

The relationship between



■ the hand and the cookie jar was not fated to last.



○ It started off as a passionate affair, enjoyed by both parties:



★ the cookie jar had so much to give,



△ and the hand promised so much,



◆ it promised the world.



◆ Occasionally, very occasionally,



☉ the hand would present the cookie jar



~ with tokens of esteem,



- ✂ and this convinced the cookie jar of the hand's love. □
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- But the hand took far more than it gave, ●
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- and before the cookie jar realized it was empty. ▲
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- ▲ robbed of all that made it whole and vital. ✂
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- ✂ It was a hollow, broken thing, ♥
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- ♥ left alone on a shelf as the hand moved on to other, tastier pastures. ◇
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- ◇ The cookie jar wept crumbs, and gathered cobwebs, ●
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- and dreamed of the day when it might again be needed.
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