

## REAVERS ON THE SEAS OF FATE - SESSION SUMMARY 06/14/2015

### TODAY'S EPISODE: THE SEA QUEEN'S PEARL, PART II

Our heroes are on Mediogalti Island for repairs and supplies. The first night a number of them shared a dream of the melded Gozreh/Desna goddess telling them to take back the *Sea Queen's Pearl* from the pirate Captain Tarin. They arrived at Tarin's Mediogalti hideout, captured Tarin and the pearl and made their escape. Now they must survive an overland trip back to Ilizmagorti.

Our heroes are:

PCs:

- ▲ Captain Sindawe H'kilata Narr of the *Teeth of Araska*, the fist-punchin' Mwangi monk (Chris).
- ▲ Chief Gunner Wogan, the pistol-packin' celibate cleric of Gozreh (Patrick).
- ▲ Quartermaster Ref "Serpent" Jorensen, the staff-bashin' Ulfen druid/ranger and his snake Saluthra (Paul).

NPCs:

- ▲ Samaritha, a serpentfolk wizard in the guise of a pretty half-elf and Serpent's wife.
- ▲ Ship's Surgeon Hatshepsut, monk and high priestess of a lost civilization and her cobra Naja.
- ▲ Bosun Tommy Blacktoes, the staff-slingin' sneaky halfling rogue.
- ▲ Lavender Lil, a buxom tiefling ex-prostitute, and Tommy's girlfriend.
- ▲ Plus a crew of professional pirates, escaped slaves, and adventure seekers.

### *Escape from the Pirate Fort*

The murder team is composed of Sindawe, Wogan, Serpent, Saluthra, Hatshepsut, Klangin, Little Mike, Slasher Jim, and Billy Breadbasket. They have the *Sea Queen's Pearl*, a large chest of other loot, and a single prisoner, Captain Tarin.

They climb down the stunted peak from the pirate fort. Then they retreat along a pre-marked trail through a perimeter of assassin vines. They pull out shaded lanterns once they make the heavy canopy of the jungle.

Their escape escalates to terror when they blunder across a tyrannosaurus rex which immediately attacks Serpent. It bites down into him, straightens up, and begins to shake its prey. The hapless barbarian beats on its snout with his staff. Wogan casts *blessing of fervor*. Hatshepsut punches the dinosaur with her snake fist style as Klangin swings her great axe (34 pts of damage, plus 2 bleed and 8 bleed). The other pirates attack too. Sindawe's punch forces the monster to spit Serpent out.

Serpent flies overhead into a tree and sinks to the ground, moaning "Thanks, Sindawe!"

Mr. T-Rex selects Little Mike from the pack of shrieking pirates. He is almost bitten in half by the dinosaur; he goes unconscious as it scoops him up for a good chewing. Wogan shoots a special pistol at its head; the shot is loaded with a *stinking cloud* like poison. The berserking Serpent stands up and charges the monster. He, Klangin, and Sindawe deliver terrible wounds that do not slow the creature.

The other pirates flee in a direction that might lead to camp. Wogan channels positive to heal the wounded.

Mr. T-Rex drops Little Mike in favor of biting another of these stinging opponents; Sindawe ducks out of the way. Hatshepsut punches the bent-down monster in the eye, killing it.

Wogan heals the wounded, especially Little Mike, while Sindawe and Klangin scream at those who fled to return. Their shouts bring several pirates and Rucia, Bukjis, and Erandlon (the safari guides).

Bukjis sexes the dead dinosaur (female) and compliments them on surviving. Everyone collects teeth trophy; Bukjis demonstrates how to extract the teeth.

Bukjis says, "We don't have enough porters to carry away anything else. I see you have some large items anyway."

Sindawe replies, “Yes. We ran into some friends that owed us money.”

“We can set up camp and make T-Rex tail jerky if you like.”

“Oh, we should leave now. Some of our friends might show up to play a joke.”

“Yeah, like ‘night time murder,’” adds Wogan.

Bukjis and Erandlon look at each other knowingly. They offer their porters to carry the loot in place of the tents and camping equipment as long as new equipment is bought for them back in Ilizmagorti.

Wogan carves a warning in the t-rex’s hide. “Follow us and die.” Then he does another that says, “If you follow us, you will die!” The result is linguistically confusing to any pursuers.

