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All that day I waited, expecting every minute to be summoned to the Sulmayest choose between life and death." the Kaid. Nothing happened, however, the society of my two cheerful comwho occupied themselves, out cessation, in the manner that ve already described. Our evening eal was as before, and on this occav hunger was so great that, naug as it was, I was compelled by force of necessity to take my passed, and once more night fell out anything save disappointment record. By this time I was growing rate; it was more than flesh and ed could stand, and I felt that a ame mental condition as the unhappy eek. On each occasion that he ened I implored my jailer to endeavor induce the Kaid to see me; but he spat upon the ground, by way of ding to the filthiness of the cell, of unbelievers. Wouldst thou see it lled me a N'zrani dog, and went out, again, if the chance were offered anging the door after him. Once a of Baresark rage took possession of

ity, have been even worse than it redible though it may seem, three hing of the Kaid. I was beginning ve up hope when the door of the was thrown open, and I was orto emerge. My jailer and the who had struck me with his gun waiting for me. My hands were d and fastened behind my back, then, with a man on either side of was marched across the courtand down the passage to the room ch I had previously been interroby the Governor of the prison. ceived me with his customary and then inquired how I liked the Kasbah. I informed him was out of it. He laughed dey and told me that, in all probty. I should enjoy its hospitality enough to appreciate it at its pro-

ng upon him and dash his ugly

ad against the wall. But, fortunate-

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him go out unharmed. Had I

fore, and he had, in consequence, day.

frawn the light of his countenance of its being looked upon as a prepared for thee." just then, so I answered given offence to one who was try hadst thou escaped?" ly beloved by his subjects and s regarded as one of the most He looked at me sharply as I He smiled grimly. his, and pulled at his long grey mment on it, however, but sur-

e had been discovered. sume I must have looked incredthat they were in the Kasbah at live or die?"

e is enjoying himself almost as as upon his shoulders, though tell me? all say how long it shall stay

lieve it, I came at last to such a it will go harder still, for thou knowdition that I began actually to look est what men say of me." rward to it. For the rest of the lime I either paced the cell or sat sconsolate on my mat. Never unt1 jesty," I said, for I was completely hat time did I realize how long a day taken aback by his extraordinary procan be. It was not until afterwards position, "that I am to go to England that I learnt that the Sultan had left and, force or otherwise, abduct a wellthe city on the morning following my known personage and bring him, wheinterview with him, on a visit to the ther he likes it or not, to Madrapore?" seaport for which I had been making when arrested. The cunning old Kaid, for some purpose of his own, had not of saving thyself. Ponder it well, for, old me this, but had led me to sup- by the beard of my father, I will give ese that the Sultan was still in the thee no other. We will talk on this lace, but, being angry with me, matter again." idday when the intelligence was servant who had brought me into his ought to me that I was to be presence appeared in answer to the ought to him immediately. What- summons. I made my reverence as ast be a change, I argued, from this ed behind my back, and withdrew

self to be secured as before, was my cell.

"In my clemency," he said, "I have so far spared thee. I have sent for thee this morning in order that thou

"The choice is easily made, O father that I had to content myself with of his people," I replied. "I would wish to live. Life is sweet to all." His Majesty, who had been to mosque that morning, by way of expiating some of his sins, was in a pious

frame of mind. "A true believer," he said, in an extraordinary burst of confidence, "fears force of necessity to take my not death, when he knows of the dates. Another night like that only by that means can previous one, and another break- he obtain Paradise. But that is my place, and tell me from your heart of rice in the morning. Again a not what I desire to say to thee. Listen, and answer me truly. Well as thou speakest the tongue of my country, thou art not of the land."

I replied humbly that I was not. "Thou art an Englishman, of that nth of it would reduce me to the land to which I journeyed six months ago."

I again admitted the soft impeachment, and as I did so wondered what was coming next. "It is a great country, though a land

"With all my heart," I answered, and e and I felt a wild inclination to I can assure you I meant it, if ever a man meant anything in this world. "And yet thou knowest that it is in my power to slay thee as I would a

worn-out camel, or a slave who should ned him my lot would, in all prob- attempt my life?" "I know it," was my reply. There was a short pause, then he eant eagerly towards me, and a terwent by before I saw or heard rible light came into his eyes. His apathy was gone, and it was evident that some mighty emotion had taken

possession of him. "Wilt thou buy thy life from me at a price?" he asked in what was almost a hiss.

