

'only restore this maid to life, and I vow to send her back to her own country, and take the daughter of a believer to wife, since our union is displeasing to thee. Yes, I swear it by the black stone of Mecca and the holy tomb of the Prophet.'

"At these words I opened my eyes, feeling certain that even this impetuous young man would never break an oath he deemed so sacred. Aladin took my hand, and pressing it to his lips, his forehead, and his eyes, bade me 'farewell!' and rushed from the apartment. I never saw him from that moment, but his generous relinquishment of me has left an indelible impression upon my mind.

"Notwithstanding my ardent desire for liberty, I could not part with the Shiek's family without some feelings of regret. The children clung weeping round me, and I kissed, a thousand times, the dear little babe that I had tended from its birth. I distributed between Gulbeyaz and Fatmè the chief part of the clothes the Consul had sent me, but nothing could calm the feelings of the latter, she clung round my neck, called me her sister, and entreated me to take her with me as my servant.

"Most willingly would I have permitted her to accompany me, but that was impossible. I left with her the Bible out of which we had been used