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CHAPTER XXVIII.

the larger half of the Amalekites lay of or wounded on the field of lattle, and the Hebrew captain knew that the other desert tribes whe had joined their had, as was their custom, abandoned their slain, and would retire to their own haunts. At the same time it was not impossible that des-pair might give the fugitive courage not to about their easis to tall into the hands of the Helm ws without a final contest.

However, doshna's men were too much exhausted for it to be pseable to lead them any further at this moment. He himself had lost some blood from several slight wounds, and the great exertions of the last few days had made their mark even on his mus frame

Heades this, the sun, which had not long risen when the strife began, was already sinking to rest, and if they were to force their way through to the easiest would not

their was through to the easiest would not be advisable to do hattle in the dark. What he and, even in etc, his brave followers most needed was rest till the next day's dawn. All about him he saw none but glad faces, bearing with provid-self reliance, and when he dismissed the ranks to retire to the camp and resome with these dear to them ove and repose with those dear to them over the vectory, the troops, which had marched past wearily and slowly broke out in shouts of pay, as clear and glad as though they had quite forgotten the fatigues which had howed their heads and weighten their feet.

"Hall to do ham "Hall to the Conqueror"

"Hail to Joshua" Hail to the Conqueror" re-tchool from cluff to the Long after the last of the troops was lost to sight. But more clearly still did the worle ring in his heart in which Moors had behaved him, for they had been; "Verily as the sword of the Most High, steadlest and syring, hast thou fought the right so long as the Lord is the Helper and deleatan our Refuge, we need fear to comment.

freight and defection our freinge, we need fear the elements.

He fars hed he still could feel on his brow and head the biss of the great leader, the man of took who had chapted him to his heart before all the prople and it was not a small thing to control the violent agricultum which disturbed him at the cost of this all import and leave.

day. A strong desire to stoud clear, in his own ever beforemingling with the pilulant throng, or meeting his father to whom a share in every great emotion that stored his woll was due, prompted him to be get on the field of lattle. This was now a very where gloom and horse to blaway, for the who linger of here to be humed were detained by death or mertal wounds.

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The ravens which had followed, the jul-grins were scaring above the hell or and al-reads senturing to with on the right amount

reads senturing to a tile on the reads throught before ther. The seem of blood had brought the beautar figure out of their concerns in the fulls and make and their greedy house or book was to be heard on every side.

Then when darkness followed on dusk, lights began to flit about over the blood drended ground. They gooded the slaves and those who missed one dear to them to discriminate between free! I and foc, the wounded and the feel ", and many a crease wounded and the feel ", and many a crease might of "." were badly hard the good to be level to great the level of property and forces and the cold to the level of property and forces and the cold to the level of heart of the level of The state of the s

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the well-armed and disciplined army among whose captains he had numbered himself with such glad pride?

He could scarcely believe that there had been a time when he had aspired to nothing

been a time when he had aspired to nothing higher than to command more and yet more thousands of Egyptian soldiers; when his heart had beat high at the prospect of a new title or a mark of honor conferred by men whom, for the most part, he could not regard as worthy of his esteem. He had looked for everything from the Egyptians, for nothing from his own nation. For that might in the camp he had thought with repulsion of the great mass of the popule who were of his own blood, as miserable alaves, verifing in deernaling servitude. He had perishing in degrading servitude. He had be kel down in his prideeven on the noblest of them, for they were not herdsinen, and as such held in contempt by the Egyptians whose feelings he shared.

His own father, indeed, was an owner of heasts, and though he held him in high ven-

heasts, and though he held him in high ven-eration, this was in spite of his position, this was because his whole nature commanded respect, because the vigorous old man, with youthful fire, won the love of all men, and, above all, that of his grateful son. He had never ceased to acknowledge him gladly, but in all other matters he had striven so to conduct bituself among his brethren in arms that they should forget his origin, and regard him in all respects as one of themselves. His ancestress. Ascuath, the wife of Joseph, had been an Egyptian, and of this he had always

But now-to night?

Now he would have made the man who called him an Egyptian feel his wrath; and all which, at the last new moon, he would have cast from him and hidden away as though it were a disgrace, at this were new moon, which, like the last, rose in a star-lit sky, made him hold his head high with pride

sky, made him hold his nead night with pride and joy.

