

Map Notes for The Inn of the Drunken Sailor, Helinesa, Spiros Isle, Artemisia

Resources: CC3+ with CD3+ and DD3+ add-ons, Mike Schley Dungeons (SS4), CSUAC_2 and Bogies Symbols, including Redthorn Tavern

Description:

The Inn of the Drunken Sailor is quite a large Inn for such a small village, a fact which has the Monastery authorities rather suspicious. And rightly so, because it is the haunt of gentlemen traders/smugglers from all over Artemisia and northern Kumarikandam. Many itinerant workers from around the island also stay here when extra help is needed in the lumber business or fishing season. And of course, it is also the local brothel!

The innkeeper is Helenos Bardike, who is married to Clytemnestra – a tall thin dour man, and a short fat wife (who excels in the kitchen). Between them they have two daughters, Helena and Constantina, both serving in the public and private rooms, and Helena earning some extra money with her bedroom activities, to the disapproval of her father, but tacit permission from her more business-minded mother. In addition, there is a 2 year old boy, Stefan, who just gets in everyone's way, but is adored by all the customers and staff.

Helenos is an alchemist, and secret priest of the old Gods, particularly Hades, Lord of the Underworld, and riches. He has a secret laboratory/library/sanctum in the basement, behind a secret door in one of the large closets there. Only his wife, and unfortunately for him, Petros Gorgias the boatbuilder, know of this – it would be death if his secret came to the monastery authorities, especially his main enemy Rev Thalios, whom he loathes with a passion. So it has come about that he has been blackmailed by the Gorgias clan to help in the smuggling operation. The smugglers bring goods from all around the island, and store it in the basement of the Inn, in a deeper level than the basement, accessed by a hidden entrance behind a swinging bookcase in Helenos' secret study.. From there goods are transported by tunnel to the lighthouse, and then to the Dancing Princess schooner owned jointly by the Gorgias and Lysandras (with a minor share given to Helenos for his trouble – his mercenary-souled wife approves).

And the mean-spirited, heretic-hunting priest, Thalios Konstian, continually sniffs around looking for evidence which will lead to the 'wheeling' of any malefactors. [Wheeling is the method of execution favoured by the Monastery whereupon the condemned is tied to a large wheel, which is the spun around by a team of galloping horses, until the victim is dead by centrifugal forces.]