

Redemption Center

So Eve devoured the — what was it? — the pomegranate seeds? — whatever. Anyway, the leaves dropped off; the world was bare. And she was sent to Somewhere Else, which was Not-Garden, which was hell. Not-Garden, see, is what you take in going. So Adam tunneled underneath the ground and brought her back. It happened more than once. She'd the habit. So had he. They told themselves, "Here's Garden, back again." And half the time, it worked. They'd smile smiles you smile at plastic trees.

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