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So brainsickly of things. Go get some water,   
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Why did you bring these daggers from the place?   
They must lie there: go carry them; and smear   
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