

STONES AND SHADOW, TREES AND LIGHT

Session Forty Four:
2–3 Fading 1479

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Points of note:

- *The Master Mariner's guild was attacked and set ablaze at the same time as the ball was attacked.*
- *The Masked Lords are largely unidentified, except for Dagult Neverember, who is the public face of the Lords. Dagult has a son named Renaer.*

A Watery Grave

Plying the dragonborn sailor with alcohol soon garnered the information that the Heroes of Winterhaven were after. Virko confirmed that one of the Masked Lords of Waterdeep had approached a sea captain to transport the stolen Lantan Collection to Amn. The captain had refused, and paid with his life.

More surprising though was that another captain had stolen the collection back from Amn. Virko wasn't sure who, but suggested that the Master Mariner's Guild might have records that contained the information.

Our heroes decided to sneak into the guild. The Master Mariners seemed wrapped up in the theft somehow, and the Heroes of Winterhaven were beginning to doubt their benefactors' good standing. Arriving at the guild compound, they found it in chaos, with large portions of the building aflame.

Using the turmoil as cover, our heroes snuck past the guards and made their way to the guild's records. There, Dek uncovered a log that suggested a vessel named the *Ardent Purveyor* and its captain Darden Morn were most likely behind the recovery of the Lantan Collection.

Unfortunately, the *Purveyor* had sunk in Waterdeep's harbour on its return, lying on the bottom near a treacherous vent known as Umberlee's cache.

With the missing Lantan Collection seemingly at the heart of things, and with no other information to go on, the Heroes of Winterhaven went in search of someone who could direct them to the exact location of the *Purveyor's* final resting place.

Nala directed the party through Waterdeep's docks district, using her contacts to find the person they were looking for. Eventually, the party met with the Spotted Man, a spellscarred



human covered in weeping blue sores. The Spotted Man, a keen treasure-hunter, willingly directed them to the *Purveyor*, but in return asked for their promise to inform him of what they found.

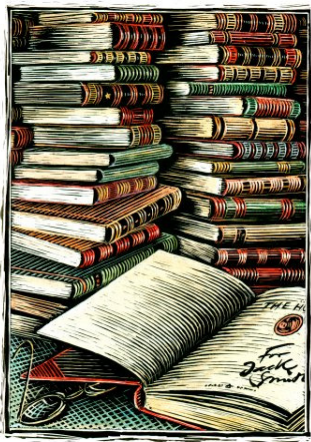
Despite Pieter's misgivings, the Heroes of Winterhaven procured the services of a priestess of Umberlee, the evil goddess of the sea known as the Bitch Queen. The cleric's magic granted them the ability to breathe underwater, and summoned seahorse mounts to carry them to the ship's resting place.

In the early hours of the morning, the heroes rode out to the middle of the harbour and dived down to the sunken ship. Almost immediately, sea wraiths swarmed to attack them. Our heroes fought them off, then quickly ransacked the vessel, careful to avoid what little remained of its crew, and returned to their waiting mounts.

Returning to shore, with haste, our Heroes opened the recovered chests to find the missing Lantan Collection intact, together with Captain Morn's ship log. Flicking through it, Bengi quickly found reference to Morn's son, who was at that time "studying the arcane arts".

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With the priceless Lantan Collection in their hands, and their first real clue as to the likely identity of the necromancer behind the attacks against the guilds, the party returned to the Dagger's Rest to plan their next move.

Should they give the Lantan Collection to the guild? To the town guard? Or to the Masked Lords? Could they trust *anyone* with it?

Pieter argued that there was no time to do anything with the Collection, insisting on hiding it and pressing on in search of the Necromancer without delay. The tempuran

was afraid that Ariadne's killer would use any pause to escape or further his schemes. The other adventurers were not so keen, and Soveliss brought things to a head by abruptly announcing that he was tired and was going to bed.

As the sun began to rise over Waterdeep, most of the Heroes of Winterhaven retired to their beds.

Pieter moved out into the night, determined to track down Morn's son while there was still time.

State of Play

Person	HP	HS	AP	Coins	Items	Other
Bengi	72/72	11/11	1			
Dek	94/94	14/14	1			
Nala	67/67	6/6	1			
Pieter	74/74	4/8	1			
Soveliss	69/69	7/7	1			
Unallocated						Lantan Collection

Quote of the Session

"The dragonborn looks up gruffly and then seems to pick up spirits when he sees Pieter still in his "party clothes"."

- What exactly do a bunch of heavily-armed adventurers look like in fancy dress?

Quest Tracker

Quest	Clues/Notes	Status
Terrlen's Curse	Help Terrlen rid himself of lycanthropy	Incomplete
Dark Vengeance	Track down the necromancer working against the guilds.	Incomplete

