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THE TALE THAT ECHO TOLD By John T. Troth

The ancient village of Burb (as all travelers toward the icy passes of Knorgap well know) lies a half day's journey beyond Gaw, on the left bank of the River Gurg, from the incessant murmuring of whose waters over their silver-pebbled shallows it takes its name. And a very long time ago there dwelt in that place a most skill-ful physician, named, if I have re-membered the tale aright, Men Yu, the fame of whose vast learning had ponetrated even as far às purple-roof-ed and gorgeous Sudaban, and his proud neighbors never wearied of pro-plesying that he would some day be called as court physician to the great King. In his youth Men Yu had loved and The ancient village of Burb (as all

King. In his youth Men Yu had loved and courted Yonda, the beautiful daughter of the King's equery, and, finally win-ning her from his rival, Gorlon, had married her, they two living together most happily for three years. Then came to that part of the world the year that no man forgets even to this distant day, when the feitid breath of the white fever was borne northward on humid breezes from the far jungles of Umb, It kissed, among many others, Yonda, who, in spite of all Men Yu's wisdom, wasted away and died in the hushed space between night fade and hushed space between night fade and

wisdom, wastod away and died in the hushed space between night fude and dawn glow. One winter evening many years later when Men Yu, resting from his laborious studies, was loet in thoughts (as ever at such times) of the beauty and goodness of Yonda, there came a knocking at his door. Withdrawing the oaken bars he admitted a man at-tired in gorgeous silks of green and gold, and from the manner of his dress at once knéw him to be from a far pastern country which lay, men sald, even beyond the fiery plains of Hun-thir, and those of Gerst. He proved, indeed, to be a merchant of storied Ambur, whose far-gleaming roofs are reported to be slated with nothing less than the burnished scales of golden dragons overcome in old, forgotten battles, and he dealt in mysterious ustatle to divert the mind and begulie the soul away from all sad thoughts. His trafficking was carried on secretly for fear of the anger of the priests, who had great jealousy of the occult powers of his merchantise. Men Yu had often heard of these things and was glad to see them with his own systed either from his labors or from his sorrow.

saying that he had no wish to be di-verted either from his labors or from his sorrow. At last the merchant, seeing that he was obdurate, confided that he had yet brought forth a tiny, violet-folored she had yet for the start of the second violations he asserted there dweit a spirit, a mere Volce, called Echo, who, while invisible to any eye, was cap-mirror or sound, all that had fallen upon the ear of man since the world was but a little pellet of modst clay. rolled between the thumb and fore-flogs of ford. Men Yu was tremend-ously increased at hearing this, and asked the merchant for proof of his in-romble claims. The latter thereupon commanded Echo, and the physicion

At once heard, quile plainly, the con-fused babble of strange tongues in the streets and basaars of far-off, Eastern cities, the tinkle of silver-tongued bells on the anklets of dancing girls, and the weird long-drawn crites of priests praying for their minanrets at the coing down of the sun. These wonders, and especially the would indeed prove a most invaiuable and diverting companion, and further, he saw the possibility of discovering through her voice many of the lost secrets and mysteries of the past, so the time companion, and further, he saw the possibility of discovering through her voice many of the lost secrets and mysteries of the past, so the mas in green and gold thereupon named remarkable conditions under which alone could be think of parting with this the chiefest of his treasures. Many and wondrous were the re-voice of Echo, and without parallel be-came the fame of Men Yu throughout al the then known world. By the ir-refitable evidence of conversations durecorded save within the memory of Echo he mastered, one by one, the uses the of his two. But, improbable as it may appear, affectionately upon his memories before it occurred to him to bid Echo weilt affectiorately upon his memories before the cocure of his nuto bid Echo resurrect from the silence of the tomb the voice of his love as he had delight-d to hear it during the cruely brief will a cheven which heavens the his means the silence of the tomb the voice of his love as he had delight-d to hear it during the cruely brief will a cheven which heavens the heavens the heaven heav

the voice of his love as he had delight-ed to hear it during the cruelly brief years she had been with him. One wild, stormy night, however, when he was more than usually lonely, he thought of this new wonder and joy-fully commanded the shell to give up those dearly cherished sounds. Echo was unaccountably silent at first and was unaccountably silent at first and, Was unaccountably silent at nrst and, when he insisted, seemed to speak sad-ly and reluctantly. Then, as Men Yu listened so hungarily, he heard You-da's own voice in conversation, not with himself, but with Gorlon, his rival, and through her tones there breathed a smoldering fire of passion, such as even he had never heard there.

such as even he had never heard there in. Finally Men Yu rose and, first seal-ing the door and windows of his room with wax, took certain magical pow-ders from sundry vials, blending them together in the form of a pyramid in a little earthern bowl. Upon its sum-mit he laid the violet shell, and then powders here and there with a blaz.



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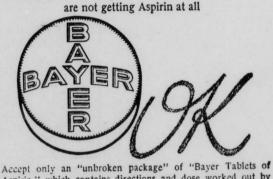
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