Little Mike carves, “Mike was here” on the other side.

The kobold porters are ordered to pick up the loot, while the pirates loot Tarin (+1 rapier, masterwork dagger, +1 mithral chain shirt, masterwork thieves tools, polished dark wood tankard, +1 cloak of resistance, 40gp, silver ring+garnet (150gp), and a masterwork pistol). Then the group hustles out.

Rucia clings to Wogan’s arm, “You came back! And you brought Tarin back alive. You could teach me to shoot!” Klangin stares at her with jealousy.

Tarin revives enough to ask, “Where are you scallywags taking me?”

“We are going to ransom you back to your crew.”

“Fair enough. Make these kobolds handle me more carefully!”

Sindawe and Wogan both order the kobolds in mocking pidgin koboldese. “Carree softee! Yip yip!” The kobold nod in agreement and go back to doing what they were doing.

## *On Safari*

Day 1 - Rucia is bitten by a poisonous snake that slithers away. Wogan aids her recovery.

Night 1 - They make camp and post guards.

Captain Tarin asks Wogan, "Hey! Priesty! Hey, priesty! Can you heal some of these wounds?"

Wogan asks Sindawe if it is okay. Sindawe says no, just make sure he doesn't die.

Wogan checks the man's wounds then gives him a *cure light wounds*.

They begin to interrogate Tarin. At the mention of his ship's name, the Silver Narwhal, all the pirates break into the narwhal song. Then normal conversation resumes.

"I got the Sea Queen's Pearl in an epic raid. Captain Sculberd Craggs, Cyclops Jane, and someone else found out I had it, then started chasing me. I got back to my hideout but they all showed up one morning anyway. Captain Craggs is crazy."

"Well good for him. Everyone should have something their well known for."

"Like being crazy?" asks Serpent.

Sindawe retorts, "Sure. Or having a hot mother that your captain wants to nail."

"It was getting tough before you showed up. We were running out of supplies and slaves."

"Slaves?"

"Yeah, as the supplies got used up we would free several of them at a time and send them into the jungle. Sometimes they got away. Sometimes the vines got them."

Wogan says quietly, "Some of them look like they were thrown or fell." Tarin shrugs. There's no OSHA regulations on pirate bases.

“How do we go about ransoming you? Your guys are holed up by three enemy captains.”

“You can spread word that the pearl is out in the world and my guys can get free... and pay my ransom.”

Sindawe organizes three watches with him and Billy Breadbasket on the second watch, so as to increase his chances of killing Captain Tarin quietly without witnesses.

Sindawe is awaiting his chance when he spots something sneaking up on several of his sleeping companions. He charges it. A four-armed gorilla roars a challenge as the monk dodges under its sweeping arms and connects with a stunning fist.

Another girallon drops down from overhead branches and grabs up Little Mike. Several more girallons drop from the trees, targeting individual pirates. Sleepy pirates join the melee.

Hatshepsut, Serpent and Sindawe beat upon individual girallons. Little Mike tears free of his kidnappers grip then Klangin charges and hits it with her great axe. Girallons tear several bloody chunks out of pirates. Serpent finishes off two girallons that Sindawe has heavily damaged.

Hatshepsut, Billy Breadbasket, and sniper fire from the safari scouts kill another girallon. Wogan heals the wounded with a burst of positive energy, excluding three of the girallons.

Sindawe tackles the last girallon, burning it with his *shirt of immolation*. Little Mike stabs the burning monster twice with his short swords, then Klangin chops twice with her great axe. The damned thing won't die! Erandlon critical hits; the arrow slices open internal organs. The girallon dies.

Sindawe checks on the prisoner. He finds Tarin dead from a dagger thrust to the eye. He doesn't remember having done the deed, but decides to chalk it up as a win.

Sindawe announces, “Our prisoner is dead.”

Wogan looks pointedly at Slasher Jim. Sindawe looks pointedly at Serpent. Serpent looks pointedly at his dagger implying, "I only kill with a staff. And only women kill with daggers."

The pirates give Captain Tarin a pirate funeral by dumping him in a nearby stream. They also search the body, just in case. They find a tattoo of red cutlass piercing three white skulls. Wogan recommends taking the head. The pirates then joke about what note to leave with the body.

"I said stop following us!"

"Back to the wind, back to the water, you were a terrible captain because you died."

"He died like he lived, naked and headless."

