

SIME~GEN: The Unity Trilogy*

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Excerpt from *Ambrov Keon...*

The high field of the Gen in the shrine washed over Risa, easing her need with promise. There was no fear in it – he must not know that she was there.

Basking in his field, she became duoconscious – both her Sime senses and her other senses operating at once. She could see him silhouetted against the fire. Too large for a recently established adolescent. A full-grown Gen.

What was he doing here? Blown into Sime Territory by the storm? It didn't matter; he was life to her. The moment he knew she was there, that tempting field would erupt with the fear she needed as much as his selyn. She would drain him, charging her aching nerves – surely that incredible field promised that for once she would be fully satisfied–

She took a step forward, just as the Gen said, “Why don't you come over to the fire and get warm?”

It was Risa who flared fear. Then she wondered what kind of fool believed only a Gen could enter the shrine.

The Gen leaned forward to poke up the fire, then stood – and she saw that he was huge. Gens were usually bigger than Simes, but this was the biggest one she'd ever seen – the absurd thought crossed her mind that his size meant he stored more selyn, although she knew the two things were unrelated.

He was turning toward her now. She moved forward, waiting for him to recognize a Sime in need, yearning for the fear that would charge his field for her kill. Her laterals dripped ronaplin in expectation. She moved forward step by step, savoring his field, waiting for the moment of recognition, of terror – the peak bliss of the kill!



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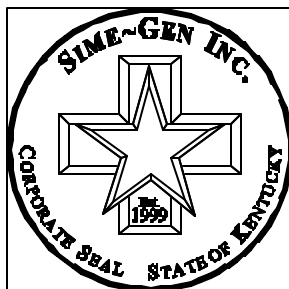
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