

Wilson's Dictionary of Bible Types

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CHAPTER 19

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UNACCUSTOMED

Jeremiah 31:18 **(a)** This is a splendid picture of the sinner in his natural state. He does not submit to authority, he is unbroken, unruly, and in rebellion against GOD, and His laws.

UNBLAMEABLE

Colossians 1:22 **(a)** This interesting word means that the Christian will not be challenged at the gate of Heaven. He will not need a password to enter. He will not be stopped and examined to see if he is fit to enter. Those who enter a lodge hall are challenged at the door, and must give the sign required. Those who enter the army camp are challenged at the gate. This word "unblameable" refers to that form of procedure. It tells us that the Saviour, who is the Lord of glory, does such a complete work in the soul of the child of GOD, that he enters immediately into the presence of GOD when his spirit leaves the body, and there is no challenge. (See also I Thessalonians 3:13).

UNCERTAINLY

I Corinthians 9:26 **(a)** There are those who seem to go through life like a butterfly. When the butterfly leaves the flower, you never can tell where it is going. It flies in an erratic way, here and there, and not "as the crow flies." Many people live the same way. They are in church one Sunday, and in the theater the next Sunday. They are for some kinds of religion, and also for some kinds of sin. They are headed nowhere, and make no progress in life. The exhortation in this passage is to have a godly and good goal in life, and make every effort to arrive at it.

I Corinthians 14:8 **(a)** Here we see the picture of many preachers and teachers of the Bible. When they finish their message, you do not know what point they were making. They give no clear explanation of the Gospel, nor do they reveal GOD's truth about CHRIST. No wonder the people who listen to such preaching have no peace in their hearts, and no knowledge of GOD in

their souls.

I Timothy 6:17 (a) It has been proved many times that riches do not bring the peace and the blessing that was expected of them. One wealthy man who lost a great deal of money was asked, "Do you not worry about the money you have lost?" He answered, "No, it was my money that got me into trouble." Misery and money often go together.

UNCIRCUMCISED

This word is applied in a number of ways, but always with the thought of being antagonistic to GOD, rebelling against His rule, and refusing His authority. All peoples who were not Jews are called in the Bible "the uncircumcised."

Exodus 6:12, 30 (a) Moses evidently thought he knew GOD so little, and also was among the enemies of Pharaoh, that his message would not be acceptable to Pharaoh, and would lack authority. He had rejected the power of Egypt, and he had no official promotion to be GOD's messenger in the sight of Pharaoh, and therefore he spoke as he did about his own lips. It is a figure of one who speaks without knowing GOD's restraining and transforming power. Moses evidently felt that this was his condition.

Leviticus 19:23 (a) The food in this case was reckoned to be unacceptable to GOD or to men. GOD ordained that this particular food should be classed as outside the realm of His acceptance, and could not be used either as an offering to GOD, or as useful fruit to men.

Leviticus 26:41 (a) These hearts were at enmity with GOD. They had not been subject to the law of GOD, and were in rebellion against GOD.

Jeremiah 6:10 (b) This figure is used to denote that these people had not been converted from the things of earth to the things of GOD. They had no desire to hear GOD's voice. They refused His commands. Their fleshly desires were not cut off so that godly desires could be developed.

Ezekiel 44:7, 9 (a) These hearts and these people have never come under the judgment and the will of GOD as represented by circumcision. They therefore were reckoned to be enemies of GOD, and were not permitted to be in the house of GOD.

Acts 7:51 (a) The hearts and the ears of these people were not subject to the law of GOD, nor had they believed the Word of GOD. They refused to hear GOD's Word and refused to love the Lord of glory. Circumcision was a sign of obedience and confidence.

Romans 2:25, 26 (a) Circumcision was a physical evidence of submission to GOD. It very frequently failed to prove the true condition of the heart. If a man was circumcised and rebelled against GOD, his circumcision was rejected. If, however, an uncircumcised man kept the law of GOD, he was accepted because his heart was right.

Colossians 2:13 (a) The Lord uses this figure to describe the condition of the unsaved man. His soul was dead to GOD, and he was disobedient to GOD's laws.

UNCLEAN

Isaiah 6:5 (a) The reference is to the fact that the prophet felt that his words were not what they should be; his messages were not as clear and true as they should be. He felt that from his lips came some things that did not have GOD's approval. He realized that this also was true of the Israelites among whom he dwelt.

