

Dear %FIRSTNAME%,

Rogue Submarine Newsletter

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Rogue Readers,

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3. Thanks, and Vote Your Conscience

1. Rogue Queen, Ready by Christmas?

In the Rogue Submarine Series' second 2-book mission, I'm about 40% through with Rogue Queen. I expect to have it ready by Christmas. I've already had to pull a tertiary character out of Rogue Poseidon while drafting Rogue Queen. So, I'm going to stick with the routine of holding back the first book until the second is ready, in order to assure cohesion between them. Plus, you can read one and then the other immediately if you want.

2. Side scan sonar and bathymetric drones

I'm discovering all sorts of unconventional scenarios while sending the mercenaries up a river, as I am with Rogue Poseidon/Queen in Nigeria. In one sense, it's like condensing the ocean into a straw, reducing a 2-dimensional search into a 1-dimensional search. While I was writing, I realized this allows for using detection technologies that fail in the open ocean.

For example, you can use side scan sonar, which has excellent (ultrasound-ish) resolution over puny distances which are useless in the open. However, puny distances work for searching a chunk of a river. If you just keep moving the sonar up and down the 'straw', you'll find what you're looking for.

So, how can the mercenaries avoid being found?

Well, they could either hide, or they could jam the sonar. I figure that side scan sonar isn't normally jammed, and therefore doesn't come equipped with encryption to prevent it. I assumed the same thing for bathymetric drones which can autonomously map ocean floors and can go up and down a river looking for the *Xerxes*. I trust you agree? If not, you may send me a nasty-gram after reading *Rogue Queen*, because I've got our heroes repositioning, hiding, and jamming!

3. A Thanks and A November Appeal.

For me, this series began as self-expression but turned into a search for meaning. I appreciate you reading and sharing your feedback with me, because without you, I wouldn't have this wonderful vocation.

I've been searching for meaning through Jake and the other characters, and it's evident by the end of *Rogue Outlaws* that my search has ended in Christ. Going forward, other characters will wrestle with their beliefs, but Jake's (and mine) is settled. He'll be exploring how to form his conscience to live out his beliefs.

As will I, in real life.

So, you can predict how I'll vote in November.

My appeal today is to vote with your conscience in November by first reading *and interpreting* what you're voting for. Lawmakers on both sides are pushing impassioned bills while sentiments flare.

That's it!

Thanks for reading! - John