How gra al a thought it was that he had a right to pride himself on being what he was! What a standing lie, what an infinite treason would his life and doings as an Explian captain appear to him now! His upright spirit rejoiced in the con-sciousness that this was an aid to that unworthy denial and concealment of his own blood. He felt with glad thankful ness that he was one of the people whom his own Flood. He felt with giad transfer ness that he was one of the people whom the Most High had chosen before all others; that he belonged to a congregation of whom, even the humblest, nay, and every child, lifted up his hands in prayer to the God whom the loftest spirits among the Egyptians veiled in the narrowest my us; they thought the common folk took and too dull witted to stand before He might and greatness, or to comprehend

And this, the One and only God, efore when the motley crowd of Egyptian gods sank into nothingness, this God had chosen him, the son of Nun, out of the thousands him, the son of Nun, out of the thousands of the nation, to be the leader and protector of His chosen people, and had given him a name, pledging. Himself to be his Helper, To obey his fied and to devote his blood and life, under his guidance, to his people, seem of to him as lofty an aim as any man ever kept in view. His black even fashed more kept in view. His black is the His beart kept in view. His black even flashed more brightly as he thought. His heart seemed too small for all the tove with which he would now make up to his brethren for his shortesings in former years.

He had, indeed, lost a noble and lovely He had, indeed, lost a notice and sovery woman when he had hoped to win, and she was the wife of another; but this did not at all trouble the happy enthusians which processed huseml; he had ceased to desire her for his own, high as her image still yeard in his heart. At this memoral he

given. At this moment he felt only how much he owed her. Lake some noble tree then the mother and daughter had set forth uplifting its head to heaven, where two host to follow their people through unspeakable tile countries join and touch, so he stood fatigues, the old woman riding her husband's between his former and his present life; ass. Nun received the fathful souls with and although love was laid in a grave, still joy, and in the same hour gave Hoglah to he and she could never cease to strive band. Asser to wife. Thus this blood stanced day in hand for the same end, and to walk in the

same way.

He looked back once more on the period He looked back once more on the period which he had just passed through, and he could say to himself that in a very short time, and under his leadership, a crowd of wretched serfs had become valiant warriors. They had already learned to obey promptly in the field, and to be justly proud of sectory. And every new success must improve them. To day, even, it seemed to him not merely desirable but perfectly possible to conquer a new country at their head, a home which they would love and call their own, where they might dwell in freedom and welfare, and become such men of valor as, by good

they might dwell in freedom and welfare, and become such men of valor as, by good training, he hoped to make them.

Thus, among the horrors of the lattle-field, under the mosnless night, gladness, as the radiance of day, shone in his soul, and with words, "God and my people!" and at the full upward glance at the starry with, he full upward glance at the starry with, he full the corpse stewn valley of dark with a triumphant step, as though he wire to he ling over palms and flowers east to mis with riems path by a thankful throng.

Concursion.

In the camp he found all astir. Fires were blazing infront of the tents, and around them sat joyful little groups, while many a least was slain, either as a thank-offering or for an evening feast. Wherever Joshua went he was hailed with glad acclamations; but he failed to find his father, for Nunhad accepted Hur's bidding, and it was outside his tent that the son embracit was outside his tent that the son emirac-of the old man, radiant with thankful pride. And the belated guest was welcomed by Mi, am and her husband in a way which gladdened his heart; Hur gave him his hand with hearty frankness, while she howed reverently before him, and her eyes hanned with his and gratitude.

howeverered years that and her eyes beamed with joy and gratitude.

Before he sat down. Hur led him aside, ordered a slave who had just slanghtered a calf too divide it in two parts, and, pointing . ક્યાતે : ~

you have done great things for the "You have done great things for the people and for me, son of Nun, and my life is too short for the gratitude you have laid on me and on my urfe. If you can forget the lutter words which troubled our peace at Rophka and you say you have forgotten them let us henceforth dwell in unity as them let us henceforth dwell in unity as brothers in one case, and stand up for each other in no and sorrow, in peril and in need. The captainey henceforth belongs to you alone, Joshua, and to none other; and the people all rejoice therest, and, must of all, so do I and my wife. And if you share my desire that we should hence forth live in the londs of lords erhood, econe with me, and after the custom of our fathers we will walk together between the two halves of this slaugh tered beast

And Joshua gladly did his ladding: Miriam was the first to join in the lond approval which old Nun began, and she did so with ardent vehemence, for it was she who, after himiding herself before her himband, whose love she had now quite won luck, had suggested to him to invite Joshua to this treasy of brotherhood which was now ratified. All this had out her no pang; for the two your to which she had pledged her self after that the son of Nun, when she was now ready to call Joshua, had saved her from the hand of the foe were about to be fulfilled, and she felt that it was in a happy how that she had made them. And Joshua cladie del his ladding: py hour that she had made them.

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The feeling, new to her, that she was a woman eren as other women are, gave to her whole person a gentleness which had hitherto been foreign to her, and this won her the love of her husband, whose full with she had baint disting the latter time when he had opened his heart to her.