Isaiah 64:6 (b) This word reveals our condition before GOD in relationship to Him and others. What we are and what we say very often defiles other people. What we are naturally in our sins prevents us from coming into GOD's holy presence. We defile holy things when we contact them in our natural state.

Haggai 2:13 (b) Our Lord is revealing to us that holiness and godliness cannot be transmitted to another by contact. Sinful things are transmitted to others easily. The saved father and mother do not pass on their godly character in CHRIST to their children, but they certainly do pass on their evils to their children.

Acts 10:28 (a) The "animals" that Peter saw in the sheet represent peoples who had been cleansed by the sacrifice of CHRIST, the Blood had put away their evil, and they were fit for Heaven. The Lord shows them in the sheet as animals because that was our natural state. Now Peter is to be sent to the Gentiles, who were considered only as unclean animals in the sight of the Jews. Peter was being taught that every man is eligible to be made clean by the Gospel of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. None are excluded. (See Acts 11:8). In this passage Peter is referring to foods that GOD permitted to be eaten, and other foods which were prohibited. He was very careful about keeping all the law.

Romans 14:14 (c) In this passage the word seems to be used to indicate our thoughts about various matters in the Christian life. The converted Jew thinks that pork is unclean for him to eat, and he refuses it. The devout Catholic thinks that all meat is unclean on certain occasions. These words indicate the attitude of mind toward certain matters which are given prominence in some religions.

II Corinthians 6:17 (a) The unclean people here represent all unsaved people of every kind no matter how nice, beautiful or religious. Only those who have been born again, saved by grace, and washed in the Blood of the Lamb, are reckoned as "clean" in GOD's sight. They have been given the gift of righteousness.

Revelation 18:2 (b) Birds in the Scripture are usually connected with Satan and his angels. This Scripture is informing us that the great apostate religions, and evil religious systems of the world are occupied by demons who control the teachings and the practices of those religions.

UNCLOTHED

II Corinthians 5:4 (a) By this we understand the state of the spirit after it leaves the body. The body is represented as the clothing of the spirit. Four times in the Old Testament we read that **"the spirit of God clothed Himself with . . ."** The person becomes the house in which the Spirit of GOD lives. That person is always and only one who belongs to the Lord, and has been

redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb.

UNCOVER

Isaiah 47:3 (a) The Lord is informing Israel that He will strip them as a nation so that their conveniences will be taken from them, their comforts of living, their prestige and power, and they will be left helpless before their enemies. (See also Jeremiah 49:10).

UNDONE

Isaiah 6:5 (a) This is a type of a cake that is only partially cooked. Isaiah realized that he was not what he should be in GOD's sight, and he cried out far more of that which would enable him to be conformed to the will of GOD. This thought is expressed also in Hosea 7:8.

UNEQUAL

II Corinthians 6:14 (a) The yoke that is used on animals is always an equal one. It should not be larger on one side than on the other. It is not to be put on a large animal and a small one together. The ox and the ass were not to be yoked together, for it would be an unequal yoke. So the Christian and the sinner, the unsaved person, are not to be joined together in marriage, in business, or in anything that constitutes a yoke, for they are not equal.

UNFRUITFUL

I Corinthians 14:14 (a) It represents a mind that is educated, but not along lines that will produce good results. It indicates a zeal that is not supported by knowledge.

Ephesians 5:11 (a) By this we understand works which produce no good results for GOD. These are activities which do not result in spiritual blessings. Usually it is religious works which have no spiritual significance, and produce no value in the soul.

UNGODLY

Psalms 1:1 (b) This word has the same meaning in every place where it is used. The prefix "un" means to be without. Joined to the word "godly," it means that the person, the nation or the subject under consideration is without GOD. The ungodly person may be beautiful in character, attractive in manner, cultivated, refined and educated, but he is living without GOD. He has no faith in GOD, and may be rebellious toward GOD. He may be quite religious in his outward actions, and yet have no knowledge personally of JESUS CHRIST. Such a person is *un*-godly.

UNHOLY

Hebrews 10:29 (a) Certain Jews considered the Blood of JESUS to be in direct apposition to the blood of the sacrifices, and was therefore not of GOD and not to be accepted by them.

