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### I'll Be Seeing You

Looking down from the Eiffel Tower, Alan Greenmor stands on the edge, determined to end it all. As he prepares to jump, his thoughts are interrupted by a cough. To his right is a mysterious stranger in a dark suit, smoking a cigar. This is Yves Dubreuil. The person who will change Alan's life. Dubreuil convinces Alan to reconsider his plans, with one caveat: instead of ending his life, he will give his life over to Dubreuil. In return, Dubreuil promises to teach Alan the secrets to happiness and success. And so, Alan embarks on a wild ride of self-discovery. From a humiliating fiasco at a Parisian bakery, to finding the strength to assert himself in his company's boardroom, Alan learns to overcome his deepest fears and self-doubts, face life's unexpected twists and turns, take crazy risks, and fully accept himself in the process. From best-selling author Laurent Gounelle, *The Man Who Risked It All* explores the fragility of life and the possibilities that are presented to us in the unlikeliest circumstances.

### Traveling in French Cinema

If you've ever felt alone in a world of strangers, missing someone you've never met, you'll find a message from your love in *The Bridge Across Forever*.

### French Opera

## **iDeja de Refunfuñar!**

"Simenon created one of the great moral detectives . . . a master of the slow unfolding of the criminal mind."-JOHN MORTIMER Someone is moving a kind old woman's furniture while she is away, but by the time Maigret investigates, she is dead. A kind, elderly lady-meticulously groomed and showing no signs of derangement-appeals to Inspector Maigret, frightened because someone has been moving furniture in her apartment. Nothing, however, has been stolen, and Maigret's subordinates at Police Headquarters shrug her off as "Maigret's madwoman." Touched by the imploring look in her eyes, Maigret promises to investigate-but someone gets there ahead of him. "Simenon is . . . in a class by himself."-THE NEW YORKER Georges Simenon (1903-1989) was born in Liege, Belgium. He published his first novel at seventeen and went on to write more than two hundred novels, becoming one of the world's most prolific and bestselling authors. His books have sold more than 500 million copies and have been translated into fifty languages. Maigret is a registered trademark of the Estate of Georges Simenon

## **The Man Who Risked It All**

### **The Quest for the New Jerusalem, Jean de Labadie and the Labadists, 1610-1744**

Manuela was tall and slender and graceful, and once you knew her the lithe form could never be mistaken. She walked with the easy spring that comes from a perfectly arched foot. To-day she swept swiftly down Marais Street, casting a quick glance here and there from under her heavy veil as if she feared she was being followed. If you had peered under the veil, you would have seen that Manuela's dark eyes were swollen and discoloured about the lids, as though they had known a sleepless, tearful night. There had been a picnic the day before, and as merry a crowd of giddy, chattering Creole girls and boys as ever you could see boarded the ramshackle dummy-train that puffed its way wheezily out wide Elysian Fields Street, around the lily-covered bayous, to Milneburg-on-the-Lake. Now, a picnic at Milneburg is a thing to be remembered for ever. One charts a rickety-looking, weather-beaten dancing-pavilion, built over the water, and after storing the children - for your true Creole never leaves the small folks at home - and the baskets and mothers downstairs, the young folks go up-stairs and dance to the tune of the best band you ever heard. For what can equal the music of a violin, a guitar, a cornet, and a bass viol to trip the quadrille to at a picnic? Then one can fish in the lake and go bathing under the prim bath-houses, so severely separated sexually, and go rowing on the lake in a trim boat, followed by the shrill warnings of anxious mamans. And in the evening one comes home, hat crowned with cool gray Spanish moss, hands burdened with fantastic latanier baskets woven by the brown bayou boys, hand in hand with your dearest one, tired but happy.

## **Dieu voyage toujours incognito**

Set in Norway in the mid-nineteenth century, Dina's Book presents a beautiful, eccentric, and tempestuous heroine who carries a terrible burden: at the age of five she accidentally caused her mother's death. Blamed by her father and banished to a farm, she grows up untamed and untaught. No one leads the child through her grief, and the accident remains a gruesome riddle of death, with Dina left haunted by the vindictive spirit of her mother. When her father agrees to take her back after several years, his efforts to cultivate her have little lasting effect. Tamed only by her tutor, who is able to reach her through music and draw out her gift for mathematics, Dina remains private and closely guarded, while her unconventional behavior and erotic power enchant and ensnare those around her. At age sixteen, she is married off to Jacob, a wealthy fifty-year-old landowner, who later dies under odd circumstances. Wrestling with her two unappeased ghosts, Dina becomes mute and then emerges from her shock to run Jacob's estate with an iron hand . . . until one day a mysterious stranger, the Russian wanderer Leo, enters her life and changes it forever.