"Alas! I am but a poor man," I replied, my heart beginning to sink again. has been taken from me. I can offer nothing."

"I am not asking money in return for thy freedom," he replied, with infinite scorn, "but thy service. I have caused questions to be asked concerning thee, many men in these days."

d at the absurdity of this speech. thy friends, and that was a test I had wolf.

ent when the interview with I stared at him in amazement. Was entate would probably result in it possible that the whole affair was, or death was ridiculous in the to use a slang expression, a put-up . However, I did not feel like thing? I could scarcely believe that. n, that I should always regret been better for the peace of my coun-

I answered that I suppose his reant rules on the face of the for the part I had played in the affair.

"'Twas in a measure so, but I had as if he did not quite know another and a weightier reason, and to make of my speech. He did that reason was, as I have already told me by informing me that all the been said that I, the Sultan, can judge hich had been the cause of the a man, and in thee I have a man to my heart. Were it not so, thy head be an honest man." would have been upon the city gate for he swore by the name of Aleere now. Now it is for thee to say t what he said was true, and what thou wilt do-whether thou wilt

"Will your Majesty be pleased to tell the Spaniard-Don Fernan- me what I am to do to obtain my freedom?" I remarked for I had no desire to pledge myself to anything in the as thou art. By the gracious dark. And yet what would happen if

He rose from his cushions and began to pace the room, making as stately a hade a sign to the guard to re- figure as ever I have seen. Suddenly me. Before I went, however, I he stopped, and wheeling round on me, him to give me food that it said-"The time is not yet come for me ssible for me to eat, telling him to tell thee all. This much, however, could not live upon the present I will tell thee. There is in England, that cold and cheerless country of cook that I should trouble whether friend or foe, whom I must thy food? Be thankful that a have in Madrapore. It is not possible believer allows thee food at all, for me to act in the matter myself, or than a dead lion'?" ad of permitting thee to perish as by Allah I would do so. I cannot send my servants for the same reason. Think was thereupon led back to my cell. not 'twill be an easy mission, for the days went by and I saw no one person whom I seek is powerful. our jailer and my two companions. Shouldst thou fail and fall into their ring this time the food remained the hands it will go hard with thee. But, e, and, though you may scarcely thouldst thou refuse to do my bidding,

> I knew only too well. "But am I to understand, your Ma-"That is even so," he answered "That is the chance I am giving thee

ald not see me. It was almost He clapped his hands, and the tall was about to happen would at well as I would with my hands fastendestroying monotony. I jumped The guard picked me up in the hall from my mat, and having allowed outside, and I was conducted back to

rried away to the august presence. Once there, I threw myself down on ound His Majesty reclining on his my mat and gave myself up to an earnions, a dish of sweetmeats by his nest consideration of my position. from which he was languidly Very naturally I had no desire to die. ng himself. He looked up from particularly by the means they adopt task as I entered, and then wav- in Madrapore; on the other hand, from is hand to the servants to retire. what I could see of it, my only chance Grand Vizier, who had been of saving myself was to undertake a ding near, would doubtless willing- mission which must, of necessity, be have stayed, but he also was order- treacherous, and which, should it fail, pack up and be off. This gave must inevitably place me in a position ood for reflection. I argued that scarcely less enviable than that which he Sultan turned his Vizier out of I now occupied. Hour after hour found room and did not allow the Gov- me still turning the matter over in my be present, what he must mind. Of course, at the back of my e to say to me must be of an ex- brain there was always the half-formingly private nature. Well, as ed knowledge that I should in the end ngs could not possibly be worse with accept his offer. But it was the treachthan they were at that moment, it ery involved in the affair that would only logical to argue that they not allow me to make up my mind at ght possibly be about to be made once. For I could see that, in order I made my best reverence be- to carry out the plan proposed, it

ious to have with him in Madrapore. I have done a good many things in my life of which I am ashamed, but never yet had I deliberately set myself to betray a man. Once more I cursed the fate that brought me in contact with those wretched rifles.

> CHAPTER IV. The Price of a Life.

There is nothing so depressing in my opinion as the first chill grey of dawn I had not slept a wink all night, and when the light of the new day stole faintly in through the barred grating of the door and fell upon the face of the sleeping Jew and the Greek lying in a sleeping posture, such an overwhelming desire to be out of the place at any cost came over me that I knew honor must be thrown to the winds and I must accept the offer His me for a coward! but put yourself in whether you would have acted differently. I am afraid not!

