and he would be a spider if he had to an animal. *Welcome aboard.*
- Kitty the Cantankerous is dressed like any other male sailor. She uses the rum bottle to wash off her bloody knuckles. When asked, "What are you good at?", she replies, "I can sail, shoot, and kill." Wogan asks to see her gun, which she replies to by shooting the rum bottle out of Wogan's hand. *Welcome aboard.*

The next interview is with Captain Sempronia of the *Indifferent* who is dressed in a squared away captain's uniform. She tips her hat upon entering the saloon.

Wogan says, "You will have to drop the captain getup if you sign on with us."

Sempronia replies, "I wanted to discuss that with you. If we capture another vessel I would happily captain it for you."

Sindawe says, "We'll consider that."

Wogan asks, "How do you know Duke Ron?"

She angrily replies, "Duke Ron is responsible for sinking my ship, the *Irresponsible!* It is too painful to dwell upon the details."

The discussion turns to her piracy career, which done semi-legally using *letters of marque*.

We will be in contact.

The last interview is with Melella, a half-elf woman in a tight green dress. The officers remember her from their investigation into Little Mike's murder. Her only sailing experience is with small craft at sea for short periods, but she explains she is interested in the sailor's life. Her special skills include, "...command over the natural world, spells, and knowledge of marine life, nature and animals." The officers ask a few more questions, which she passes including "you know this is a piracy operation" and "we might have to kill people". She has the standard adventurer view on killing and taking property from others. *Welcome aboard.*

Sindawe, Wogan, and Serpent discuss Duke Ron and Captain Sempronia. It is pretty clear that any ship is only big enough for one of them. They eventually settle on Sempronia, reasoning that she seems less obnoxious than Duke Ron and will be more useful in finding merchant vessels.

The officers join Sempronia at the *Gold Goblin's* bar where the deal is struck: Sempronia will serve aboard the *Teeth of Araska* as navigator, do her best as navigator and using her captaining experience to fill the hold with loot, and when that has been accomplished she will be given the next prize vessel, its cargo, and minimum crew. She will sail back to Riddleport, hand the cargo over to Saul, accept her percentage plus a loan which will be used to equip and crew up the prize vessel. She will pay back the loan plus 1,000gp a year over the next five years.

Patching In Ceremony

The next night arrives as organized chaos descends on the Riddleport dock where the *Teeth of Araska* is tied up. Marzielle Ajuela has organized the necessary permits and bribes to allow her to rope off the dock and part of the pier. She has cart loads of booze brought over from the Gold Goblin. There are numerous food carts, bards, tattooists, and other entertainers. Hans and Beyar head security. Saul has sent his newly hired succubi-dressed prostitutes to entertain, earn coin, and advertise for his *Cheat the Devil and Take His Gold* contest. Large colorful lanterns provide light and decoration.

The guests arrive during the early hours: Overlord Gaston Cromarcky, General Anton Mescher, Akron Erix, Saul Vancaskerkin, Captain Scarbelly and Aggro (plus five orcs), Four-Eyes Rhona and entourage, Cypher Mages plus Bill Sangapuatele of the Tranquil Shark Protection Company and several of his student body guards, Clegg Zincher and Akron Erix.

Also in attendance are the *Teeth of Araska* crew, everyone they invited, the new hires, and everyone they in turn invited. The party is quite close to “mob” status.

Wogan spots Seyanna in her human guise whispering conspiratorially with Lavender Lil. Feeling eyes upon her she looks and catches Wogan’s gaze. She strokes Lil suggestively, then saunters over. Lil takes her leave to return to the ship.

Wogan fights off a yawn while realizing, “The thought of Lavender Lil having sex just makes me sleepy. All those months at sea listening Tommy and Lil in the next door cabin just before bed sort of paid off.”

Seyanna engages him in small talk, always turning his questions and topics back to sex. Wogan patiently waits for the succubus to get bored. She decides to escalate. Wogan’s rum glass is snatched from his hands as she presses him against a dock post with her own body. She begins a

slow grind. To those nearby, the scene appears quite natural... at least for a Riddleport dock. She sips from his glass, then asks, "How is your celibacy, Wogan? Is it still a burden? I can take that burden away. If. You. Ask. Me. To." She turns her full succubi powers against the bearded man.

Wogan handily shrugs off her supernatural charms, then replies, "No. Burden. Here."

