

# Mariner Session Seven

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## Player Characters

**Azriel Davalnath** - Triton Hexblade Warlock 5 (Quinton)

**Charlotte Foxtrot (aka Kyaran)** - Elven Rogue 2 / Trickery Domain Cleric 3 (Kayla)

**Paulson** - Human Battlemaster Fighter 5 (Justin)

**Red "Danger" Bronson** - Human Barbarian 3 / Warlock 2 (David)

## Campaign Date

Thanksgiving 15th - 16th, 930 (Mid Fall)

## Log



The king of the undersea Triton kingdom appeared by the Mariner's Razor along with his bodyguard Kratos and his best advisor the cleric Loki. Gabriel is shirtless, but clad in a glorious fis-scale cape and breeches. Azriel was shocked to see his monarch so far from the Royal City of the Tritons. He invites his kinsmen on board and introduces them to the other crew members.

Even though he showed all the appropriate deference, Gabriel was dismissive and a bit insulting to Azriel. However, the undersea monarch was clearly pleased at the rest of the crew of the Mariner's Razor. The king explained in detail what had happened in the past few weeks. First, undersea ghouls had attacked drawing the undersea army away from the Royal City, and then an uprising of some forces once locked away in an enchanted undersea prison called the Yawning Perdition led by a Lucifer, a powerful Triton noble betrayed the undersea kingdom and pledged his service to Graeae in exchange for magic. With this power, Lucifer was able to free "The Hunger" from the Yawning Perdition as well as "The Damned" - a sect of cannibalistic cursed Tritons who willingly changed themselves into crab people in the distant past. Using these forces along with Sahaugan mercenaries, Lucifer now controls much of the Royal City. Lucifer only needs Graeae's magic once more to drive the remaining dissenting Tritons from where they hide in the Quiescent Catacombs below the seafloor and take complete control over all of the Tritons' undersea civilization.

Red thinks back about the tales of the mysterious crab people from his homeland of Longhouse. In his culture, these damned monsters are evil creatures whose intention is world domination, which they seek through the manipulation and corruption of mankind. They are also a highly intelligent and advanced race, being able to cunningly trick humans into believing their various schemes and tricks, allowing them to destroy societies. They are also rather elaborate and extravagant in nature, often enjoying ritualistic chanting and taking great pleasure and enjoyment in the sly art of impersonating humans and their behaviors. However Red also understands that they taste like crab, even though they fight like people. This sends him into a furious rage wanting to kill and consume each and every crab person he sees.

Gabriel has acquired intelligence that indicates Graeae's man Warlord Tipstreck would like to parlay with the Tritons. He seems to feel that perhaps Tipstreck and the Hag-Queen are not fully working together. Gabriel asks for help in this matter in advance of him rallying his people to rebel against the insurgents. If the crew can get Tipstreck to turn on Graeae and Lucifer, that could make the fight that much easier.

In exchange, King Gabriel promises to offer any aid he can give in exchange for the crew's help in the future. Gabriel's man Kratos, perhaps the biggest Triton you've ever seen, points out that Triton scouts may be able to find a way through Graeae's sea maze to at least keep you from running into one of her traps.

The crew dons their best undersea gear, some of them wearing diadems of underwater breathing on their heads - strange octopoid devices that enable them to breathe underwater. As they approach the place Warlord Tipstreck they witness the following scene:



**Narrator:** Two large crab people hold the masked warlord Tipstreck between them, clutched tight in their giant claws. They threaten Graeae's warlord with death, and he bleeds from several cuts. Lucifer, the giant Triton who betrayed the Royal City to free the cursed crab-people from the Yawning Perdition approaches the prisoner with a yellow-robed cultist at his side.

**Lucifer:** Tipstreck! I knew it was only a matter of time before you made the wrong move and I was able to become Graeae's most favored warlord. I understand that you have been plotting to double-cross her for quite a while now.



**Tipstreck:** Is that what she told you? I can make you a very wealthy Triton, Lucifer! Don't do as she asks and instead help me!

**Lucifer:** Not a chance. I now have the opportunity to root out the insurgents and become the new king of the Royal City of Triton. With my armies and the accursed crab people under my complete control, I will rule below the waves.

