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women; perhaps they always remain though pity to part with all that cash,



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CHAPTER XVII (Continued). "Ny, no. Major. I make her swear not split on ghosts of all her husbands. and by Big Bonsa himself. She sit tight as wax, because she think they haunt her if she don't, and I too, by out your heart as I have those of the no crime." ccuntry and p'r'aps not. If she don't,

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That day there were no excitements, grow angry with you." nothing of the Asika. After its orgy of witchcraft and bloodshed on the of witchcraft and bloodshed on the previous night, weariness and silence seemed to have fallen upon the town. At any rate no sound came from it that could be heard above the low, con-stant thunder of the great waterfall using down its preciped, and in the well received substituted "the processing". substituted, "to support rushing down its precipice, and in the cedar-shadowed graden where Alan walked till he was weary, attended by Jeeki and the Ogula savages, not a soul was to be seen the following morning, when he "Then I think they will remain hun-

sent as a present, and about her throat, ready I will send it hence." heavily set in gold, hung a necklace playing idly.

gorous voice, "can you not stir a yard heels? Do you bring him to protect you? If so, what is the need? Have I not sworn that you are safe in my have me other than I am? First, do land?

without this low fellow hearing all my words? Well, it will not be for long," Whe and she looked at Jeeki in a way that the Asika actually blushed a little. into your eyes. I find them pleasant, that is not the fashion among your

. Vernoon," and without waiting for his haunt her if she don't, and 1 too, by our your heart as I have the work before you. We will live together until we are old, and die tocan't help it, and no harm done. Break my heart, but only one old woman less. Anyhow, she hold tongue, that main which even I cannot foresee. Why do Anyhow, she hold tongue, that main point, and I really very glad to find you not smile, Vernoon, and say that my ma, who never hoped to see again. you are pleased, and that you will be Heaven very kind to Jeeki, give him back to family bosom," he added unctin sleep? Speak, Vernoon, lest I should

"I don't know what to say," answered

was sitting moodily in his room, two priests came to conduct him to the Asika. Having no choice, followed by Jeeki, he accompanied them to her house, masked as usual, for without words. "Still," she added, noting the this hateful disguise he was not allowed to stir. He found her lying upon a pile of cushions in a small room that he had never seen before, which was better lighted than most in that melan-choly abode, and seemed to serve as her private chamber. In front of her lay the skin of the lion that he had over her shoulder, "and when it is Alan began to thank her, though he

made of its claws, with which she was thought it more than probable that even if she kept her word, this bullion "Say, Vernoon," she asked in her lan- would never get to Old Calabar, and much less to England. But she waived without that ugly black dog at your the matter aside as one in which she wrong with me?" was not interested. "Tell me," she asked, "would you

you think me beautiful?"

"Get behind us, dog, and you, Ver-noon, come sit on these cushions at my "I forgot that it might solution these cushions at my "I forgot t When she understood what he meant vent her temper on, violently boxed side. Nay, not there, I said upon the in your eyes. It has always been the him? I hate him as I hated the others.

If more or less of the above symptoms

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of the Prophet do, and therefore you thought me immodest. I am very, ery sorry, Vernoon. I pray you to forgive me who am ignorant, and only do what I have been taught."

iled, as I have heard the worshippers

"Is there anything else wrong?" she went on gently. 'If so, tell me that I may set it right." "I do not like cruelty or sacrifices, later a

O Asika. I have told you that blood-

stared at him, answering. "But, Vernoon, all this is not my ault: they were sacrifices to the gods. and if I did not sacrifice I should be sacrificed by the priests and wizards who live to sacrifice. Yes, myself, I should be made to drink the poison, and be mocked at while I died, like a snake with a broken back. Or even if escaped the vengeance of the people. the gods themselves would kill me and

"No, Asika; they fight if necessary and kill those who commit murder. Bui they have no fetish that asks for blood, and the law they have from heaven is you. Oh. yes, I see her little game." a law of mercy."

She stared at him again. "All this is strange to me," she said.

devils, and must be appeased lest they misfortune on us; men must be bring ruled by terror, or they would rebel tors must learn magic, or how would they avert spells? wizards must be killed, or the people would perish in been prophesied to me that on the their net. May not we who live in a you are burled, I shall be buried also, hell strive to beat back its flames with and that therefore you must be kept the wisdom our forefathers have hand-ed on to us? Tell me, Vernoon, for I "Cap would know?"

understood her talk. She pondered over his words for a while, then said,

opportunity for a word in season, and pounds, a weight that with its box made a great mistake.

