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The inner chamber !" screeched the ide. "The inner chamber, my lord it ay God and the holy prophet protect protect it?" he added to himself, tragically, surely I shall be burned alive for is and never taste the bilss of the inful. Never were the sanctities of harem and our holy religion so proned before !"
Suleiman, in another mood, was using thallowed language in front, because were again in a maze of deep darks. From which there appeared to be outlet.

Perdition seize thee, where art ou now, thou variet of the bedehamer? "Redition seize thee, where art ou now, thou variet of the bedehamer? "Redition seize thee, where art ou now, thou variet of the bedehamer? "Be called, anarity, to Baruk, by the prophet's sword, this danger twenth for a flesy sheath. Thou all hever excape alive if there is one trouble or delay." "Surely, rey bord, I know those passes as a blind man knowth the way his mouth," answered Baruk, surply, "The press is lessened. I in lead."

"Surely, rey bord, I know these passes as a blind man knowth the way his mouth," answered Baruk, surply, "The press is lessened. I have not the eyes of a cat," said altiman. "Thou feelest that points, at that shrinking answereth for thee, any gazelle, get us on if thought of the other, and the company gazelle, get us on if thought of the other, and the company and the company darted after the one, I, with the scale, and the company darted after the one, I, with the company and the company darted after the one, I, with the passed on through swings and prout-more conners than fortune of the stimulated by swings and prout-more conners than fortune of the stimulated on them, and the own are and order of the stimulated of the company darted after the one, I, with the passed on their as proved to be the Indian princess. There were two men trying lamps that emitted a delectable door and fell of sturgeling men and fortune of the surgeling m

CHAPTER XXIV. THE INDIAN PRINCESS.

ing."

Baruk took a step forward in quivering trepidation. Nor did he tremble without cause, for some of the women spying him were at him like tigresses, screeching that he had betrayed them.

"This is unseemly," said Suleiman, intervening. "Ye do your loveliness wrong." need of haste in doing it, but Sulei-man's first duty was to provide for the safety of the prizes he had taken. "Ye shall come with us, ye lovely ones," he said, addressing the ladies with the grand air of c. born cavalier, "and we will make you secure from intervening. "Ye do your loveliness wrong."

"The wretch is a traitor," they clamoured. "He hath betrayed us. We will have his eyes out for the dishonour."

"Nay, nay, my charming ones," said Suleiman, with the most gallant air in aginable. "Ye do him injustice, in aginable. "Ye do him injustice, in aginable, "Ye do him injustice

your reet."
In spite of their rage, the ladies could not help smiling at the insinuating sweetness of Suleiman.

Sim hath tasted defeat and is no longer able to rule his palace."

Such of the ladles as were disengaged classed their hands, turned their eyes to heaven, and with one accord, screamed.

Side. And now, my adorable, there is business going on in which I must bear a hand. Will my queen, therefore, deign to accompany us to a place of safety, where she may be guarded from horm." deign to accompany us to a place of safety, where she may be guarded from harm?

"Slay me for causing you pain, ye adorable ones," pleaded Suleiman. "I yow we deserve death for thus disturbing your meditations. Yet must I ask one question. Is the beauteous flewer, the queen, within? Business brooketh no delay, else would we tarry to sip honer off your lips, O yearchentresses."

Jealousy is an ever active fire in the harem. There was probably not one among them who would not have rejoiced in her heart to see the reigning beauty cast from the window, but deceit knows how to be discreet. Never would they permit unhallowed strangers to pollute their beautiful queen by locking upon her, not so long as they had breath to defend her. Intimating this, as many as were free bolted through an inner door, stamming and festening it behind them.

"Make haste," said Suleiman. "We will ourselves help them to lose them. They will guide us to the queen."

Easily forcing the door, we dashed in pursuit. Along the dark tripping weys we flew, guided by cries and vanishing skirt-tails, round innumer-lating and festening it behind them.

"Bage metale and with one after, where she may be guarded from harm?"

The lady would have broken out again, but Suleiman had no more time to waste on words, "Conduct thy make on words, "Conduct thy mistress, the queen, and her fair commanion, the gen of India, whither-we lead," he said, turning sharply upon beard, the sam ylord seath, "I shere a spot of safety about this netter pit?"

