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He caught Shannon by the arm in a grip that made that gentleman wince, and calmly faced the breathless woman. "Mary!" he said simply.

The woman stopped short. Her hand went to her throat. Her breath was coming hard. She came a step nearer and scanned his face in the darkness.

"You!" she cried in unbelief. "You! Then-then-you were behind it all?" "Yes," he said.

"Why?" she panted. "Why?"

"This is no place for explanations, he said coldly. "It is raining, and this ground is sopping wet. You shouldn't be here in slippers and a bath-wrap. Go back to the house."

"Not-not without-The man wheeled on Shannon. "Bring along the box," he command-

Shannon, thoroughly mystified, followed the silent pair to the house. They mounted the verandah, and stepped through the French window into the big dining-room, where the lights still burned brightly.

The woman stood by the table, very cold and straight, but her lips quivered now and then, despite her evident efforts to control them. Opposite her, grim, white faced, stood the broad-shouldered man, while Shannon, with the tin box in his clutches, leaned against the French window, and stared in perplexity.
"You are not going to take it now,

are you?" the woman said at length, and despite all her outward calm, her voice rembled in anxiety.
"No," he replied. "Put the box on the table," he added to Shannon.

"What—what does it mean, anyway?" she demanded. "Why should you at-

tempt this?" The man did not reply at once. He stood for a moment looking at her frowningly.

"I have been living in London since -since we separated," he said at last. "It was there that I heard about the boy—that he was dead. I wanted something of his-some little thing associated with-with those days."

"Why didn't you ask for it then?" she said haltingly.

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onk, a chief of one of the Abenaki tribes.

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remember that all my letters have been pose you'd let me have it if I askedthis purpose—to get it—somehow, any-

"I_I didn't know you felt that way," she said. "I didn't suppose you knew or cared. I-I thought we had both gone out of your life-he and I. I-I was sure that to you it was as if I had

He was still standing very stiffly

"May I have one of those things now just one?" he asked rather huskily. "You may have them all-all," she

a chair, and burying her arms began to sob like a child. For a moment or two the man stood

fiercely to Shannon. "You bungled it,' he said, "and I'm

glad you did." His hand went into his pocket and came out with a roll of bills.

"Here, take this," he went on, thrusting the roll into the astounded Shannon's hand. "Whatever there is over the fifty is yours, too. You earned it by bungling. Now go."

He glanced at the woman's shaking shoulders and a great light was in his

"And for God's sake, go quickly, will vou ?"

Shannnon with the bills in his hand, slipped through the French window once more. On the verandah outside, he turned to look back. The man had opened the tin box and spread its sorry contents on the table. Moreover, he had knelt beside the woman and her head was buried on his shoulder.

Shannon paused only long enough to light a cigarette and then thoughtfully effaced himself in the shrouding, dripping mist.

returned to me unopened—even since he died," said he bitterly. "As I say, I wanted something of his. I didn't supnot after all that has happened. I came over here from London for just how, at any cost. I shouldn't have kept them all—just a rattle, perhaps, or one of the shoes. I should have sent back the rest."

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For some act of perfidy, real or supposed, Kondiaronk's father had been a marked man during his lifetime, and when he died the unsatisfied vengeance was visited upon his son. The unexpected attack was made with the hope of finding the victim unprepared—but to secure the lovely Winona was vengeance more exhilarating than wine. They burned the village and departed, carrying with them only one or two

prisoners beside the girl, and proceeded to demolish other enemies. But a feminine prisoner of Winona's rank was somewhat of an encumbrance,

and passing through a Mohawk encampment, they left her with the chief's wife, Cheega, and a not over zealous Seneca warrior as guard.

Among the councillors whom Kon-

was New F: and the Fleur de lis cuing his daughter and punishing her floated over Cape Diamond. But it was then that the exigencies of bad govern-Swarthy of skin and rather handsome was this young man, but life in the woods had almost totally eclipsed the culture of his early environment. The Spirit of Abandon called to him from the rivers and forests of New France, and Pierre la Salle answered, "Here am I," and went the way of the Coureur de

The hunting expedition from which they had just returned was to have provided the luxuries for the festivities which were to celebrate his marriage with the chief's daughter. Like the Baron St. Castine, who had married another Abenaki maiden, Pierre was to 'wed as the Indians wed," and great preparations had been made by the women, for the Frenchman was very popular and Winona was much beloved. But now, the daughter and bride-to-be had been stolen.

Alas! the enemy had two days' start, and by the time the Abenaki warriors got on their trail the girl was no longer with them and no trace of her could be obtained. Fierce and vengeful as her captives were, Kondiaronk had no fear of torture or death for his beloved child. His worst fear was that, in failing to rescue her, she would in time be adopted by the tribe and married to an antagonist. This was the worst he feared, but it was maddening.

Three months passed and the Senecas did not return to the Mohawk camp for the prisoner. She began to fit in her place in the chief's tent and gradually pick up bits of their language. But in spite of this, she was often lonely, for none came to whom she could talk of