At these words the Asika leapt up rage, and seeking something to

side. Nay, not there, I said upon the in your eyes. It has always been the init. I hate init as I hated the others. cushions—so. Now I will take off that custom for the Asika to do as I did ugly mask of yours, for I would look at feasts and sacrifices, but perhaps had his day—let him go. In your The priests thrust him on me. He has country do they make women live with men whom they loathe? I love you. Bonsa himself knows why? Perhaps because you have a white skin and white thoughts. But I hate that man. What is the use of being Asika if I cannot take what I love and reject what I hate? Go away, Vernoon, go away, you have angered me, and if it were not for what you have said about that new law of mercy, I think that I would cut your throat," and again she boxed Jeeki's ears and kicked him on the shins.

Alan rose and bowed himself towards the door, while she stood with her back towards him, sobbing. As he was about to pass it, she wheeled round, wiping tears from her eyes with her hand, and said:

'I forgot. I sent for you to thank you for your presents, that," and she point-ed to the lion skin, "which they tell ed to the lion skin, "which they tell me you killed with some kind of thun-der to save the life of that old canni-bal, and this," and she pulled off the necklace of claws, then added, "As I necklace of claws, then added, "As I am too bad to wear it, you had better Then he bethought him of writing a himself for his folly in having ever rained, because I thought you die." "Backward, yes; before the second difference of the second diff

knows? she stick knife in my gizzard, as he was able with a knife, he paintthen kiss you afterward and say she ed on it this message: then kiss you atterward and say she so sorry, and hope she no hurt you. But how that help your departed Jeelf who get all kicks, while you have half-ages, or as many as arrive, and cable "Oh, be quiet," said Alan, "you are ted. 'Champers.' Kingswell. England, "Oh, be quiet," said Alan, "you are welcome to the halfpence if you would only leave me the kicks. The question is, how am I to get out of this mess? While she was a beautiful savage devil While she was a beautiful savage devil one could deal with the thing, but if sage possible. Good-bye, Alan' she is going to become human it is another matter.

bottom," he said, shaking his big head. since the interview when she had beat-"To benighted black nigger thing so en Jeeki. very simple. All you got do, make love and cut when you get chance. Then make upon the board, Vernoon?" she pleased as Punch, everything go smooth and Jeeki get no more kicks. Christian religion business very good, but won't wash in Asiki-land. Your

his indignant retainer if he thought that the Asika had meant what she said when she offered to send the gold down to the coast.

ways mean what she say, and what she do, too," and he dabbed wrathfully at the scratches made by the lion's claws on his face, then added, "she know her own mind, not like shillyshally, see-saw white woman, who get up one thing and go to bed another she say she send gold, she send it

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Alan reflected a white. "Don't you see, Jeeki, that here is a chance, if a very small one, of getting a message to the coast. Also it is quite "Oh!" she said "I never heard of by." a second seat, Alan was transferred. "Oh!" she said "I never heard of by." a second seat, Alan was transferred. "Oh!" she said "I never heard of by." "Yes, they always remain veiled," it will be impossible for us to carry stammered Alan, though he was not this heavy stuff, whereas if we send it will serve to pass the time till we are Jeek?" stammered Alan, though he was not referring to their faces, and as the words passed his lips he wondered think if she at any rate, it will be something to do. now, and send a message to the

The message was sent, and an hour later a dozen of the native craftsmen arrived with their rude tools and a tell me you say that if he dies, you permission, she sat up and did so. "Ah!" she went on, "we shall be happy when we are married, shall we not? Do when we are married, shall we not? Do supply of planks cut from a kind of die also, so he must stop here always. others were taken away to be killed for master of them, rising, instantly began ed in loads." to measure Jeeki with a marked reed. She opened her beautiful eyes and That worthy sprang back and asked That worthy sprang back and asked contemptously, "would you not new what in the name of Bonsa, Big and Little, they were doing, whereupon the another time you shall send all you it think he do the trick, he and that from that gloomy home of bloodshed from the the wort is the more stress are in the Asika had said that she thought the waiting, fifty men and three, as you white lord wanted the wood to make a sent me word, and ten spare ones to white lord wanted the wood in as he, the box to bury his servant in, as he, the said servant, had offended her that how they will find their way. I know Wea wished to kill him on that occount, or perhaps to put him away under ground

> raise up another in my place. Do they not sacrifice in your country, Ver-"oh, my golly: salu dould to be they "oh, my golly: here pretty go. She "Oh, my golly!" said Jeeki, shaking senge think you want bury me all alive. That nean she want to be rid of Jeeki, be-"Well, Jeeki," said Alan, bursting nto such a roar of laughter that he nearly shook off his mask, "you had T was taught otherwise. Gods are levils, and must be appeased lest they that the Asika is not like a see-saw white woman, and never changes her mind. Say to this man that he must and pull down the Great House; doc- tell the Asika there is a mistake, that structions. nowever much I should like to oblige her. I can't bury you because it has

"Capital notion that, Major," said ing with you these packages. I do not Jeeki, much relieved. "She not want know where it is, but these man-eaters "You make your own hell," answered Alan when, with the help of Jeeki, he perhaps, but not now. I tell him." And you fail in the business and live to he did with much vigor.

