**The Talons** are a tumultuous region that has seen a long history of stift and conflict. Lying off the coast of both the **Kingdom of Haven** and the **Sultanate of Athad** it has been the target of numerous invasions by its larger neighbours who hoped to exert control over the islands.

The last such invasion was attempted nearly a century ago by **King Nayar II of Haven**, whose great armada was narrowly defeated by an alliance of **Humans, Elves, Merfolk, Lizardmen** and many other races that call the islands home. The days of this **Grand Accord** however have long since past, no sooner had the King's ships sunk beneath the waves, than did the alliance splinter, regressing once more into infighting and disunity.

**A new evil** now rises to the surface that threatens to shatter the fragile peace of these lands. **Pirates** on the high seas, **villainous creatures** beneath them and **fierce tempests**, heralds of approach of something much worse.....the hour has come.

- *Archivist Kirat, Great Library,* ***Cloister***