

# Weird Tales



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 or do they sometimes get out of control?*

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## Ghost Port

By PAULINE BOOKER



**T**H**ERE** is a port of endless night,  
 Where cold and treacherous waters flow,  
 And over bleak, fog-shrouded reefs,  
 The tempest-winds eternally blow.

A port where Time itself is dead,  
 And not a living voice can sound;  
 For only ships set sail from here  
 With souls forever outward bound.