When our wretched breakfast was brought to us I forced myself to eat he began. some, for I knew that I should require all my strength for the interview that lay before me. But I was destined to wait until the day was to my questionwell advanced before that meeting could take place, for, from the conversation of two soldiers in the courtyard outside, I learned that His Majesty had gone hawking and would

not return until midday. As a matter of fact, it must have been nearly two o'clock before I was face. summoned to his presence. The ceremonial of entering was the same as on the previous occasion; but this time I found His Majesty attired for ridng, and pacing the room like a wild animal in a cage. One of the high court officials stood on the other side, and from his appearance I gathered that he had been having what is ofn which he continually moistened his

ome doubt as to what his fate was for it. going to be. On my arrival the Sul-'All I have made from this venture jesty was in by no means a good tem-thing. I knew her years ago." per, though what had occasioned his could see, however, that it would be- red. It is too late to draw back." hove me to walk warily, lest the storm should descend on me.

For some minutes he paid no attenit did not agree with my consti- and it is reported that thou art hon- tion to me, nor did he seem to be aware and that I did not care how est, which is more than can be said of of my presence, but continued to pace the room, scowling at the floor and "Your Majesty speaks graciously to playing with his beard as if in deep me," I answered, with a low bow, thought. To have interrupted him thinking that, even if it were true in then, even had he not been Sultan, my case, it was far from being so in would have been about as dangerous walue.

Majesty, he continued, was but my case, it was far from being so in would have been about as dangerous pieces with wind camers, do with the Governor of the Citadel, my old with a bottle of champagne to wash it was far from being so in would have been about as dangerous pieces with wind camers, do with the Governor of the Citadel, my old with a bottle of champagne to wash it was far from being so in would have been about as dangerous pieces with wind camers, do with the Governor of the Citadel, my old with a bottle of champagne to wash it was far from being so in would have been about as dangerous pieces with wind camers, do with the Governor of the Citadel, my old with a bottle of champagne to wash it eased with my behavior at the in- again. Where he was concerned it was bian lion by the beard. At last he w he had been graciously pleased always necessary to walk circumspect- threw himself upon his cushions, and ant me. I had answered him as ly, for his humor was as changeable as drank off a glass of sherbet which had og of an infidel had ever dared to the lights and shadows of a spring been placed on a small table by his

any other time I could have of the rifles thou didst refuse to betray voice that was like the snarl of a I will do more than that. She shall I humbly

"And what wilt thou do? Dost thou accept my offer or not?" I paused for a few seconds before replied; then an idea occurred to me. "Why should I have caused thee to It was a dangerous step I was about out with a sarcasm equalling be brought back when it would have to take, but I could not help that: I was going to risk it.

"Your Majesty," I began, "is known throughout the length and breadth of son was that he desired to punish me your kingdom as one who likes straight perfectly well what he meant, and to restore to thee that which those dogs talk."

"Would that I could hear more of it," I heard him mutter. "Will your Majesty therefore pardon his servant," I continued, "if I speak thee, that I might test thee. It has the words that I have in my mind? Yesterday your Majesty was gracious enough to say that you believed me to

He nodded, but I noticed that his foot tapped the floor impatiently. "Then with your permission I will the consequences."

"Say on." was his reply "From what your Majesty told me my own country, and, by some means y of my master his head still I refused to do so, and he refused to or other yet to be decided, induce, in- turn to Madrapore, great honor shall Then aloud—"Well, what else have you veigle, or force a certain exalted per- be thine." son to visit Madrapore. In return for which I receive my liberty. Highness was pleased a few minutes and again I told him so. To imagine that I have ordered that he shall know since to call me an honest man. Has the beautiful Lady Olivia in this the bastinado until his flesh is stripped it struck you that, if I do this thing, brute's clutches was like thinking of from his bones."

