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WOLF

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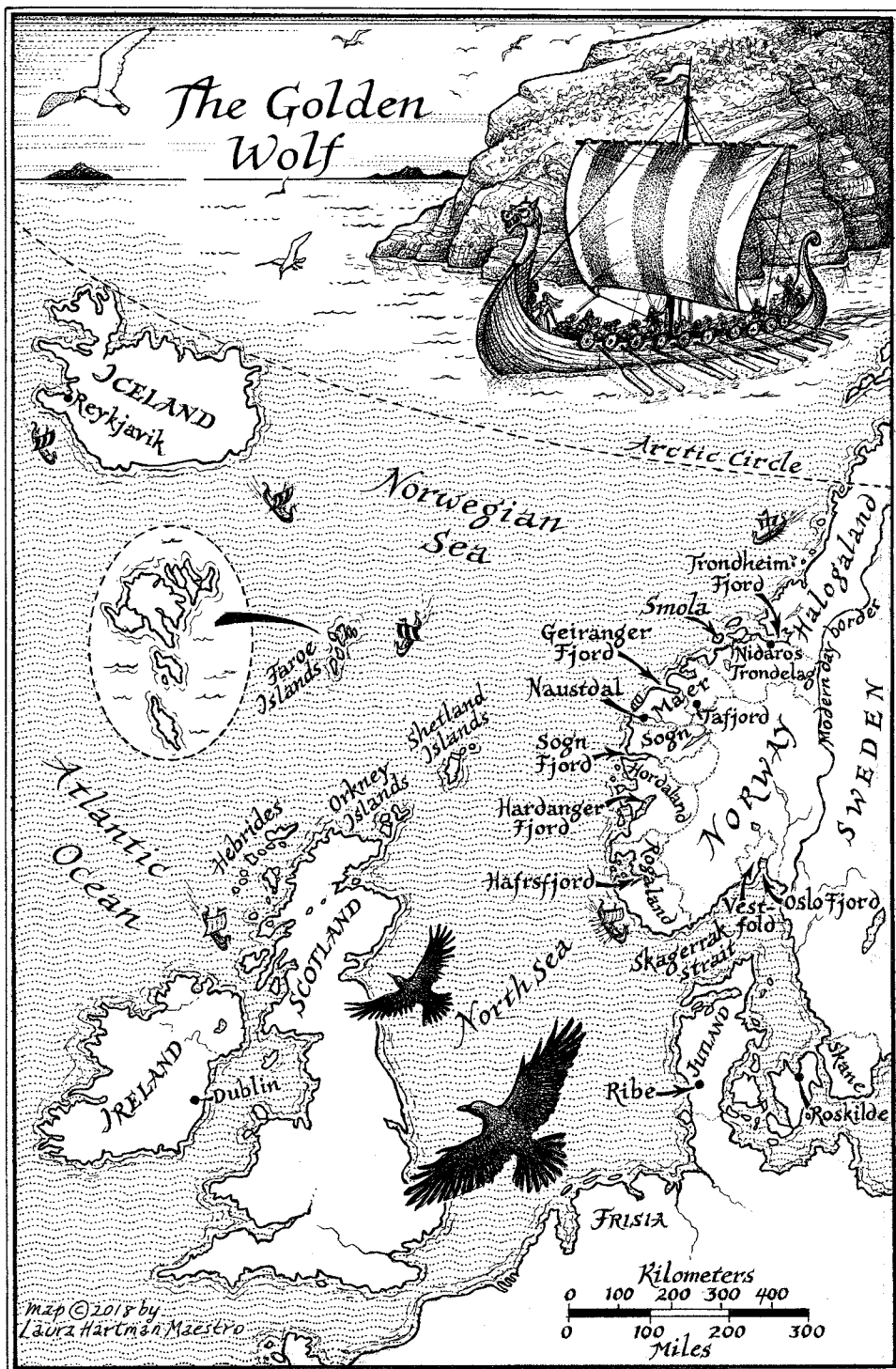
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PLACES AND CHARACTERS



PLACES

NORWAY

Maer—a district in western Norway, where Ragnvald rules, formerly ruled by Solvi's line

Tafjord—Ragnvald's seat of power, at the end of Geiranger Fjord

Geiranger Fjord—the fjord in Maer

Sogn—a district in western Norway, south of Maer, claimed by Ragnvald, ruled by Aldi Atlisson

