

Campaign/Game: Pirate Bastards - Pirate Borg

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Session 3: Anglerfish Island

Characters

Francois "Curly" Bonet, Swashbuckler (Craig)

Jerry "Red Eye" Davies, Buccaneer (Dave)

Juan Diaz, Zealot (Bob)

Robert Van Halen, Buccaneer (Travis)

Tadg "Big Red" O'Mordha, Zealot (Quinton)

DM: Rew

The Pirate Bastards travel away from the Island of Seven Skulls. As night falls, another storm kicks up and they are pursued by a ship of ghostly anglerfish monsters. As the bastards cut away the longboat they are towing to get more speed, these beasts from the deep magically appear in the hold of their vessel. They ruin the party's fresh water stores before they disappear. Jerry cuts a swath of destruction killing the bulk of the monstrous creatures.

As the Pirate Bastards emerge from the storm, they find themselves near a strange island. The constellations in the sky are unfamiliar. They approach the one port village and parlay with alien-eyed villagers. A party of musket-wielding bravos led by a scoundrel named Bilgewater Bill challenges the party. They tell the party that they "can sail away all they want, but they can never leave." They exit the port lagoon and head toward a flow of fresh water. After milling down the barrels of contaminated water, they capture some fresh water from the flow. They are approached by a second group of villains from the forest as they move to leave with their water. Their leader, Gunpowder Kelly offers to help the heroes escape the island in exchange for passage on their boat.

Next they investigate the wrecked man o' war off the east shore. Tadg fights off another anglerfish-man monster, and manages to procure a cannon with three shots from the wreck. That night, they are attacked by three pairs of disembodied hands. After a quick battle, these pests are destroyed. Tadg collects their corpses for sale in the making of Ash later.

The next day the heroes sail off to the east, trying to escape the island. By the end of the day, they arrive on the west side of the same island. They find themselves cursed, tied to this place just as the musket-wielding bravos said. The heroes send the two zealots ashore to do some recon while the others defend the ship.

Tadg finds an enchanted cutlass within the skull of the titanic anglerfish skeleton. Juan discovers evidence of a recent ritual around the obelisk in the middle of the jungle. Both zealots are kept from climbing the rocky point by a half-dozen more scoundrels. They are assigned to keep anyone from climbing the mountain by order of "The Governor."

The heroes make a raft to keep their ship hidden. They head ashore to try to kidnap Gunpowder Kelly. They hear a titanic noise from the cave complex nearby, but press on. They kill some pirate goons and bushwack Gunpowder Kelly as he leaves his hut to relieve himself. One of the goons had a potential fortune of seven black pearls, which the bastards pocketed. Once back on their boat, the Pirate Bastards question Kelly. He tells them that the only way to leave is with the amazing diamond that The Governor keeps "in a secret place." He tells the heroes that this very night is a great time to attack because there is a "wedding celebration" that very night. Kelly tries his best to get the heroes to take him along, but Curly is having none of it and slits the Irishman's throat.

The Pirate Bastards approach the longhouse in the village. They find a dozen survey guards with muskets, along with a poor fellow named Heath McCandless who has had both of his hands removed. McCandless is dressed in a wig and a filthy dress, his face powdered and his lips darkened with red paint. "The Governor" struts out of the public house and sits on a stone throne. He has a yellow diamond prominently embedded in his pirate hat on his head - the very stone Gunpowder Kelly described! The party attacks with musket fire from cover. "The Governor" collapses under a flurry of bullets, but soon transforms into a massive anglerfish-monster not unlike the ghostly ones they encountered earlier. After a pitched battle, Tadg opens the belly of this fish monster, and it dies. The remaining guards of "The Governor" flee for their lives. The Pirate Bastards clean out all valuables from the public house. The heroes decide to bring the crippled Heath McCandless to Nassau. As they leave the island that evening, they begin to see familiar stars again and the island disappears in a fog never to be seen again.