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ther father's daughter after all, Denner decided to the the necessary. The would ptop They in Kelying on the kindness to leave O tome their on the stump. She would here out herself out somewhere . Hother and although she dreaded leaving S. & B alone all day; she could ple came to realize her presence in that hause had no influence on what they did - but if she did not som there would be no one to pace,

no rai to come home to, and no Denner

either - prosely to look out for It new

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hat accounced to her if She hadn't met All he did was smile and say" Take Sport care of your self, but she heard I it the as the it was that language his words blocked ber ears up. Now those to words Henry pered her mird, "Take care of your self tender, " So, pt weeking the garden, pulling regetable, cooking she plotted What to do and how. The Bodiver's were most bouly to help since they had done it there. I'me for B. Lugger and once for her mother, I why not the 3 od generation as well? The get lost so many fines, it was noon before she arrived though she had stated out at punitse. The stoppower was se Store sat right in the sidewach, with large nurdows traking out on a norsely hung street, The Hegy woman who answered the don Said, " yes " Many I come in you want )"

Mas Mrs. Bodiver Min Bodien. They brother and sister. What you want them for? thinking they might from g some. Uh. Well come in, she said " (but any work is for you. " In troop her top the Marine her doubt because She was stepping on Smethers thin soft blue. Glass case crammed full of glistening theirs. Books on takes and skelves, leady white lamps with skiney metal bottoms. And a smell like The Cologne She polyred in the enerald housemy better Lit down, Sand the woman. " Jundulit tell me you name. Denver Dh. You Borky Juggs kin. which. yeah. Theord of the mer Income your mother took sick, that so? Uger, ma'am. Who's lonking after he? Dam. But I have to feel works. The worder faughed, " In know what. The beenhere Suri I wat fourteen, And I remember Whe yesterday when B. S. Laly came here I sat with there

where you are. White man worgst her. that's than she got that have you all have in. And, when their, too, What seems to be the brouble in the Sethe s It was a little their to pay, but it seemed big. Nobody was going to help her lest She fold it - tree all git he It was clean Jeggie wasn't goes to let he see the bodiens otherwise, So Denver Rold this Jones in return for which. Aggie I admitted the Brodulin herded help She was alone there and now that key the bones were getting Iden she Conedit take Care of them like she used to, More as more she was requested to sleep the right there. Maybe she cauld talk them onto letter, Deron do the right shift - come right after sugger, maybe get the preabfact That way Denne Could care for Somether at night how's that? Withough Denne explaine the girl in her hause who plagued he without as a Cousin too Come to visit, liggie who got sich and bothered them all, aggir was more interested in Sette o Cordition. and from what lenne told her it seemed the woman had lost he wend - prouly as she tree she would friging to do it all alone with he the criticism of her mother, shifting in the chair and lucyen her ups on the table! aggic went on about pride and she got to Bal Jugo whom she had rother but Smeet words for. "I here west to there

woodland pervices, she had, but she was always we to me, I and I appearated always. " Never he another like her. I min he for, said Denver was a good woman. That and aggie torked at her for a while. bock to see how applied was po ma'am Ever hear from them? No, ma'am. Mother, theref. The woman in your have. The lower. She got any him in he hand? No, Said Tlenne " hue I guess there 's to a god The interview loded with aggie telling he to come boch in a few days. The predict heeded more help. - night help to he specific because aggies om family headed here "I don't want to quit these people, but they can't have all my days and What did Denner have to do pt night? " Be here. In case. In case what?

the house burn down "the ghe weather burns on here lady enough. On late quests ned cleaning up after. anything. Don't ach me what whitefolks heed at night, I thought there were good whetefols Good. They good, Can't say they aint good. Your wouldn't trade them for another fair, you came believe that, With those anuvances, Senver left, but not before she had seen, sitten, maskey by the both don a black boy's mouth full? World, His head was thrown back forther than a head could go, his hards were Should in his portet, Bulging like

though the gaping were all the face held

above the gaping a routh. His hair was

a cluster fluidly dots painted block on

white, but the way to his know hereing the

within month of the carry or some drade pervice.

