

Dear %FIRSTNAME%,

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Rogue Readers,

1. The Series... Signs of Life.
2. Rogue Poseidon-Queen-(R?)
3. Pain and Preaching

1. The Series... Signs of Life

Last quarter, I shared that health problems were slowing me down. The good news... my condition is improving, and in parallel, so is my writing output!

Rogue Poseidon is about 60% complete. That's less progress than I had hoped, but it's still encouraging. I'm feeling more engaged in the act of writing, and that's what fuels more and more Rogue novels.

2. Rogue Poseidon-Queen-(R?)

Last newsletter, I asked your opinion about trying a 3-book mission. The overwhelming answer was 'yes'. Am I targeting a 3-book mission? I don't know yet.

I'll let the story write itself. If a beautiful ending shows itself in the second book, I won't tamper with perfection. But through the first 60% of Poseidon, and the team has only been in Nigeria for half a day. So, I'm cramming a lot of action into a short time period in the first book, which was my hope when thinking of 3 books.

But it will become a slower pace as our fleet protects its early victories. We'll see!

3. Pain and Preaching

I've mentioned my medical condition over several newsletters as a rationale behind my decline in productivity. I've given no details about my condition because it's rare and complex. On the "ouch" scale, I'm guessing it's like fibromyalgia, although the cause/indications are nothing like fibromyalgia in reality. I'm only guessing at the pain levels and pervasiveness as an analog for my state.

But pain is hard to gauge. How can you or I see someone else's tears and feel their suffering? We can't. Your suffering, my suffering, and others' sufferings are felt within my/your/their internal lives. There's an impregnable barrier that separates us. Remembering this helps us understand each other.

I could continue with the sentiment, but I'm sure it would devolve into preaching.

I preached conspicuously throughout Rogue Neptune and especially Outlaws. I was intending to finish the series in Yemen, as I was half expecting the world to end.

But it didn't end. While I am gaining health and living within said world, I will enjoy bringing you Rogue Poseidon/Queen/(and maybe) Raiders(?). And since you heard enough overt preaching in Neptune/Outlaws, you'll hear less of it in Nigeria. However, by their actions, the fleet will live in God's truth that I hope enlightens all of you.

Thanks for reading! - John