

Weird Tales

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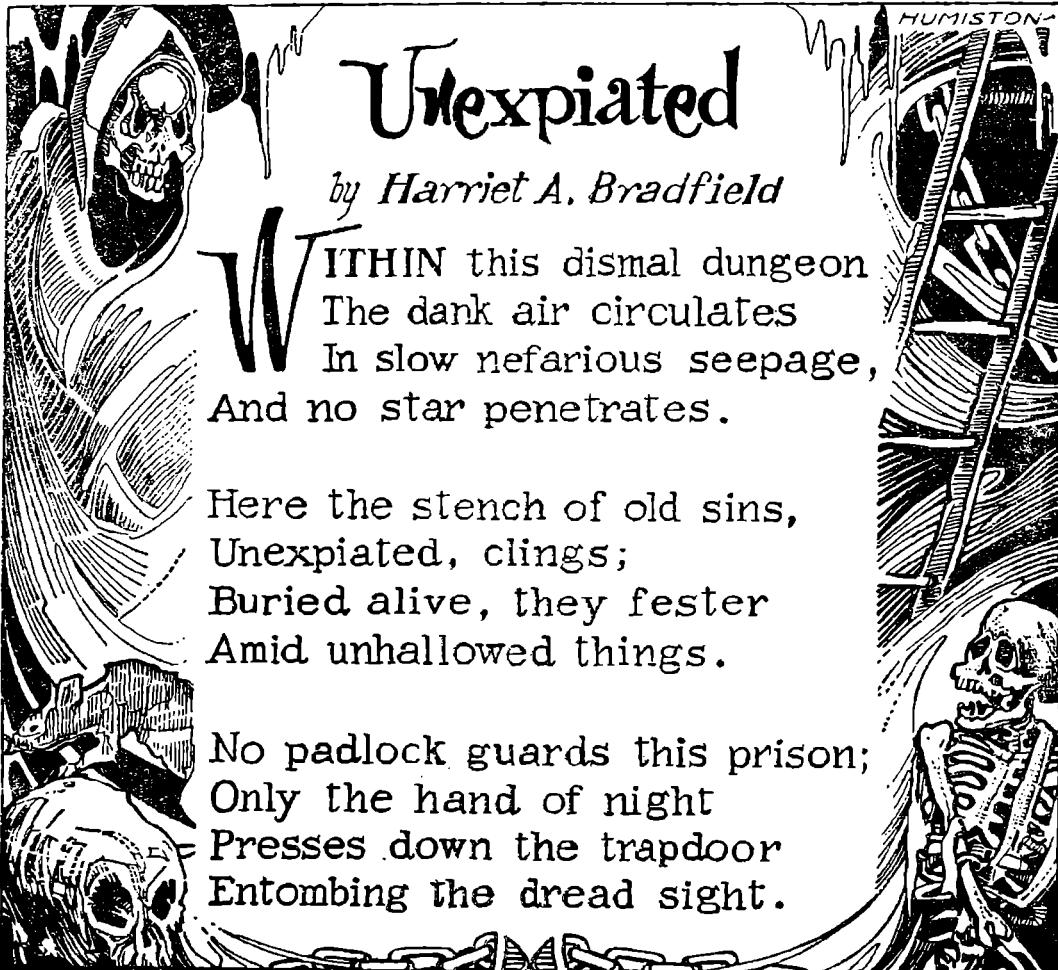
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Unexpiated

by Harriet A. Bradfield

WITHIN this dismal dungeon
The dark air circulates
In slow nefarious seepage,
And no star penetrates.

Here the stench of old sins,
Unexpiated, clings;
Buried alive, they fester
Amid unhallowed things.

No padlock guards this prison;
Only the hand of night
Presses down the trapdoor
Entombing the dread sight.

HUMISTON