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A system of villeinage sometimes follows a conquest. In this case the slave who farms must be the master's sharecropper. Only a society of loss or gain can reconcile those who are destined to work and those who are destined to benefit.