

censers, which gave forth clouds of fragrant incense of the gum copal, that spread under the painted canopy in a thin haze.

Tazinco went forward and made the usual reverence, after which he stood in silence at the edge of the palm-leaf mat that covered the pavement by the throne, awaiting permission to speak.

But Unicum immediately addressed him, and an earnest conversation followed, during which the former kept his eyes fixed intently upon Conrad and his friend.

Tazinco then led them each forward by the hand, and the King, rising graciously, conducted them to seats of honour on either side of the throne.

But here Sewantus, for the first time, amid the scenes through which he had lately passed, felt somewhat embarrassed. He had probably never seen either a chair or a stool in all his lifetime before, and felt a strong disinclination to the carved and gilded affair before him; so he settled the matter at last, by seating himself in his usual manner, cross-legged upon the floor.

"Welcome, good friends, to our habitations," said the King, addressing his guests in the Dah-