### *Another Day of Travel*

Billy Breadbasket demands to be in the middle of the group. Little Mike declares, "Not me! I'm invincible. Nothing has killed me yet."

The next day and night are uneventful thanks to the expert guides.

Wogan asks Sindawe, "It's quiet, too quiet. Do you think the Red Mantis are watching?"

"No, I like to think they're lezzing it out in some clean, erotic, and well-lighted room."

"Are the Red Mantis all women?"

Sindawe points at his head, "They are up here."

That night Wogan casts *speak with dead* on Tarin's head.

"Who speaks to Captain Red Skewer Tarin?"

Wogan says, "Don't answer that."

Who killed you? *I was slain in my sleep.*

Who would want you dead? *I have many enemies: you, Captain Craggs, and perhaps the Red Mantis.*

Did you know anyone in our safari group prior to your kidnap? *Your female guide... I knew her not, except by reputation... she is a Red Mantis who leads victims to the death in jungle.*

The next morning everyone is still there. They continue traveling until they encounter sounds of someone coming from the opposite direction.

“Thelman, is that you? It’s me, Erandlon.”

“Yes, quite so.”

A line of safari porters, guides, and wealthy hunters comes through the tall grass.

Thelman is a tall, bald headed, older man leading the group. “I’m taking these gentlemen out on a trek.”

Sindawe and his crew talk up their guides by brandishing their t-rex teeth. The other hunters are suitably impressed.

Little Mike and Slasher Jim begin playing swords with their teeth.

The two groups part ways. Several hours the pirate safari see the gates and walls of Ilizmagorti. The guides, Erandlon and Bukjis, lead them inside to their offices. Sindawe pays the 200gp for the abandoned camping gear, plus another 100gp bonus. Erandlon says, “We will share some of this out to the porters. They deserve a little extra. And it’ll keep them drunk on beer so that they don’t tell a lot of stories for a little while.”

*What I Did While You Were Gone...*

The pirates return to the *Teeth of Araska* with their plunder. Sindawe is happy to see that the ship is still there and undamaged. They catch up on the latest news:

Tommy spent the last six days asking after the *Stormdaughter*. He got a good description of her, which includes a unique tattoo and that she is half-elf. There are local tales of her: she is bloodthirsty and cruel. She takes lovers that last until they no longer meet her lusts and those of the Storm God. She rarely lets anyone go, instead murdering or enslaving. Her vessel is the *Blood Moon*. She once gathered a small fleet to attack a town. Great tentacles crushed the defending fleet, while creatures emerged from the water to feast upon and enslave the townsfolk.

Phamas Harcey encounters a man that owes him money.

Said the cabin boy gets his first tattoo – a Besmaran saying that wards off evil. He explains he got it at the House of Besmara where they also sell letters of marque for a bag of money this big. He holds up his hands to indicate a very large bag.

Zorzi explains that her *Port Godless* kidnapper sent her a love letter via messenger. She reads the letter mockingly to the crew, then announces, “This pussy is gold plated.”

Zorzi asks Wogan, “You can write, right? Would take a letter?” He agrees.

Zorzi dictates, “My damp loins ache for you...” It gets worse.

Serpent throws away Captain Tarin’s drug stash (stolen from the fort). It disappears quickly. Later he smells smoke and hears giggling from Little Mike and his wife’s cabin.

Wogan inquires after some magic items he is interested in. The officers review the loot chest and decide on its disposition.

- Five plunder points of Silver Narwhal treasure – to be held for a later date (selling it here would reveal their complicity in the Sea Queen’s Pearl’s disappearance too quickly).

- Ship equipment - 8 cure light wounds potions
- Away team equipment - 5 cure moderate potions
- Slasher Jim - masterwork daggers (2)
- Little Mike - cloak of resistance +1
- Rucia - +1 mithral chain shirt
- Billy Breadbasket - +1 rapier
- Rucia - masterwork pistol
- Wogan - Darkwood mug
- Klangin - masterwork thieves tools, +1 studded leather
- masterwork rapier
- ring worth 150
- Sindawe trades this for a +1 great axe - wand of magic missiles, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 23 charges
- and various other items

Shares are 831.25gp split four ways.

Evening ceremony: Klangin is given a +1 greataxe and crew jacket for exceptional service. The rest of the crew is awarded patches, including a new patch that is similar to the Jurassic Park emblem for the safari team.

