

Journey Through Jonah Colony

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Jonah Colony, one of several Terra communities, was established circa 2051 by a group of nonviolent Enclosure escapees. These nonconformists were seeking harmony with nature and unity with each other. Since the original eleven wildergoers of Jonah Colony had all once lived in the Enclosure, they were not a completely savage people. They brought with them minimal technology to assist in survival and to avoid altercations with the sky-eyes and Health Patrol. Although Jonah Colony failed to thrive longer than five decades, Enclosure surveillance experts found the living conditions adequate to support life on this location of Terra, the kind of life that the unique few nature addicts long for.

Physical Features

Located in the southern portion of the former state of Oregon, Jonah Colony provided approximately four square miles of natural refuge for the wildergoer colonists. Although the ocean's fury crashed against the black sand beach and the volcanic boulders, cliffs surrounded the cove known as Whale's Mouth Bay to create a protective barrier for the inhabitants. Caves had formed in these cliffs, so the group had shelter from the elements even before they made individual domes in which to sleep. A lush meadow located between the cliffs led to wooded hills that extended far to the west, allowing the Jonah colonists to explore the terrain and gather resources. They located several uncontaminated creatures and plants to assist in survival; the following are known to have been the most plentiful in the late 2050s and beyond: sea gulls, ladybugs, waterlilies, crayfish, trout, bluegill, algae, earthworms, frogs, spiders, mites, snakes, flies, wasps, needleleaf evergreens, and Douglas firs. Enclosure citizens know little about what was edible or what was toxic from this list of foreign elements.

The Colonists

As former citizens of the Enclosure, Jurgen Marberg, Hinta Wood, Sol Musada, Marie O'Brien, Teeg Passio, Arda Ling, Indy Chavez, Josh Swenson, Coyt Russel, Zuni Franklin, and Phoenix Marshall succeeded in creating a new life in the wilds. Teeg Passio, daughter of Enclosure mastermind Gregory Passio, was ultimately responsible for selecting the site for the colony. Her anarchist mother, Judith, introduced her to Whale's Mouth when she was young, before Enclosure Day in 2026. Even after

Enclosure Day, Teeg remained in the wilds for some time. This previous lifestyle may have instilled the rebellious desire to be outside, a trait that all eleven colonists shared. All of them shared the work that was necessary to complete on a daily basis due to the lack of technological luxuries; tasks were divided based upon their specialties in certain fields. Each was deeply committed to the others and to their survival together.

Religious Practices

This shared commitment extended deep into everyday life in Jonah Colony. Jurgen, Hinta, Sol, and Marie began the group referred to as the “Seekers.” They read journals from the mystic George Fox, urging readers to “seek an inner light.” From the beginning, they were on a hunt for holy ground on Terra; when the group grew and finally found this ground in Whale’s Mouth Bay, Marie was the one to name it Jonah Colony. This name seems to refer to an ancient story in the text called the Bible, but the meaning is unclear today. Even though the Bible played a role in the naming of the colony, the text does not appear to have significantly impacted their religious beliefs. The group tended to practice a combination of obsolete doctrines from the Quakers, Taoists, Buddhists, and Sufis. They held regular gatherings, which were different from chemmiedreams because all members were involved at once. This practice kept each individual accountable and committed to the colony.

Everyday Life

Aside from working the land and participating in gatherings, those who escaped to Whale’s Mouth Bay spent time negotiating decisions that were best for the group. The only known rule that the colonists had was that all must agree before any action was taken. Also, any free time was usually spent making love in the nude, practicing body formations called yoga, and swimming in the sea. Jonah colonists never wore masks, face paint, or body suits, and the only reason for wearing body coverings was for protection. They did not feel the need to escape flesh or obey social order. Even with the old-fashioned method of conceiving children occurring quite often, the colonists failed to reproduce in enough quantity to sustain a community for long. Jonah Colony would have likely survived if it were not for harmful toxins, previous egg extraction, or belief in fidelity. The last of these wildergoers are believed to have died in November of 2099 according to the Health Watch assigned to the Oregon area.