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Soledad in the Desert Outline

I. [Prologue: Soledad's Now]: (3 pp)

[read an early version to group]

Present time in Soledad's adult voice: timing would be around the end of *The City Built of Starships*.

II. [When the Younger Were Small} (16 pp)

[read just the first few pages of back story in an earlier version to group]

Soledad's stories of the Seekers' exodus; then early years in the Encampment. Basic narrative background and a couple of incidents:

- Soledad, Grace, and Beal get sick from eating lichen. S. hears the yaegers address her directly.
- There are flash-forward moments when she makes an image of hunger based on "gestating," and **she actually hints that the yaegers will eventually teach them how to eat second world food.**
- Bay falls in the stream. Yaegers save him.

(Up to Soledad about 6, but left imprecise.)

III. [Building a Bridge] More child adventures. (17 pp.)

[read part of this draft about the bridge being built, the assembly discussion]

("A few of the short seasons later, when we younger were still small...")

- They build a bridge.

(Summarizes Soledad very young, up to about 9)

IV [An Assembly and the first walkabouts.] (18 pp)

- The older discover the bridge. There is a discussion.
- Leon calls an all-younger assembly and broaches the idea of walking out into the desert. Aviva is accused by Hesh of wanting to "leave," like Maror.
- Small conversation, Lark, Grace, and Soledad about S. and Aviva being sisters.
- Summary of the first walks.