Disappointed, Seyanna hands his glass back and starts to leave in search of easier prey. She spins easily on her high heels and says, "You can come along. I know how you like to listen."

Wogan holds his glass up while replying, "No thanks. I have to find a new drinking glass."

Seyanna stomps off to find four or five orcs to disappear below decks with.

Captain Scarbelly tell Sindawe, "Boss Croat did not come because he doesn't trust you. He thinks you have something against his slaving business."

Sindawe denies it, explaining, "I have nothing against Boss Croat's business."

Zincher and Sindawe find a quiet place on the ship to talk. Sindawe asks Zincher to meet with Eli, the Cypher Lodge leader. Zincher seems uninterested, so Sindawe changes tack. He offers that without intervention, someone will end up murdering *The Good Citizens of Riddleport* membership until they learn to mind their own business.

Zincher is unimpressed, so Sindawe changes tack again, "If you are really worried about the Cypher Lodge's activities then make some demands and hold them to it. Hold inspections. Organize regular meetings. Hell, make friends with them; they're a useful bunch to have around."

Zincher agrees to a meeting. He and Eli talk behind a closed cabin door while Bill Sangapulatele, Serpent and Akron Erix stand guard outside.

At 9:00 PM, Marzielle signals her hirelings to gather the partygoers close to the *Teeth of Araska's* poop deck. The crowd slowly grows quiet. Finally, Lavender Lil emerges from below deck, climbs to the poop deck where several of Saul's succubi dressed girls light large lanterns. Lil steps into the light. She is dressed a scandalous 1930's noir dress, which shows off her chest and legs to great effect.

Serpent notes that Saul Vancaskerkin turns noticeably sour at her appearance. He remembers that one of Saul's son had to leave town because of Lil... well actually because he killed Zincher's son over Lil. Zincher's expression doesn't slip one iota; he stares with disinterest. Tommy lurks near Lil ready to stab trespassers.

Lavender Lil waits for silence to take hold, then begins her bardic song. It tells of the *Teeth of Araska's* voyage to the Azlanti islands and back, crew deaths, as well as triumphs over monsters, storms, men and elves. Most of the original crew are mentioned by name at least once. Her style is erotically haunting, much like a David Lynch film. The lanterns are extinguished shortly after she finishes. The audience claps and whistles their appreciation.

The patching in ceremony follows Lil's song. It goes well. The crew are given vests, patches identifying their rank, and more patches identifying their accomplishments. Many are also awarded silver armbands or torcs for exceptional bravery or performance of duty.

Each vest, torc, and armband has the *Teeth of Araska* pirate flag mascot - a skull chewing chains to splinters. The patches and decorations are:

- ♣ "1st 22" - the first twenty-two crew: the PCs, Hapshepsut, Samaritha, original *Teeth of Araska* crew, and the ex-slaves. Some of these folks are dead, so twenty-two represents only the living.
- ♣ Men of Mayhem - member who has shed blood while reaving.
- ♣ Prospect - hopeful for membership, on a probationary period.
- ♣ Blade*# - killed an enemy in single combat.
- ♣ Cannon*# - manned the cannon in a true ship to ship combat, such as the fights against the elf skimmers.

- ⤴ Shield*# - saved the life of another member during battle, storm, or other danger.
- ⤴ Ship*# - first to board an enemy vessel.
- ⤴ Storms*# - crewed the ship thru a storm lasting a day or longer.
- ⤴ Tentacles*# - defended the ship against a gargantuan creature, such as the Fish Wife's giant squid, the singing cthuluan mass, and the zombie whale
- ⤴ Torch*# - leadership.
- ⤴ Winking Skull*# - skullduggery performed in service of the ship, such as the away party that reconned Hollobrae disguised as adventurers.

* - denotes a patch that has an accompanying "number" patch.

- denotes a patch that counts toward an Armband

Decorations

- ⤴ Torc - silver band with engraved TOA. Band is broken by a slight gap, each side of the gap ending in an ornate skull. Awarded for extreme valor by whim of the ship's officers or popular vote.
- ⤴ Armband - silver armband with engraved TOA. Awarded for patch valor - 10 patches gets you an armband.

Overlord Cromarcky causes a stir by standing up and complimenting those crewmen. He also suggests that the *Teeth of Araska's* reaving take place far away from Riddleport and its "no pirating" line (well, circle) of death.