**Cultist:** Shall we kill him now? Just take his mask off and leave him to drown.

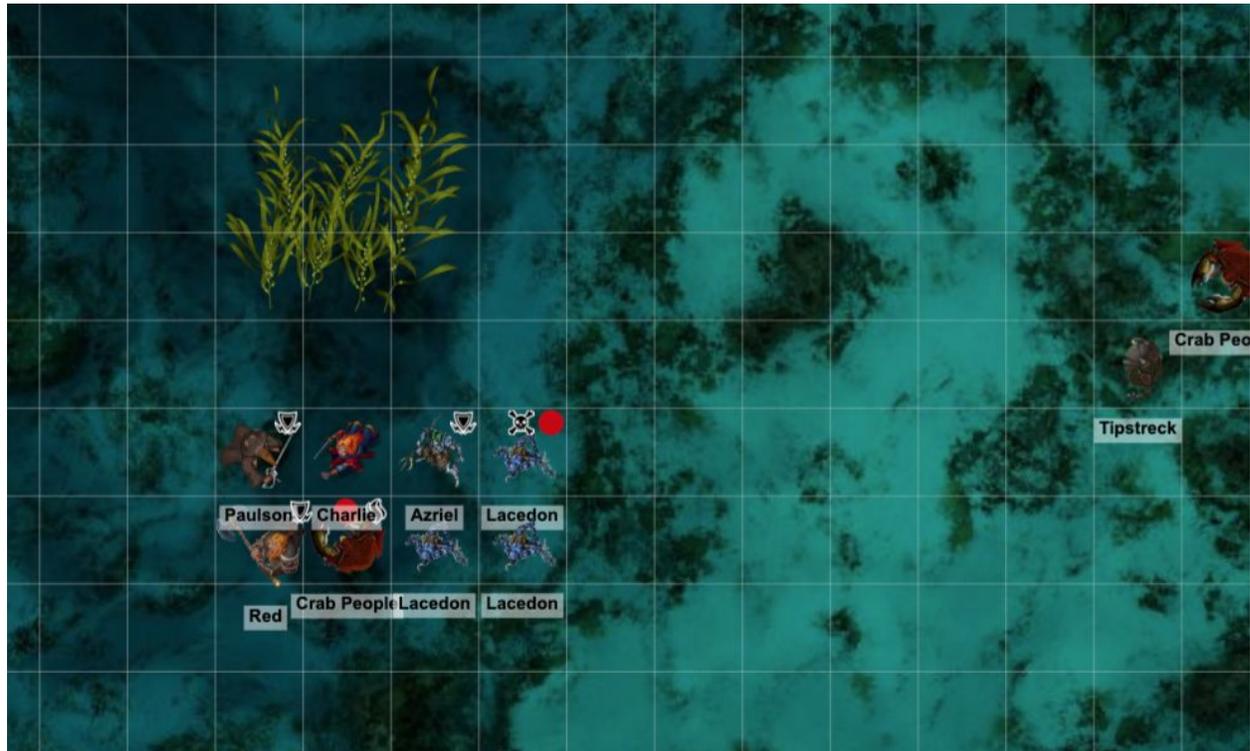
**Lucifer:** No. I want him to die slowly, pulled limb from limb by the damned. Conscious the whole time. Leave his corpse to the sharks.

**Tipstreck:** You wouldn't! You don't know what you are missing, Lucifer! I can help you achieve even bigger goals!

**Lucifer:** Farewell, Tipstreck. Crab people? Kill him!

**Narrator:** Lucifer and the Cultist get on their giant shark mounts and rapidly swim off back toward the royal city. The crab monstrosities prepare to gut the disgraced warlord limb from limb!

As Lucifer and the cultist ride off, the crab people and sea-ghouls begin to attack him. After a brief thought of leaving the warlord to die the crew counter-attacks. Azriel communicates with the sharks asking them to leave, and the remainder fight off the crab people and undead. Tipstreck narrowly survives the encounter. Red begins to eat the delicious crab people both raw and cooked over the necromantic power of his eldritch blast.



Warlord Tipstreck sits at the bottom of the ocean, broken and bloody. He looks up at the crew and levels with them. "I won't insult your intelligence. I don't serve Graeae anymore. I never really did. I signed on for this assignment just so I could track where the meteor landed. I want to recover the artifact found within before Graeae gets her hands on it."

The crew insists on seeing the warlord's face. He removes his mask to reveal that he is a twin to Paulson, another clone of the original Pricketts. As a matter of fact, the name "Tipstreck" is literally "Pricketts" spelled differently. Tipstreck begins to sound more and more like the Paulson each time they exchange words. As the conversation goes on, the two trade puns and phrasing.

Tipstreck proposes a deal. "I'm the only one who knows exactly where it landed. If we make off with it, Graeae will tire of this fight quickly and desert Lucifer and his minions. That would clear the way for King Gabriel and the remaining loyalists to reclaim the Royal City."

