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What was La Diabless known to do?	Lure men into the forest and kill them.	94
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How did Severine look in the sunlight?	Thinner and hairy	103

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What was Forming Magic?	An ancient power created when the world was made	130
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Who saved Bouki and Malik from the douens?	Hugo, the baker	206
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Why did the wall of orange trees grow and create a wall in front of the forest?	To keep humans out of the forest to stop them from taking the jumbie's land	225

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