Pay for a delivery or some drade pervice. midely sparld Beneth to Free on the pedestal he kneet in were the words have some At yo service Women, that Sether dead daughter the one whose throat she cut, had come boch to fix her. That Sifke was wounderers, Speckled, dying Spining, Changing Shapes and growally demonsted. That the daughter

heat here, Julus out all her hair, two her to the had and stay and have. It took them days the to get the Spry Whom up and It themselves agtated and then to calmdon and anen the situation. They fell cit 3 groups: Those that Tuliened the norst, three that helicine have get and three, like Ella, who what it the first she were Hwas She who convened theothers and passy, Quily life took as they had; the future was sunset. didn't stay behind - well, you might them came from a ruce & people for whom the part was infinite and simultaneous. Slave

life, freed life - the day to day menate to minute frank fri al, Nother crued he counted on in a world where even when you were a Solution you were a problem, I taken The beg adjustment was trying to get a fix on time having to meanine it, disjence how that or marked it, measure it, so Stop it, Sufficient unto the day was the look
thereof - nobody needed mare, and
novely reduce a to grown up soil
pitting at the table with a gradge. " In short", said Ella, or the Ht Don't Know who or what they is dead dayster or not She still aint excured from behavior, I mean, who that heit's That herfer she she thanked for dring are & Ste knew stalary stuff any the They as the State their respected it. But Contintent Sweet if it trok flech and came in her world - well the shae was on the The fort

What's are this about Sithe ? fill me it's in there hith her. The daughter? The killed one? That's what they tell me, Hm she know? Lell. Whepping Sethe everyday. I'll he, A baby? No. Grown. The age it would have been, of it and of You talken; about flech? I'm talken about flesh, Whypeing her? Like She was fatter. Juen she had it cornery Robody got that coming. Loutenanily right - It may he fair with You can't Just up & pour Children No , and the Children Cant kill the mama, The day Denver was to spend her first object at the Bodwens, Mr. producing has some burnen por that edge of the city, and said he would Server sut on the porch, in the burdle tot in he lap.

They fort her like a bad dream. Down by the creek in back of 124 her frat prints come and go, come and go. They are so familian. I want could be feet they disappear again, as though 'no body ever walked there. And not only By and by the all pace was gone, and what was forgotten is not only the fort prints but the water too and what it is down there in the rest the case was weather Its/lot the christs

of the disternmentered - by Bestember

wind for fear spring rich thawing too gurckly. Wha Some times Certainly no Clamar for the fair Occarmaly to privile The rustle of a skirt, heard upon waking the Khuchles brun him the suiper our the suiper over the suiper over Janetines the photograph of a Clase foresid or relative - prohed at trolong workift an itsare some their more familiar
than the face itself moved there,

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ghan brought what they could and what they believed would work. Stuffed in porbets, strung be their heer break. Then brought allenstian faith and the its shield and Sword. A few most brought a little of both They hadn't the forguest idea I what they would do once they got there.
They juit started out, came to gether at the agreed upon time and to walked down Blues fore road at toward 124, of It was 3:00 - hot edough So Salurday Forday 80 not and the met shounds a thorsen ments it stark: the riner, from where nothing in the jais, and Small animals in the fields, town seners and factories A smelly he at that left Some women at home, others wouldn't have who believes the story widn't want ony part I the confrontation. and wouldn't have l'ame no matte what the weather. There who didn't helieve it ! hate the ignorance of those who did, 30 women made up that company and walked slowly, slowly toward 124.

It looked almost to the a regular work day, They coved have been going to do the washing at the troupstre, Name the Corn Shacking at the miller's, a Clean fish, runse offal, cradle, babies, smuep & stones by Not trday. When they caught up with tack the ferit their they saw was fort Llenve sitting in the steps ) but themselves. Laughing Younger, stranger even as little Agrilar lying in the grans aslup. Cat fish was popping grease, in the pain, John scooping ortales alad and pyrup Colored their teeth. They sat on the purch, walking down to the creek, or pury children, Stratales the ankles of Rd men who held their little hands while given, them a ride. Baby Jugs laughed and stopped among them urgen more. Mathers dead now, moved their shoulder to mouth telemina was gone. The stump had beared on fan But there they were, young Gard.

