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salt. He had travelled many miles over the prairie, he had seen the sun set in the Great waters, he had journeyed to the end of the earth. He was weary, and threw himself on the grass; he slept heavily and long, but at length was awakened by the low wailing voice of a woman. He started up, the moon shone clear, and by its light he beheld an aged and ghastly hag who was brandishing a glittering knife over the head of a beautiful young woman who seemed to implore her mercy.

Black Wolf was amazed. Who could these women be? how could they have come to this lone spot, and at this hour of the night? There was no village within twenty miles of the place: there could be no hunting party near, or he would have discovered it. He drew nearer to them, but they seemed unconscious of his presence. Were they human beings, or were they the spirits of light and darkness, of whom Black Wolf had often heard? He had not yet caught even a glimpse of the features of the younger woman, her back was turned towards him. She had sprung on her feet, and was making desperate efforts to get possession of the knife. A furious struggle ensued, but in a few moments it was over, the old hag was victorious; twisting her withered hand in the long glossy hair of her victim, she raised the other and prepared to strike, but as the screaming woman turned away, the light fell on her face and the warrior beheld with horror the features of his departed wife. In an instant he sprung forward, seized his tomahawk and struck the fiendish woman to the ground. But when he turned to clasp the form of his beloved Ge-won-ga to his bosom, she was gone! the frightful hag too had disappeared, their wild shrieks were silenced, and he heard nothing but the ripple of the waves of the Great waters as they beat upon the shore. He looked around, the full moon gilded the waving grass of the prairie; but as far as his eye could reach, he could see no other object—nothing but a large rock of pure white salt, and the piece which in his rage he had split from it with his tomahawk. He now brought it