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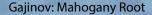
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## Mahogany Root

Awoken by a piercing light, shuffling on satin padding, a soft lullaby creeps from outside my cradle of maroon mahogany

A fair and slender figure draped in lace and onyx leans over me like decaying timber, and I hear her crack

Her voice breaks notes as she wails my way, crimson spiderwebs and overflowing midnight dew consume her crater eyes.

Do not mourn me long, Mother, for the ground will welcome me back tenderly and I shall be mahogany root once again.

- Lea Gajinov