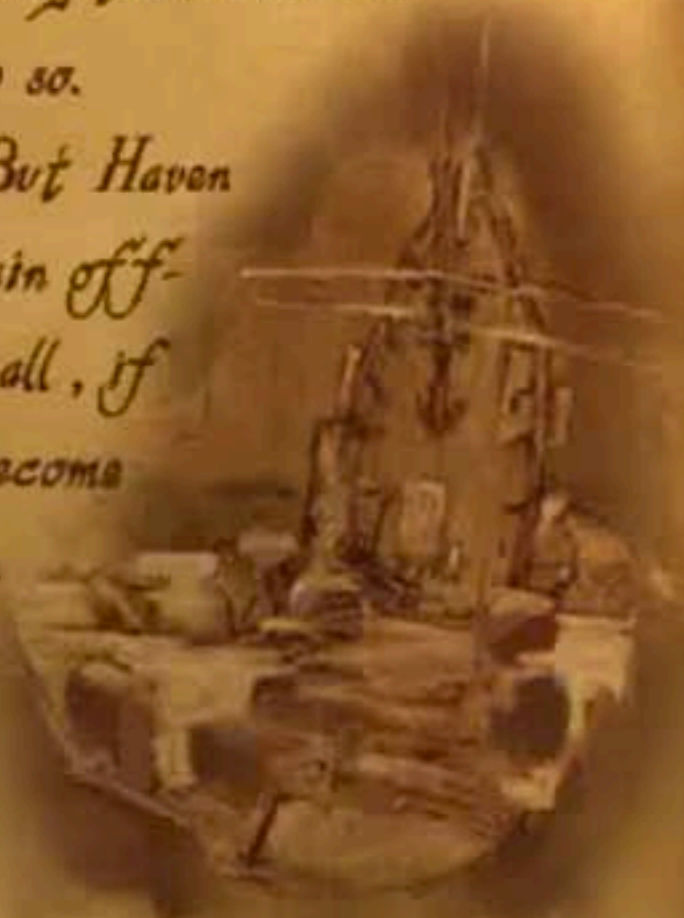


-- "Never be discouraged by a  
mistake, Atrus," my grandmother  
Anna always used to say. "Strive to  
learn from it instead, and you will  
achieve great things."

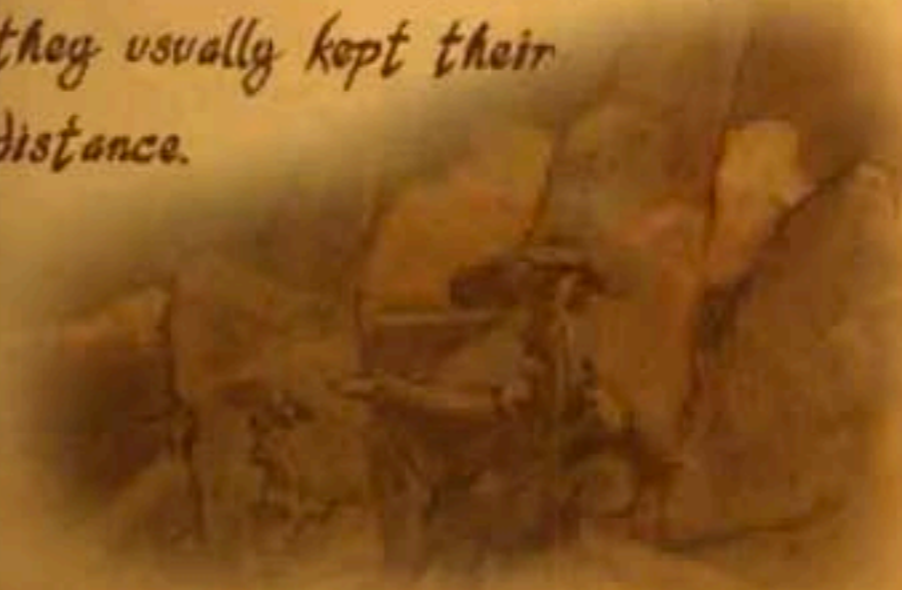
Today on Haven, I saw my  
grandmother's words come true.  
The broken ship merged into the  
causeway near Haven's coastline is  
exactly what I'd hoped it would be:  
a promise of intrigue and adventure  
so palatable, it made my own heart  
race with excitement to see it. I  
thought of how much fun the boys

I'd met in Stoneship Age -- Emmitt,  
Branch, and Will -- would have had  
playing in it, and almost wished  
I could bring their children  
here to do so.

But Haven  
must remain off-  
limits to all, if  
it is to become  
the prison  
world I  
wrote  
it to  
be.



My sole foray to the Age has  
proved it to be capable of supporting  
human life, though of course none  
exists there at this time. Much of  
Haven's interior is comprised  
of a dense, tropical rainforest which  
is obviously teeming with beasts. I  
saw several as I explored, though  
they usually kept their  
distance.



A few of the fruit-eaters did stare at me curiously as I made my way under their nests. No doubt, having never encountered a human being before, they did not think to fear me. They might even have summoned up the courage to become friends, had I stayed there any longer.

Alas I could not, for the weight of urgency was upon me. Having convinced myself of the need to protect my Mgst library should some overly greedy explorer stumble onto it, I felt it necessary to link

home very quickly. Taking only a few brief minutes to watch the sun set over Haven's freshwater lake, I swam out to the middle and linked away.



By now the linking book I used will have sunk underwater and been destroyed. Consequently there

remains but one task to finish before  
I can sleep. I must write two  
additional linking books tonight -- one  
for Haven, and one for Spire, my  
other prison Age -- then place them  
on display in the library. I shall also  
have to warn Sirrus and Achenar to  
stay away from them. And tell  
Catherine, of course, when all is  
finished.



