

Whales. Broken and shattered on the shore, their bones jutting out. I saw a mass of men and women carving them apart, but there were some, some already on those bones, carving and carving. I looked closer and I saw patterns that I wish I had not seen.

Where did she go?

and so that makes it now four years since I began on this benighted path, and it was already a trail several years cold then. I question again the purpose, the point. I question my Exarch's wisdom. What matter if this Freeborn woman's bones be consigned to the depths or not? What matter where they have fallen? Is she so afraid that some Freeborn madfolk might take inspiration from mouldering, rotting, decaying remains that I must chase and chase and chase an untraceable sect, a conspiracy of worshippers of that which should not be worshipped? Yes they are fools and yes they are idolators but why must I waste my life, my years, on foreign shores and ports, tipping over rocks and seeing what horrors scuttle in the dark beneath? It is 307YE. Will they accept my return by 308, empty handed? 309? 310? Or another letter from the Exarch saying only 'persist, keep on the virtuous path' - is that all I have to look forward to?

Meat that is in the water too long is barely recognisable.

The green iron - not green iron, iron that is green. Rust. Copper therefore? Maw using rusted copper icons?

Everything rusts

Where did she go? Where did she go?

The Krakenfire claimed Solana last seen aboard the blazing vessel, and they fled the kraken in her wake. Lying? Is it they who fished her remains from the waters? Is it they who placed her bones in the hands of the Maw? Freeborn tongues are silver; but surely they are also rare to lie. And why would the Krakenfire lie? Are the Maw at work within them? Are they truly the orchestrators of this madness?

Truth

Word from Escador - back home - a name on Rebekah's list - an Erigo in Feroz, in Bramar. Maw at work there - did she ever even leave the Bay's waters? Must prepare for voyage return after I pin down these Weltsilver Shore adherents.

Weltsilver Shore meeting helpful, but my skin crawls. How they caper, how they gurn, how they speak of the Shark Queen with such delight. They say yes - Solana was a holy woman - claimed she survived but I think they are lying - cannot trust Siakha cultists. Claim the Maw retrieved her from the water - but surely not alive. I think she was dead, but that confirms - Maw have her bones.

Mouth of the Bay of Catazar too shallow for kraken to pass through?
You hunger for your home

What do the Grendel know of the kraken?

Concerning developments. Grendel? Am I being shadowed? Burly woman, tattoos of shark and maw - Siakha worshippers amongst the Grendel are taking an interest now? Now? Am I getting closer?

What does this strange Eternal Rhianos have to do with it? Much spoken of in Asavea - takes sacrifices of treasure given to the deeps by captains. How did Solana know of this Eternal? Found so little in Imperial texts.

Sea water corrodes everything.

Fontargenta! Fontargenta! Guitierrez' report says Fontargenta indeed. Not just Bramar - Maw gathered back home again, back from their voyages? Woman from the list - Illuminada? Illuminata? An Erigo. Ranking member of the sect?

corrodes everything

You are so far from home

Where did she go?

I saw a ship go down, split in splinters in the grip of a tempest. I saw their pale, gaunt faces, and feared I too would drown.

I have it. Confirmation. Solana's remains were taken to the Shrine of the Maw, as they call it - a concerning name. In Feroz. Fontargenta, Feroz. In the cliffs there, on a headland, well-concealed according to Escador - difficult rocky path there, unreachable by sea due to reefs. Do the Maw pick over ships wrecked there?

Everything falls apart. Everything corrodes. Even the rocks of the cliffs bow before the sea's hunger.

But the Shrine is there, in Fontargenta, and therefore so I must travel there too.

Go home
Go home

And then finally I can go home, once Solana's bones are

Was she a Siakha worshipper, as the Exarch feared, or did she truly worship this Rhianos? Or neither? Is she the hero the Krakenfire believe?

Or your bones the sea shall carve

Where did she go?

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WHERE DID SHE GO, AND WHO DOES HE CARE? WHERE DID SHE GO, AND WHO DOES HE CARE? WHERE DID SHE GO, AND WHO DOES HE CARE?
WHAT FEEDS ON DEAD SHARKS? HE DOES HE DOES
WELTSILVER SHORE FEAR THE GRENDEL? YES.
What is going on? The Grendel Siakha cultists do not seem allied with the Maw. Hostile? Sect rivalry, or just that one is Imperial and the other Grendel? No co-operation amongst Siakha followers?

What do the scrimshanders have to do with it?

I fear the sea now. I know too much about what lies beneath the waves.

Was this one there? Catazar - Bay of

Kraken almost unheard of in Bay of