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THAT PARLOUR, THERE, WE'LL NEED THAT TOO.

WELL NORMALLY THAT'S WHERE I SERVE THE ALE, OF AN EVENING.

YOU'LL BE COMPENSATED.



THIS IS THE BEST OF THE ROOMS. IT HAS A FINE PROSPECT.

AND TEN WARRING TRIBES OF LICE, NO DOUBT.

BUT IT WILL SERVE.



YOUR MASTER MUST BE SOME GREAT LORD, SURELY.

A LORD? WHY WOULD YOU SAY SO?

WELL, HIS CARRIAGE, AND--AND HIS APPOINTMENTS--

HE'S CAEL EXTAT, STEWARD TO CLAN ALDERCREST. HE'S HERE TO BUY SLAVES.



HERE, SIX SILVER LADIES AND A BRACE OF COPPERS.

THAT'S FOR THE USE OF YOUR PARLOUR, AND FOR SUPPER. MARK YOU, SUPPER HAD BEST BE EDIBLE.



SLAVES...?



MARGILA, THESE WORSHIPS IS HERE TO BUY SLAVES!

GIVE TOPHY A SCRUB! MAYHAP WE CAN SELL HER.

OH, LADY BE PRAISED! I'LL PUT A CLEAN SHIFT ON HER.

AND GET TO CLEANING OUT THE PARLOUR. THEY NEED THE USE OF IT.



OH FIRST IS THE GODDESS!

AND SECOND IS THE KING!

AND THIRD IS THE GENTLES OF THE CONSISTORY WING!



DA DA DA!

AND FOURTH IS ME, MOTH.



I COME NEXT.

I'M THE KING OF SAKONSET BEACH.



YOU SHOULD BOW, LITTLE RED-RISSON. OR TOUCH YOUR HANDS TOGETHER LIKE A LADY.



GO ON!



WHAPPT

OW!



OW OW OW!



OKAY.

WE CAN BE EQUAL FOURTH.

YOU IN THE WATER AND ME UP HERE ON THE SAND.



MOTH. MOTHER SAYS TO COME.

BUT SHE SENT ME TO LOOK FOR CRABS.

SHE SAYS TO COME.



THIS IS GOOD OAK, BUT IT HAS BEEN ILL USED. YOU WERE BEST TO RUB SOME OIL INTO IT.

AYE, SIR. I'LL ORDER IT DONE STRAIGHT AWAY.

NO, NO. ANOTHER TIME. WE NEED TO MAKE A START.

SEND THEM IN ONE AT A TIME, NEEM. AND LET THEM NOT APPROACH ME UNLESS I SIGN THAT THEY SHOULD.

BID THEM COME, MARGILA.

ONE AT A TIME, MIND. HIS WORSHIP IS NOT A MARKET STALL!



I TOLD HER, SIR. I SAID "HIS WORSHIP IS NOT A--"

SPEAK UP. WHO IS THIS YOU'RE SELLING?

AND WHAT ARE HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS?



THIS IS MY SISTER'S SON, AS WAS LEFT IN MY CARE WHEN SHE DIED.

HE CAN BUILD WITH WOOD, SIR, AND WEAVE WITH REEDS BETTER THAN ANYONE.



HE LOOKS HAILE ENOUGH. HOW ARE HIS TEETH, NEEM?



A LITTLE BIT ROTTED AT THE BACK, MAGISTER. THE REST ARE SOUND.



VERY WELL, THEN. I'LL GIVE YOU SEVEN SILVERS.

I'LL TAKE THEM, WORSHIP, TO BE SURE. AND GODDESS KISS YOUR HAIR!

YOU MUST ASSIGN HIM TO ME WITH YOUR NAME ON THIS CONTRACT.



MY NAME, AYE.

A MARK WILL DO.



