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41st Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society, **July 15-18, 2001**, Minneapolis, MN. Contact: David Tarver, davidptarver@worldnet.att.net.

American Society of Botany, Botany 2001 "Plants and People," **August 12-16, 2001**. Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM. Contact: www.botany.org.

16th Annual Symposium, Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, **September 12-14, 2001**, St. Augustine, FL. Contact: Kathy Burks, kathy.burks@dep.state.fl.us

11th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, **October 1-4, 2001**. Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. Contact: Elizabeth Muckle-Jeffs, profedge@renc.igs.net, www.aquatic-invasive-species-conference.org.

28th Annual Natural Areas Conference, 2001: A Spatial Odyssey, **October 3-6, 2001**. Radisson's "Resort at the Port," Cape Canaveral, FL. Contact vickie.larson-1@ksc.nasa.gov, www.natareas.org.

SER 2001: Restoration Across Borders, **October 4-6, 2001**. Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls Ontario, Canada. Contact: www.ser.org.

The Wildland-Urban Interface: Sustaining Forests in a Changing Landscape, **November 5-8, 2001** University of Florida Hotel and Conference Center, Gainesville, FL. Contact Mary L. Duryea (mlduryea@ufl.edu) or Susan W. Vince (svince@ufl.edu), conference.ifas.ufl.edu/urban/

Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting, **February 10-13, 2002**. Reno Hilton, Reno, NV. Con-

NOTES FROM THE DISTURBED EDGE

Chapter 1

They dressed in individual elegance, as if fashion, social norms, the superficial concerns of the outer world, were of no consequence. They were one with their surroundings. He was a thing of beauty as he strode encumbered, and she bore her ever-lightening burden as if it were a graceful extension of her own sturdy frame. He swept through the grove, a maniacal ballerina samurai, swinging and cleaving a swath of progress and destruction, and she followed in his wake like a visiting angel from outer space, dispensing the potion in measured doses, moving from just-cut stump to stump. *Drink deeply my pretties...* The bodies stacked up, green leaves wilting in the mid-day heat, mirages forming and slipping away in the ever-widening corridors that they created. His boots, beloved boots, left shallow prints, and hers traced his steps, a waltz of blade and poison, a symphony of action, portending restoration as the sun swung it's arc. And then, as silently as they had arrived, they departed, retiring to renew their vigor, prepared to dance again on holy ground, it's solemn nature invaded by the uninvited. For their foes today the party was over, but the battle had just begun... -J.A.

An excerpt from "The Adventures of Hack Garlon and his buxom sidekick Squirt."

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