Trondelag—a district in northwest Norway

Trondheim Fjord—the fjord in Trondelag

Nidaros—King Harald's northwest capital, modern-day Trondheim

Halogaland—a district in northwest Norway, ruled by King Heming

Yrjar—King Heming's seat of power in Halogaland

Vestfold—a district in southeastern Norway, ruled by King Harald

Tonsberg—a market town in Vestfold

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DENMARK

Jutland—Denmark's peninsula, ruled by King Erik

Ribe—a market town and Jutland's capital

Roskilde—the seat of power for rulers of the rest of Denmark

SWEDEN

Skane—a lawless coastal area on the southern tip of what is now Sweden

VARIOUS ISLANDS

The Orkney Islands—islands north of Scotland, claimed by Thorstein the Red

Grimbister—Orkney's main settlement

Hoy—one of the other Orkney islands

The Faroe Islands—islands between Iceland and Norway

The Shetland Islands—islands north of the Orkneys

The Hebrides—Scottish islands populated by vikings

Iceland—a large island north and east of the Faroe Islands, populated by many who fled Harald's conquest

Reykjavik—Iceland's primary settlement

CHARACTERS

Ragnvald Eysteinnsson, king of Sogn

Vigdis Audbjornsdatter, Ragnvald's stepmother and former concubine, now Guthorm's concubine

Hallbjorn Olafsson, Vigdis's son with Olaf, who was Ragnvald's stepfather

Einar Ragnvaldsson, Ragnvald's son with Vigdis

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Ragnhilda (Hilda) Hrolfsdatter, Ragnvald's wife

Ivar Ragnvaldsson, Ragnvald's son with Hilda

Thorir Ragnvaldsson, Ragnvald's son with Hilda

Hrolf (Rolli) Ragnvaldsson, Ragnvald's son with Hilda

Alfrith, Ragnvald's concubine

Hallad Ragnvaldsson, Ragnvald's son with Alfrith

Laugi Ragnvaldsson, Ragnvald's son with Alfrith

Sigurd Olafsson, Ragnvald's stepbrother

Olaf Sigurdsson, Sigurd's son

Svanhild Eysteinsdatter, Ragnvald's sister

Eystein Solvisson, Svanhild's son by Solvi, now deceased

Freydis Solvisdatter, Svanhild's daughter by Solvi

Bjorn Haraldsson, Svanhild's son by Harald

Ragnar Haraldsson, Svanhild's son by Harald

Solvi Hunthiofsson, Svanhild's former husband

Snorri, Solvi's man-at-arms

Brusi, Solvi's man-at-arms

Tova, Solvi's concubine

Harald Halfdansson, king of Norway

Guthorm, Harald's uncle and adviser

Vigdis Hallbjornsdatter, Guthorm's concubine

Asa Hakonsdatter, Harald's wife, King Hakon's daughter

Halfdan Haraldsson, Harald's son with Asa

Snaefrid, Harald's Finnish wife

Dagfinn Haraldsson, Harald's son by another wife

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Gyda Eiriksdatter, Harald's betrothed, queen of Hordaland

Gudrod Haraldsson, Gyda's nephew and adopted son

Signy Haraldsdatter, Gyda's niece and adopted daughter

Aldulf (Aldi) Atlisson, steward of Sogn

Kolbrand Aldulfsson, Aldi's son

Dota Aldulfsdatter, Aldi's daughter

Erik, king of Jutland, Denmark

Ragnhilda (Ranka) Eriksdatter, King Erik of Jutland's daughter

Thorstein the Red, a viking, formerly a companion of Solvi, now lives in the Orkney Islands

Melbrid Tooth, a viking from the Hebrides

Ketil Flatnose, a viking, formerly a companion of Solvi, now lives in the Hebrides

Unna, a woman in Iceland

Donall, her man

Hakon Grjotgaardsson, former king of Halogaland, deceased

Heming Hakonsson, Hakon's oldest son, king of Halogaland

Asa Hakonsdatter, Hakon's daughter, married to King Harald

Oddi Hakonsson, Hakon's baseborn son

Geirbjorn Hakonsson, Hakon's son, outlawed

Herlaug Hakonsson, Hakon's son, deceased

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