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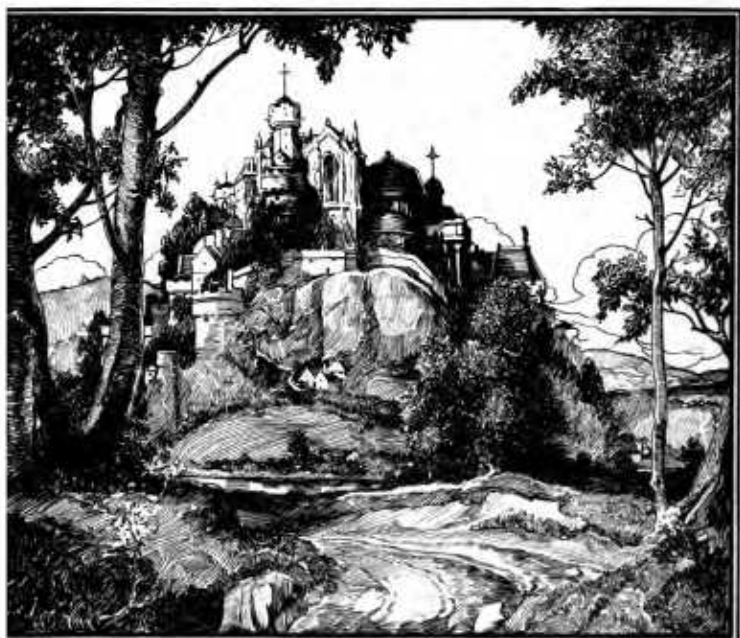
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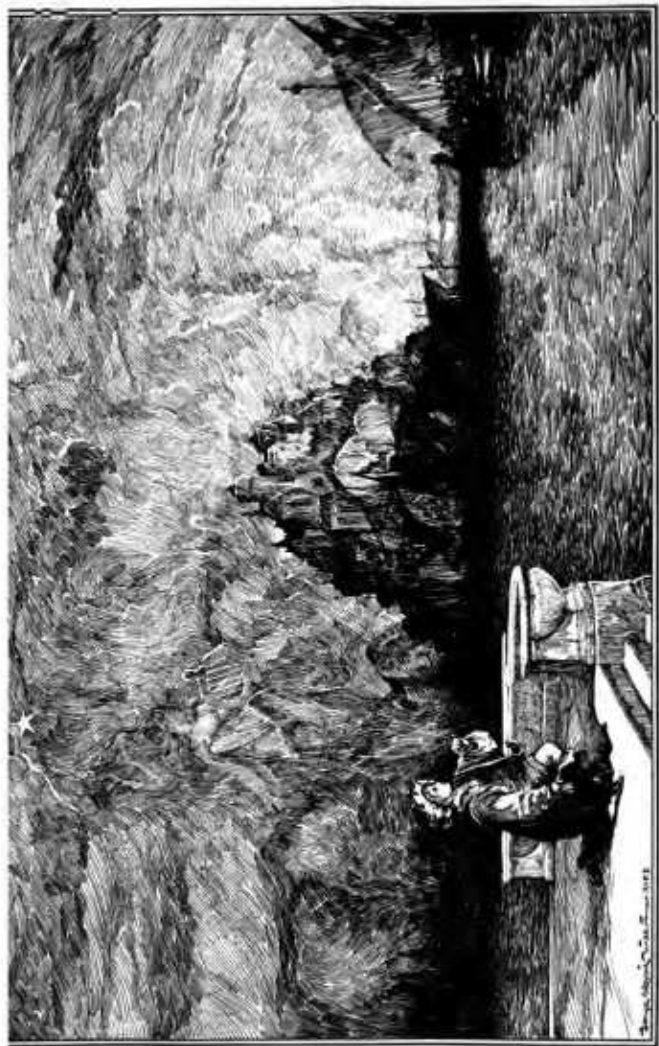
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WHAT is the most beautiful thing in the world? Can any one tell? What would the wisest man in the world say? Is there anything more beautiful than the king's palace? These are some of the questions that the people who lived within the Kingdom of Rerum used to ask. No matter how much they wondered what the most beautiful thing in the world was, no one dared ask when inside the palace of King Timen, or when with any one who might tell the King that the question had been asked. Why they did not dare, every

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one in all the land of Rerum knew, and every one else can find out if they will open the old chronicles which contain the proclamations of King Timen.

When King Timen was a very young prince, he became famous far and wide for his love of whatever was beautiful. He would spend hours on the shore of the quiet lake in front of his father's palace, merely gazing at the water, the mountains, and the sky. At the sight of beautiful flowers he was seen to burst into tears for no other reason than because they were so beautiful. Indeed, there was nothing beautiful which he ever heard of that he did not at once wish to see and to possess. When he became king, this desire grew to such an extent that none of the things he had



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