This slight misconception having while, then said, "I must think. The thing is big. I wander in blackness; I will speak with you again. Say now, what else is in which it remained as the priests more when it is done. Now, Vernoon, had brought it and divided into heans Now Alan thought that he saw an each of which weighed about forty "I think that you treat your hus-and, that man when and that you treat your hus-Alan made Jeeki interpret this speech then answered that the reason was that he knew but little of her tongue. "Can I not teach it to you alone, then, proved to be fifty-three, their total away, saying as she passed the captain value, Alan reckoned, amounting to penters were set to work to make a or die, but of your land and its secrets model box, which they did quickly say nothing." enough and with great ingenuity, cutting the wood with their native saws. dove-tailing it as a civilized craftsman would do, and finally securing it everywhere with ebony pegs, driven into holes which they bored with a hot iron. The result, was a box that would stand any amount of rough usage, and when finally pegged down one that ould only be opened with a hammer and a cold chisel.

This box-making went on for two whole days. As each of them was filled and pegged down, the gold within being packed in sawdust to keep it from attling, Alan amused himself in adding an address with a feather brush and a supply of red paint such as the Asiki priests used to decorate their bodies. At first he was puzzled to know what address to put, but finally decid-ed upon the following: "Major A. Vernon, c.o. Miss Champ-

s, The Court, near Kingswell, Engnd," adding in the corner, "From A. Asiki-land, Africa." It was all childish enough, he knew,

vet when it was done he regarded his handiwork with a sort of satisfaction. For, reflected Alan, if but one of those boxes should chance to get through to

am too bad to wear it, you had better iake it back again." And she threw it with all her strength straight into Jeek's face. Fearing worse things, the much mal-treated Jeeki uttered a howl and bolt. Then he bethought him of writing a himself for his folly in having ever journeyed to this hateful place in or-secure—what? About f100,000 them, that of any form of writing was treated Jeeki uttered a howl and bolt. Fearing worse things, the much mal-treated Jeeki uttered a howl and bolt-ted through the door, while Alan, pick-ing up the necklace, returned it to her with a bow. She took it. "Stop," she said. "You are leaving the room without your mask and my she tied the thing upon his head, set-ting it all awry, then pushed him from the room. "Very poor joke, Major, very poor indeed," said Jeekl, when they had reached their own apartment. "Lady make love to you; you play prig and lecture lady about holy customs of ther country, and she box my ear till head sing, also kick me all over and throw sharp claws in face. Please you do it no more. The next time, who how was able with a knife, he paint-knows? she stick knife in my gizzard. creased, not advanced in learning, till Day by day she sent for him, and clad, flying through the door.

As it happened, just as Alan was fin- have it, walking in that damp, uninclude is going to become name in appened, just as Alan was fin-ishing this scrawl with a sad heart, he just as Man was fin-healthy cedar garden out of which he isheard a movement, and glancing up, perceived standing at his side the germ of some kind of fever which in "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing" and seen nothing "Always thought white man mad at Asika of whom he had seen nothing" and seen nothing "The second "Always thought white man mad at Asika, of whom he had seen nothing autumn was very common in this went to sleep in good earnest. "What are those marks that you that hung between life and death. Well

Plug

Chewing Tobacco

she Black Watch "Biggest and Best"

where he had always been, feeling ried by masked bearers, wherein was

reverend uncle find out that." Not wishing to pursue the argument, Alan changed the subject by asking

"Why not. Major? That good lady al-

write to us. No. I cannot, for an acci-

"A small gift enough," she answered contemptously, "would you not like

An idea occurred to Alan, who had small faith in Jeeki's "Ma" as a mes-

"The Ogula prisoners could show them," he said "at any rate as far as find out. May they not go, Asika?" "If you will," she answered careless-

ly. "Let them be ready to start tohostage. I do not trust those Ogula, who more than once have threatened in the bearers and receive their in-

Presentle they came picked men all of them, under the command of an ered. Asika captain, and with them the Ogula, whom she summoned also

"Go where the white lord sends you," she said in an indifferent voice, "carrcome back again, you shall be sacrificed o Bonsa at the next feast; if you run tell them what they have to do.

