

The Borges is in the addendum

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 17 Feb 2000, 07:30

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Happy searching!

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Jack and Melissa Holcomb — 18 Feb 2000, 17:08 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

Ah, geez, I'm sorry. I just ordered AE&1-3, and haven't seen them yet. I didn't mean to be mean.

Thanks for all the great information!

Jack

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