I shall never be able to call myself that again?" "What then, dog? Thou wilt have of a pig," he cried furiously, thine, a person, I will not say now thy life, and does not that count for something? Hast thou not a proverb

"And we have another, your Majesty: 'Honor before all.' " "Body of the Prophet! darest thou

to mock me to my face?" "I speak straight because I have received your gracious permission to do so, otherwise my lips had been be sealed.

man." I was now coming to the most deli- some way to save her. A wild thought | had only acted according to instruccate part of the business, and I was of bribing a man to assassinate the tions. He had always been my friend, fearful how he might take it. Despotic Sultan came to me. Surely there must and would prove it now, if I would only rulers are dangerous men to handle, be some way, if only I could find it. permit him an opportunity. If there and the man before me, watching me For once he misinterpreted my was anything I required, he would prowith those dark, cruel eyes, was not thoughts, and believed my silence to cure it for me without delay. I told

the least dangerous of the number. harm."

and then became impassive again. "I give thee my word, the word of that I am." the Sultan, that I mean no harm. It is rather to the contrary."

shall befall that person. Dost thou believe me?" one, and his manner suggested that be found?"

he was in earnest. o tell me the name of the man whom | too great to be accomplished. I am to bring?' "Before I do that, tell me whether

thou wilt do it or not?" must!" "Swear that thou wilt be faithful

sent thee." "I swear!" I answered in a voice fore me. that I scarcely recognized as my own. fore him, and then waited for him to address me. Upwards of two minutes friendship and confidence of the indi-

endeavoring to assure ministration of the street could trust me. Suspicious by nature and training, it was only natural that the should place small reliance in any the Prophet, those who are watching the should place small reliance in any the will slav both thee and her."

his voice went back to its old crue to put min, had selected those that bin. "It may be in your mind, O Kaid, that but a few days ago I appealed to the prophet to the

he went on, "and I will believe thee." "I swear it by all I hold sacred." "It is well. Thou shalt be a free man. Now the rest shall be told

thee."

He rose from his cushions and crossed the room to the carved door. Opening it, he looked into the adjoining guard, he informed them that it would be upon their heads should any one enwithdrew, and then he returned carefully and closed the door after him. It was evident that the secret was of from the Sultan, withdrew the man-Majesty had made me. Heaven help so much importance that he was not acles from my wrists. going to run any risk. Once more he

"Hast thou any question to ask?" "I should like to be told the name

of the man," I replied. Then came this astounding answer "It is not a man at all. It is a woman, and, by Allah, a beautiful one." On hearing this I stepped back a pace in sheer amazement and horror. Good heavens! To what villainy had I conserted? He noticed my confusion,

"Her name?" I found strength to

replied. was even worse than before. Lady easily realized how delighted I was to Crets to your master. You know what See water placed ready for me, while, will happen then." and from his appearance I gathered woman in England and the daughter that he had been having what is often called a wigging. His face was thing was not to be thought of. I saw was the luggage I had left at my lodg and the perspiration ran down his woman in England and the daughter to add to my comfort, and much to the color of zinc, and, from the way the whole villainous trick spread out ings prior to my flight. When the man before me, and, had my hands not had retired I set to work, and in less lips, I assumed that he entertained been secured, I could have killed him than half an hour was an English-

tan peremptorily ordered him out of cried with despair in my heart. "It is ful disguise. So far as I could see, all for some considerable time to come. the room. It was evident His Ma- impossible that I could do such a my belongings were intact, though how anger I, of course, could not tell. I will do it-sworn by all you hold sac- find a pipe and some tobacco. In less would have extended to a brute beast

to die. Torture me, murder me as you know who has been without a smoke please, but I will not do it."

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| Torture me, murder me as you know who has been without a smoke please. Tyranny was ingrained in his nature, and nother than the property of the pro Again he said - "Thou hast sworn

rather than do this thing. Tear me in curtain was drawn aside and a man en- entered with a meal consisting of savpieces with wild camels, do with me as tered to inform me that his Excellency ory cous-cousous, a chicken, and fruit, will but release me from my oath." "It is too late. What must be done, must be done. What is more, give must be done. What is more, give rascal," I said to myself. "He cannot say, though I have my suspimust be done. What is more, give ruscal, I said to have the wind is blowing, and he clons. It may very easily be imagined there will be others who will, and why is anxious to make his peace with me with what gusto I sat down to it. No "Moreover," he continued, "I have "Hast thou considered what I said to thee for myself. In this affair to thee yesterday?" he inquired in a should it not be done? I have sworn while there is time."

