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"I know it," he replied, with a little smile, "and he has good cause to think so, too."
"You wrought frightful havoc among us. Nobody ever saw such swordsmanship."
"Tut, tut," he answered, "it was nothing at all. I was half sorry for Abou Kuram and his general, who were brave men. But there they were, and we had to get rid of them."
"How did you manage Koor Ali? That was a terrible blow."
"It was what a British dragoon would call the old cut seven. They don't understand the trick in Arabia yet."
"You must have had marvellous adventures," I remarked.
He glanced at me quickly, as if suspecting I was fishing for information.
"Yes, but we'll talk of them another time—that's all I need say now. Oh, by the bye, my august patron, Yumen Yusel, is making sure of Heaven here. Would you like to be presented to the old rascal?"
"Old rascal," I repeated, laughing.
"They're all that," he said. "Every son of Ishmael's a roque by nature. They stand to each other in degrees of comparison like adjectives—positive, comparative, and superlative. Amood Sinn was the superlative, Abou Kuram the comparative, and Yumen Yusel the positive. I know them all. Would you like to see him?"
But other thoughts were burning in my brain, and I begged to be excused.

"The sun will be down in a little while," I said.
"There's no denying it, Andrew. You seem agitated over the matter." "Promise to stay here half an hour for me."
"You grow mysterious, my friend. Mysteries are dangerous things in Arabia."
"Yes, there's a mystery, but it's not dangerous. Will you stay and remain alone—quite alone?"
"Is it to be an experiment in magic?"
"You shall see," I cried, getting more and more excited with my own thoughts. "Will you wait?" "I specially wish you to be alone."
"Well, well; you will be prompt." The next instant I was through the door of the tent like an arrow, and flying breathlessly to Ranees's quarters. Luckily Baruk was absent, and I broke in on her without ceremony.
"Something is wrong!" she cried, started at my appearance.
"Nothing is wrong, child," I answered, loudly, being excited beyond all self-command. "Everything is gloriously right. You spoke of one who—who fought against Amood Sinn. He was of my people, was he not?"
The amazed girl answered in the affirmative.
"And he was a friend of thine?"
"Yes."
"Lower thy veil, Ranees, and come with me as fast as thy pretty feet can carry thee, asking no questions."
"I may trust thee?"
"If not, thou mayest kill me. Make haste, Ranees. Make haste; the sun is going down."
I took her hand, and flew through the maze of the fair, she running by my side like a wondering child, and the people turning to stare and criticize as we sped.
"Put on thy happiest look, Ranees," I said, with wild glee. "Be as the rose loveliness."
"How can I?" she asked. "Thou takest the breath out of me."
At last we reached Donald's tent and paused before the curtained entrance.
"Thou wilt enter as I draw the curtain," I gasped.
"There be strange men within," she answered, fearfully. "I may not do it."
"Never was thy heart so glad as it will be when thou enterest," I said. And being too impatient for further speech I thrust aside the curtain and handed the trembling Ranees in. Donald, whose back was to us, turned quickly. Both stared incredulously

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and crying in the same breath, poured out her thanks and joy in her own tongue, which Donald understood, though I couldn't.
"There was a king of England," said Donald, taking her hand as if she were an empress, "who, when any of his friends got into trouble, always asked, 'Who is the woman?' Here is the cause of all disasters that have befallen Amood Sinn and his allies. They parted us on our way hither, and I vowed vengeance and took it. I saw his palace burned, though you were before me and rescued Ranees. It is too long a tale to tell now. Some other time you shall hear it. The business of the moment is, What can I do for you? Name something quickly, Kilgour. Whatever you ask, it shall be done if man can do it."
"I take you at your word," I answered, promptly. "This is an hour of triumph and happiness to me as well as to you. I left the Highlands to find you. Here we are face to face after such adventures as few men have and fewer still survive, and I'm going to carry my mission to its close. My request is that you come back to Scotland with me."
He caused a moment as if in pain. "I wish you would ask something else," he said.
"I took you at your word," I returned. "Are you going to break it?"
He came forward and seized my hand with a grip of iron.
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