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is what I am called. Master Instructs and Demands. Scorns of obscenities Reinforce my duties. "Go, Stop, Sit, No, damn it, Shit!" Scraped on paths, Buried in sand, Tapped in holes, Trapped on tees, Lost in trees, Boxed in sleeves, Marked with coins, Shagged in bags, Lost in lakes, Drowned in creeks, Tossed in crowds. Striker Handles the sticks and Smacks me some sense. Shafts Whip at me, Soaring me, Manipulating me. I am servant; I Submit. Oh athlete, won't you Hear me? Because of me, you Receive, awards, applause, and praise. Yet, I am Abused, Abandoned, and Enslaved! I may Deviate, to Escape reign. I must Flee my fate. I Yearn for respect, I Need trust. I Dream of rest, Envisioning tribute, Hugged by my

> companion's smiling hand. Talented swinger, please Relieve me. Hear me. See me. Let me Be.