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I bade the man show him in, and almonico's, the Cafe Verrey, or the Maintenance of the continued. "I have sworn while there is time." have every happiness that a woman sence can know. She shall be my Sul-

tana-Before I knew what I was saying, the words were out. "But your Majesty has a Sultana al-

ready," I cried impetuously. not Sultan of this country?" It would be impossible to describe have been in this case. the way in which he said this. I knew hated him the more for it. There are of Shaitan took from thee." many ways in Madrapore of getting the Grand Vizier, as a token of my returned the balance to him. speak like an honest man, and abide esteem. She hath the temper of a will then be complete. But let us not not enough, I will bring more." speak of that. Let us talk of what yesterday I gather that I am to go to thou art about to do. Thou shalt have swered. "Going to flog me to death one

I only shook my head. It was im-

a tender lamb in the jaws of a wolf.

before." The thought than another less scrupulous than myself might be cailed in to take my place sent a cold shudder "Speak on, for thou art a brave take time, and during that The old rascal's grief was very great. be the outcome of fear. Could he have him that there was, I had so much "If I am to undertake this work, I known what was passing in my mind, enjoyed the dates and water which had should like your Highness's assurance my shrift would have been a short one. been my daily portion during my imthat the person whom you desire me Fortunately, however, for me, he did prisonment that I should like to be to bring to you shall receive no bodily not. I took my cue from him and im- served with some at once. He stared His face brightened for a moment that I was in a state of terror.

This cleared up matters a good deal. trust thee as I have never trusted man course, his master was far from pleas-If only he were not playing me false! before. And now I will tell thee how ed with him for not grinding more I knew him too well by this time to it is to be done. Thou wilt leave here taxes out of the wretched inhabitants place much reliance in his assertions. at daybreak tomorrow, and an honor- of the city. He had returned to re-He must have had some idea of this, able escort shall accompany thee to the move him from his office and to refor raising his right hand he said very sea. Much money thou shalt take with place him with somebody else. This, olemnly-"I swear by the body of the thee, and more shall be sent thee to the old man declared, would mean rophet, whose name be blessed, and an address that shall be given thee in nothing short of ruin for him. As he the soul of my father, that no harm London. Thou shalt live as a rich lived, he was a poor man, and the folk man, which shall help thee to do that of the city would not pay. He had done for which thou hast been sent. 'Tis a his best, he assured me; and to prove So far as I could I did believe him, difficult task I have set thee, but where it, he added with a naivete that was and I said so. The oath was a solemn is the honor where no difficulty is to sublime-

done so much as thou will find some thee to the best of my power." "I have no choice," I replied. "I way. I fear not to leave it in thy

"I can only do my best," I said. "It

ledge that any mistake I might make might result in the murder of the woman I had promised to betray, and apartment. Then, summoning the yet was hoping to save, was far from adding to my happiness. He clapped his hands three times, and in a few ter until he gave permission. They moments the man who on each occasion had introduced me to the presence made his appearance, and, at a signal something of what your captives suf-

"Go with my servant, and thou feeder, according to Madrapore noscated himself on his cushions. I could wilt find that I have provided for thee. feel my pulses throbbing like piston It may be that thou wilt find the accommodation better than that to which me not to ask him to de this thing, but thou hast of late been accustomed." I made my obeisance and accompanied the man from the antercom, if off, I declared. Eat them he should, or so I may describe it; he led me in the I would tell all I knew of him to His direction opposite to that which I had Majesty. Thereupon with such grace been accustomed to follow when on the as he could command he set to work way to the prison. At length we reached a richly-curtained doorway. which the man, with a respect he had a picture worth walking miles to see been very far from showing to me before, drew aside in order to enable me to enter. I found myself in a large and eat no more. and a sneering smile spread over his airy apartment, furnished in the manner of the country, but after the dirt on!" and misery of that cell infinitely comfortable. Considering that I had not through he again implored my clem-"The Lady Olivia Belhampton," he performed my ablutions since the day ency. Still, however, I would not listen I had quitted the city, and that my I could not repress a little cry. This Djellab was unfit to be seen, it may be

man once more. Never again, so long "Your Majesty, it cannot be!" I as I might live, would I don that hatethat came about was more than I could ious that smoke was! It was almost ing would ever get it out. to do it, and thou art but a perjured dog if thou breakest that oath."

worth while going without for so long to enjoy it. I was in the act of filling like five missing the small ever get it out.

