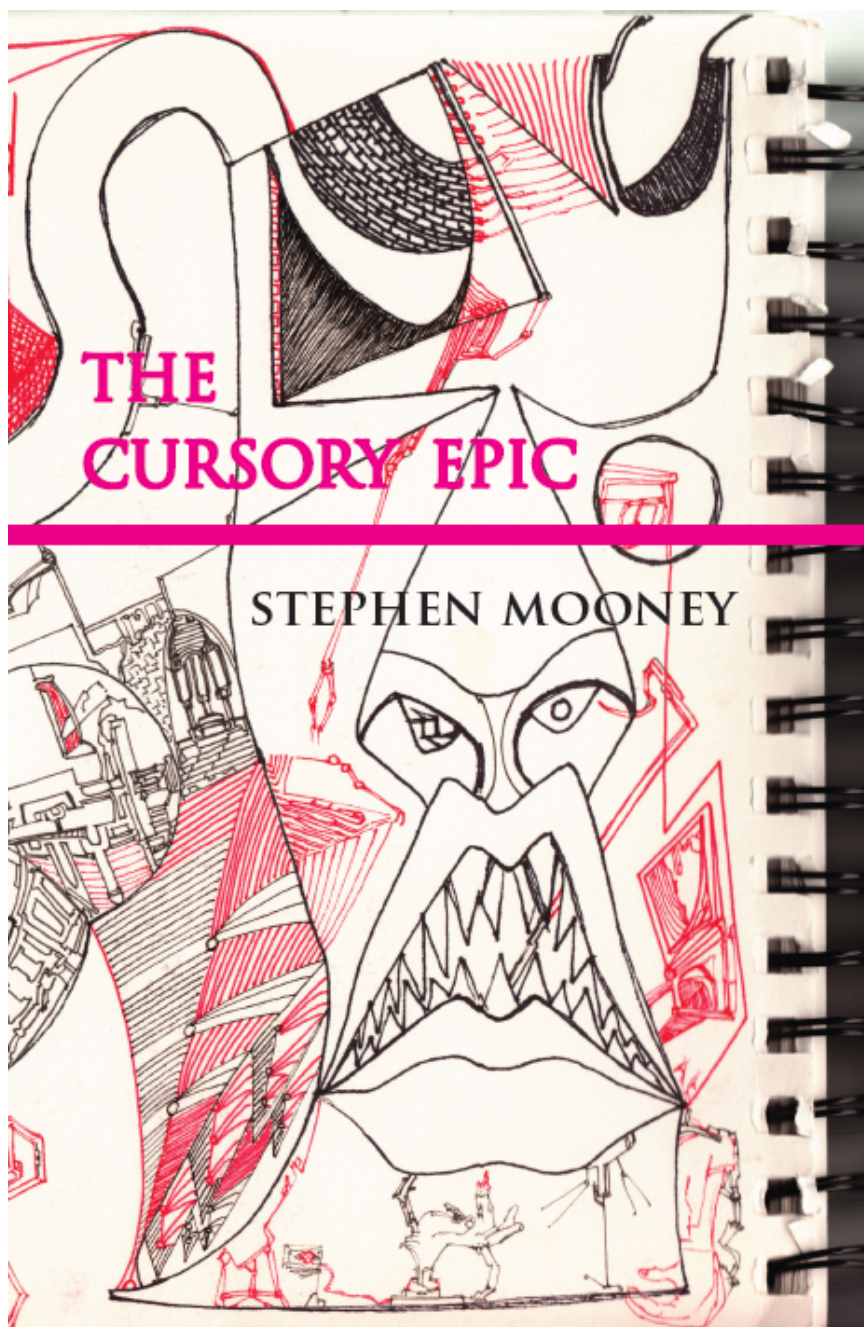


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The Cursory Epic Pt 3 – The Seven Serpents

(The fate of the Big Society is in YOUR hands!)