So Alan, or rather Jeeki, told them, and these directions were so long and minute that before they were finished Asika grew tired of listening and went of the company: "Remember my words, man, succeed

"I hear, answered the captain, pros-

trating him

him.

That night Alan summoned the Ogula and spoke to them through Jeeki in their own language. At first they deelared that they would not leave their hief, preferring to stay and die with

"Not so." said Fahni, "go, my childen, that I may live. Go and gather the tribe, all the thousands of them who are men and can fight, and bring them up to attack Asiki-land, to rescue me if I am still alive, or to avenge me if I am dead. As for those bearers, do them no harm, but send them on to the coast with the white man's goods." So in the end the Ogula said that hey would go, and when Alan woke up on the following morning, he was informed that they and the Asiki porters had already departed upon their journey. Then he dismissed the matter

from his mind, for to tell the truth he never expected to hear of them any

> CHAPTER XVIII. Alan Falls Ill.

poisonous climate. Three days later he became delirious, and for a week after

kept at a respectable distance, he in-formed her that they were a message quite cool and without pain, but so Into this litter

tainer started up violently. "What, Major, you awake?" he said. crest of them they could not You go to bed, so she make me go to gloomy Bonsa-Town beneath them, that she not let him breathe ten minas under the weight of his many mis-

Weak as he was. Alan began to could remember, for after it he was through outlying villages, sure that he would recover. Just then an agonized whisper reach-

him from Jeeki. "Look out!" it said. "here come So Alan almost shut his eyes and lay orrow, at the dawn, all except their standing over him, and he noticed that chief, Fahni, who must stop here as a her hair was dishevelled and her eyes were red as though with weeping. She scanned him intently for a little while, to make war upon us," she added, then passed round to where Jeeki lay then turned and bade the priests bring and appeared to pinch his ear so hard that he wriggled and uttered a stifled groan.

"How is your lord, dog?" she whisn-"Better, O Asika, I think that last

medicine do us good, though it make me very sick inside. Just now he spoke o me and said that he honed your heart was not sad because of him, and that all this time in his dreams he had seen and thought of nobody but you, O Asika." "Did he?" asked that lady, becoming

ntensely interested. "Then tell me, dog, why is he ever calling upon one Bar-bar-a? Surely that is a woman's. name?'

"Yes, O Asika, that is the name of the Asika not at all. his mother, also of one of his sisters, whom, after you, he loves best of anyhat it is very wrong to say sweet them always." She looked at him suspiciously, and

nuttering: "Here it is otherwise. For your own sake, man, I trust that you do not lie." She left him, and drawing a stool up beside Alan's bed, sat herself down and be going. examined him carefully, touching "his face and hands with her long, thin ed, "and already very, very old. Thus to weep, saying between her sobs:

"Oh! if you should die, Vernoon, I will die also, and be born again, not as Asika, as I have been for so many generations, but as a white woman, that I may be with you." "Only first," she added, setting her teeth, "I will sacrifice every wizard in this land, for they have brought the sickness on you by their magic and I will hurn Bonsaflames, and the Mugana with them. And then amid their ashes I will let

up. He opened his eyes, stared at her After the departure of the messa- which indeed it might have been for

journey. His health ran down, he be-gan to fall ill. Then, as bad luck would have it, walking in that damp. un-

CHAPTER XIX.

The Treasure House.

talk across thousands of miles of land and sea. At length his mind cleared suddenly, and he awoke as from a nightmare to find himself lying in the hall or room ter, of particular gorgeous design, ear-

With the assistance of Jeeki, who weak that it was an effort to him to the Asika herself, wearing her coronet

Into this litter, which was fitted with "Jeeki," he said, "are you ill, too, Jeeki?" At the sound of that voice his re-At the sound of that voice his rethe waters thunder down, though the reach. "Then thanks be to all gods, white and Next they wandered off into the huge Go now, and send a message to the Asika, and ask her to let us have some carpenters, and a lot of well-seasoned wood." The marks upon a board." "But," she added cheerfully, "I can send away this black dog of yours," as she looked at Jeeki, "and he can The marks upon a board." "Then thanks be to all gods, white and black, yes, and yellow, too, for I thought your goose cooked. No, no, Major, I not ill, only Asika say so. You go to bed, so she make me go to yellow the sum as the sum asum as the sum as the sum as the sum as the

