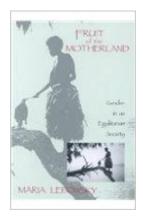
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Fruit Of The Motherland: Gender In An Egalitarian Society





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