## **Secret Societies and the French Revolution**

Imaginez. Un homme vous sauve la vie, en échange de votre engagement de faire tout ce qu'il vous demande pour votre bien. Le dos au mur, vous acceptez et vous vous retrouvez embarqué dans une incroyable situation où tout semble vous échapper. Vous n'êtes plus le maître de votre vie et pourtant à bien des égards, elle est plus excitante qu'auparavant ! Mais peu à peu, le doute s'installe en vous : quelles sont les intentions réelles de cet homme qui s'est immiscé dans votre existence ? Qui est-il vraiment ? Et qui sont ces personnages énigmatiques dans son entourage ? Les découvertes que vous faites n'ont rien pour vous rassurer. Cette histoire, qui nous plonge dans l'atmosphère envoûtante d'un été parisien, ouvre la voie de la plus belle des réflexions sur nous-mêmes : qu'est-ce qui peut nous permettre de dépasser nos inhibitions, nos peurs et nos conditionnements, pour sortir du chemin tout tracé de notre vie lorsque celle-ci ne nous apporte pas pleinement satisfaction ?

## **La felicità viaggia sempre in incognito**

At the end of a holiday in Bali, Julian, an unhappy schoolteacher decides to meet a renowned local healer, Samtyang. Through daily sessions at the wise man's house, he begins to identify the source of his unhappiness as a series of simple questions and answers point to his own limiting beliefs and fears. Day after day, their dialogue is punctuated by live examples and challenges Julian is asked to experience on the island's mainland and its surroundings. From international best-selling author Laurent Gounelle, *The Man Who Wanted to be Happy* explores the world of new possibilities that are open to us when we discover how to break free of what prevents us from being truly happy.

## **Plundered Empire**

During the Age of Revolution, Paris came alive with wildly popular virtuoso performances. Whether the performers were musicians or chefs, chess players or detectives, these virtuosos transformed their technical skills into dramatic spectacles, presenting the marvelous and the outré for spellbound audiences. Who these characters were, how they attained their fame, and why Paris became the focal point of their activities is the subject of Paul Metzner's absorbing study. Covering the years 1775 to 1850, Metzner describes the careers of a handful of virtuosos: chess masters who played several games at once; a chef who sculpted hundreds of four-foot-tall architectural fantasies in sugar; the first police detective, whose memoirs inspired the invention of the detective story; a violinist who played whole pieces on a single string. He examines these virtuosos as a group in the context of the society that was then the capital of Western civilization. This title is part of UC Press's Voices Revived program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, Voices Revived makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1999.

## **Behold an Animal**

Considered by many to be Lithuania's most important work of modernist fiction, this novel tells the story of Antanas Garsva, an emigre poet working as an elevator operator in a large New York hotel in the 1950s.

## **The Pope's Legion**

The history of Jean de Labadie and the Labadists has received attention through the years. That attention, however, has more often than not fallen short in its tracing of Labadie's 'double migration'. Disaffected with the established church order of his day and motivated by a sense of prophetic mission to establish again the life of the primitive church, this spiritual nomad wandered from France to Switzerland, then to the United Provinces, Germany and Denmark, according to the vicissitudes of the times. As he went, he changed his affiliations from 'high' church to 'lower', from the bosom of Rome to Calvinism, then to congregational separatism. Thus there has been ample reason to treat Labadie's life and ministry episodically, be it a geographical or denominational episode, and a solid grounding could be had by piecing together several of these (all listed in bibliography part D): M. de Certeau on the Jesuit years; X. de Bonnault d'Houet on his stay at Amiens; A-L. Bertrand on the 'lost years' from Amiens to Montauban; J-H. Gerlach and W. Goeters on the schism at Middelburg; P. Scheltema on Amsterdam; L. Holscher and G.E. Guhrauer on Herford; J. Lieboldt and H. von Schubert on Altona; B.B. James and H.C. Murphy on the colony in Maryland; L. Knappert on that in Surinam; and any number of

authorities on the Labadists in Friesland. Yet there are significant gaps.