UNICORN

Numbers 24:8 (a) The power and strength of Israel in her prosperity is represented by this animal. We do not know just what animal it was, but from the description it must have been same prehistoric monster built like the rhinoceros. From the fact that it had just one horn, we may understand that this represents just the one Person who could strengthen and use Israel, and that one was their GOD.

Deuteronomy 33:17 (a) This figure represents one who has unusual strength and power. It probably represents Joseph, with his great influence for the benefit of his children.

Psalms 22:21 (b) Here we see the figure which is used by our Lord to represent the terrible power of His enemies, who had Him under their control and were putting Him to death at Calvary.

Psalms 92:10 (b) This describes the great power and invincible might which the Psalmist knew would be his because he believed GOD, and walked with Him.

UNLEAVENED

I Corinthians 5:7 (a) Since the word is used to describe the bread in which there is no fermenting yeast, so now it is used to describe the church in which there are no ungodly sinners, none of the Devil's children, but only those who have been washed in the Blood of the Lamb, made pure and beautiful in CHRIST. No evil doctrines would be permitted in such a church.

UNREPROVEABLE

Colossians 1:22 (a) This word has a very interesting meaning for the Christian. It means that there will be no final examinations at the end of the journey. Our Lord JESUS is so effective in His work in the soul that the person is completely prepared in this life for the entrance into GOD's presence. The Christian does not get an examination, when he dies, to see where he is going. That point is settled the moment JESUS CHRIST becomes the Lord and the Saviour of the believer.

UNRIPE (grapes)

Job 15:33 (b) This describes the unfinished labor and the untimely destruction of the works of wicked men.

UNSHOD

Jeremiah 2:25 (b) The Lord is inviting His people to be well equipped for the journey through life. The feet should be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. We should have shoes of iron and brass because the road will be rough.

UNSKILLFUL

Hebrews 5:13 (a) Many of GOD's people who know their Bibles fairly well are not skillful in using them. What is written in the Word is clear, but how to use the message to help others is not clear. The Lord wants us both to know what He says in His Word, and also how to use His Word

effectively and helpfully in the hearts of others.

UNSPOTTED

James 1:27 (b) This is a picture of the defilement which the Christian may encounter during his day's duties as he mingles and mixes in a world filled with sin. The Lord would have us guard our lives daily lest we be contaminated by the evils that surround us.

UNSTABLE

James 1:8 (b) Many Christians are not rooted and grounded in the truth of GOD; therefore, they vacillate and change with the winds of doctrine, and with altered circumstances.

II Peter 3:16 (a) The term is used to describe those who are easily swayed by emotion, circumstances and false teachers. They do not stand their ground under pressure, or under the cunning schemes of evil men.

UNTEMPERED

Ezekiel 13:10 (b) The term is taken from building materials to describe careless methods or wrong teachings in building GOD's people as a nation. Faulty building materials will not stand the test of the storms of years. They will crumble under pressure. So, the nation of Israel, and also the church, must be built according to GOD's provisions and His divine will. (See also Ezekiel 22:28).

UNTIMELY

Psalms 58:8 (b) It may be that this refers to the premature disaster and death which will overtake the wicked in their sinful ways. They are cut off by the Lord because of their wickedness and their rebellion against Him.

USURY

Matthew 25:27 (a) The Lord gives to His children and to His servants certain gifts and talents. He expects these to be put into use so that they will increase in value and in quantity. It is this increase that is termed "usury." Many gifts are given to Christians, and they should be used for the glory of GOD in the lives of others. (See also Luke 19:23).

VAIL

Isaiah 25:7 (b) This is typical of the blindness which Satan has brought over the minds and hearts of the Gentile nations. It is described more fully under the figure of blindness in II Corinthians 4:4.

II Corinthians 3:14 (a) This represents the peculiar unbelief which fills the hearts and minds of the people of Israel as they read the Old Testament and cannot see CHRIST depicted there.

Hebrews 6:19 (b) The word is used to describe that mysterious space that separate us from GOD, but through which by faith we come to GOD.

VALLEY

Psalms 23:4 (b) David describes in this way the deep sorrow and perplexity which comes upon a person as he nears the portals of death. It may refer also to the times of deep sorrow and trouble through which persons pass along life's pathway.

