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'Something skittered back in the hedge. She came to an instant halt and set her hand on her pistol . . .

Majat.

She picked out the shadowed form in the slatted leaves, perplexed to find it there. It was motionless in its guard-stance, half again as tall as she; faceted eyes flickered with the slightest turns of its head . . .

The head turned farther, squaring to her: no Worker . . . she saw that clearly. The jaws were massive, the head armored . . . A Warrior . . . nor was it alone.'

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