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“What do you get from this?”

“It will be a peaceable kingdom for me. I can barter the peace and then I might be out to sea for more adventures. Come with me now to the Inn to make the peace. There is someone special I would like you to meet. I don’t think you would mind listening to him. He is innocent and still worthy of being cooked for.”

“It is a good thing they sent a woman to do this. I would not have listened to a man.”

“I think you will listen to this child. His island was ruined, but you can save it. His father will cook for you also if you stop wrecking the place.”

Amanda realized that there were things that a woman could just do better.

Amanda did not know what was next after this or what to think, but she could not think about it now....

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The tiny lizard runs up the wall, disappears into a dark corner driven in by the rain. I contemplate getting up finding the lizard and putting it back outside but decide to be charitable, let it stay inside.

Weeks later, I find its desiccated corpse curled into a fetal knot behind the moving boxes trapped, perhaps, by the cat, or dead from the heat I pick it up by its brittle tail and toss it outside wonder why so many of my kind acts

end in tragedy. .