

Coraline – The Guide

The god of water, a tide as strong as the ocean itself, a guide for ships toward the morn.

- From the moment she was created, Coraline carried great sorrow within her — a sadness unknown to the other gods, born of both genuine grief and awe at the beauty she beheld. The ocean was full of life, countless creatures under her domain. She wished for them to prosper, to flow with the currents of the world, but she also wished for them to face the hardships of storms. Water, by nature, is both a tool of help and a weapon of destruction.
 - Coraline was the last god to master her element. She needed decades to understand what water truly was. She was water, yet it took time for her to understand herself. Once she did, she became a guide for everyone. Her tides shaped landscapes and ecosystems. Animals followed her currents. She was beloved and feared. Her waters became a guide for life itself, as she wished to guide her own existence.
 - She aided in forming the island containing the rage of Blikskem, reinforcing waters around it so humans could not willingly approach — or so she thought.
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Humanity's Descent

- When humanity first descended, and Bolland moved to help them, Coraline was perplexed. She wished to guide without being seen. After long debate with Alve and Mother, she agreed to aid humanity, but secretly.
 - A religion arose, rooted in the nature of water rather than her person. Humans were aware of her existence, much to her dismay, as Mother had shared knowledge of her. Coraline guided her followers through currents, teaching them to sail, explore islands, discover new lands, and harness the flow of water. She blessed sailors and adventurers, guiding them to new discoveries.
 - From this guidance, a culture and religion formed, centered on the flow of water, following “The Guide” — the force of desire, direction, and understanding.
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The War of Gold

- Coraline acted late, as Bolland had already begun breaking continents apart, and Alve had hurriedly gathered the other gods. She aided sailors in returning to defend land, preparing the oceans to be an insurmountable barrier. Yet even her powers could not prevent the Evernight monsters from appearing seemingly out of nowhere.
- This time, she revealed herself to her followers. She guided them to fight, to protect other religions, cultures, and anyone who could be saved. A mass migration began. Ships carried

humans to safety. Coraline's followers and she stood as one front, ensuring none would face danger alone.

- When the final plan succeeded, Coraline had exhausted her power. To continue guiding humanity, animals, and the earth itself, she merged with the ocean, entering eternal slumber. She would never awaken, but her presence remained in the seas, granting humanity the chance to survive with her guidance forever.
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Teachings of The Guide

- **Flow with life as water flows with the world.** Adapt, bend, and move with patience and purpose.
- **Guide others without seeking recognition.** True guidance is felt, not seen.
- **Balance nurture and challenge.** Water gives life, but storms teach strength.
- **Respect all living things.** Every creature has a place in the currents of the world.
- **Exploration and discovery are sacred.** Seek new lands, knowledge, and experiences.