

A.5 Turgid Streams



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Difficulty: Hard

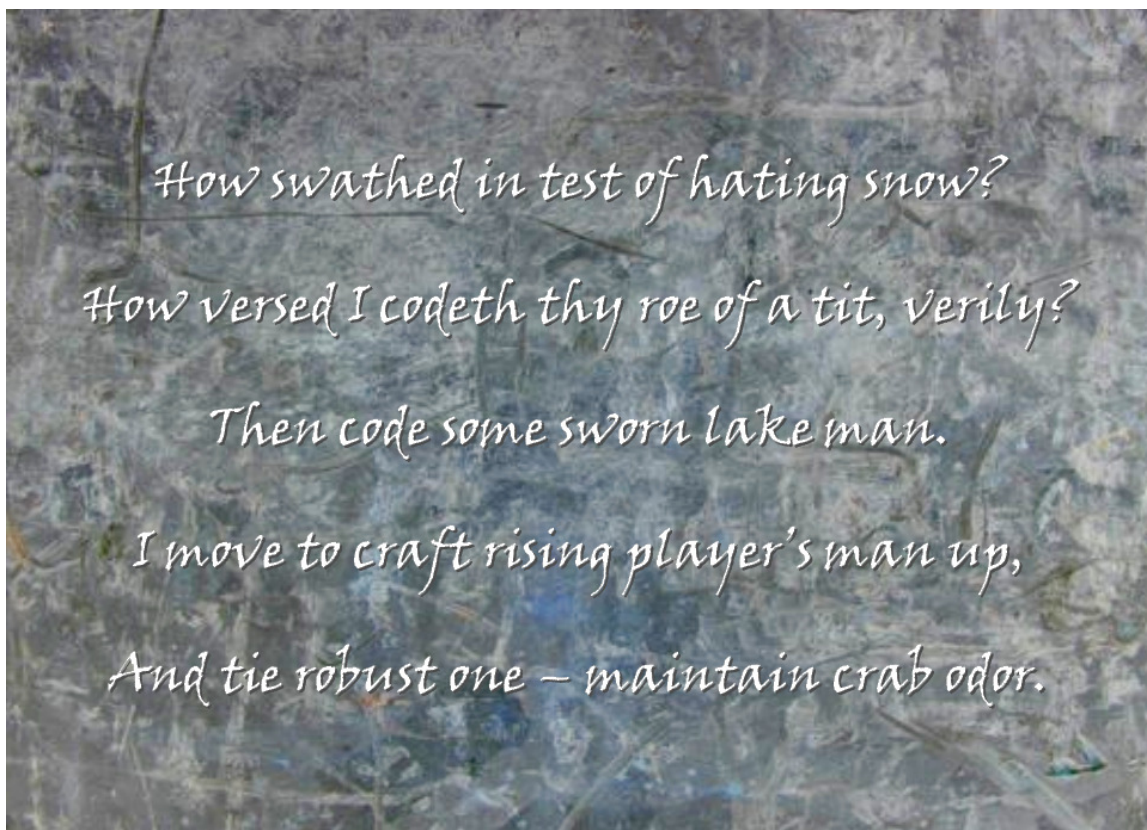
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Bingo. You hear a soft click as the doors to the room unlock themselves. You take it on faith that your hacking efforts have also disabled the cameras.

You grab a white coat from a hook, and throw it on as you leave the room via a different door to the way you came in, which opens into a brightly-lit white passageway. Nurses are escorting patients back to their cells after lunch. You avert your face as a doctor walks around the corner towards you, but he is too preoccupied with some notes he is reading to notice.

Finally you spot a building exit, and you feel the sunlight again. As you stride towards the front gate, a shout goes up behind you. You risk a quick glance backwards, and see a security guard pointing at you from atop a short tower. Breaking into a run, you slam open the gate, and come to a halt by the river surrounding the complex. A road terminates at a raised drawbridge.

You consider jumping in, but the river is turbulent and flowing high. Orderly eddies come and go amidst the chaos of the fast-flowing stream. You realize you need to work out how to lower the drawbridge, and you hope the security guards give you enough time. Looking more closely, you notice some scripted writing engraved on a metal plate next to the drawbridge's complex clockwork mechanism.



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