## **The Bridge Across Forever**

## **Underground Time**

Everyday Mathilde takes the Metro, then the commuter train to the office of a large multi-national where she works in the marketing department. Every day, the same routine, the same trains. But something happened a while ago - she dared to voice a different opinion from her moody boss, Jacques. Bit by bit she finds herself frozen out of everything, with no work to do. Thibault is a paramedic. Every day he drives to the addresses he receives from his controller. The city spares him no grief: traffic jams, elusive parking spaces, delivery trucks blocking his route. He is well aware that he may be the only human being many of the people he visits will see for the entire day and is well acquainted with the symptomatic illnesses, the major disasters, the hustle and bustle and, of course, the immense, pervading loneliness of the city. Before one day in May, Mathilde and Thibault had never met. They were just two anonymous figures in a crowd, pushed and shoved and pressured continuously by the loveless, urban world. Underground Time is a novel of quiet violence - the violence of office-bullying, the violence of the brutality of the city - in which our two characters move towards an inevitable meeting. 'Two solitary existences cross paths in this poignant chronicle, a new testimony to de Vigan's superb eloquence' Lire

## **Sir John Chardin's Travels in Persia**

## **Maigret and the Madwoman**

Sir John Chardin's Travels in Persia is an abridged translation of the original French edition, which describes in great detail the people, places, politics, governments, and culture John Chardin encountered during his many years of travel in the Near East. It was originally published in full in 1711 under the title *Voyages de monsieur le chevalier Chardin en Perse, et autres lieux de l'Orient*, or *The Travels of Sir John Chardin in Persia and the Orient*. It is considered an authority among academics; Persian scholar John Emerson said, "[Chardin's] information on Safavid Persia outranks that of all other Western writers in range, depth, accuracy, and judiciousness." The complete works have never been translated in English, though there are many editions. This volume contains the hard-to-find original 1720 translation, presented in two parts. SIR JOHN CHARDIN (1643-1713), also known as Jean Chardin, was a French jeweler and traveler who authored the ten-volume book *The Travels of Sir John Chardin*, one of the most well-regarded early scholarly works on the Near East and Persia by a Westerner.

Chardin was trained to be a jeweler like his father, but instead set out with a fellow merchant for Persia and India in 1664 at the ripe age of 21. He spent most of his time traveling in Persia from 1664-1673, before finally settling in England to escape the French prosecution of Protestants in 1681. It was there that he published the first part of The Travels of Sir John Chardin in 1686, which was presented in full in Amsterdam in 1711, two years before his death.

## **The Spell of Switzerland**

### **Бог завжди подорожує інкогніто**

Learn to be Happier. Week by Week. In this week-by-week guided journal, Tal Ben-Shahar offers a full year's worth of exercises to inspire happiness every day. Using the groundbreaking principles of positive psychology that he taught in his wildly popular course at Harvard University and that inspired his worldwide bestseller Happier, Ben-Shahar has designed a series of tools and techniques to enable us all to find more pleasure and meaning in our lives. 52 weeks of new exercises, meditations, and "time-ins" A journal to record your thoughts, feelings, and personal growth Life-changing insights of philosophers, psychologists, artists, writers, scientists, and successful entrepreneurs This is no ordinary self-help book that you read and toss aside. It's a complete, user-driven journal filled with proactive challenges, thoughtprovoking questions, and "time-ins" that allow you to pause and reflect. You can engage in these activities every day to stimulate your creativity, enhance your sense of empowerment, enrich the quality of your life, and, yes, feel Even Happier.

## **An Englishman in Paris (Notes and Recollections)**

From Lisi Harrison, the New York Times bestselling author of The Clique and Alphas, comes a new series with a fresh twist on high school, romance, and the "horrors" of trying to fit in. The monster community has kept a low profile at the local high school, but when two new girls enroll, the town will never be the same. Created just fifteen days ago, Frankie Stein is psyched to trade her father's formaldehyde-smelling basement lab for parties and prom. But with a student body totally freaked out by rumors of monsters stalking the halls, Frankie learns that high school can be rough for a chic freak like her. She thinks she finds a friend in fellow new student Melody Carver-but can a "normie" be trusted with her big secret?

