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...whom she deemed herself connected in a union, unrecognized on earth, would bring them together the bar of final judgment, and make that their age-altar, for a joint futurity of endless retribution and over a

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...Hester's contemplation and laughed at at and desperate joy with seized, a to cast it from her. ...the ide and hastened to bar it ... What herself to believe,— ... motive for continuing ... Here, s ... half a truth, and half a ... and here ... had been the scene ... and so, per ... ene of her earthly pur ... length pur ... work out another purit ... and lost; saint-like, because the ... martyrdom. Hester Prynne, therefore ... On the outskirts of ... peninsula, but not in close ... there was a small thatched ... by an earlier settler, and aban- because the soil about it was too sterile for cultiva- while its comparative remoteness put it out of the ... of that social activity which already marked the ... of the emigrants. It stood on the shore, looking a basin of the sea at the forest-covered ... A clump of scrubby trees, such a ... peninsula, did not so much conceal ... as seem to denote that here was some ... fain have been, or at least ought to be, ... In tle, lonesome dwelling, with some slender ... that

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...he herself had been, during that m ... Pearl was imbibing her soul from the ... er bodily frame from its mater ... 's impassioned state had been ... were transmitted to the unborn ... life; and, however white and ... originally, the ... ken the deep stains of crim ... gold, the fiery ... the black shadow, and the ... ed light, of the ... ning substance. Above all ... fare of Hester's ... at that epoch, was perpe ... ze her wild, desperate, ... temper, and even som ... and despondency th ... eoded in her ... were now illumina ... morning radiance of a ... child's d ... in the day of earthly ... ce, might ... orm and whirlwind. ... discipl ... those days, was of a far ... the harsh rebuke, the ... at applica ... od, enjoined by Scriptural ... ty, were use ... in the way of punishment ... wholesome regimen for the ... and pr ... childish virtues. Hester ... , neverth ... of this one child, ... le risk ... due severity. Mind- however, of her own errors and misfortunes, she early

...little garden, or coming forth along the pathway that led toward; and, discerning the scarlet letter on her breast, would scamper off, with a strange, contagious fear

...on ... who dared to show himself, she, however, incurred ... of want. She possessed an art that sufficed, even in a ... afforded comparatively little scope for ... exercise, ... infant and her ... It was ... as ... most ... of ... work. ... on ... , in ... etter, ... en of ... delicate ... ch the ... of a ... might ... s, ... rich ... more ... spiritual adornment of human ingenuity to these fabrics of silk and gold. Here, indeed, in the sable simplicity that generally characterized the Puritanic modes of dress, there might be an infrequent call for the finer productions of her handiwork. Yet the taste of the age, demanding whatever was elaborate in compositions of this kind, did not fail to extend its influence over our stern progenitors, who had cast behind them so many fashions which it might seem harder to dispense with. Public ceremonies, su ... tions, the installations of magistrates, and ... give majesty to the forms in which a ... manifested itself to the people, were ... marked by a stately and well-condu ... sombre, but yet a studied magnif ... fully wrought bands, and gorgeo ... were all deemed necessary to ... assuming the reins of power; and ...

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...to insist, persuade, or plead. In ... inexplicable, so perverse, ... generally accompanied by ... Hester could not help ... whether Pearl was a hum ... airy sprite, which, after p ... little while upon the cottage ... locking smile. Whenever that ... appeared in ... wild, ... ht, deeply black eyes, it invested her with a s ... re- ness and intangibility; it was as if she were ho ... in ... and might vanish, like a glimmering light ... that ... we know not whence, and goes we know not whither. ... g it, Hester was constrained to rush towards the ... pursue the little elf in the flight which she invari- ... to ... her to her bosom, with a close pres- ... es,—not so much from overflowing love ... that Pearl was flesh and blood, and not ... But Pearl's laugh, when she was caught ... of merriment and music, made her moth ... tiful than before.

...H ... this bewildering and baffling spell, th ... herself and her sole treasure, wh ... and who was all her world, Hes ... sionate tears. Then, perhaps,— there was no foreseeing how it might affect her,—

...still another pos ... By degrees, n ... would now be ... tion for a ... the morbid cur ... common or w ... tangible circum ... on some person ... Hester really ... remained vacan ... required emplo ... occupy with he ... itself, by puttin ... garments that l ... needle-work wa ... men wore it on ... decked the bab ... and moulder a ... recorded that, i ... to embroider t ... blushes of a bri ... less vigor with v ... Hester sough ... existence, of the ... lf, and a sim ... s of the coa ... only that ... her doom t ... distinguish ... ic ingen

...le in ... ay in ... waste ... aps ... with H ... on— ... ive at ... beyond the mo ... And then wh ... Hester Prynne ... with the upro ... tinguished and ... the entangled ... this could neve ... world. An imp ... no right amo ... remarkable th ... could compreh ... own an invio ... rity, in short ... Never, since h ... public gaze wi ... Pearl, too, was ... ards' as the l ... holding a fore ... ng at the ... Hester's. She s ... ssy margin ... disporting then ... nurture would ... chance; or at ... sham-fight with ... freaks of imita ... ly, but never s