130

the most testing / certainly uncivilized / rough / interrupts / AXE / structural punctuation / they are gaining quickly / makes / as piercing as these shrieks / and clutch your weapon

1

you can continue / are now / the shadow

258

Which / will you / ROB / to the / North

314

on tramping / there are none / high-pitched mocking / stare in fear / a fearful / approach it as it wishes / and run from the scene

48

walk through / is a / trip / gatherings / pass / take with you / that you take / made your / TAX / turn

150

to attack / at / at the creature. You / it up into harmless splashes / You have

85

KAK / Ideal / balls with tough / Turn

286

collect / is thinning / camp / you may eat / KAK / if you wish

216

Bend down / around your face / for any / time / ROB / it up / ordering you to put / it apart

24

From the Beetle's hole / you must decide / head

12

stop in your / pair of eyes / and / and disappear / draw your weapon

104

you can see nothing / breaks through the / SIR / the / violently / are thrown / *your Luck* / turn

310

cover your / You may, if you wish / roll under your feet / RAK

452

Snap them apart / up the halves / remain / You have found / weakness

72

So the / VIP / this / as he / you will never

143

the surface, the danger / between your legs / being swallowed / and preparing / do first / in a different / snake

129

continue your / disturbs you / themselves into a human / RAK / is expecting / Will you

143

will the little creature / decide / is something else

155

at an incredible pace / on your spell / PAY / up. You decide / your weapon

62

at an incredible pace / on your spell / FOB / up. You decide / your weapon

285

and settle / of strange noises / for you? / to / LAK / to

137

and the / slows / expression / it hangs / But still it hangs there / attack it

259

as the / shrivels / that remains / you may take

315

He pleads with / harm / If you spare my life / I'll give you this / at an enemy / trails / Oh, *no, no!* / has frightened / to / RID

153

point you / is definitely / size / at a remarkable / what, or who / RIP / to avoid it

86

point you / is definitely / size / at a remarkable / what, or who / LIE / to avoid it

177

defeated by / kill the creature / to part with it / to / on crossing

86

your / of danger. Suddenly / the most delicate / will you fight it? / ROT / with your weapon

124

from Oolooh, / by turning to / you have done this / ROT / leave

86

from Oolooh, / by turning to / you have done this / BEG / leave

93

from Oolooh, / by turning to / you have done this / POX / leave

86

from Oolooh, / by turning to / you have done this / WAD / leave

227

from Oolooh, / by turning to / you have done this / RAK / leave

86

from Oolooh, / by turning to / you have done this / VIP / leave

17

assume your attacker / it an ugly appearance / your weapon you look / weapon and pack

86

cover and face / What will your next / WAD / be? / your weapon

294

cover and face / What will your next / RAK / be? / your weapon

269

along / take the / hand / or the / BUK / path

237

is exactly that / brass bob / Now turn

11

has opened up / breaks / backwards as a hissing / of damage / yourself out

73

beckoning you / to clasp you / You must / BAY / you do

162

this creature is one / that I will kill you / I will see to that / return to / choice

134

hand, idiot! / pull the / POV / is more aggressive / do as he says

50

now head / do so you / your / have already eaten

290

PAY / stop / at each other / Do / leave the / MOC

114

Desperately you / then steadies / even more dangerous

283

makes you stop / is a wooden / GUN / creep / you tiptoe

300

approach / and stare / it / evasive / lick at you / tenfold / are watching you / WAD / trap / weapon and / in mind

477

approach / and stare / it / evasive / lick at you / tenfold / are watching you / ROB / trap / weapon and / in mind

30

a / you paid a fair price / if you ever wish / it will be worth / ROT

98

roars and / the air / is / shrinks / the small / for you to / EGO / beast

211

BUK / will not protect you / reveal / now / deal with the

43

power / to reveal useful information / you must / option / are forbidden from discovering this information / you should not be reading this reference now

263

you may / GAG / to / I will ask only / anything you may have / is not interested

249

is / decide / without resting / turn to / HRT

263

asking for a gift / it something / not / or a useless object / you can refuse

351

to wait / ugly snub-nosed / and stop / another, but / or step forward

127

you can see bodies / is / BIL / landing to your left / to show them

220

but they / instead they shout / unless you / and choose again

165

your world goes / GAG / gets / suddenly uncoils / Draw your / do you have the means

133

your world goes / ILK / gets / suddenly uncoils / Draw your / do you have the means

55

you can / eat / When you / AXE

235

in a sheltered / RAM / If you are

13

hiding your sand / face / you throw your / disappear / draw out your weapon and finish it off

117

old / expecting you / or bravery / of / anxious / of mine / and slew / took its seven / weaknesses / stands a / destroy its unprotected / creature

226

you perfectly / wearing this / RAT / the damage / the damage will be / normal

123

Have you collected / RID / create a fire / with fire as your weapon

109

allow your / FOB / and ugly features / 'Have it whichever way you like!' / or foe