## **Mystifying the Monarch**

"A brilliant overview of the history of French opera, scrupulously researched and eminently readable. The people, the politics, the scandals—informative and entertaining."-Richard Bonyngue AO, CBE --

## **White Shroud**

This ambitious and vivid study in six volumes explores the journey of a single, electrifying story, from its first incarnation in a medieval French poem through its prolific rebirth in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The Juggler of Notre Dame tells how an entertainer abandons the world to join a monastery, but is suspected of blasphemy after dancing his devotion before a statue of the Madonna in the crypt; he is saved when the statue, delighted by his skill, miraculously comes to life. Jan Ziolkowski tracks the poem from its medieval roots to its rediscovery in late nineteenth-century Paris, before its translation into English in Britain and the United States. The visual influence of the tale on Gothic revivalism and vice versa in America is carefully documented with lavish and inventive illustrations, and Ziolkowski concludes with an examination of the explosion of interest in The Juggler of Notre Dame in the twentieth century and its place in mass culture today. Volume 2: Medieval Meets Medievalism deals with the influence of the tale in nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century Europe and America, and the development of literary medievalism at this time. The Juggler of Notre Dame and the Medievalizing of Modernity is a rich case study for the reception of the Middle Ages in modernity. Spanning centuries and continents, the medieval period is understood through the lens of its (post)modern reception in Europe and America. Profound connections between the verbal and the visual are illustrated by a rich trove of images, including book illustrations, stained glass, postage stamps, architecture, and Christmas cards. Presented with great clarity and simplicity, Ziolkowski's work is accessible to the general reader, while its many new discoveries will be valuable to academics in such fields and disciplines as medieval studies, medievalism, philology, literary history, art history, folklore, performance studies, and reception studies.

## **Even Happier: A Gratitude Journal for Daily Joy and Lasting Fulfillment**

Як не пропустити в житті ті можливості, які воно нам пропонує? Знайти своє призначення й зробити реальністю найзаповітніші та найсміливіші мрії? Шлях до самореалізації та самовдосконалення відкритий кожному, треба лише обрати вірний напрямок. На відміну від інших книжок із психології саморозвитку, бестселер Лорана Гунеля не перелік правил і вправ, а захоплива розповідь про історію життя паризького юнака, до якої хочеться приєднатися! Повне інтриги й пригод, це керівництво з пошуку свого місця в житті, боротьби зі страхами й комплексами за особисте щастя та професійний успіх! Поради й завдання, які даватиме врятованому на межі відчаю Алану його таємничий наставник, — універсальна та ефективна методика розвитку особистості від відомого психолога й письменника.

## **The Man Who Wanted to Be Happy**

Travel narratives abound in French cinema since the 1980s. This study delineates recurrent travel tropes in films such as departures and returns, the chase, the escape, nomadic wandering, interior voyages, the unlikely travel, rituals, pilgrimages, migrants' narratives and emergencies, women's travel, and healing narratives.

## **Economics of Good and Evil**

## **Call Me Scarlett**

## **The Goodness of St. Rocque**

## **What I Believe**

With China and India poised to become the world's next great economic engines, they are fast becoming the world's heaviest polluters. One of the world's greatest astrophysicists, Hubert Reeves has turned his attention to the state of planet Earth. The facts and figures he has studied lead him to believe that the human race is on the brink of making the world uninhabitable. With Terracide, Hubert Reeves joins the ranks of scientists that include David Suzuki and James Hansen (of NASA) demanding that we pay closer attention to our consumption of non-renewable resources and the pollution and global warming they cause. Drawing on cogent scientific data, Reeves lays out a prognosis that is alarming. Terracide is not only a plea for the Earth, it is a blueprint for a race against time. The White House has attempted to silence James Hansen, who on March 19 of this year went public on CBS' 60 Minutes, with this statement: "In my more than three decades in the government I've never witnessed such restrictions on the ability of scientists to communicate with the public." What Hansen, Suzuki, and now Hubert Reeves have to say about the fate of the Earth is a message we all need to read and understand.