It is as my lord secth," answered Baruk.

"Have the lights of Amood's eyes and with them?" he inquired, with a curity smile. "Trinkets, jewels, costly robes? Methinks shey must have. And we will ourselves help them to elect their riches. Ye stay here while we search."

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Easily forcing the door, we dashed in pursuit. Along the dark tripping weys we flew, guided by cries and vanishing skirt-teils, round innumerable angles, through countless doors, till we came upon a long, straight passage. At the farther end, through a dim vista of muslin, we got a glimpse of two women, whom we had not hitherto seen, disappearing at their utmost speed with flying tresses that told of distress.

"Tis she, 'tis she!" cried Baruk, excitedly. Then to hinself, though loud erough to be audible to all:—"Glory be to heaven, she will escape! She can hide!" But suddenly remembering the position of affairs, he called again:—"My lord, make haste. She is thine; so also is her companion, the Indian princess of fabulous wealth. That is a tale of wonder. I would tell it to my lord, but there is no time. The heaven means the research and the content of the content of

went in search of valuables. The returned after a little with man sparkling caskets full of precious gens, loads of various stuffs of rich ness unsurpassed—camel's hair cloak elaborately inwrought with gold, In dian silks of manifold dyes and pat again:—"My lord, make haste. She is thine; so also is her companion, the Indian princess of fabulous wealth. That is a tale of wonder. I would tell it to my lord, but there is no time. The holy prophet preserve me!" And he groaned as if taken with a sudden pain.

Suleiman bounded past the shrieking beey we had first met, the rest of us following as best we could. Sudden cries of terror rose in front and echoed shrilly in many recesses.

"She is captured," said Suleiman, leaping faster "She must be ours. Close up, my men."

In an instant we were round the cor-But it was a hard question how to get all this plunder away. We had you it by force, and by force might lose it, for in such adventures as loot-ing castles property changes hands with unreckonable quickness. Suleiman stepped to the latticed Close up, my men."

In an instant we were round the corner, to find our prizes in the arms of three men, who were already setting about binding them.

"Varlets, let go," shouted Suleiman, drawing his crooked sword and rush-drawing his crooked sword his crooked sword and rush-drawing his crooked sword his

ed down. We were on the outer wall of the castle, and our beasts could not be far off. Suleiman's brow cleared. "There be ropes" where riches so ahound, my gazelle," he said, turning

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"Yea, my lord."

"Take him and bring a rope, All." said Suleiman to a man at his side.

"Two, if theu canst find them, and make thy best speed."

All and Baruk were out of sight in a moment, and Suleiman went on with his instructions.

"And thou, Ibrahim, my trusty right hand, take with you three others, cleave your way down to where wa left our horses, and tell our fellows to bring them under this window. The matter will be casy. Get camels, too, if thou canst lay hands on them, and our fair ones would ride the easier in litters. I will swing a lamp in the window as a signal to thee, and forget not, good Ibrahim, to make haste."

I will not forget," said Ibrahim, choosing his companions.

In a few minutes Ali and Baruk were back with two stout ropes, which were made fast to two spearheads, driven into the floor.

"We will slip down these quicker than the angels came down Jacob's ladder," remarked Suleiman, throwing the loose ends out of the window.

"Now, my good Ibrahim, do not tarry."
Ibrahim did not tarry. Even sooner, I think, thany was expected by our limpatient leader, there was a sound of grunting and snorting, and low voices in the darkness underneath that made him smile.

"Art thou there, Ibrahim?" called

impatient leader, there was a sound of grunting and sonviling, and low voices in the darkness underneath that made him smile.

"Art thou there, Ibrahim?" called Suleiman, softly.

"I am here," answered Ibrahim, in the same tone.

"And four camels, by the memory of the great Saad. (A notorious Arab freebooter.) How didst thou find them, my gav one?"

"By taking their keepers unawares and sending them swiftly to the prophet's besom," replied Ibrahim.

"Malee will seethe thee in fiery brimstone for thy good deeds, Ibrahim," chuckled Suleiman.

