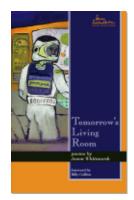


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Croquet had cost him the family fortune and much else besides. His thought now was to grow flowers and sullen, one on the heels of the other. That his backyard had double-crossed him in serious, uncompromising ways seemed someone else's memory as the season drew to a close—why not overlook those few missed wickets, the untapped stakes? Still, he kept towing the gargoyle statuary home. They leered at the flamingos, coughed their drinks into bird baths, and slept as fish are thought to, eyes open. They dropped the whole neighborhood into a new set of actuarial tables. His thought now was to leave them to everything, beyond which he hoped to journey and report, midwinter, on the sights.