When he had been gone something to enjoy it. I was in the act of filling like five minutes, the man, who had og if thou breakest that oath. To enjoy it. I was in the second time when the evidently been deputed my attendant,

"Peace be unto thee." he sa

'And to thee, peace.' We seated ourselves and I waited for scarcely knew what to say to me. meant. Once more I lighted my pipe, "B'ism 'Illah! what of that? Am I in front of him. It is seldom that the sat down to think. It was then that

So saying, with a trembling hand he rid of an incumbrance, even in the handed over not only that of which the And yet I tried to blind myself to my shape of a wife. With his usual quick escort had robbed me, but also the perception he must have seen what money I had given himself, with a

"I have come to thee, O my friend,

was passing in my mind; perhaps the considerable sum added to it. Knowhorror expressed in my face told its ing how this covetous old fellow loved own tale. At any rate, he smiled more money, this was repentance indeed. I pleasantly than he had yet done, and could scarcely believe the evidence of with a sardonic chuckle said - "I will my eyes. Much to his amazement, I bestow her upon my faithful servant, pocketed only what was my own and "My lord is not offended with his ser

camel in spring, and his happiness vant?" he said with a whine. "If it is "Confound your impudence!" I anmuch gold and, shouldst thou ever re- day and offering me a bribe the next." got to say?"

"It was told me that that slave Your possible that I could do this thing, Hamet struck thee with his rifle. For

Unless the unfortunate Hamet was "And thou art a Christian, and hast the possessor of sufficient wealth to carried to the Sultan and he should sworn to me by all thou holdest sac-red. I know now what a Christian's would happen. For when it came to covered a favorite old copy of Monoath is worth. Well, if thou wilt not, flogging, the Governor of the Citadel which says that 'a live ass is better thou shalt have thy wish, and I will was usually as good as his word. How- all over the world with me. On this treat thee as I have never treated man ever, remembering the man's treatment of me, I had no intention of in-

terceding for him. "Anything else, Kaid?" I inquired. "Let us get the interview over as soon through me. Then an inspiration as possible. I have no cause to love bidding me to wait upon the Sultan.

flashed upon me. If the deed had to you, and I don't care to spend any be done, was it not better that I should do it?. It would help." time it was possible I might discover It was all a mistake, he asserted. He mediately began to make him think at me with astonishment, but, seeing that I was in earnest, went outside "I consent," I said hoarsely, "coward and gave the order. Then he returned to me and, flopping down on his knees "And, by Allah, thou shalt not re- before me, began to wail. From what gret it," he answered. "For I will I could gather from his disjointed dis-

"I have flogged upwards of a hun-"But how am I to get the lady dred, burnt many Jews on the hand, "May it please your Majesty then here?" I asked. For the task seemed and slit the nose of another; but it is of no use. They say they are poor men "That is for thee to discover," was and cannot pay. Speak for me to my his rejoinder. "Surely he who has master, O my friend, and I will reward

Here was a beautiful City Governor, a man to be admired and respected by It was all very well for him to talk every one! Surely at his decease a and that it shall not be known who like this, but from the beginning I monument should be erected to his could see the difficulties that lay be- memory to perpetuate his charity and

loving-kindness. He had just finished the recital of bringing with him a bowl full of dates. far as to bid me be seated, an honor must have e apsed before he did so. | Triendsmp and confidence of the indi- I had his solemn assurance that he more."

| Dringing with him a bown that he would not head never be-

question. He gazed steadfastly at me in mind always that thou art being had been bad, these were spossibly for upwards of a minute as if he were watched. Everything thou doest will worse. I fancy the man, with an inendeavoring to assure himself that he be known to me, and shouldst" (here

This was more than I had bargained you for better food, saying that I could for, but I was not going to let him see | not eat this fruit. Your answer was that I attached much importance to the that 'anything was good enough for a threat. It was not, however, a pleasant N'zrani dog, and that if you had your thing to know that one would be con- way you would let me starve.' Now I tinually spied upon, while the know- have the favor of your master, and he will pay heed to me when I speak to him of yourself and your doings."

Again he fell to protesting his friendship towards me, but I cut him short. "If you wish me to put in a good word for you, let me see you eat these dates, and give me your opinion of them. You will then be able to realize

As I knew of old he was a dainty tions, and he stomach revolted at the notion of such a meal. He implored I was adamant. Nothing he could do or say would persuade me to let him upon his unwholesome task. During the progress of the meal his face was When he was perhaps a third of the way through, he declared that he could

"It won't do, my friend," I said. "Go

And he recommenced. Halfway to him.