## **Crescendo of the Virtuoso**

## **Livres hebdo**

Behold an Animal examines the philosophical significance of animals in the French novel today. It contributes to critical

scholarship on contemporary French literature, comparative literature, Derrida and Deleuze studies, and animal studies.

## **Dina's Book**

Tomas Sedlacek has shaken the study of economics as few ever have. Named one of the "Young Guns" and one of the "five hot minds in economics" by the Yale Economic Review, he serves on the National Economic Council in Prague, where his provocative writing has achieved bestseller status. How has he done it? By arguing a simple, almost heretical proposition: economics is ultimately about good and evil. In *The Economics of Good and Evil*, Sedlacek radically rethinks his field, challenging our assumptions about the world. Economics is touted as a science, a value-free mathematical inquiry, he writes, but it's actually a cultural phenomenon, a product of our civilization. It began within philosophy--Adam Smith himself not only wrote *The Wealth of Nations*, but also *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*--and economics, as Sedlacek shows, is woven out of history, myth, religion, and ethics. "Even the most sophisticated mathematical model," Sedlacek writes, "is, de facto, a story, a parable, our effort to (rationally) grasp the world around us." Economics not only describes the world, but establishes normative standards, identifying ideal conditions. Science, he claims, is a system of beliefs to which we are committed. To grasp the beliefs underlying economics, he breaks out of the field's confines with a tour de force exploration of economic thinking, broadly defined, over the millennia. He ranges from the epic of Gilgamesh and the Old Testament to the emergence of Christianity, from Descartes and Adam Smith to the consumerism in *Fight Club*. Throughout, he asks searching meta-economic questions: What is the meaning and the point of economics? Can we do ethically all that we can do technically? Does it pay to be good? Placing the wisdom of philosophers and poets over strict mathematical models of human behavior, Sedlacek's groundbreaking work promises to change the way we calculate economic value.

## **The Reader on the 6.27**

"I hope this letter gets to you quickly. We are always waiting, aren't we? Perhaps the greatest gift this war has given us is the anticipation..." It's January 1943 when Rita Vincenzo receives her first letter from Glory Whitehall. Glory is an effervescent young mother, impulsive and free as a bird. Rita is a sensible professor's wife with a love of gardening and a generous, old soul. Glory comes from New England society; Rita lives in Iowa, trying to make ends meet. They have nothing in common except one powerful bond: the men they love are fighting in a war a world away from home. Brought together by an unlikely twist of fate, Glory and Rita begin a remarkable correspondence. The friendship forged by their letters allows them to survive the loneliness and uncertainty of waiting on the home front, and gives them the courage to face the battles raging in their very own backyards. Connected across the country by the lifeline of the written word, each woman finds her life profoundly altered by the other's unwavering support. A collaboration of two authors whose own beautiful story mirrors that on the page, *I'll Be Seeing You* is a deeply moving union of style and charm. Filled with unforgettable characters and

grace, it is a timeless celebration of friendship and the strength and solidarity of women.

## **Darius Milhaud**

A special edition of the international bestseller from French author Jean-Paul Didierlaurent. The Reader on the 6.27 is ready to take you on a journey . . . Guylain Vignolles lives on the edge of existence. Working at a book pulping factory in a job he hates, he has but one pleasure in life. Sitting on the 6.27 train each day, Guylain recites aloud from pages he has saved from the jaws of his monstrous pulping machine. But it is when he discovers the diary of a lonely young woman, Julie - a woman who feels as lost in the world as he does - that his journey will truly begin.

## **Guernsey Folk Lore**

For readers who love A Man Called Ove and the works of Alain de Botton comes the story of how a young woman's project to help a friend launches her on a journey of self-discovery, from international bestselling author Lauren Gounelle. Alice is very good at her job. She's on the rise at a prominent PR firm, and there is no image-management disaster she can't fix. But when her dearest friend, a parish priest in a charming French village, becomes depressed about his dwindling number of parishioners, she may finally have met her biggest challenge. Though an avowed atheist, Alice is determined to apply her skills to the problem. She plunges into research, immersing herself in the world of spirituality, from Christianity to Hinduism, from self-empowerment seminars to the Tao Te Ching. In her quest to understand how thinkers through the centuries have tried to answer the age-old questions of existence, Alice uncovers an astonishing truth--almost lost to time--that will forever change the way she thinks about humankind's place in the universe, and her own. In this moving and captivating novel, Laurent Gounelle takes us on a journey of spiritual and intellectual discovery that is sure to surprise and enlighten.