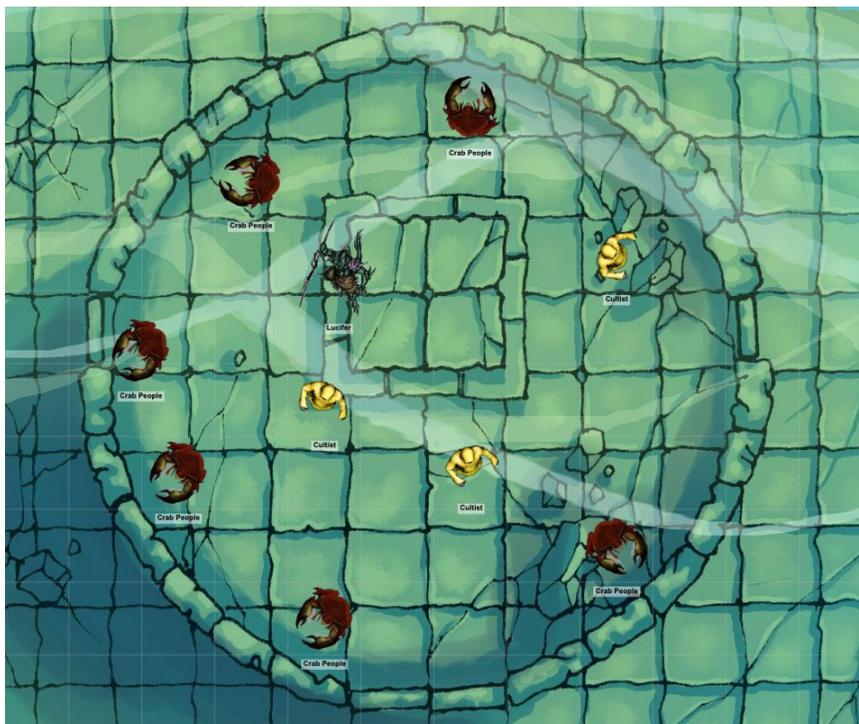
The crew are skeptical, but continue to listen. Tipstreck continues. "I propose a trade. I will give you a way to make it into Graeae's city Greyhollow on one of her ghost ships, but only once the artifact is in my hands." The crew agrees - for the time being.

“As promised, I know where a lost ghost-ship is trapped. You can use it to navigate the sea-maze into Greyhollow. It must be cleared of its haunting and retrieved, but I assure you that her defenses won’t take a second look. It is called the Eastwind. This ghost ship is currently ice-locked in the Frostlands near Longhouse.” The crew take all this in. “In the meantime, I’ve called off the undead army and made arrangements to escape once I have the artifact.”

The crew make plans with the king to put an end to Lucifer’s undersea reign of terror. Charlie asks Azriel why he left in the first place and why the king is so bitter toward him.

Azriel explains that he fled the Royal City of the Tritons after he took his oath to serve on the Watch of Perdition to oversee that the prisoners of the Yawning Perdition never escape and plague the oceans again. This monastic order requires that its members take oaths to never marry, own property, or have children. These servants are encouraged to sever all ties with their former lives. Azriel fell into despair that he would never be able to live free or feel the love of another in that role. The whispering of the demon-spear Moloch eventually convinced him to free himself from his duties to the Royal City and flee to the surface world to start again. The reappearance of his lover Kratos made that realization all too real in this time of trouble.

Finally, that night the fight for the Royal City starts as the loyalists emerge from the Quiescent Catacombs beneath the city. The battle is joined by the crew as they make their way to the undersea bunker that has been Lucifer’s headquarters. There they find him directing the fight along with his crab-people guard and three cultists of Graeae.



The crew sneak up and then unleash a barrage, slowly beating the crab people down. These cursed shellfish people say things like "I shall divide you into smaller pieces for consumption!" and "MY BLOOD FLOWS LIKE SEAWATER!" Warlord Lucifer joins the battle causing Moloch to stir. It senses Lucifer is near, and it wants more than anything to be with the other Triton. Azriel manages to keep control of the demon spear, but the struggle is real throughout the fight.

Lucifer mocks Azriel throughout the engagement. "You are a complete failure, Azriel! It was you shirking your duties on the Watch of the Perdition that gave me the idea." He continues later saying, "Once you broke in and took that trident I knew I could get The Hunger free and re-animate the cursed crab-people. I was right! I'm a genius!" and "You are not good enough for your people! Certainly not good enough for those you claim to love. You are better off dead! Give in to me!"



The battle against Warlord Lucifer gets tight. Charlie and Azriel are knocked out, but Paulson and Red manage to finish off the Triton warlord with a one-two hit. With Lucifer knocked out, the occupying force are routed. There is a celebration in the Royal City!

Before the celebration starts, Paulson and the crew follow Tipstreck to the site of the meteor crater. There they see the part of the Mariner's Trident that is pulled from the heart of the rock from the void. Tipstreck tells the crew that the ghost ship is called the Eastwind and it is located underneath a glacier inside a deserted wizard's menagerie in the Frostlands near Longhouse. As Tipstreck turns to leave, Paulson runs him through with his rapier killing the clone of Pricketts instantly. The crew takes the part of the trident that fell from the sky for themselves.