Cromarcky continues, "Due to overwhelming evidence, ex-captain Morgan Baumann won't be standing trail. And she'll be on my payroll." The crowd consumes this news with excited extra helpings of rhubarb, grummish, and natter.

Cromarcky steps away from the center of attention, then waves Sindawe over. Wogan and Serpent join them. Cromarcky hands an official looking scroll to Sindawe. The scroll declares: "Wanted - The Serpent Man known as Elias Tammerhawk - Dead or Alive - 10,000 Pieces of Gold."

Cromarcky explains, "It is important to my government to punish this individual, who paid Baumann to attack my ship for the sky metal, flooded the city with the tsunami, infiltrated the Cypher Lodge, and so forth."

Serpent runs down the list of what they know about this serpent man (aka Elias Tammerhawk). It is not much: Other than the crimes listed by Cromarcky, he killed Elias Tammerhawk, attempted to recover the head of the serpentfolk's headless god, has a connection to the shadow plane, and was last seen aboard the *Crimson Shark*, which is captained by the infamous pirates the Stormdaughter. The *Crimson Shark* was reportedly sailing for Port Shaw, which is far south... south of Sargava, which is south of the Eye of Abendego.

Wogan whistles appreciatively at the magnitude of such a mission.

Serpent observes, "That's not much to go on. And not a lot of money for such a dangerous trip."

Cromarcky replies, "Then again the Stormdaughter might sail right into your guns."

The party picks up again. People drink heavily and enjoy themselves. There are minor "party fouls" throughout the night.

- Bel gets an ale poured over his head by Sevgi. His expression indicates, "What did I do?"
- Lixy Parmenter screams at JJ the sea homunculus for fondling her. She chases him with Dungo, a still living, insult hurling, severed ghoulish head. Dungo chomps hungrily at JJ while Lixy screams, "I am not a prostitute!" People scramble out of the way of the chase. Eventually, JJ remembers his aquatic nature and dives off the dock, ending the chase.
- Ori dances drunkenly on top of a cask. Poorly. Pirates, prostitutes, and others take bets on how long the dance will last and what injuries will result. Ori lasts quite a while before falling and breaking his arm. Wogan heals the sailor a short time later, along with other injured party goers.

The Teeth of Araska's New Crew

- Captain - Sindawe
- Master Gunner - Wogan
- Quartermaster - Serpent
- Boatswain - Tommy Black Toes
- Navigator - Sempronia
- Coxswain - Gareb
- Gunner's Mate - Stoke
- 1st Mate - Mase Venjum
- 2nd Mate - Little Mike
- 3rd Mate - Big Mike
- Carpenter - Tanned Hank
- Surgeon - Hatshepsut
- Crew: Samaritha, Lavender Lil, Orgon, Dum-dum, Slasher Jim (psychopath), Ori (cook), Bel, Pirro, Sevgi, Kahina, Karomander, Delmer, Olgvik, JJ (seamunculus), Lefty, Claxton, Samuel (gunner), Billy Breadbasket (cook), Valentine, Feissian Hareskinner, Taunya (f, gunner), Dario, Zita (f), Clubbreaker Cordell, Gaestel, Tiberiu, Nimborn (gunner), Hovax Littlehands, "Sexy Beast" Sapier (gunner), Prand, Melella (druid), Cannonball Jack (gunner), Nemo, Kent, Ragged Pete Morgan, George Peters, Long Bonifacio Copper (good gunner), Kitty the Cantankerous, Durt (and some friends).

- Gun Crew, experienced and titled: Wogan (master), Stoke (gunner's mate), Long Bonifacio Copper, Samuel, Taunya, Nimborn, Sapier, Cannonball Jack
- Gun Crew, experienced: Orgon, Delmer, Sevgi, and Mase Venjum

Orgon's wife Tegan will stay in Riddleport and live off her man's investment income.

The Dead, be they Glorious, Terrible or Sorrowful:

- Original TOA crew: Seven, Mano, Goat
- Ex-slaves: Olhas
- The 1st Recruits: Del, Speg, Rolf, Bojask (rapist)
- The Prisoners: Anga, Nariel, Daphne
- Black Bunyip crew: Jospo Foxkiller, bosun Peg-Leg Pete, unrated Vedui, unrated Gwyllt.