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|  |  | Would be absent for some time. Joqks sat down on a tree stump. He hea his hand a small bit of |
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|  |  | haps $£ 20$. Slowly the conjectures already pieced together in his mind came ing eariy days on the 1sland. |
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|  |  | ase to himeleton of an Englishman lying there among the bushes near the well, the Golgotha of the poison fille |
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|  |  | breast pocket of his jersey. At last the mysteriocs sign " 32 divided by 1 " |
|  |  | ty-two feet from the mouth of the tunnel, dig one foot in depth, and youscame upon the mother lode of this goid bearing rock. This, then, was the |
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|  |  | The Chinese knew the richness of the deposit and exploited its treasures by guarrying from the outer side of t |
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|  |  | The unfortunate upknown, J. S.-he of the whitened bones-might havedone this thing too. But he only pos- |
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|  |  | tog miner and wbile shuning the the plague stricken quarry adopted the more mborious method of malifing an more laborious method of maling an adit to strike the deposit. He succeed- |
|  |  | ed, to perish miserably in the hour when he saw himself a millionaire Was this a portent of the fate about |
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|  |  | to overtake the latest comers? Jenks, of course, stood up. He always stood square on his feet when the volcano within him fred his blood the volcang |
|  |  | "No!" he almost shouted. "I will break the spell. I am sent here by |
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|  |  | otherwise the Dyaks would simply. humbug him unth he revealed the source of his wealth, and |
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|  |  | this marvelous intelligence from her? Yet was he tempted, not ignobly. but by reason of his love for her. |
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|  |  | Once years ago, when his arduous pro fessional studies were distracted by a momentary infatuation fo |
|  |  | a momentary infatuationface, a woman had proved fickle when tempted by greater wealth than he possessed. For long he was a con- |
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|  |  | fixed resolution not to marry his prospective bride cared ony Tor him and not for his position. To a |
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|  |  | fall Iris came into his life. He knew not what might happen if they were rescued. The time would quickly pas |
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|  |  | until the old order was resumed, she to go back to her position in sbciety, he to become again a disgraced ex. |
|  |  | officer, apparently working out a mere existence before the mast or handing plates in a saloon. |
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|  |  | Would it not be a sweet deflance of adversity were he able, even under such conditions, to |
|  |  | then disclose to her the potentialities of the island? Perchance he monld |
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|  |  | wotla assuredily remain; but, alas, love night vanish like a mirage! Then the |
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|  |  | he chose with it. <br> Yes, this was a possible alternative. In case of accident to himself and her |
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|  |  | alimate escape he must immediately vrite fall detalls of his discovery and |
|  |  | Itrust the document to her, to bi pened only after his death or sir |
|  |  | months after their release. <br> The idea possessed him so thorough |
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