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PREFACE

A FAR greater sovereign than woman was Elizabeth of England. Inheriting grave defects of character, she developed commanding qualities of mind. Intriguing, lying, courting flattery, she carried on a series of amours while governing her land with rare sagacity, never allowing her chamber-maid's heart to influence her statesman's head. Ascending the throne at a time when the world was witnessing the beginnings of a terrible convulsion she dexterously piloted her own realm past threatening disaster into a period of unexampled prosperity and splendor. Ignoring her faults, grievous as they were, England calls her its "Virgin Queen" and renders her homage as one of its greatest rulers.

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