

Reasonable Ambitions

The scheme seemed foolproof. The new regional Warder was young, and only in his position because of an arcane disaster. He held things together because of the emergency; now that it was over, I got myself assigned to be a more *suitable* replacement. Simple, right?

Wrong. The kid's *brilliant*. I've read his hastily-scrawled notes, and they'll completely revolutionize warding arcana. Forget revising the textbooks; we're going to have to rewrite them entirely.

Now I have a *new* scheme. "Coauthor of the *new* standard text" is a decent goal for an ambitious woman. God knows he needs somebody who can *write*...

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