



# Composites

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**B**y the time you reach the control room door, the ship is creaking and swaying completely irregularly, often forcing the three of you to walk along the corners of corridors before silently tossing you to the other side.

You place a hand on the door, and feel no vibrations or sign of activity. “You’re sure this is it, Lamar?”

“Have a peek at the giant sign on the door,” he replies.

“No, we trust you.” You push it open a fraction. Its hinges let out a metallic shriek that provides a welcome distraction from the ship’s perpetual creaking. “Remember. Don’t look out the window...whatever you do.”

The door swings open, quietening as it picks up speed before thudding into the wall.

The creaking and swaying suddenly halts.

*Come inside, treader of the dust.*

Immediately, Penny takes a step forward. Your arm flies across the doorway, barring her and Lamar from entry.

“No,” you whisper. “Wait.”

“I have to go in,” she says loudly. “The answer is in there.” You hear Lamar muttering agreement under his breath.

Penny grabs your arm. Her grip is strong - but after enduring hundreds of years of hell, your strength is on a different level completely. With your free arm, you reach inside to pull the door shut, but fail to find anything at all - as though the dream’s fabric ends at this doorway.

Then you smell it. Slimy rock and salt water.

Then you see it. Burning green light, penetrating your eyelids and searing strange numerical sequences and symbols into your retina.

Then you feel it. The Somnus, rolling around at your feet...



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