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### SYNOPSIS.

Peter Clephane and Andrew Kilgour are cousins, students at Edinburgh University, between whom is a bitter feud. The former is the son of a rich city lawyer and his cousin is the heir of an estate in the Highlands that has almost passed into the hands of creditors. After a bitter fight with his cousin, Kilgour is on his way home when he falls in with company at the "Hoand and Stag" inn at Perth. Arrived home his companion on the journey turns out to be his uncle, Peter Clephane's father. To retrieve his family's fortune Andrew is sent to India.

### CHAPTER XV (Continued)

"...other sons, my son, have yielded more to time than the seed of Hagar, and the sea has been farther moved from its place than they. As a people, we abide by ourselves. No ships go from hence to far lands. Wherefore if thou desirest to return to thine own country it may be hard for thee. And I grieve to tell thee that sojourning has many perils, for my people are incensed against the face a stranger. Three moons have not passed since an Egyptian spy was slain and torn asunder in a public place, and the blood of a Persia who came seeking what was not his is yet wet on the ground. Yet let not these things dismay thee. I know an evil countenance when I see it. Thine pleads for thee; therefore thou shalt abide with me. Moreover, a man of thy nation once gave me my life. It would be a long tale to tell, but I will remember it to his race forever. For all these things tarry with me for a time, and while I have store thou shalt not want. And if thine ears are open to counsel there is one thing more I would say."

"Speak," I said, earnestly. "If thy wisdom equal thy goodness, it will indeed be well with me if I attend to thy counsel."

"Mortu knoweth not what may come to pass," said the Arab, solemnly, "only God and His holy prophet. This, then, is my counsel—that thou make thyself as one of us. Already, to my astonishment, thou art master of our tongue. As thou canst be an Arab in speech, be one also in apparel. Thus far honour our country and be assured it will stand to thee."

"It shall be as thou wilt," I answered.

Said Achmet got to his feet, with an eager smile.

"Good!" he cried. "See if I make not as likely a follower of the prophet of thee as the best of them." Whereupon he began hastily to search out the clothes that were to effect my transformation.

He was fastidious in having me orthodoxly arrayed. My long shirt was spotless white, my turban was of fine yellow silk, my mantle was black and gold, a gorgeous scarlet sash that would fitly have adorned a queen encircled my waist, and my naked feet were put in costly sandals.

"By my faith, as genuine a child of the desert as ever I set eyes on!" exclaimed Said Achmet, when I was habited in my flowing robes. "But one thing thou yet lackest."

He ran into an inner room, and brought forth a small silver-hilted sword, supported by a richly-wrought, variegated belt of camel's hair and leather, set off with silver edgings. "Thou shalt wear this," he said, warmly. "It once belonged to the head of the faith himself, and never before dangled by the side of an infidel. Nay, nay; what said I? Thou wilt pardon the unthinking haste of the tongue. Not an infidel, an alien—that is to say, a stranger such as thou art."

Partly to cover his confusion, partly to show the heartiness of his friendship, he insisted on investing me with the badge of honour himself.

"Fit to be a sheik, by the glories of Al-Raschid," he said, stepping back in admiration, when he had buckled on the weapon. "I tell thee that great are the swordsmith and the maker of garments. Who confereth distinction like them? Thou art no longer as straddling tongs. Thou hast the grace of the waving palm; thou bendest as the willow by the brook. On a war-horse thou wouldst be the bravest of warriors. Yea, and in the shadow of the court, in the shade of the judgment who could so fitly deliver laws? In every line and look of thee, save mayhap in the fairness of thy face, thou art a son of Ishmael. And the Arabian sky will quickly take that fair cast out of thee. Then of a truth thou shalt be as ourselves!"

He walked deliberately round me, noting with words and beams of delight each point of resemblance to the true-born Arab. He could not enough admire, though I suspect his pleasure in my gallant equipment was rather due to his own share in it than to the dignity and naturalness with which I carried it. Suddenly he got grave.

"Thou remindest me of them I would fain have about me," he said, with something of a sigh. "As if to explain his change of manner he added:—'I had three sons. One sleepeth beneath the green waves that bore thee hither; one lies deep under sands heaped upon him by the fingers of the lone desert wind. The third is even now doing battle, or it may be he has gone the way of his brothers. My heart is solitary at the thought that I may never look on him again. And thou art so like him. He resembled thee in youth, in suppleness, in bearing, in goodliness of appearance, his eye had the hardness of thine, and his arm the same readiness to strike.'

His comparisons were cut short by an imperative knocking at the door, which replaced his look of sadness by one of alarm.

"What meaneth this?" he said, with bated breath, as he bent his ear to

hearken. The knock was almost instantly repeated, with an added imperiousness and emphasis. "It must be a summons from the Governor," he said, glancing at me with an expression of anxiety, as he rose to meet his visitors.

It was as he suspected. A dozen of the castle guards, armed to the teeth, clustered about the door, and it was evident they were excited. Said Achmet endeavoured to temporize, but he was imperiously ordered to stand aside, and the men, with weapons drawn, pushed past him. Without a word they seized me and began dragging me toward the door. The idea of resistance comes strong upon one so unceremoniously handled without cause, and I had swift thoughts of trying the quality of Said Achmet's silver hilted sword. He perceived the danger, and rushed to my side.

"As thou valuest thy life, resist not," he whispered, hurriedly. "The Governor has sent them to take thee. Go, and rely on my aid."

In the grip of a dozen armed fanatics it would indeed have been folly to make opposition. So, merely begging that I might be permitted to take my green bag, I quietly suffered myself to be thrust into the midst of a bristling clump of spears. The greatest malefactor on earth could not have been more jealously guarded or more ignominiously hustled. I had just one word of encouragement. In passing through the door I got a whisper from Said Achmet that he would be at the castle by sunrise on the morrow to testify in my favour. His meaning was not clear, but it was sooling to have even one friend at so dubious a juncture.

The winds seemed to bear intelligence of my arrest. No sooner had we quitted the garden than we were in a clamouring crowd, bearing links, that shed a grotesque and lurid light on the strange scene. As I knew that in Arab towns the inhabitants are rarely abroad after sunset, the demonstration was evidence of unusual, indeed, of extraordinary, commotion.

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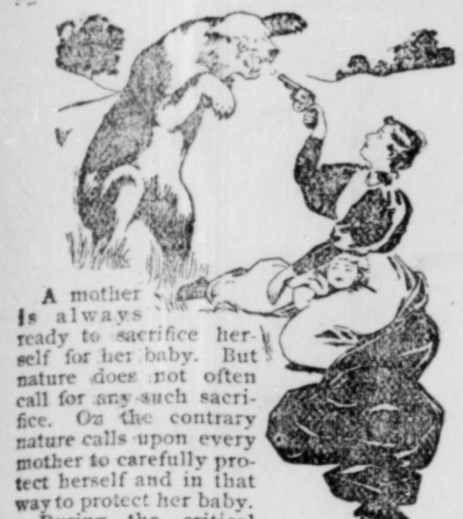
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