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Her only real comfort was when
lity of sleep. Then she was sure of
quiet, sad, delicious happiness;
perverse expression glimmering
lids—little Pearl awoke!
strange rapidity, indeed!—did
it was capable of social intercourse,
ready smile and nonsense-words!
iness would it have been, could
her clear, bird-like voice mingling
er childish voices, and have dis-
her own darling's tones, amid all
a group of sportive children! But
was a born outcast of the infantile
blem and product of sin, she had
ned infants. Nothing was more
inct, as it seemed, with which
loneliness; the destiny that lay
round about her; the whole be-
sition in respect to other things
from prison, had Hester never
In all her walks about the town,
t as the babe in arms, and after-
small companion of her mother,
h her whole grace and clinging
ree or four feet from her, one of
ildren of the street, on the
et, or at the thresholds,
such grim fashion as the Puritanic
playing at going to church, per-
Quakers; or taking scalps in a
ans; or scaring one another with
raft. Pearl saw, and gazed intent

might readily have applied to the better efforts of her art, she employed in making coarse garments for the poor. It is probable that there was an idea of penance in this mode of occupation, and that she offered up a real sacrifice of enjoyment, in devoting so many hours to such rude handiwork. She had in her nature much rich, voluptuous. Oriental characteristic,—a taste for the sensuously beautiful, which save in the exquisite body of the East, is nowhere else found; nothing else, in all the world, has been able to satisfy itself upon. Women derive more pleasure from their work than other sex, from the same cause. In Prynne it might be said, before soothing, they rejected it as sensual, and as an immaterial thing. Genuine and steady something that might

death.

In this manner, Helen was to have a perfect being in the world. With the energy of a mind and rare capacity, it could not entirely cast her off, but set a mark upon her, more intolerable to her heart than that which branded the brow of Cain. In intercourse with society, however, there was made her feel as if she belonged to it. Every word, and even the silence of those with whom she came in contact, implied, and often expressed, that she was banished, and as much alone as if she were in another sphere, or communicated with the common world by other organs and senses than the rest of her. She was apart from mortal interests, yet close to them; and that revisits the familiar firmament.

mother tremble, be
witch's anathemas in

The truth was, that the intolerance brood that had been bred in Hester's vague idea of something outlandish and extraordinary, came with ordinary fashions, in the mother and daughter; and therefore scorned them in their hearts, and not only reviled them with their tongues. Pearl felt that her mother opposed it with the bitterest hatred that she could have shown in a childish bosom. These differences were a fierce element in the life of the child; because there was at least an open warfare between the two; whereas in the case of other children, the mother's mood, instead of the fitful quality of the father's, often swayed her in the child's manifestation of rebellion. It appalled her, however, to discern here, again, a shadowy reflection of the evil that had existed in herself. All this enmity and bitterness had Pearl inherited, by inalienable right, out of her mother's heart. Mother and daughter stood together in the same attitude of seclusion from human society; and in the nature of the child seemed to be perpetuated those unquiet elements which had distracted Hester Prynne before Pearl's birth. But since begun to be soothed away by the softening influences of maternity.