Song of Solomon 2:1 (c) No doubt this is descriptive of the deeply distressing experiences of life into which the Lord brings the fragrance of His presence, the comfort of His words, and the sweetness of His fellowship to His own people. We should note that the word is in the plural, for there are many valleys between the cradle and the grave.

Isaiah 22:1 (c) This probably represents the feelings of the prophet when he was depressed in spirit, and felt quite crushed beneath the burden of Israel's future. He was looking forward to the terrible destruction that awaited His people and it brought him low before the Lord.

Isaiah 40:4 (c) It may be that this is literal, and yet it may indicate that deep sorrows and perplexities may be overcome and great difficulties may be removed. It probably is a figure of the smooth, blessed life in which Christians may walk when GOD is present in power. (See also Luke 3:5).

Jeremiah 2:23 (a) It seems as though these enemies of GOD were hiding in secret places to carry out their wicked designs. Where there should have been happiness under GOD's blessing, they were sinning and inviting GOD's wrath.

Ezekiel 37:1 (a) GOD sees all the nation of Israel as gathered together in one place, and that a low place. We see Israel scattered all over the world, and found in every country. No doubt they are in the valley, for they are the subjects of other people when they should be citizens of their own country, with their own king. GOD sees all of Israel, every person of Israel as though they were in one place constituting one unit. (See under "**BONES**"), for a description of this truth found in this passage).

VAPOUR

James 4:14 (a) This describes the transient character of our lives. We live for a while and are known in the community, then we die, and we are soon forgotten. We move from one house to another part of the city, and in a very short time those in the old neighborhood forget that we ever lived there; even the name is forgotten. (See Lamentations 4:8).

VENOM

Deuteronomy 32:33 (b) This describes the evil and wicked effect of Israel's activities as they worshiped idols and forsook the Lord.

VESSEL

Psalms 31:12 **(a)** It is used by David to describe his feelings of weakness and unfitness for the great position he occupied as a leader of GOD's people.

Proverbs 25:4 **(b)** GOD will remove evil things from our lives in order to make us fit for the Master's use.

Isaiah 66:20 **(a)** The teaching is that Israel will again become the repository of GOD's truth.

Jeremiah 18:4 **(a)** Israel has been marred by sinful practices, and individuals have suffered in the same way. GOD would like to make each of His children a vessel meet for His purposes and use, but wicked ways and sinful practices hinder. (See also chap. 22, vs. 28). (See also Romans 9:22, 23).

Jeremiah 48:11 **(a)** Moab had one success after another and had not been defeated nor suffered from other calamities. For this reason he became full of pride and self-sufficiency. The vessels evidently represent troubles of different kinds. Moab had experienced none of them.

Jeremiah 51:34 **(a)** This king had taken away the wealth of Israel and ruined the crops. Israel is the vessel mentioned in the passage.

Hosea 8:8 **(a)** It describes the failure of Israel to be a receptacle for GOD's glory and GOD's Word.

Hosea 13:15 **(b)** These vessels represent the excellent qualities of the leaders of Israel which GOD would take away and destroy.

Matthew 13:48 **(c)** This probably is descriptive of Heaven and the various mansions into which GOD's people will be gathered when they go to be with the Lord.

Matthew 25:4. **(b)** It may mean that these wise virgins were really in touch with Heaven, and all of GOD's supply of the Spirit. The other five had simply been worked upon by the Spirit, whereby certain good results had been obtained, but not that complete act of linking them with Heaven and GOD, called the "new birth."

Luke 8:16 **(a)** No real Christian will hide his light, nor smother his testimony under his business enterprises, nor in laziness. (See also Matthew 5:15; Mark 4:21).

Acts 9:15 **(a)** This is a beautiful type of Paul, and of any other believer into whom the Lord has put His Spirit. GOD makes the believer the receptacle for the gifts and graces of the Spirit for the use and glory of His great name. (See also II Corinthians 4:7).

