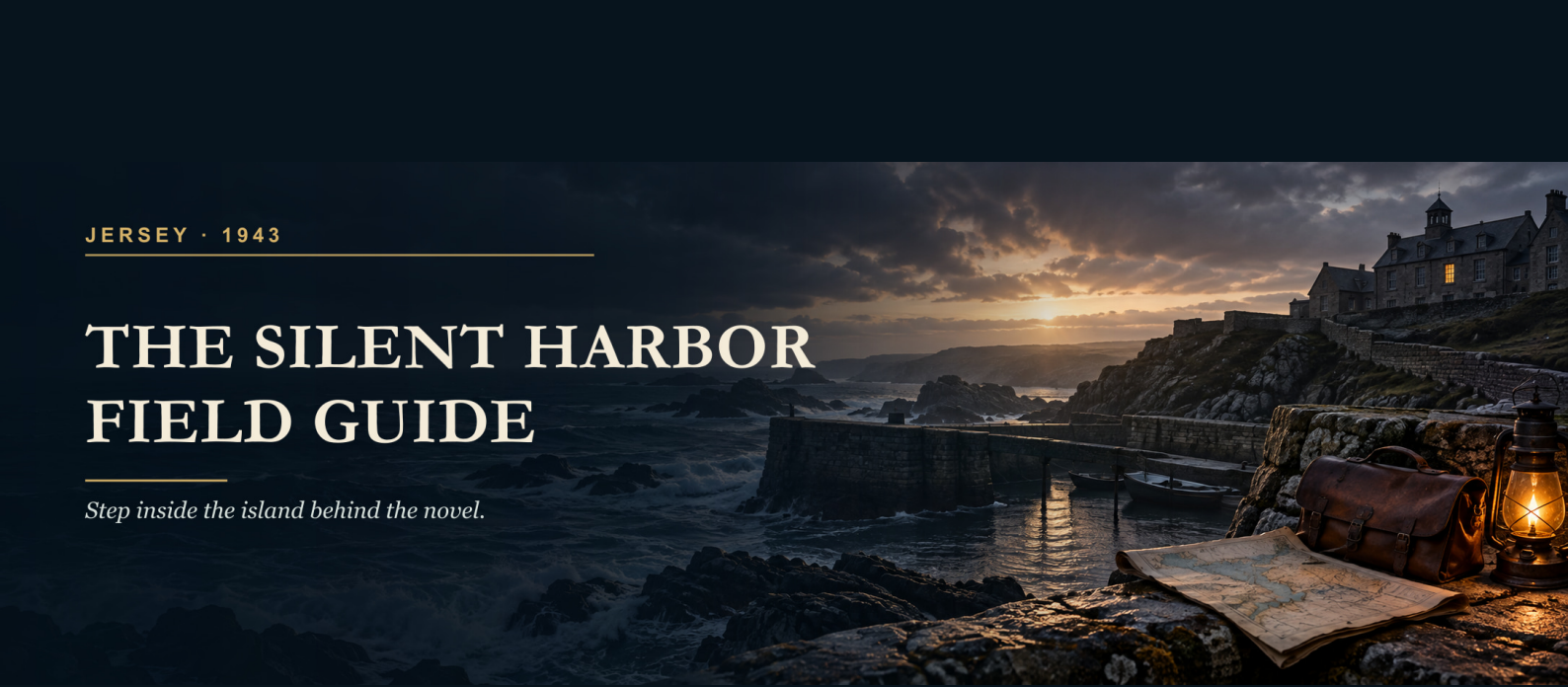




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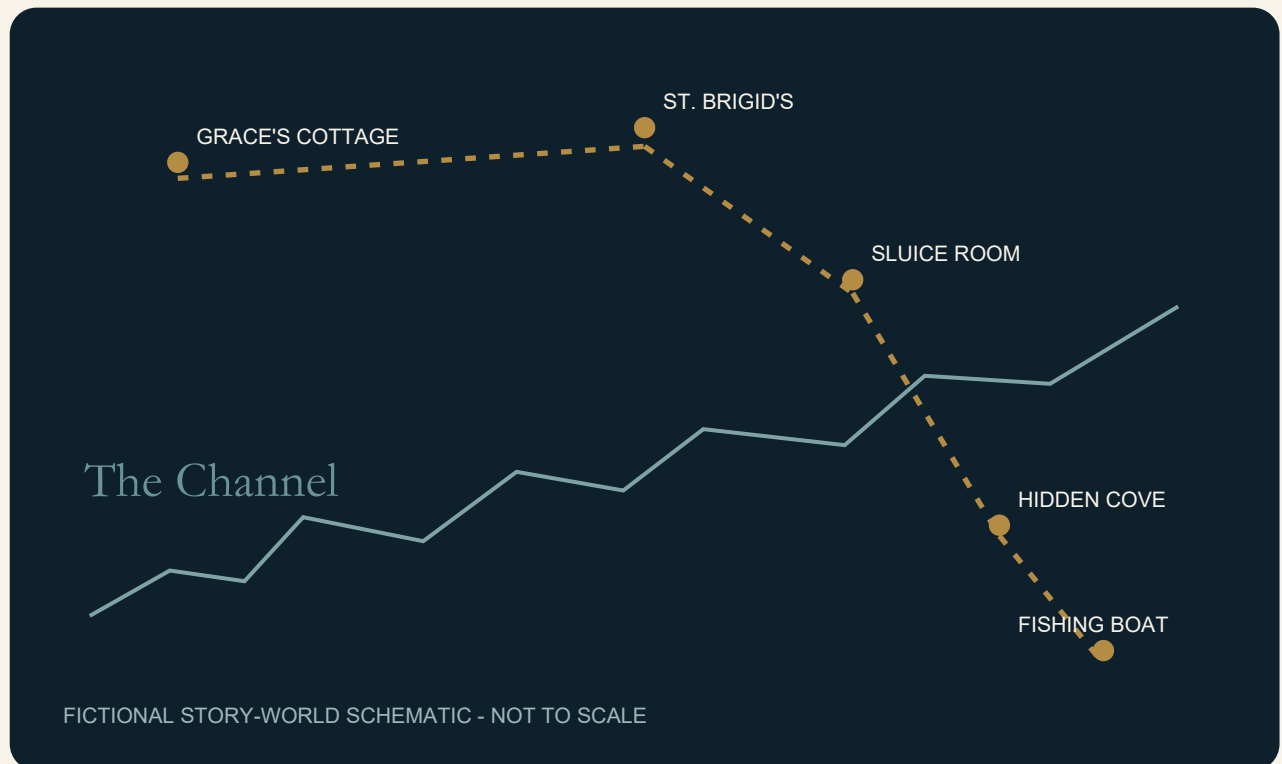
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1. Grace's island

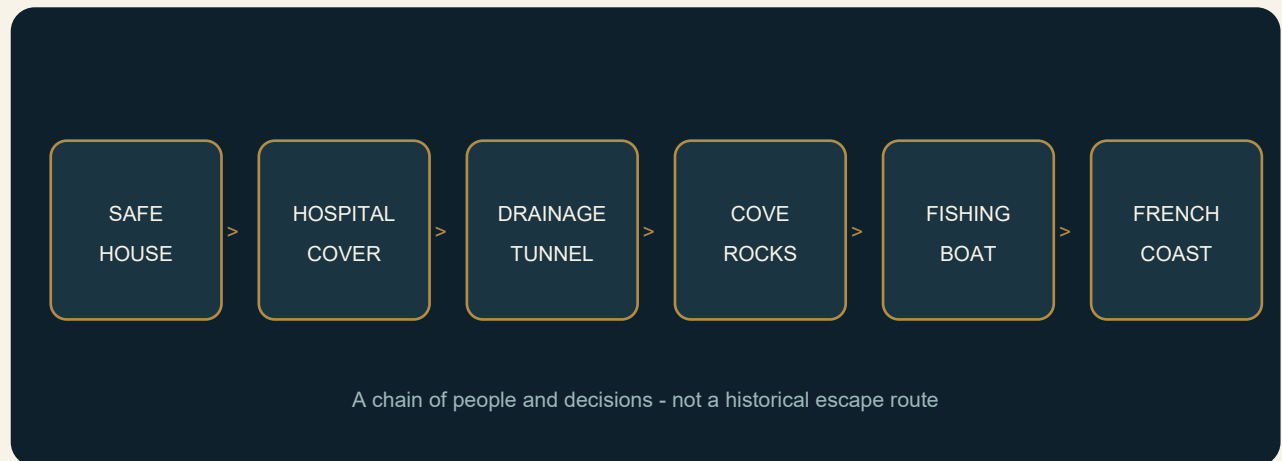
An occupied island can feel smaller than the map suggests. Grace Penrose moves between a cold cottage, a watched road, and the wards of St. Brigid's Hospital. Beyond the hospital lie a concealed drainage passage, a cove at the waterline, and the open Channel. Every journey requires a reason that will survive a question at a checkpoint.



This is a schematic map of the novel's fictional locations, not a historical street plan or a navigational chart. St. Brigid's Hospital and the Silent Harbor tunnel are inventions of the story.

2. How a rescue line moves

Silent Harbor is not one heroic dash to the sea. It is a relay of ordinary acts: a family waits out of sight; someone obtains an acceptable explanation for their movement; the hospital provides cover; the old drainage tunnel reaches the cove; a fishing boat carries passengers across the Channel when tide, weather and patrol patterns permit.



