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n.

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2. A state of subjection to a force, power, or influence.
3. The practice of being physically restrained, as with cords or handcuffs, as a means of attaining sexual gratification.
4. Villeinage.

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman, from Middle English *bonde*, serf, from Old English *bōnda*, husbandman, from Old Norse *bōndi*, present participle of *būa*, to live; see **bheuə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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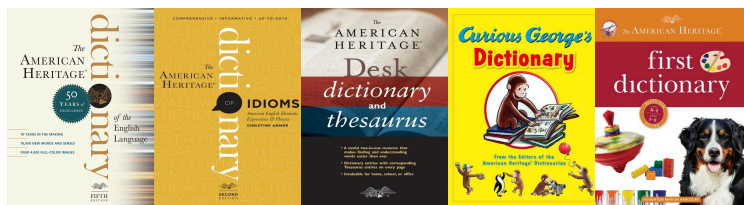
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