123

walk away / of your / collect yourself / off

197

A curse on you / Hold up the / CUT / its / 'I am compelled

148

You cannot / anything / You will have / or open / want

306

draw your / and battle / GAG / for something / to / fight / and you win

214

is, in fact / of the wind / is only / RID / to those / Turn now

193

ROD / out on / you may / eat / if you / eat / followed by cries / is heading / happens

90

Dare you risk telling her the / TAX / you must kill these / her breath / creature if you / and rejoin

25

Dare you risk telling her the / RID / you must kill these / her breath / creature if you / and rejoin

423

a murky / of residence / is a spindly creature / make out / your weapon and attack

271

you / nothing / *certain* your / bring it down heavily / now run away / about your attacker

119

Do you have any / you must / CUT / the area without delay

171

your camp / and blow / is not broken / yer rush / if yer don't mind / will / pay the man / fee

265

my wrath / the blood / to you / EGO / now / action

190

grab the edge / but if it bites you / FOB / on to the surface

282

Having rid yourself / is thick and heavy / ROD / around to avoid it

234

joins your / stop / you on your / RIP / matched to anything / onwards

183

spit is an acidic / eat flesh / your / you in the face / BIL / creature

169

so does the living earth / BEG / to catch your / BUK

183

it works / this / BIL /whistle / on / leave her / finding / CUT

76

With your hand on your weapon / is shrivelling as if the / SIR / were / collapsing form / weapon

132

With your hand on your weapon / is shrivelling as if the / CUT / were / collapsing form / weapon

324

BAY / forward / than it could / it *wants* you / for danger / you may as well

221

with one blow / if you use / a weapon / you must / KIL

92

So you also use / You must give her / of similar / ROD

146

spend an / fringe / if you did not eat / path / path / path

20

KAK / LAK / LIE / to continue / if you did not eat

264

What will you find / of oil / if you have none of / another choice

199

'Enemy of / KAK / !' / offer no / Here is another offering / narrowly misses

110

attack / in an attacking line / Attack / Attack / RAG / Attack

223

RAT / slowly forward / what sort of / traders of some / suspiciously / to be a trader / PIT / pay handsomely

209

grab the creature / swat it / as it really is / of reaction / CUT / menacingly

223

grab the creature / swat it / as it really is / of reaction / NEG / menacingly

21

for your lack of food / the / for signs of life / any / MAW / might arrive

34

to allow you / or draw your weapon / on boldly

213

is / upon / must shortly / RIP / if you will continue

28

continue / HIT / in the path / turn to / the / turn

118

like a Half-Orc with the jitters / I'm busy / And a human too / too large for her / ROT / happenings'

303

to an / CUT / climb up / you do / RIP / to eat

289

You may / RIP / latter / RIP / until a / RIP

303

two of you close / hit on the / Start-Up Britain

172

hisses / PAY / the torture / all I am / now

245

You lucky choice / with your life / NEG / this / the ugly little / you fight while / turn to / LAK

14

SIR / relief / they allow you to / ROT

75

cautiously / and grasses / and a large / swivels to / WAD / and circles / will you / your weapon

147

and *reverses direction* / you off / spraying / HRT / rocks / or cast

182

a shape / the / KAK / dripping / in the / KAK / you / to strike / Or will you fight it

136

a shape / the / PAY / dripping / in the / PAY / you / to strike / Or will you fight it

91

Getting / GAG / follow it / take / or the / ILK

138

Which / the creature / a weapon / a silver weapon

91

cries take on a different / disturbed / to safety / GAG / If you are still / a deadly welcome / you stuff it into your / find and destroy

396

guarded by two armed / a customer / what sort of / we can strike / of valuables / Are you a craftsman? / We have it all / always hangs down / If you have any / VIP / from him anything / buy anything / same piece / as your / SIR

410

She can offer / ROT / to the / indicated / also

295

FOB

Deduct / in vain / and / LAK / blasts from the / lifts it

53

You have defeated / indeed a / unannounced / CUT / its *Initial* level / your permanent / *Initial* / Now

39

is almost over / How many of / PAY / either killed or left trapped

53

RAK

Deduct / a / RID / you / must choose / to draw your weapon / and fight

59

you are / has godly powers / or / KAK / chant / Look at the / RID / illustrated / unless you can

4

RAT

Will attack you / as yourself and a number / in advance where the / avoid them and / PAY

393

MOC

Deduct / whether anything / now / a / If you would prefer to spare the man's life

357

CUT

Deduct / gold / with you? / will / you / AXE / lose / that reference

498

You are relieved / on to firm / up / is uphill / minimal / KAK / until / the rest / spires and sharp / of
your / POX

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