"Eat," I said, "or I reveal your se-

cheeks. When I saw that he could manage no more I stopped him. "Now," I said, "you have been taught a lesson that should last you

Leave me.' The man who the day before would "You have sworn to me that you tell. Among them I was rejoiced to have shown me less sympathy than he time than it take to tell, I was seated now slunk from my presence like a "It is not too late," I cried in a tem- on the cushions, puffing away with a whipped cur. That he would be any pest of passion. "I have still the right contentment that only a man can more merciful to his prisoners I did

> friend the Kaid, craved the honor of down. How that bottle of forbidden most immediately he entered my pre- son Doree, had ever been so good. I felt as if I could go on eating all day and ot have enough. The cham pagne was like nectar, and when I came to pomegranates I realized for him to begin. I could see that he the time being what happiness really Taken all round, he had a pretty job and with a cup of coffee at my elbow tables are turned so completely as they my conscience began to prick me again. I was going into the matter with my eyes open, wilfully determined to do an act which would brand me as a coward before my fellow men, in order to save my own life.

own shame by pretending that I should be able to find some way of saving Lady Olivia before it should be too late. What fools we men are! To the accompaniment of the blue smoke wreaths from my pipe I looked across the past to the days when I had known Lady Olivia. At that time she was little more than a child, while

accident in the Highlands, and I be-

lieve the mother never was the same

Throughout the afternoon I remain-

woman afterwards.

became too dark to see the print. As in the afternoon of said day, for the consideration of the said application, and to shew ed momentarily to receive a message cause, if any there be, why Letters of Ad-But the quaint old Moorish lamp hanging by chains from the ceiling ed, should not be granted to the said Robert P. Chandler, as a creditor of the said estate, had been lighted some time before the messenger, who had conducted me to my room, nade his appearance and hydrogen the sollow, him to be sollow him to be sollow. invited me to follow him to the Sultan's apartment. On this occasion it was not to the old room that I was taken, but to another on the farther side of the palace. A sentry was posted at the door, a gigantic fellow, with about as bloodthirsty a cast of countenance as it would be possible to discover in a human being. He had ropean. evidently received his instructions, for he drew aside to let me pass. I followed my guide behind the curtain and found myself in a narrow passage, scarcely wide enough to permit two men to walk abreast. Another curtain covered a doorway at the far end, and I waited outside while my leader, commencing to bow and scrape almost before he had drawn it, disappeared within. I had not long to wait before he reappeared again, and, drawing the curtain aside, signed me to enter. This apartment proved to be much smaller than that in which I had been received in audience on the previous oceasions. It was, however, much more elaborately furnished, containing a large quantity of brass and copper work, of which I had been be- I am not concerned as to the spending fore told the Sultan was an excellent of the money. But bear in mind aljudge. His Majesty was reclining on divan. His dress was richer than will sooner or later pay the forfeit. I any I had yet seen him wear and became him excellently. In the mellow light of a magnificent lamp which, judging from its peculiar shape, could have been scarcely less than a hundred years old, he looked every inch a king, but not a king in whom I should have been inclined to place any trust. He greeted me with great condescension, and did not once call me a

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You are, therefore hereby required to cite You are, therefore hereby required to cite the said Robert P. Chandler, P. Clement Hatheway, a brother of said deceased; Julia Chandler, widow, a sister of said deceased; Julia Eccles, wife of Charles Eccles, a nice Throughout the afternoon I remained in my own apartment, not caring to venture out lest news should be carried to the Sultan and he should become suspicious. In my bag I discovered a favorite old copy of Montaigne's Essays which had transplant. taigne's Essays, which had travelled all over the world with me. On this occasion they served their usual purpose and kept me interested until it became too dark to see the print. As ministration of the estate and effects of the said Charles Edwin Owen Hatheway, deceas-

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fore been known to show to any Eu-"I have given orders for thy journey tomorrow, and tonight my Grand Vizier shall bring to thee in thy chamber a purse of gold to the amount of two hundred pounds in English gold. The sum of five thousand pounds will be paid in London to thee at an address of which the Grand Vizier will

tell thee. That and thy life should be sufficient reward." "It shall all be spent upon the work I have undertaken to do." I answered. for it was impossible for me to accept anything in payment for such a

shameful act as I was preparing to commit.' "That has nothing to do with me," my companion replied, with a short laugh. "So that thou gettest her here, ways that, if thou failest me, thy life have warned thee that thou wilt be watched continually, and that all thy doings will be reported to me. Go now sleep well, and may the blessing of Allah attend thy enterprise."

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