

*Re: Dracula Episode 40: August 4—
The Mate was Right*

[Ocean waves and soft, sweeping music.]

CAPTAIN

Log of the "Demeter." Fourth August—Still fog, which the sunrise cannot pierce. I know there is sunrise because I am a sailor, why else I know not. I dared not go below, I dared not leave the helm; so here all night I stayed, and in the dimness of the night I saw It—Him!

God forgive me, but the mate was right to jump overboard. It was better to die like a man; to die like a sailor in blue water no man can object. But I am captain, and I must not leave my ship. But I shall baffle this fiend or monster, for I shall tie my hands to the wheel when my strength begins to fail, and along with them I shall tie that which He—It!—dare not touch; and then, come good wind or foul, I shall save my soul, and my honour as a captain. I am growing weaker, and the night is coming on. If He can look me in the face again, I may not have time to act... If we are wrecked, mayhap this bottle may be found, and those who find it may understand; if not, ... well, then all men shall know that I have been true to my trust. God and the Blessed Virgin and the saints help a poor ignorant soul trying to do his duty...

[Echoing from a distance—Dracula's wicked laughter.]

[Sea Shanty Begins]

CREW (*sung*)

Here's a trick to catch a rat

Go ashore and find a cat

Starve the cat for 15 days

Let it loose and watch it play

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

Here's a trick to catch a cat

Drive a nail into a bat

Lure it out with stick and string

Lose the bat and hear it sing

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

Here's a trick to catch a flea

Stick a needle in your knee

Bleed until the watchman comes

Crush the flea beneath your thumb

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

Here's a trick to catch a shark

Throw the dog and let it bark

Fill the sea with wood and oil

Strike the light and let it boil

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

Here's a trick to catch a whale

Thread a needle through its tail

Poke it full of wounds and holes

Sing a song and watch it blow

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

*Here's a trick to catch a gull
Stuff a pasty til its full
Let it feast upon the dough
Cut its wings and hear it crow
Oh ho!
There it goes
Cook it up with salt and cloves*

*Here's a trick to catch a bat
Take the mate and knock him flat
Tie him up with iron links
Roll him out and let it drink
Oh ho!
There it goes
Cook it up with salt and cloves*

*Here's a trick to catch a crew
Paste the call up with some glue
Get them drunk on wine and rum
Sail away til morning comes
Oh ho!
There it goes
Cook it up with salt and cloves*

*Here's a trick to catch a Priest
Bring a virgin to a feast
Steal his clothing from the bed
Slap his back and shave his head
Oh ho!
There it goes
Cook it up with salt and cloves*

Here's a trick to catch a swab

Give his father to a mob

Wait until he's nice and flat

Pull him out and make a hat

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

Here's a trick to catch the watch

Fill his tankard full of scotch

Show the captain hear him cry

Cut the rope and let him fly

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

Here's a trick to catch a wife

Rob her mother of her life

Hide until the crack of dawn

Now we sing the wedding song

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

MATE

Here's a trick to catch a mate

Put some poison on his plate

As he chokes ignore his plea

Now there's more for you and me

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves

STEPHEN

This episode featured: Alasdair Stuart as the Captain of the Demeter; and Karim Kronfli as Dracula. Dialogue editing by Stephen Indrisano. Sound design by Tal Minear. The song "[The Ratcatcher](#)" was written by Ester Ellis and performed by Stephen Indrisano, Josh Rubino, Brad Colbroock, Newt Schottelkotte, and Sivan Raz. Produced by Ella Watts and Pacific S. Obadiah, with executive producers Stephen Indrisano, Tal Minear, and Hannah Wright. A Bloody FM Production.

DRACULA (sung)

Here's a trick to catch a lift

Drink the crew up bit by bit

Watch the captain's final stand

Run away when ship makes land

Oh ho!

There it goes

Cook it up with salt and cloves