## **Christina of Denmark, Duchess of Milan and Lorraine, 1522-1590**

Three schoolmates each have a dream--Severine to be a reporter, Martine to live in America, and Juliette to find her Prince Charming--but their worldly education has just begun as they experience the disappointments and disillusionments of adult life

## **Monster High**

## **My Memoirs**

Providing extensive documentation, the book examines the mechanics, trials and tribulations of plundering the Ottoman East for private and public collections in Europe. It helps document the continuing debate about the ethics of museum collections.

## **The Origins of Contemporary France : The ancient régime. 1888**

The power of monarchs has traditionally been as much symbolic as actual, rooted in popular imagery of sovereignty, divinity, and authority. In *Mystifying the Monarch*, a distinguished group of contributors explores the changing nature of that imagery—and its political and social effects—in Europe from the Middle Ages to the present day. They demonstrate that, rather than a linear progression where perceptions of rulers moved inexorably from the sacred to the banal, in reality the history of monarchy has been one of constant tension between mystification and demystification.

## **Terracide**

Tariq Ramadan is very much a public figure, named one of Time magazine's most important innovators of the twenty-first century. He is among the leading Islamic thinkers in the West, with a large following around the world. But he has also been a lightning rod for controversy. Indeed, in 2004, Ramadan was prevented from entering the U.S. by the Bush administration and despite two appeals, supported by organizations like the American Academy of Religion and the ACLU, he was barred from the country until spring of 2010, when Secretary of State Hillary Clinton finally lifted the ban. In *What I Believe*, Ramadan attempts to set the record straight, laying out the basic ideas he stands for in clear and accessible prose. He describes the book as a work of clarification, directed at ordinary citizens, politicians, journalists, and others who are curious (or skeptical) about his positions. Aware that that he is dealing with emotional issues, Ramadan tries to get past the barriers of prejudice and misunderstanding to speak directly, from the heart, to his Muslim and non-Muslim readers alike. In particular, he calls on Western Muslims to escape the mental, social, cultural, and religious ghettos they have created for themselves and become full partners in the democratic societies in which they live. At the same time, he calls for the rest of us to recognize our Muslim neighbors as citizens with rights and responsibilities the same as ours. His vision is of a future in which a shared and confident pluralism becomes a reality at last.

## **The Juggler of Notre Dame and the Medievalizing of Modernity.**

Más de 40.000 ejemplares vendidos en Francia Un libro para no amargarle la vida a los demás, reprogramarse hacia el cambio y aprovechar el presente Una persona refunfuña de media entre 15 y 30 veces al día. Si ello resulta insoportable para su entorno, al final también lo es para uno mismo, porque termina siendo frustrante, molesto, cansino... La autora de

este libro, que ha vendido más de 40.000 ejemplares en Francia, ha logrado superar con éxito la apuesta de dejar de quejarse durante 21 días consecutivos. Un desafío que propone ahora a los lectores para que consigan no amargarle la vida a los demás, reprogramarse hacia el cambio y recuperar la serenidad y el placer de vivir!

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### **Alice Asks the Big Questions**

With Arthurian grandeur the Papal Zouaves marched into Italy in the mid-nineteenth century, summoned by the Pope under siege as the Wars of the Risorgimento raged. Motivated by wanderlust, a sense of duty and the call of faith, some 20,000 Catholic men from around the world rallied to Vatican City to defend her gates against Sardinian marauders. Volunteers came from France, Belgium, Spain, Ireland, Austria, and many other countries, including the United States. The battles that ensued lasted over 10 years, among a shifting array of allies and enemies and are among history's most fascinating yet largely overlooked episodes. Napoleon, Pius IX, and Bismarck all make appearances in the story, but at the center were the Zouaves--steeped in a knightly code of honor, and unflinching in battle as any modern warrior--as the Church they vowed to defend to the death teetered at the brink of destruction.

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