Denve's dream She too dreamed of a running pour of shoes, and woherrup criging. The sadner of it The worke up crying from a god dream. wort of a running pain of stres tout the to best morning short willy the as she went about her choves and purated a night dress and a hair bruch onto a bundle 1. Mr. (Sodioin: hat - and Cart hears serging from a group of women at the house where he was headed, It was his Grandfuthers house - the place he hat was born in and lived in until he was Dizyeon Ad. a block house originally - with a lage a lunce 1st (low for stock and 2 arons upstains, Little by 1,1the They altered it after they had peasurably, In 1839 the barn was burned by averging Dover who had been sached by the - regiment and Mr. \_ 's orders. Is mosfules moved into \_\_\_, close to house out gueng now my then. White he pursued his orthus arm for efficient fire departments.

When Garner, an old friend, Came to him with a manumitted glave perking quarters, the bodiese Compre who luft the it from retreating to the was favor to them. With this slave, the favor cut both warp. hater on there was some some somble with this old warran's dauguter and the Godwins did what they could to keep her from being Muned - promising wardship campel proporgrant and a constant . Type, they had to reason to regret that decision - the gard came rut, forh the got they got he and they rener heard a word against her. When Janey asked for an extra hard at night, they him Bodivin refused until Janey Thouse har the girl was the dangeter I their late terant and the daughter of their word. Juney agreed to So bed did she want to be have in Saturds right. She ragged them both for three day. Min Godwin Said her head comedat Jose in because he didn't want a Jarry or to

ko from with thomy some her trigountled. She was as good as gold and just as waluable of the household, his wisher This time was bothersome, Hewas 48 years old. His secte 65.3 Porth had set their hands to Civilizing the territory, their Grandfathe I had tenjoyed setting (80 thoroughly Keypyred Republicum newspape allend Phes byterian Church and Small Juneic, cochance worth \$200,000 He Hoch his membership in the Ind. Opder of Odd Fellows They had cousers, but he Chidren took the husiness I built the places was seriously as their popularity as were convenced they knew what that meant in States ,

Hear feel there's a wedding and the father of the grown got so mad about it he forged button of his transers.

He says the bride Comes from a Stock of comes yearnen and his son Studies the law at night and does a crazy woman keep him down.

Everybody laughs at him and Keeps vight on serving and baking and railing boot polishing their shoes.

Cold house - only backwards. returned to 124 He came the way he left it. Fint the First the aved house, then The store room, then the he tacker the beds, thereBoy, fieble and Shedding his Coat in patches, slept by the pump, So Paul D' Knew Beloved was buly gone. Disappeared, Good paid, there up It ploded right before their eyes. Ella said, "My aughe. Malybe not. Could be hiding in the words" wasting for another Chance. " But Paul D saw the ancient dog 18 years if a day, he was certain the way was clear of her. But He Tuned the door to the Cold house harfway expecting to hear her, " Touch me, on the Inside part, And Call me my Name, There was the gallet speed with the tan fand can. Sack But The sacks for with empty now, They lay on the dest flow the in a heaps. In Daylight, he could not imagine what it was in the dark with mornlight suping tot through the Slats (Cracks). Nor the desire that struggle up up into that girl like she was the Clear air at the top of the Bea. It wasn't suen fun. It was more like apphysical wed] to stay alive. [If they tied him in a sack and then him in the river fighting out was the way it feet. I Each time She came, pulled up her skirts have the overwhelmed him, and he had no more Control over it than wer his lungs.

