

## Transformations

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***Aphrodite, born of the sea***

never found in shallows  
this species is at home  
in deep, dark waters;

not content  
with peripheral superficialities,  
which satisfy only *feeps*,  
this genus enjoys rare prizes,  
pearls of quality  
and other treasures  
hidden deep beneath  
the surface  
in warm  
velvet seas.

pressure intolerant creatures  
spin endlessly on the surface  
subject to all manner of vexations  
buffeted by every imaginable whim,  
forces that have little effect on the  
dwellers of the deep.

occasionally,  
curiosity overcomes

a surface dweller  
and tentative plunges are made  
until subtle body changes  
equip the brave  
for deeper dives, which accelerate  
the metamorphosis until  
a new, more able body is formed  
[one] able to withstand and enjoy the deep.

during this transformation  
fear of leaving familiar surrounds  
tussles with the desire  
for something new, more satisfying.

at this critical time a dweller of the deep,  
sensing the promise of a new addition,  
may guide/assist in the process  
by accompanying the adventurer down,  
until delicate winged fins and pulsing gills  
fully form --  
making a most exquisite creature of the deep.

success is rare  
most candidates balk  
and return to the surface  
to spend their days in desperate mediocrity.

some undaunted souls persist  
completing the transformation  
to enter a new dimension  
inhabited  
with exotic and mysterious  
species and the rewards associated with that  
kind.

remain true and venture down,  
the rewards far exceed  
the challenges.

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