For Alan, notwithstanding his weakness and anxieties, it was a heavenly with food till I burst, All because you day. The Asika was passive, some tell her that you and I die same day. new mood being on her, and scarcely# "The gold you gave me, Asika, pack-d in loads." pect of the scenery. Here on the mounthat she not let nin breathe ten niver utes after you peg out. Jeeki never pray so hard for anyone before as he for the rest-well, he who had been so

This journey was the first of many, Every day the litters were walting, laugh, and that laugh seemed to do though into the town itself they never and they visited some new place, alwent. Moreover, if they passed although Alan was forced to wear his mask, their inhabitants had been warned to absent themselves, so that they saw no the forest, and after that they could Asika. Go sleep and seem better, Major, and the cattle and sheep lowed hun-please, or I catch it hot." one. The crops were left untended, grily in their kraals. On certain days, at Alan's request, they were taken to still. In another moment she was the spots where the gold was found, in the gravel bed of an almost dry stream that during the rain was a torrent.

> He descended from the litter and with the help of the Asika and Jeeki, dug a little in this gravel, not without reward, for in it they found several nuggets. Above, too, where they went afterwards, was a huge quartz reef denuded by water, which evidently had been worked in past ages, and was still so rich that in it they saw plenty of visible gold. Looking at it. Alan bethought him of his City days and of the hundreds of thousands of pounds capital with which this unique pr tion might have been floated. Afterwards they were carried to the places where the gems were found, stuck about in the clay, like plums in a pudding, though none ever sought them now. But all these things interested

What was the good of gold, she asked Alan, except to make things of, or one in the whole world. When you are the bright stones except to play with? here he talks of no one but you. Al- What was the good of anything except hough he is so sick, and remembers food to eat and power and wisdom that white man's custom which tells him that it is very wrong to say sweet knowledge, of things seen and things things to lady's face till he is guite unseen, and love that brings the lover married to her. After that they say joy, and forgetfulness of self and takes away the awful loneliness of the soul, if only for a little while?

Not wishing to drift into discussion on the matter of love, Alan asked the priestess to define "her soul," whence it came and whither she believed it to

fingers. Then noting how white and wasted he was, of a sudden she began

"How is that, he asked, "seeing that the Aslka dies?' "Oh! no. Vernoon, she does not die, she only changes. The old body dies, the spirit enters into another body which is waiting. Thus, until I was fourteen, I was but a common girl, the daughter of a headman of that village yonder, at least so they tell me, for of this time I have no Town and cast its gods to melt in the Then the Asika died, and as I had the secret marks and the beauty that is And then amid their ashes I will be hers, the priests built her body the source of the burning. But big Bonsa, and suffocated me, the child, in the smoke of the burning. But I awoke again, and when I awoke the hers, the priests burnt her body before past was gone and the soul of the Now Alan thought it time to wake Asika filled me, bringing with it its awful memories, its gathered wisd racantly, and asked if it were raining, its passion of love and hate, and its power to look backward and before. "Do you ever do these things?" asked Alan.

> "Backward, ves: before, very little; . "and that is why I was yours already, even before I had seen your face. But what would befall after you came, that I neither knew, or because I will not seek, who could learn it all."

He looked at her, and she saw the doubt in his eyes.

"You do not believe me, Vernoor Very well, this night you shall see, you all the while Alan felt as one might bonds to husband or to lover, and take and that black dog of yours, that you ed on it this message: "Messrs. Aston, Old Calabar. Please drugged panther. The drug in this case or loss. I will do as I would be done shall tell me what you see, for he, be-This novel interpretation of a sacred myself I have sworn not to search the future, and by an oath that I may not break."

> "We will not waste time on it, for I know it all. Vernoon, have you no "Never," said Alan, "it was my uncle

"That is news indeed," she replied ockingly. "Did you then think that I believed it to be you, though it is true that she who went before, or my was it for him that his medicine chest still remained intact, and that, recog-nizing his own symptoms before his head gave way, he was able to instruct head gave way, he was able to instruct Jeeki what drugs to give him at the different stages of the disease. For the rest his memories of that "Yes, air and exercise." The rest his memories of that dreadful illness always remained very vague. He had visions of Jeeki and of a robed woman whom he knew to be the Asika, bending over him con-tinually. Also it seemed to him that the prior of the to be the to be the asika, bending over him conbe the Asika, bending over him con-tinually. Also it seemed to him that from time to time he was talking with Barbara, which even then he knew must be absurd, for how could they

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