that afterward, headed and growler, air, in the repulled and arkamed midst 9 repulsion and personal shame, he genetheter felt the for an instan shankful to for having [reached afor an instant]
some place he once helonged to. been to Daylight sifting into the cold room discipated that menony, a faulte Shut the door. He forked toward the house and, suprisingly, it did not look back at him, Unloaded 124 permed was just another weathered building house heeding repair "It's quet now," Stamp had field him. "But part it a few terries. Can't hear a thing. " Chartened Inechan, Cause bld Bodwen Say he selling it soons! he can." "That the one she " She bried to Stab? Thutone" The Jarey they was going to get wid git.
" Jarey Say he against thut, won't stop her." "Who they think want a house out there?"
Any hody get the money den't want to live
tut there." Beats fore it get took of his hards." He don't plan on prensing Charges. Slant seem the it. Jarry say are he wants to know was who was that naked woman. He was looking at her So hand, he didn't wrice what Sethe was up to, & all he saw was some

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Sithe was after one of them of Janey say. Janey tell him any different? No. Tay she so glad he bon aint would have Scared her to death have that worran hill her bon and She Renne to go Irrhen for a for. he Who Janey tell him the naked woman was Toughem she didn't see mane. Who you thenk it was ! york that better the dright day Almost better Almost. In believe that? I don't believe that, He But to Know or suspect that Sethe was after him. Maybe, I don't ICnow. If he did thenk, I recken he decided not to, That would be like him too. Ite's some body here furned as down. You Know he's the one Hept Sethe from the Igaelows in the first place? Then Yeah. Crazy, the warran is crazy. yeah, well, aint we all? First and they laughed. A unity chuckle at first and then more found for Stamp for his porhet hand Herchief and

Yaul I premed the heets of his hand into his right scene reithe one has paw Track shared before them. Every fine a whiteman come to the door she got to kill sme hody? Ella say least ways, this time she had The right trock, but the wrong frain Good their they don't delive mail For all she know, the man could have be cornery for his rent. Ella least ways And felt a bit bell she had And be flet Denver couch there support Pelease Dennes " frond of that geil

the had spent the War living from the dead Northpoint In a Situation in which he worked & both sides of the War. Runn another hero Colored her for go bearing of which afell appeal before it got started on the question I whether the Soldiers should have meapons or not De meapons or out, Not, it was decided and the white commander [ ] Who Couldn't for give out what to command who Couldn't for give out what to whitem them to do ightead of 16th wither whitem channel are diffed to of present Jone of the 10,000 cleaned etc, most 4 (55) were left abandored, left to their from devices with bitternen for pay. until a year later the form 300 or for hais to Sent to Mubana where we had for Smilt in non? Strang the dead of the successes Of the ghis runs - from alfred from NoAthpoint,

undi quint had beer frustrated. Here with & no whiteman to protect him bisible skin The never stayed unearght The largest he'd been "fre" was when he ran with the convicts, stayed with the Lemender, followed their atrice and bevid in bedeing with the meaner woman. 1853 I after a few months, he was empressed to an evin foundary in Selma Alabama at the sad I the war - when he had been declared free -Showed have been a Grap. He should have Stranget to Phila de Chiai. A But it want like that. Walk from selme to the thought from selme to motive dead blacks men & Talaing the mun grad - 1 train if he wanter to: In 18 miles, lying on the sides groads Two were women the face hours, throat this would be the walk of his life for sure Conerd wayon the mtslants for got to Mobile (where blocks mere putting down tracks they had earlier torn up) and looked for water. He decided water wa, the only 1 the Unplused Colorednes of the 44th the found a skiff and heave for Mark Bay! Aaptured ( The Colored men, troop former Soldiers in the 44th they stale gaping to get back to their Command. Anh One of the men, a private who called himself Keane had been with the Marsachusetts Brigade at \_\_\_. He fores faul I. they had hen paid her than white soldiers. It was a sort paint with him, but faul De was by impressed by been paid morey for any then he booked at the private with worder and envy. Private Mane and Surgeant Rossiter confiscated a skiff and heady In the Bay this private houlist a Umin for guabout to which took all 3 abound. Bay. They deposited them at \_\_\_ and - Let him stay a board

Sixty millim, It is not a story to passon.
They forgot her

Son & Ellota 8, 1908 Names for her grandfuther.
- Sethets son? (18 years to filet Talian Smeet Stuffe - Stuff B's daughter houser Sethels Grand daughter (by Howard) Imy has baby in 1860 - ( named x that had white

