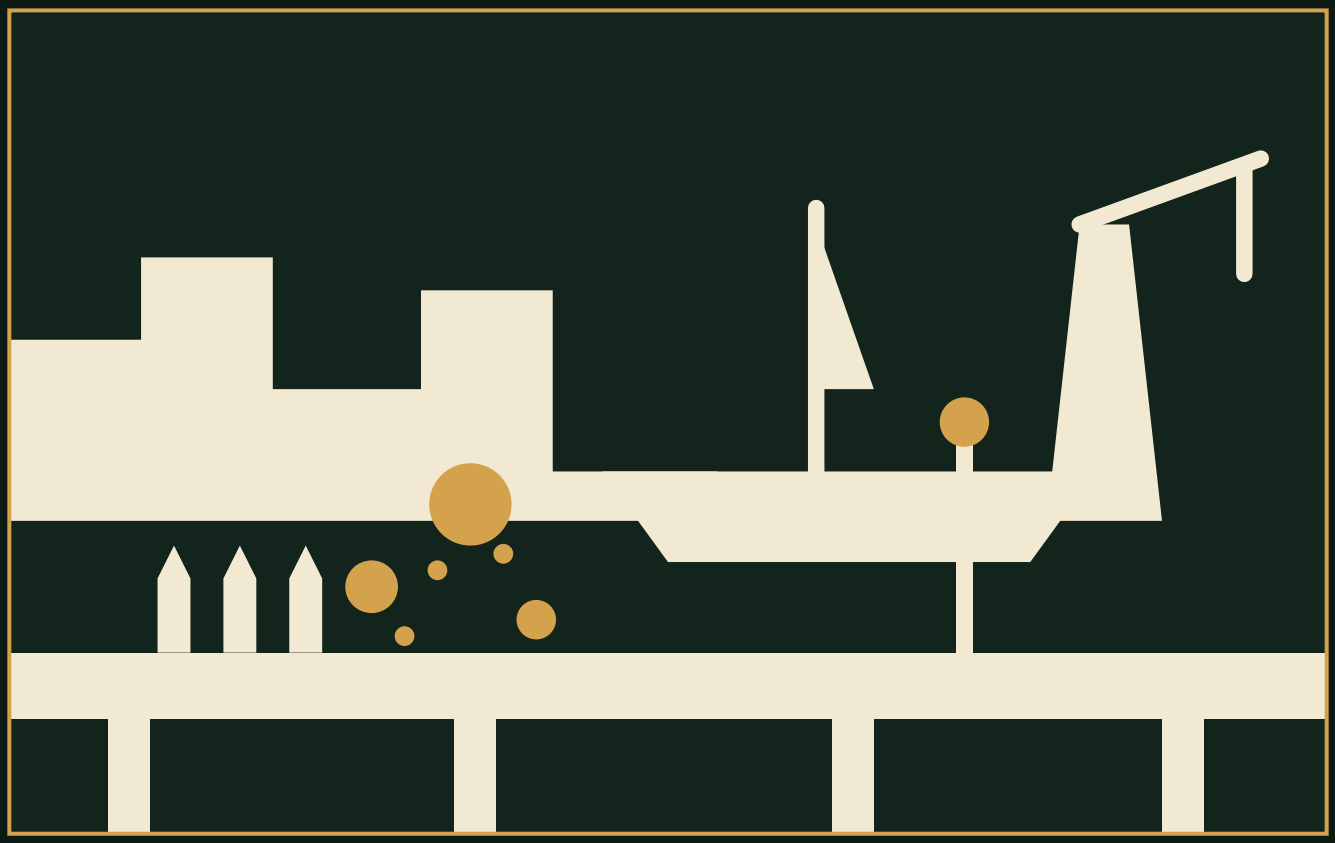
The Silent Landing

The Docks of Spucularum



Three nights running, a boat with no lamp and no name slides into Spucularum's Docks — and the crew who unload it will not say one word about it.

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Read this to your players to start

The harbourmaster's tally book has three blank nights in it, and she wrote them blank herself, because nobody on her own quay would give her a number. Find out what comes ashore between the fourth bell and the fifth.

Who's in this adventure

Moon-Jelly
Heart Points 1 · Guard 8
None: a moon-jelly has no way to hurt anybody (0 Heart Points)

Barrow, the Quay Dog
Heart Points 6 · Guard 11
None: Barrow barks. Barrow has never once bitten.

Salt-Crab
Heart Points 2 · Guard 12
None: a pinch on the boot, and a very determined sideways walk (0 Heart Points)

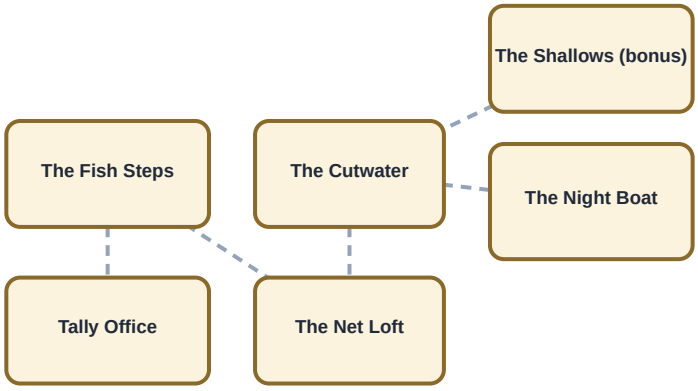
Tips for running this one

• Nothing in this adventure fights, and that is the design, not an oversight. If a player reaches for a weapon, do not stop them: simply have nobody on the other side reach back, and let the scene stay a conversation.

• Play the three witnesses out loud and out of order, and let the players interrupt. The scene works because the table does the sorting. Never sum up what the three stories "add up to".

• There is no villain. The question is "who do we trust with this, and who gets to tell it?" Ask the table that, in those words, if they get stuck at the end.

Map



The trail runs from the harbourmaster's tally office up to the Fish Steps for three different stories, along to the net loft where the cargo really goes, and out onto the Cutwater for the fourth bell, with a short look down into the shallows over the wreck for the Epic Session bonus.

SHOW YOUR PLAYERS THIS

The Torn Tally Page

A page torn out of the harbourmaster's counting book and nailed to a beam. Neat columns, careful writing, and no box numbers at all. Just a list, night after night: 14 SACKS, DRY. 9 SACKS, DRY. 22 SACKS, SALTY, NO GOOD. 6 SACKS, DRY. At the bottom, underlined twice: WE WILL TELL WHEN IT IS SAFE. WE ARE NOT THIEVES.