

While waiting for a train to Haewon, an isolated Korean seaside village, bodyguard Muyoung gets a disaster alert on her phone. TVs throughout the station report breaking news of a massive earthquake on the coast. Despite the danger, Muyoung boards the train with her niece: She'd rather face the earthquake than leave the girl in her mother's care. That choice haunts her for the rest of her life.

Three years later, Haewon Village is home to horrors. A spreading plague is transforming its victims into fishlike monsters, and the government's quarantine order has cut off any hope for help. All that's left for Muyoung is to hunt villagers who break isolation. When an officious bureaucrat from Seoul arrives in the village, he stirs up even deeper trouble. Will Muyoung survive? Does she even deserve to?

*A Plagued Sea* unleashes a Lovecraftian nightmare of infection, transformation, and abomination, devised by visionary, award-winning Korean author Kim Bo-Young.

**KIM BO-YOUNG** is one of Korea's most unique and important authors. Her first published work of fiction, a novella titled *The Experience of Touch*, unanimously won the award for the best novella at the Korean Science and Technology Creative Writing Awards in 2004. In 2010, she published a two-volume collection of short stories, *The Story Goes That Far* and *An Evolutionary Myth*. In 2013 came the publication of her first novel, *The Seven Executioners*, which won the South Korean SF Award. Bo-Young's work enjoys widespread popularity in Korea and has been praised by award-winning film directors Park Chan-wook and Bong Joon Ho. She acted as a script adviser for Joon Ho's 2013 film *Snowpiercer*.

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