Chattels and ladies were lowered, the latter not without difficulty, for three were timid and the fourth rebellious, but Suleiman, who was experienced and expeditious in such matters, had soon the whole four, as he expressed it, in Ibrahim's bosom below. Then slipping down ourselves and hurriedly forming a circle about our spoils we thrust and cut a way to the comparative quiet of an orchard, where the goods were floaded and the laddes provided with litters. This care was taken that they might depreciate as little as possible in value.

We had not finished when dense volumes of snoke were seen a seending from the catte.

"What the Bedouin leaves the flames will have," remarked one of the men a minute later as a great blaze lit up the sky.

"Idiots!" growled Suleiman, who in-A.C. McLean Chatham. a minute later as a great biaze lit up the sky.

"Idiots!" growled Suleiman, who intended to go back for more plunder, and in the next breath, "Mother of the prophet, listen to the roaring and rushing! Our kindred will be about us like clouds of hornets. It is time to be away."

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If we wished to hold our own, it was time. So, mounting in the light of the burning pile, we made off with order, poor things, their veils being rudely torn from their faces, their gauzy robes made into ribbins by men who respected not the sacredness of Amood's domestic circle. Occasionally the elder ones fought with their carries, displaying no small skill in the use of their claws, but the younger ones, to whom the mere sight of strangers was pollution, strank into alcoves and corners, panting like captured does, and were easier prizes.

To an unoccupied spectator the details of the scrimmage would have been comical enough. Sometimes two mens strove for one woman, and sometimes one man tried desperately to secure two ladies. Generally speaking, however, one lady was as much as the boldest could well manage, and, in the case of the older vixens, at times more.

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The lady gave a little peculiar cry, stog to fight our way step by step, and at times the handling was so rough and with the wast of light or way step by step, and at times the handling was so rough and with the older in the bedouts.

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She answered something in beliance. It was not easy to escape from that within the leady of light or wast

not hurt our spirits, though one man, evidently a recent addition to the band, made much ado about a couple of broken ribs till he was laughed and bullied out of his complaints.

We made straight for the desert as our safest retreat, never drawing rein till the sun was well up and we were once more alone. Then we halted to refresh ourselves with some of the good things provided by Amood Sinn. But before there was either eating or drinking Suleiman drew up the band and made a little speech.

"We have with us four princesses, as beautiful as the morning and as soft as the doze." he said, making a sazam toward the litters. "We value the ritis of Heaven, and my purpose in speaking is to let it be known that, by my life, the man who layeth a produce on these fair ones shall die the death of a dog. Yet is there much to comfort us. We shall feast, my merry ones, Yea, eat and drink in honour expur victories. There is a sweet sayour already in my nostrils. Here are revers of the who of Shiraz, and bread baked in the ovens of Amood. Heaven-protect him in his adversity!"

The company applaudes, and fell merrily to eating and drinking; the men squatted on the ground beside their horses, the women chastely withdrawn in their litters and attended by the obsequious Baruk.

The meal was not over when Suleiman and Ibrahim were discussing our next movement. Much was said in a low voice about pligtims and caravans and the pecuniary value of ladies such as we happened to possess, and, though I did not hear all, yet by putting two and two together, I understood that more robberies were in the wind. In short, the pious of the Moslem weld were then making the annual pilgrimage, and we were bent on relieving them of some of their superfluous wealth.

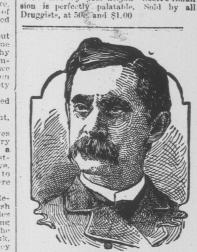
Consued on 4th Page. There was still much to be done and flashing with queenly eyes. They deliverance, methinks, will be slavery deliverance a perpetual evil."

"Sweet rose of the garden," replied Suleiman, "it becometh not thy beauty to be in a tempost. Thy lord is far from hence, my beauteous one, and his return to thy lovely bosom is uncertain. Wherefore shouldst thou tarry here to be abased?"

"There can be no worse abasement than going with thee," she snapped. "Leave us to such chances as fate may bring and get ye gone, for ye are but portionless Bedouins of the desert."

"Nay," answered Suleiman, more insinuatingly than ever. "We cannot leave what has enraptured our eyes. Make thyself old and ugly, my charmer, and we will fly from thy presence.

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