II Timothy 2:20 **(a)** These vessels represent people. The vessels unto honor are those in the parlor, made of gold, silver and expensive china. The vessels unto dishonor are those in the kitchen that are used for cooking and other purposes. These represent two kinds of Christians; the beautiful ones with lovely attractive lives are like the vase in the parlor and have little value to the household, and are not usually useful. Those in the kitchen attract little attention, if any,

but they are of the most use to the family. It would be easier to get along without those in the parlor than those in the kitchen. The Lord is telling us that if we purge ourselves from the evils described in the first part of the chapter, then we shall be clean vessels that are fit for GOD's use and will be beautiful in His sight.

I Peter 3:7 **(a)** It is emblematic of the position occupied by the wife in whom reposes precious graces which she sweetly expresses in her home to make the presence of GOD felt there.

Revelation 2:27 **(a)** The Lord compares His destruction of the enemy to that destruction which the potter executes upon a vessel that is not made right.

VIAL

Revelation 5:8 **(a)** These golden receptacles are evidently pictures of the value our Lord places upon the worship and the prayers which ascend to GOD from the hearts of His children. None of the prayers are lost. They are kept as valuable treasures.

Revelation 15:7 **(a)** These golden receptacles contain GOD's wrath. The lesson we learn is that the wrath of GOD is just as precious and valuable as His mercy and grace. We give just as much honor to the judge who properly punishes the guilty as we give when the innocent is set free. His wrath is preserved as a treasure in the golden casket. This wrath is poured out in the next chapter, verses 1 and 2. (See also Revelation 17:1).

VINE

This plant is used as a type of the nation of Israel, and of other nations. Sometimes it is spoken of as a good vine, and in other passages as a vine that was unprofitable and that brought forth evil fruit. GOD speaks of this vine as His own planting, when it refers to Israel. He expected it to bring forth good fruit that would be for His glory, and would bring joy to His heart. Instead of doing so, it brought forth evil fruit in most of the cases where it refers to Israel.

Genesis 49:11 **(b)** This vine is Israel. Judah was tied to Israel by blood bonds, and his children also bore the same relationship.

Deuteronomy 32:32 **(a)** The vine in this case refers to the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is in contrast with what they should be, the vine of Israel. GOD is telling us that Israel had become so corrupt that they were more like those two wicked cities than like His city, and their works were as evil as those of Sodom.

Judges 9:12 **(b)** Jotham is telling the people of Israel that they have invited a weak, helpless person to be their king, because he considered that Abimelech was an incompetent man.

Psalms 80:8 **(a)** The nation of Israel is compared to the vine. GOD brought them from Egypt and placed them in the land of Palestine. They replaced the heathen nations whom GOD enabled Joshua to conquer.

Psalms 128:3 **(a)** In this case the wife is compared to a vine because she would be beautiful in her

life, and fruitful in her conduct. Children would be born into the family, and they would be a blessing to the mother, to the father, and to the nation.

Jeremiah 2:21 **(a)** Here we read the sad lament of the Lord because of the evil conduct of His people. The vine is Israel. They did not act like a good vine bearing grapes, but as an evil vine, bearing useless fruit, or poisonous fruit.

Ezekiel 17:6 **(b)** This vine is probably the apostate Kingdom of Israel. The first great eagle, the King of Babylon, invaded Israel and took some of the people away as captives to his own land. The second eagle was the King of Egypt. Israel sent messengers to Egypt to obtain help, but Egypt failed and Israel was destroyed. It is a wonderful allegory which is described in verses 12 to 18. (See also Isaiah 5:2; Jeremiah 2:21; Ezekiel 15:2).

Hosea 10:1 **(a)** GOD expected fruit from His people Israel. He received none. Israel turned to idolatry and to wicked practices learned from the people of the land. They served themselves, and satisfied their own lusts, while GOD's Word was neglected, and His service ignored.

John 15:1 **(a)** In this case the Lord JESUS Himself is the vine. Those who are saved by His grace are the branches. GOD sees the believer as a very part of CHRIST JESUS Himself. The branch bears the likeness of the vine, and has the same living sap flowing through it constantly. It bears the kind of fruit that characterizes the vine. All the fruit on the vine is found on the branches. Let us be bearing fruit for Him.

Revelation 14:18 **(a)** This vine refers to the people of the earth of every kindred and nation who are enemies of GOD, enemies of Israel, and reject the authority of JESUS CHRIST.

