

Travels With Methuselah Lore Masterlist

The Northern Territories

— Methuselah spoke of noticing changes within nature: Colder summers and even colder winters — snow lasting far longer than it ever should. Storms more frequent, more ferocious than before — and growing at an ever-increasing rate. Bears awakening from hibernation far too soon, wolves and wildcats growing far more aggressive. Some animals were even dropping dead without any notable cause. Ptarmigans were noted abandoning their eggs, kits buried in their nests, beasts eating their young.

— One of the last people Methuselah spoke to (who wasn't an Interloper) was one of the townsfolk of Milton, weeks before the events in the town transpired: "A simple greeting and farewell as I returned to the wilds after a brief trip into town. They wished me good hunting and spoke of getting away from the Northern Territories. Life here had become too difficult. I hope they made good on those thoughts and made it to the Mainland."

— Methuselah believes it was no more than two weeks in between the events in Milton and the Interlopers arriving. He was out of town at the time, and by the time he made it back to Milton — it had already been several days. He then had a 'handful of days' to prepare for the arrival of the first Interlopers and begin to deal with the dead.

— To the south is Silverpoint: a fishing village and port. Methuselah believes any remaining townsfolk of Milton would have attempted to go there.

— To the east are Timberwolf Mountain and Bittermarsh Muskeg, even further east is Keeper's Pass — and then the wilds of Blackwood and the nameless places.

— When asked if the world was going to end soon, Methuselah answered: "Who can say, truly? Is this an extinction or epoch? A question for philosophers and great minds — both I am not. All the signs point to great change. The Darkwalker is awake and hunting, but apparently strangled and confined. I am but a witness, whatever it is that comes in due course."

The Interlopers

— Methuselah believes the Aurora has brought the Interlopers here.

— If there was a pattern as to the reasons of Interlopers brought to the Northern Territories, Methuselah does not know what it is.

— When asked what happens to Interlopers when they disappear: "I cannot know for certain. I suspect that whatever plucked you from your homes has the kindness and decency to put you back. Or, I can only hope, that is."

Enola

— The first Interloper Methuselah believes to have been brought to the Northern Territories is Enola.

— Enola first arrived as a child. No more than five years old. She wandered in from the wilds and it was a miracle she survived to make it into town. No one could explain where she had come from, children do not just appear from thin air. Methuselah did not know her well, but he heard that she would not speak of where she had come from. He thought of her as a sad child, even when she smiled. That she was shy. And that misfortune always seemed to follow her.

— Methuselah has not heard the voice in the static / who gave the Interlopers powers, so he does not know who she is. **EDIT: Now it is known that the woman is Enola, this now means that Methuselah has not heard her.**

The Darkwalker

— Other names the Darkwalker goes by are: The Abomination. The Devourer. The Ending of Everything.

— The Darkwalker was the voice who first spoke to Interlopers upon arrival and spoke to Interlopers in the first month, trying to persuade them to commit suicide.

— The Darkwalker has spoken to Methuselah, telling him not to help the Interlopers and leave them to die. He has ignored this.

— The Darkwalker is a folktale, often told to scare children. In the story, it is said that the Darkwalker will awake from its slumber and swallow the world whole. One head will swallow the stars and moon and sun. Another will swallow the seas and lakes and rivers. The third will swallow the land, and every living thing upon it — and only then will the Darkwalker be satisfied and return to sleep once more.

— Some of the more superstitious townsfolk wore amulets carved with a glyph, believing they would protect them by warding off the Darkwalker. These amulets were made of wood or stone, carved with the glyph, with the indentation of the glyph coloured with blood.

Through the work of Heartman, it is now known that these



sigils are effective in warding off the Darkwalker's influence when talismans are made with with the blood of Interlopers — particularly if they have Aurora Feats.

Following the events of the June Event, it is revealed how the different types of blood affect Interlopers wearing the talismans:

— **Animal Blood:** Interlopers carrying talismans using blood from animals found in the world, such as deer, rabbits or wolves will find themselves more susceptible to the Darkwalker's influence and disposition towards violence. They will be much harder to break out of the hold over them, and become almost frenzied state.

— **Monster Blood:** Interlopers carrying talismans using blood from any creatures or monsters that Interlopers have encountered in their time in the Northern Territories, such as the Serpent from December's TDM will find there are no negative nor positive effects. The talisman is essentially useless. and Interlopers will fall under the Darkwalker's influence.

— **Interloper Blood:** Interlopers carrying talismans using blood for Interlopers will be offered protection/resistance from the Darkwalker's influence and disposition towards violence. They may be slightly affected but will have their wits about them more compared to others. If the blood came from an Interloper with an **Aurora Feat** — this protection/resistance will be largely increased, an the Interloper may even feel braver, less affected by the fear in the atmosphere.

— **No Talisman:** Similar to the Monster Blood Talisman, Interlopers will be affected typically by the Darkwalker's influence in due course.

Methuselah

— In terms of how Methuselah was able to tell how the Interlopers were arriving, he describes it as a 'sense' or 'feeling': "Much like when one feels a shifting in the tides, or the coming of a storm. I have long learned the skills of understanding nature that it rests within my bones — it is much like that."

— Methuselah says he has done his best to share what knowledge he knows when he is asked. But he admits he is only one man and does not know everything.

— When asked if he thought they were in Hell or Purgatory, Methuselah said: "... I have learned to tell the difference between something quiet and something abandoned. This feels like the moments before the world goes to sleep, and we are the only ones left awake to notice it. Perhaps that in itself may be some kind of Hell."

— When asked if he was cursed: Methuselah will laugh at this question and shake his head. "What a question. In what way? I suppose it could be up for debate. Am I cursed with old age? Cursed with the existence and knowledge that so many I have known all my life are now gone? Cursed with a life now that sees so many poor souls dragged into this world without their say-so, to be caught amongst something that they should never be? Cursed that I may live to see this dying world and be powerless to do anything against it? Cursed indeed."