Billy Breadbasket finds a local weapon maker who will make their T-Rex teeth into kukris or daggers. He requests everyone's t-rex teeth for the experience. Serpent and Wogan and Sindawe gives Billy extra cash for masterwork t-rex daggers. These items are awarded during the ceremony.

He also arranges for everyone to be drinking pitchers of the local concoction the "Dark and Stormy," which consists of rum and ginger beer with slices of lime.

Little Mike brags about escaping the girallon's clutches, then how he rescued Wogan. Sindawe changes his nickname to Tasty Mike, because the monsters can't resist biting him. He thinks this is the best idea ever. Being Little Mike to Big Mike's Big Mike has been a source of contention ever since it happened.

Sindawe takes Hatshepsut to a tasty restaurant, the House of Sorrento, and then a sex hotel.

The next day he visits the House of Besemara for a letter of marque. Black Arm is the head cleric, named such due to his withered and blackened arm.

"What do you need?"

"A letter of marque."

"You could get a Chelish letter for Sargavan ships. Or a Sargavan letter to prey on anyone, mostly Chelish and Andorans."

"How much for one of the latter?"

"I have one that is 100% legal. It sells for 2000gp."

Wogan examines it. The ship name is missing. Black Arm claims it is a real document.

The three pirates chip in to buy it.

Sindawe asks about indulgences and other services:

Protection from the Eye of Abendego – mount this (an angry red eye painted on a plate of copper) on your mast. The goddess will look kindly upon you and turn the wrath of the eye away. 1900gp. Wogan decides the price is steep but the goddess does love money. Sold!

Sindawe asks for a charm for sleeping with a woman who is not your woman. "To avoid venereal disease?" "No, just... So that the other woman doesn't find out." (natural 20 by the gm, so

it will probably work, maybe even against voodoo loa Mama Wati). It's a blindfold looking item that was created by a Besmaran pirate witch. If you get the woman to wear this not even magical divination will reveal the truth. It only works once. 1700gp. Sindawe buys it.

An Indulgence For Killing Disloyal Crewmen – these items are in the form of hand-crafted shanks, which are to be left next to the body. 100gp per crewmen. Sindawe buys five.

A scroll of *resurrection* – the three officers fork over the five plunder points of treasure, which is only 5000gp. However, Black Arm explains that treasure exchanged with bloodshed is worth more to the goddess. Everyone is happy.

### *Last Day in Port*

A ceremony is held during which Wogan uses the scroll of resurrection on Lefty's corpse. His *gentle reposed* body is removed from the ship's freezer.

Lefty awakens, "Wogan is that you? Captain? Why am I so cold?"

Sindawe motions for Lavender Lil to warm him up. She enfolds him her arms and holds him to her huge bosom.

The next morning Wogan collects another ship's hull wood from a gambling hulk in the harbor.

Mase Venjum approaches Sindawe.

"We are near the place I was telling you about. There was a Chelixan naval weapon in use before even the Eye of Abendego and Aroden's death. It is a large underwater ship called the *Terraken* constructed by the government to stealthily destroy enemy ships. It was reported lost during the events of the Eye of Abendego. No one knows where it is. But there was a magical

device to find it, last carried by an admiral who lived on estate in Yamasa, now called the Sodden Lands.

The estate is located off the southeast end of the Eye. It is possible to sail the Eye and get there quickly. And despite the Eye, it is safer than traveling overland. Getting out against the winds – that’s harder.

I know who the admiral was and his estate’s location. I can get us there.”

“What do you want out of this?”

“I want to be in command of my own ship, whether the *Terraken* or another vessel. My demotion to ‘not a captain’ has lasted too long.”

Sindawe and Wogan agree, but probably not the *Terraken*.

“Was the vessel meant to transport goods? How many crew does it require?”

“I can’t say for sure because the information was restricted, but it was supposed to be fully automated and only required a captain. Its ability to transport goods is limited to items that can get wet.”

The ship sets sails from Ilizmagorti for places further south, in order:

- The Eye of Abendego, a giant hurricane.
- The admiral’s estate in the Sodden Lands for the *Terraken’s* control device.
- The Shackles, a land of pirates.
- A location for refitting and renaming the ship... also where the letter of marque will be filled out.
- Sargava and the Razor Coast!