

The Volcano Series

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 And *the graves were opened; and many bodies . . .*
 which slept arose, And came out of the graves after
 his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and
 appeared unto many. Matthew 27:52-53

 When asked, "Just what is night anyway?"
 Coyote closed his eyes,
 Placed his burden basket over his head
 And began making the sounds of hoot owl.
 "The Burden Basket," *Elderberry Flute*
 Song, Peter Blue Cloud

What do you think of the little rumblings, the discontents, the warpings of fault lines and fissures? What seems to be said takes some thinking. He led captivity captive.¹ Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower part of the earth.² What could it have been to descend into the earth: the magma and lava the dark heat nearly sweat lodged there? Was it where he wandered with his ash bucket, his firepans and shovel after Calvary, after the graves were opened? What did the dead do the three days he was in hell preaching on last chance to the *unchanced*? Did they look at one another and didn't quite know what to do? Maybe some saw their families on the street and weren't recognized. How had they changed that they didn't know them? It would have been too much anyway for the families to know their dead were only waiting on Jesus and had three days to kill and would have to leave again for a second parting while the families were still grieving from the first. Still others hid out, pulling their tunics and cloaks and head cloths about them, holding their little angers, the mistreatments, the rapes, the robberies, and waited on the edge of town for him to return from hell and take

them in the air.

¹Psalm 68:18

²Ephesians 4:9