

destruction to you and the army of Egypt, unless you hearken to these words of mine.'

'I think that we know of this snake whom you have taken to dwell in your bosom, whence it may spit poison upon Egypt. It is named Merapi, Moon of Israel, is it not?'

'That is the name of the lady who dreamed the dream,' replied Seti in a cold voice, though I felt him tremble with anger at my side, 'the dream that if Pharaoh wills my companions here shall set out word for word to his magicians.'

'Pharaoh does not will it,' shouted Amenmeses smiting the board with his fist, 'because Pharaoh knows that it is but another trick to save these wizards and thieves from the doom that they have earned.'

'Am I then a worker of tricks, O Pharaoh? If I had been such, why have I journeyed hither to give warning, when by sitting yonder at Memphis to-morrow, I might once more have become heir to the double crown? For if you will not hearken to me, I tell you that very soon you shall be dead, and with you these' — and he pointed to all those who sat at table — 'and with them the great army that lies without. Ere you speak, tell me, what is that black cloud which stands before the camp of the Hebrews? Is there no answer? Then I will give the answer. It is the pall that shall wrap the bones of every one of you.'

Now the company shivered with fear, yes, even the priests and the magicians shivered. But Pharaoh went mad with rage. Springing from his seat, he snatched at the double crown upon his head, and hurled it to the ground, and I noted that the golden