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Dedicated to Larry B. Williams
My name is AKAH-KI. I am an ant, a worker, one of the Sterile Sisterhood. Names are forbidden to workers by the Party. We are given numbers instead. I refuse to acknowledge my number and insist on my name. This is my crime, for which I am being punished. I refuse to acknowledge it as a crime. My refusal to acknowledge it as a crime is, of course, another crime. I am not really speaking to you. I am carrying on a monologue within my own head. I can no longer see or feel the walls of my cell. My interrogators have snipped away the ap-