

THE SHARK FIN

An Adventure Locale in TESTORIA by LoreWeaver

Laughter and music emanate from a converted warehouse **on Kuv City's** waterfront. Although old, the building has been repaired and is kept in good condition. Closer inspection of the establishment will afford some rich smells and attract the famished into **Carlotta Fina's Shark Fin Restaurant and Tavern**.

The Shark Fin offers an assortment of soups, fish, bread, and drinks to appease the hungry and thirsty, all for a reasonable price. When entering the Shark Fin, the warm atmosphere and the sound of laughter surrounds customers. Many objects of sea life line the walls - harpoons, nets, shells, shark jaws, and much more. Besides the open customer area, there is also a kitchen and private quarters for the staff in the back of the building.

The tavern is frequented by sailors, dock workers, and many locals. It is a place to share stories, dance away one's worries, test one's strength in arm wrestling bouts, and relax among friends. Strangers are always welcomed - new blood often means new stories and perhaps some additional music. The regulars will not leave a newcomer alone for very long, especially if he or she appears to be an adventurer or sailor. Surly strangers learn quickly not to pick fights with the locals, who protect their own.

The Shark Fin, owned and operated by **Carlotta Fina**, was established 12 years ago. After her husband, **Evarus**, Captain of the **SS Shark Fin**, failed to return from sea, Carlotta mourned him a short while and then got busy building a new life for herself. (Captain Finn and his cargo ship were presumed lost in a major storm.) She was good in the kitchen and had often been complimented on the hospitality of her table, so it seemed to her that a restaurant would provide a natural way to make a living.

Today, the Shark Fin is a thriving business. Carlotta has earned enough to buy the warehouse and is glad that she no longer has to pay rent. She continues to offer good food, decent drinks, a friendly ear, and a warm smile to

her clientele. She employs a bartender, Garrik, and four barmaids:

Charlene, Doris, Flaux, and Sydney.

Menu

| Fare | Cost |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Shark fin soup | 1 sp |
| Fish stew | 3 cp |
| Seafood chowder | 4 cp |
| Corn biscuits | 1 cp each |
| Loaf of rye | 2 cp |
| Shark | 1 gp |
| Mahi mahi | 3 sp |
| Flounder | 2 sp |
| Whitefish | 8 sp |
| Grouper | 15 sp |
| Halibut | 1 sp |
| Fish-of-the-day | 5 sp |
| Ale | 1 cp - glass, 1 sp - bottle |
| Whiskey | 1 sp - glass, 2 gp - bottle |
| Brandy | 10 sp - glass, 5 gp - bottle |
| White wine | 2 sp - glass, 3 gp - bottle |
| Goat milk | 3 cp |
| Water | 1 cp |

Carlotta Fina

0-Level Female Human

STR: 11

INT: 13

WIS: 10

DEX: 15

CON: 9

CHR: 13

AC Normal: 9

AC Rear: 10

Hit Points: 3

Alignment: Neutral Good

Languages: Common, Wharf Slang

Age: 43

Height: 5'2"

Weight: 138 lbs

Hair/Eyes: Brown/Brown

Weapon Proficiencies: Butcher knife

Nonweapon Proficiencies: Cooking (13), fishing (9)

Background: Carlotta is a plump, pleasant woman who mothers her customers. She is very kind and often finds a way to help any local down on his luck, especially the hungry. She always sides with her customers in disturbances involving strangers. She is an excellent cook and runs the business well. Her deepest desire is to hear any word of her husband. Deep down, she has not given up hope that he is alive and that he will, someday, come back to her.

Carlotta married Earl Finn at an early age and bore him two sons, Franzio and Dutch, who are now grown and have signed on with trade ships. She worries that one day they may also share their father's fate.

Garrik Stronghand

2nd-Level Male Human Fighter

STR: 17

INT: 8

WIS: 12

DEX: 16

CON: 18

CHR: 13

AC Normal: 8

AC Rear: 10

Hit Points: 23

Alignment: Lawful Neutral

Languages: Common, Wharf Slang

Age: 29

Height: 5'4"

Weight: 170 lbs

Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown

Weapon Proficiencies: Cargo hook, knife, staff, dagger

Nonweapon Proficiencies: Cooking (8), fishing (11), hunting (11)

Appearance: Garrik, short in stature, was once a longshoreman who worked on the docks for years. Five years ago, he was pushed into the water and into the jaws of a previously lured shark. He killed the shark, taking it as a trophy, but not before it took his right leg from the knee down. He now wears a peg leg made of walnut and carved with seaweed fronds.

Background: Nowadays, even with the aid of the leg, Garrik is unable to work the docks, so Carlotta hired him to do the heavy lifting and to tend bar at her place. Garrik is bitter about the loss of his leg and is obsessed with finding the stranger who pushed him off the dock. He always hopes to hear something in the Shark Fin which

will help him determine the identity of his assailant. Even though he misses his old life on the docks, Garrik enjoys his work at the Shark Fin and is extremely loyal to Carlotta.

Sydney Isleborne

0-Level Female Human

STR: 8

INT: 11

WIS: 13

Age: 40

Height: 5'4"

Weight: 107 lbs

Hair/Eyes: Blond/Hazel

Weapon Proficiencies: None

Nonweapon Proficiencies: Carpentry(10)

Background: Sydney is the only child of a sailor who was out to sea most of the time; her mother is long passed away. Sydney is a warm-hearted girl, blessed with beauty and cursed with ox-like clumsiness. Although Sydney is a fumbler and, hence, a disaster as a bar maid, business at the Shark Fin has never been better since she came to work there. Besides, Carlotta promised Sydney's father she would look after her. Sydney is young, naive, and infatuated with Garrik. The customers all love and protect her from outsiders.

Adventure Ideas for The Shark Fin

► A rich and powerful stranger sees Sydney in the tavern and decides he must have her. He kidnaps and takes her aboard his ship. Carlotta and the regular customers collectively hire the PCs to find out what happened to Sydney and rescue her.

► The scoundrel who pushed Garrik into the jaws of a shark has returned to Kuv City and spotted Garrik in the Shark Fin. Afraid of being identified, the man attempts to kill Garrik, but fails his first attempt. Carlotta hires the PCs to find out who and what is behind the attack.

► Rumors that Evarus Fina is not dead surface in Kuv City. Carlotta learns from a stranger that Evarus' ship was boarded by pirates and that he and his crew were taken into slavery. Carlotta has gotten a description of the pirate ship and captain, so she hires the PCs to find her long-lost husband.

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