VINEYARD

Deuteronomy 22:9 **(c)** This vineyard represents any field of service in which the soul winner seeks to sow the seed of the Word of GOD. The Lord is warning against mixing truths or doctrines in any service. If one Sunday-school teacher is teaching her class the true Gospel of salvation by grace alone, and the teacher in the next class is teaching salvation by morals or forgiveness by merit, then there is little expectation of gathering a crop for GOD. The seeds are mixed. If the farmer sows wheat in his field, but another one sows weeds in among the wheat, there will be no wheat crop gathered. The weeds will succeed. Corn is planted by itself, and potatoes by themselves, and wheat by itself. So it must be with GOD's Gospel. It must be taught and given where there will be an opportunity for a crop.

Psalms 80:15 **(a)** The vineyard is GOD's people gathered as a nation in Palestine. The vines are the individual Jews.

Song of Solomon 1:6 **(c)** In this strange passage, probably there is some irony. The people rather often during the life of CHRIST indicated that they believed He could do wonderful things. Some acknowledged Him as a sovereign ruler. Others indicated their faith in His power. He was not allowed, however, to be the ruler of His people Israel, to deliver them from their enemies, and to be their Messiah. They rejected His Lordship, although they claimed to be the people of GOD.

Isaiah 1:8 (b) The vineyard is the nation of Israel, and the daughter represents the people in that nation. They were desolate because they had rejected the Lord of their lives.

Matthew 20:1 (b) This type represents any field of labor where GOD may place His servants to labor for Him.

Matthew 21:33 (b) The vineyard is Israel, the householder is GOD Himself, the husbandmen are the rulers and leaders of the nation of Israel. (See also Mark 12:1; Luke 13:6; Luke 20:9).

VIPER

Isaiah 59:5 (b) This indicates the product of the works and the plans of wicked Israel in producing evil and harmful results.

Matthew 3:7 (a) This type represents wicked teachers whose messages from their mouths poison those who hear them so that they are eternally lost. Not all snakes are vipers. Vipers are snakes which kill with the poison from their fangs, such as the cobra and the rattlesnake. Vipers are a type of false teachers of false cults, who damage and destroy the souls of all who believe their teachings. (See also Matthew 23:33; Luke 3:7).

VIRGIN

II Kings 19:21 (a) Our Lord uses this expression to describe the duty, the sweetness and the loveliness of the children of Israel in His sight. It was used to show the enemy how He despised them, and loved Israel. (See also Isaiah 37:22; Jeremiah 14:17; Jeremiah 18:13; Jeremiah 31:4).

Isaiah 47:1 (a) In derision our Lord calls this wicked city by that beautiful name of virgin. He knew and they knew how wicked the city was, and He used this name in derision.

Jeremiah 46:11 (a) Again our Lord speaks in derision of the evil nation of Egypt which was living in wickedness and sin, and was held up to ridicule by the GOD of Israel.

Matthew 25:1 (b) Probably these women are called virgins to represent that they are professing Christians. It is generally thought by Bible students that five of these represent true Christians, who are real believers, and the other represent professing Christians, who are not really saved.

VOICE

This word is used to describe many sounds and noises. It is not always a human voice that is intended.

Exodus 4:8 (a) GOD intended that this sign should carry a message to the hearts of all who observed it. It failed to do so. Pharaoh would not believe.

II Samuel 22:14 (a) It is quite probable that the thunder was GOD's word of warning concerning His power and His might. (See also Job 40:9; Psalm 46:6; Psalm 77:18; Psalm 104:7).

Psalm 93:3 (a) The power of water, the irresistible waves, and the force of the flood are called the voice of GOD, because they are supposed to bring a warning message to the people of the power of GOD. (See also Jeremiah 10:13; Jeremiah 51:16; Ezekiel 43:2; Revelation 1:15; Revelation 19:6).

VOMIT

Proverbs 26:11 (a) Vomit is good food that has been mixed with the juices of the body, and is then thrown out for consumption by another. It represents doctrines that are taken from the Word of GOD into the human mind, are mixed with human ideas, and then given out for others to believe and accept. That which emanates from the pens and the lips of false teachers who present a false faith is "vomit" in the Bible sense of the word. (See also II Peter 2:22).

VULTURE

Isaiah 34:15 (b) This bird is a type of the voracious, hungry nations who are to come down on Idumea, and devour her assets.

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