

Gani's sea was a familiar, intimate place, the construct of a fisherman who knows the elaborate characteristics of its territory in much the same way as a gardener might know the special curves of a garden, the places of its unevenness, the way the wind whistles through the trees at a certain time of year. It brought alive what would appear, to an earthbound stranger like myself, an empty, featureless expanse of water.

— from *Troubled Waters* by Ruth Balint

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