

10/22/2021 Prompt: Graveyard Keeper (Owen & Karina 10A)

-KARINA-

"The Cursed Sentinel, collecting the dead," Quin whispered. Ship-shaped fog lurked between us and Whitethrone Island. "Take the long way, captain...unless the beyonder wants to join Jones' crew?"

"No, thanks." I shivered. "Are you a daydream believer, ranger?"

"Do I look like one?" I nudged her when her hazel eyes grew misty. "I was like you once...before the conflict, but love in Ne'erendi is as dead as those shipwrecked souls. Wait...why have we stopped?"

"Wind's died," the captain frowned.

I followed Quin's concerned gaze back to the Cursed Sentinel, now looming a hundred yards off the starboard quarter.

"It's closer?" I blurted. "I don't understand."

"This is bad." Quin pulled me from the gunwale, her fingers digging into my bicep.

As our vessel tided over, the ethereal ship sailed alongside, her deck silent. A solitary figure, ragged as a pirate but regal as a captain...and uh, devilishly handsome...hopped over the railings and crossed his arms. His deep bass shook my boots.

"What have we here? Two lively maidens, I see."

"Davy Jones, I presume." I stepped forward. "You don't have permission to board."

"Davy's my old man, love." I held my ground as he leaned within inches of my wrinkled nose. "Rory Jones at your service. And you are?"

"Ka..."

"Not dead," Quin interrupted, shooting me a look, "so none of your business."

"I'm not dead either...exactly." Rory winked.

"How can you be...?"

"Karina!" Quin growled, drawing a grin from the undead interloper.

"Suits you."

"What do you want?"

"The family business is rather lonely. The dead are too focused on the afterlife for conversation."

I cocked my head. "This is not how I imagined this exchange. Are you threatening us or not?"

"Only if you resist me, Karina. And to answer your other question...it's all a bit of hocus pocus."

Scene continued under next week's prompt...Hocus Pocus! And if you didn't catch it, "Daydream Believer" was sung by Davy Jones of the Monkees.

TAG

#flashfictionmagic #flashfiction #flashfictionfriday #owenandkarina #ongoingflashfiction
#graveyardkeeper #momswhowrite