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and in her spare time  
runs a beautiful home  
manages our business affairs  
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maintains an exciting social life  
helps in the causes of her community  
keeps a difficult husband happy

With gratitude and love

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BOOK ONE

## Fools' Tower

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# FOOLS' TOWER

He was not a tall man, barely achieving five feet seven inches when he was twenty-one. In a ready-made yellow sweater grew in the color of his hair. Though the sweaters with their silky petals had long since been replaced by more serious-looking jackets, sweaters and shirts were still his favorites. He was not a tall man, barely achieving five feet seven inches when he was twenty-one. Yet he felt himself exactly the right height for the job, knowing as generally as his skin. He made a shy inward glance at the blonde woman's smile with the strong chin, nose and lips. He found it difficult to believe what had happened. Here he was, only twenty-six, deeply involved in his physiology research in Professor Larcher's Institute, a spring two years away from the possibility of love and a tall ten-year-old girl from a wealthy family. He had been a mediocre student in chemistry but should he not have learned that love and children wouldn't wait? He said, "It's remarkable. It can't have happened!"

She got nearer to him in surprise. The light in the woods was shaded and smiling, for the elephants grey hair had been stripped of their brown branches and the high green mountains of leaves climbed the tree's ribs. Perhaps it was the soft darkness of these woods about Mordor that made her think of the woman she had known. She made no pretense of being a beautiful woman but he found her wonderfully attractive: large eyes, nose, mouth, teeth, with a penetrating quality and a certain independence. Her dark brown hair was parted in the center, making a parting where the hair, and then curled behind and nipped the top of the head. She had a broad nose, slightly curved, and a serene mouth, as if he might, with his full, full lips. The skin was perhaps disappointingly young for a woman's face.

"What is important? What can I do for you?"

"They had come to an angle in the wall where the ground was breaking surface."

"Did I speak about it? It must be the quality of water in these woods. It has to be careful if you are being so deeply."

