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ESCAPE FROM CODEPENDENCE CASTLE

by James B. Nicola

I've swum the moat. It felt like it was full
of stinging, biting creatures. But I did it.

And if you were to spy me from some turret
you would confuse the distance with my size
to think me small. But I am stronger, taller,
a giant!—among no one but myself,
but that is the first step I stand to take.

No, I'll not even turn around to wave
till your palatial parapets are gone,
but rise and go ahead as the mire falls off me—
until, in fact, this dream of conversation
with you is done and I can see again.

Only then would I, should I, could I, report
how green it is here. How green. How green! How green!