Locked Gates Michael E. Stone

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Still, chill air in the street, empty early morning bare, high walls, closed gates flash and unlock so key-holders may enter

into the palaces. door-keepers guardians keys passwords, open and permit ascent upwards inwards through doors within doors to the palace within palaces

that eye rejoices which alone can read the key to place in the lock the word, the pass code to open locked gates

in the palaces' heart the throne room flashes fiery rivers and crystal.

He is there and not there and not just there for ever now.