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Red mace surrounds the nutmeg seed.

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The story of The Nutmeg's Curse (2021) begins almost exactly 400 years ago, in a very faraway place—so far away that very few of you are likely to have heard of it. That place is the Banda

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> Archipelago, a tiny cluster of islands in the far southeastern quadrant of the Indian Ocean. The largest of these islands is only two-and-a-half miles in length and half a mile in width—so minuscule are the Banda Islands that on most maps they are marked only as a sprinkling of dots. (From the article)

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