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"Not if I can help it," I blurted, almost without knowing what I said.

"That is good," she said, with a little rocking motion of delight. "There is not time to tell everything now. If thou goest, take me with thee. Let them not keep me to do their will. Pollution—that is it. Thou wilt save me, and I will love thee forever. Listen. I was performing the pilgrimage, they captured the caravan and slew my father. There was one—but there is no time to tell it. It was Amood Slinn that was wicked, and now I know he has been punished because his palace is in ashes. A battle, perchance. Wert thou in it?"

I answered in the affirmative, getting ever deeper involved in the mysteries surrounding this strange woman.

"And didat thou see one there like thyself? Hush, hush!"

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"Good Baruk, thou wilt not die," said my companion. "One turn more—one little turn. That is it. The night is cool... Thy mind will be at ease."

"Thou wilt have me speared like a goat," he demurred. Nevertheless he left us once more.
"There is another caravan coming."

"There is another caravan coming," pursued my companion, breathlessly. "I heard it from Baruk. Let us join it. Trust Baruk for his love of gold. I will trust thee in honour of thy people." And she was lost in the darkness like a shadow.

I returned to my place and presently got a word with Baruk.

"What is this strange thing that the Indian princess sayeth?" I asked, putting my mouth close to his ear, for there was need of dead secrecy.

"Nay, I am not a magician," he answered, with the oily evasiveness of the Oriental, who is charv about com-There is another caravan coming,"

the Oriental, who is chary about comthe Oriental, who is chary about committing himself.

"Let us have no pretence of ignorance," I said, feigning anger. "What do they mean?"

"My lord frighteneth me."

The voice of Suleiman was heard calling for someone, and in the same instant the fires leaped up, shedding a fifful, furld light on the scene. If we were caught consulting, our lives would not be worth ten minutes' purchase.

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not studied the Koran in vain. To every question came a pat answer in the very words of the prophet himself, till the priest, first amazed and then convinced, thrust the book back into his bosom and embraced me as a true believer.

"Marhaba, marhaba" (welcome, welcome) he said, with a fervour more embarrassing than his doubt. "I crave thy purdon for my distrust. Thou ar, indeed a worthy follower of our holy prophet. Would that all his sons knew his words so well. And now sit thee down. El hamdu l'llah. Praise be to Heaven it hath fallen to our lot to rescue a believer from the fangs of these wolves. Semmo (éat)." And forthwith we all set to work with the Koran had in no wise dulled.

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