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THE LIFE
OF
HENRY CORNELIUS AGRIPPA
VON NETTESHEIM,

DOCTOR AND KNIGHT,
Commonly known as a Magician.

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