Each link has a person responsible for it, and each person knows less than the whole. Mabel can count places on the boat. Lise can move linen. Matron can make a chart look ordinary. Grace can keep a patient alive. None can make the sea safe.

The diagram shows the novel's story logic. It gives no real-world route, coordinates, timings or escape instructions.

3. People to know

Grace Penrose - A nurse who trusts clean records and steady hands until a wounded airman makes both dangerous. Her missing brother Thomas is never far from her thoughts.

Daniel Rees - An injured RAF flight lieutenant recorded in the ward as a local fisherman. The difference between those identities could destroy everyone sheltering him.

Mabel Le Couteur - A fishmonger and the island route's exacting local handler. She thinks in tides, head counts and consequences.

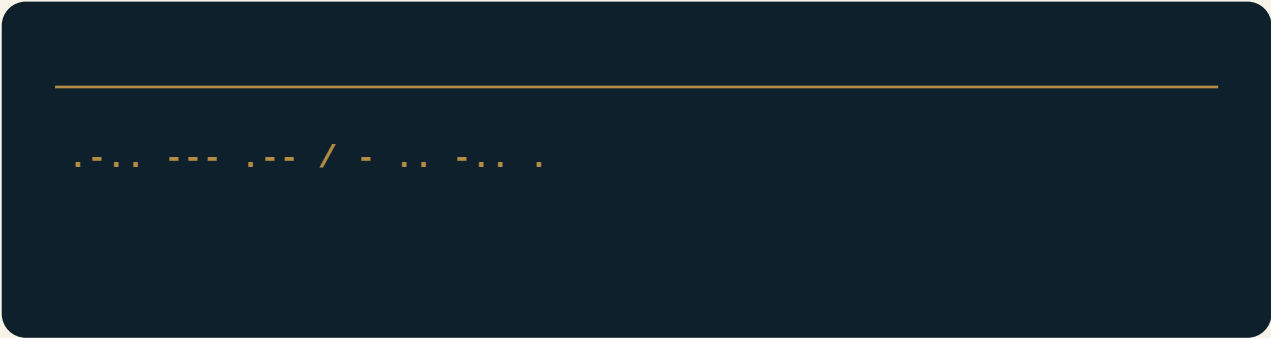
Matron Harker - The authority at St. Brigid's. Order and paperwork are not merely habits; they are part of how she protects the ward.

Lise Morel - A laundry worker whose access to sheets, doors and service corridors lets information travel unnoticed.

Father Alain Morel - Lise's uncle, a priest at Saint-Pierre's whose parish registers carry more than one kind of truth.

4. A message in the margins

The line below is a new fictional puzzle made for this guide, not a quotation from the novel or an authentic wartime transmission. A slash separates words; spaces separate letters.



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Try decoding it before turning the page. The key gives only the letters you need: D = -.. / E = . / I = .. / L = .-.. / O = --- / T = - / W = .--

What would Grace do with a message that tells her only when, and not whom to trust?

5. Jersey under occupation

German forces occupied Jersey on 1 July 1940. By the winter of the novel, islanders had lived for years with registration cards, orders governing daily life, ration queues, requisitions and severe pressure on supplies. Food was grown and improvised locally when imports failed. Radio listening and the circulation of news could bring punishment.

The actual General Hospital in St. Helier continued during the occupation. Jersey Heritage records the prosecution in 1943 of hospital chaplain Canon Clifford Cohu and others for receiving and circulating BBC news. Medical records from 1943 describe rationing's effects and the work of hospitals and district nursing. These are historical points of context, not proof that Grace's fictional hospital or rescue line existed.

Sources: Jersey Heritage, The German Occupation; Jersey Resistance During the Occupation; and the Jersey Archive catalogue entry for the 1943 Medical Officer of Health report. Full URLs appear in the final archive's history feature.

6. From Grace's ward

Fictional artifact created for readers - not a reproduced wartime chart or a page from the novel.

ST. BRIGID'S HOSPITAL - NIGHT OBSERVATION SLIP
Ward: B Bed: 7 Date: Winter 1943
00:30 - Blackout curtain secured at east window. Five patients resting. Coal allowance remains insufficient for overnight heat.
01:15 - Intermittent pipe noise noted below ward. Maintenance report deferred until morning.
03:40 - One patient awake. Water offered. No further complaint entered.
Handover note: Check the east window before the first round. Count the clean bandages twice.

The ordinary surface is deliberate. In this world, a quiet entry can conceal a difficult choice.

7. The restricted shelf

Puzzle answer: **LOW TIDE**. In the novel, timing is never enough by itself; someone still has to decide whether the people waiting can be moved safely.

You have followed the island from Grace's ward to the waterline. The Reader Archive goes further: Grace's case file, an original bonus scene, a coded transmission, historical background, a more detailed story-route schematic, and the opening chapter of Book Two.

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