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## The Master of the Bleeding Ivy

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## A fantastical New, Original Tale about a thirst for ancient secrets that threatened the very soul

"I say unto you, Do not rest in judgment over the wisdoms of others, nor cast them carelessly aside, lest you have acquainted yourself with them in such wise that you may tell the true from the false and the precious from the valueless."

It was with these words that Nagaalthus, Master Poet of Dreenjuganzshad, began an account of one of the most wondrous journeys of his long life . . .

As I bethink myself back upon those ten years in which I travelled across the face of this world, memories both pleasant and repellent present themselves before my mental eyes, bringing with them in their train a retinue of delightful fancies or horrific revelations.

## ... a journey of discovery ...

"As a scholar of the past, it is the tales and histories of other

peoples and other places to which I am most devoted."

"If it be knowledge that you pursue here, friend Nagaalthus," said my host, a gracious innkeeper, whose family did me the honor of giving me a seat at their own table for meals, "then you must not leave Vel