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j'~,'~'",.......44.-%88':8II tremendously exciting. For the first
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;+,';=",;:-':::;,M"-:'ihI8IIIc:8IId-flying fish and thousands of other marvellous things
-'-';:,'-::;:-'::,':-'::;,8y»%he::suInIner of 1939, it becalne obvious that there was going to be 8
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;"j,::,'::.,';-:,":,"Iig@$::,:'-I@46 =:my' car and drove north to NNairOb, in Kenya, to join the BAF i
""-:,-:'+Op:,Six '.Inonths they trained us in small airplanes called Tiger Moths
-',l',"' '4h~ days weI'e also glorious. There were twenty of us training to be p;lots
!:,:: @tlat: thtare in'Nairobi. Seventeen of those twenty were killed during the war
~'-;.,""";;,I.: m'yself was shot down. My plane crashed in the Libyan desert and
;~:;;;5eIst: into flames, but I managed to get out and was finally rescued b>
»...;...,-eu'ir-:Soldiers. In 1942 my injuries began to give lnc too lnuch trouble and
"":;;,-:,...'I::":..;had to stop flying. They gave me a month's leave and then sent nle to
"Washington, D. C. as assistant air attache, at this point the United States
already in the war as well.
I was twenty-six years old when I, rrived ln XVas1»ingto(I, and I still
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8y '. I was sl'tflng II1 nlv II(lw offlcc '1 t th('. Br'.Ilsl» R.lu bass»; »vhen thel'e
:as a knock on my door. ""C(>nlc iu."
A very small man with thick s lb.(..t;-<'i(s cuber: (1 'he I',.~cn». t'I"orgive lne
"r bothering you," he said. 'My Saute is V(ir(:se':r. C, S. Vorester."
I nearly fell out of Iny cl»;11r. '*At c ~o;, I( iu " ' i. s:.~id, ""No," he said,
Illng. ~That s me.
And It was. It was tile gl ca",. »» I"ii cr 111 i'H se.' 1.
,,'-' "Look," he said. "'A magazine (.allc(1 fhc,»at:,:r;t((y E.'(nin(, Post will
'-blish any story I write, I have (» contract v, ilh (hc»1. A»d I have come
', -, you because I think you might have a good stot. I t.. i tell. 1 nlean about
.,ping. Come and have lunch with nlc,' hc sai(1. "And while we' re eating,
'z can tell me all about it. Tell me your nlost exciting adventure. I'll
'4e it. up for the Saturday Eucning post. The AI»el-icans should know
,,", I'e about this war and help us."
-i;..."'.'-"-:::I;:Was thI'illed. I had never met a famous writer before, In the SIna
",«'-:iff@IIC4 restaurant we took roast duck with vegetables and potatoes. The [;.
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alk. And
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