

The Marriage of Ragnar Lodbrog
(after Saxo)

*His destiny will come to him
Neither clothed nor unclothed
Neither afoot or ahorse
Neither on water or land
Neither with or without a gift.*

*Riding a goat while one foot
Trails in the green of a ditch,
Wearing her hair and a net,
A hare before, a hound beside,
Over her head a raven*

*His bride is welcomed by Ragnar;
He takes the fruit of her lips
Laughing, as later he marries
The pit dark with adders --
A ready groom for night.*

-- John Taylor
Houston, Texas

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The Wormwood Award for the most overlooked and unnoticed book of worth and wit for the year 1962 goes to: Mother Night by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. -- a Gold Medal paperback \$1191, published February, 1962 by Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Conn. Price: 35 cents. Still available at newsstands.