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"She saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermillion.

"Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity."

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