At the very hour when Hur and Joshua were scaling the lossel of heisherhood, another faithful pair had met again whem surred duty had tem assumer, for while the free-le were still enjoying their meal in from of Hur's tent, three prisons desired permin

were scaling the bosst of income when seemed the other faithful pair had met again whom the care of perferced to himself, his new life had served duty had torn ancoder, for while the faithful pair had met again whom sired yarolay that "crisive night when Mirram fored yarolay that "crisive night when Mirram fored though affect the results of secret duty had torn ancoder, for while the faithful pair had met again whom the parallel were still enjoying their mealin front of literature at the property of literature were still enjoying their mealin front of literature at the property of the forest were still enjoying their mealin front of literature at the property of literature and the control of the second method in the forest were still enjoying their mealin front of literature and the control of literature and the control of literature and the control of the second method in the second method and the control of the control of the second method in the second method and the control of the control of the control of the control of the second method in the control of the contr

i joy, and in the same hour gave Hoglah to loy, and in the same hour gave Hoglah to lose to wife. Thus this blood stained day had brought bleasing tomany; and yet it was fated to end with a harsh discord.

So long as the fires blazed in the example there was always some stir going forward, and throughout their wanderings hither not evening had passed without some quarrel and bloody fray. Wounds and death-blows had been the frequent result when one who had been insulted revenged hunself on his adversary, when some dishonest ruscal had seized the property of another, or refused to fulfil the obligations he had contracted.

In these cases it had often been a hard matter to make the peace and bring the erim inal to a recknowledge any man, be he who he might, as a judge over them. Those who fancied themselves injured handest together with others, and tried to right themselves

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On this festive evening Hurand his guests on this learly evening frurand his guests at first heard only such a noise as every one was accustomed to hear. But presently, when besides the wild uprisar a glare of light flared up close to them, the chiefs began to fear for the safety of the camp, so they rose up to put an end to the turned, and found themselves in the upsequent of a specially themselves in the presence of a speciacle which filled some with rage and horror and

which intersome with rage and horror and others with grief.

The triumph of victory had turned the heads of the multitude. They felt prompted to give expression to their gratitude to the god, and with a vivid remembrance of the horrible worship of their native land a party of Phoencians among the strangers in the camp had lighted a great fire to their god Moloch, and were almost in the act of flugging an Amalekite into the flances as an offernal control of the flances are the flances as an offernal control of the flances are the fla ing an Amalekite into the flames as an offer-ing pleasing in his eyes. Close at hand the Israelites had set up a clay image of the Egyptian god Set, which one of his Helrew devotees had brought with him as a charm to protect his family, placing it on a tall pillar of wood. Hundreds were dancing award it and singing in triumed. Their mond it, and singing in triumph. Their worship could not have been more fervent, nor the rapture of their souls more eager, if they had desired to pay the Gol of their fathers the thankagiving which was His

Soon after his return to the camp. Aaron had assembled the people to sing praises and glorify the Lord; but the need for seeing an image of the God to which they might uplift their souls after the manner to which they had so long been accustomed had proved so strong in many of them that the mere sight of the clay idols had sufficed to bring them es, and turn their hearts from to their kn the true God.

At the sight of the worshippers of Moloch, who had already bound their victim, ready to east him into the flames, Joshua was very to cast him into the flames, Joshua was very wroth, and when in their larkness they refused to hear him, he had the trumpet sound, and by the help of the young lightingmen, who obeyed him blindly, and to whom the strangers were anything rather than dear, he drove them without bloodshed luck to their own quarter of the camp.

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The Helsews yielded to the urgent exhort ations of old Nun. Hur and Nahshen, and repented of their sin, which was aggravated by ingratitude. But even they took it amiss when the fiery old man looke the images they prized so dearly, and if it had not been for the love they have his son and grandson, and for the honor due to his white hairs, many a hand would have been lifted against

Moses had retired into solicade, as wahis wont, after each peril, which by the graof the Almighty came to a good issue; and
the tears rose to Miriams eyes when she
thought of the grief it must cause her note
brother to hear the tadings of such a falling
away and such unthankfulness. A dark
shadow had fallen even on ionhas aglad and
confident mood. He lay aiorphess on a mat
in his father's tent, looking look on the
past. His varirier's soul was stengthened by
the thought that a single almighty and un his went, after each peril, which hy the grapast. His warrior's soul was stengthened by the thought that a single almighty and un-erring Power ruled the universe and the lives of men, and required unfailing obclience from all created things. Every glance at the order of nature and of this showed him the color of biture and of the same of this all things depended on one infinitely great and mighty living, and mee up, morrel, or by down to rest at sign from Him. To him, the captain of a pany army, his God

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