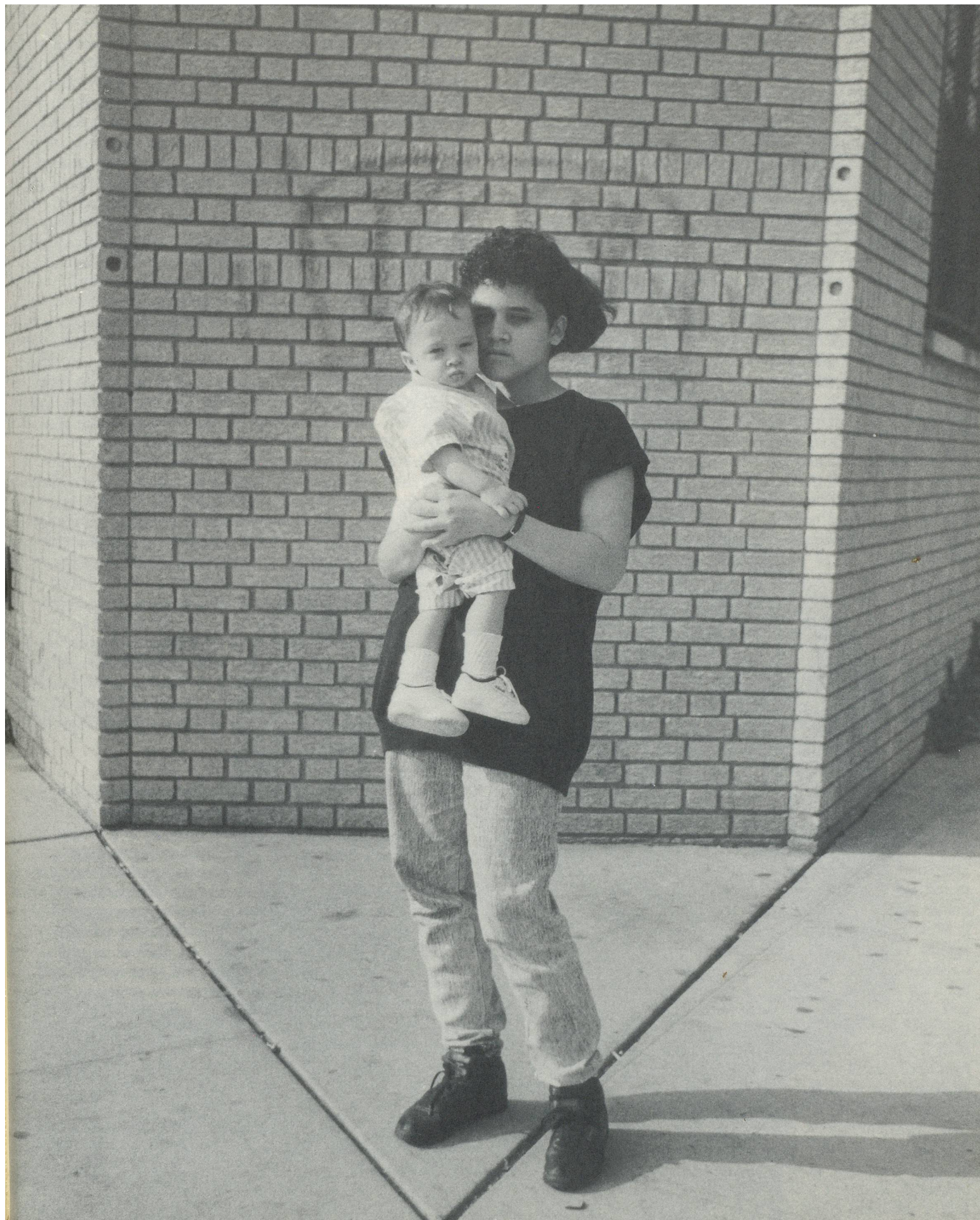
At home, within and around her mother's cottage, Pearl wanted no other and various circle of acquaintance. The spell of life in truth from her ever creative spirit, and communicated to a thousand objects, as a torch kindles a fire, wherever it may be applied. The unlikely materials, a stick, a bunch of rags, a flower, were the puppets of Pearl's witchcraft, and, without undergoing any outward change, became spiritually adapted to whatever drama occupied the stage of her inner world. Her one baby-voice served a multitude of imaginary personages, old and

and was in little danger of fo
before her vivid self-perceptio
rudest touch upon the tender
already said, whom she soug
bounty, often reviled the han
succor them. Dames of elevat
she entered in the way of her
to distil drops of bitterness
through that alchemy of quiet
concoct a subtile poison from
ages, also, by a coarser ex
her's defenceless breast
erated wound. Hester had
well; she never responded to th
mean that rose irrepressib
subsidied into the dep
—a martyr, indeed,—b
ages; lest, in spite of her fo
blessing should stubb

continually, and in a thousand
innumerable throats, and an
ingly contrived for the
sentence of the Puritan, our
street to address the
crowd, with its mingled
sinful woman. If I entered a
Sabbath school, the Universal
hap to find the text of
children; for some of some

selfishly. It was wonderful, such she threw her intellect, darting up and dancing, mental activity,—soon sinking and feverish a tide of li-
 ves of a similar wild energy the phantasmagoric play of the exercise of the fancy, how-
 owing mind, there might be observable in other children of her
 girl, in the dearth of human reason the visionary throng which
 city lay in the hostile feeling which she regarded all these offspring of her
 never created a friend, but she broadcast the dragon's teeth, and
 against whom she then what could she hear the
 recognition of the energies of the world that must be
 Master Pryor had cried out, "Hidden, but such and a gro-
 "no, my Father,—have brought into the world!"
 ejaculation, or aware, through those throbs of anguish, would
 little face upon her mother, she
 gence, and resume her play.

One peculiarity of the child



What pretty oracles nature yields us of the future of our race and behaviour of children, babes, and adolescents, that divided and rebel mind, that distrust of the future, that our arithmetic has computed the strength of the forces that would be our purpose, these have not. The future is in their hands, their eye is as yet unconquered, and we are disconcerted. Inform them, form to it, so that one of the adults who youth and puberty, quancy and claims not to the youth have me. Hark! emphatic. It

Who so would be a man must be a nonconformist. He who would gather immortal palms must not be hindered by the fear of goodness, but must explore if it be goodness. Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind. Abuse your freedom, and you shall have the suffrage of the

... are, in the popular estimate, rather the exception
... man *and* his virtues. Men do what
... piece of courage or charity,
... in expiation of daily non-
... are done as an apology or
... world,—as invalids and the
... virtues are penances. I do not

The magnetism which all originate in, when we inquire the reason of such a conduct? What is the aboriginal Self, on which all must be grounded? What is the nature of this baffling star, without parallel, which shoots a ray of beauty from its actions, if the least mark of imperfection

late his nature. All the sallies of
law of his being, as the unequal-
are insignificant in the curve of
how you gauge and try him.

...our Education, our Art look abroad, so
...society. All men plume themselves on the
...society, and no man improves.