

THE FAIR GOD.

BOOK TWO.

CHAPTER VI.

(Continued.)

The girl raised her head. "Did you ever see Maxlox, the old paba of Quetzal? No! Well, he is said to be a prophet; a look of his will make a warrior tremble. He is the friend of Guatemala, who always goes to his shrine to worship the god. I went there once to make an offering. I climbed the steps, went in where the image is, laid my arms on the altar, and turned to depart, when a man came and stood by the door, wearing a surplice, and with long, flowing white beard. He looked at me, then bowed, and kissed the pavement at my feet. I shrank away. "Fear not, O Tula!" he said. "I bow to you, not for what you are, but for what you shall be. You shall be queen in your father's palace!" With that he arose, and left me to descend.

"Said he so? How did he know you were Tula, the king's daughter?" "That is part of the mystery. I never saw him before; nor, until I told the story to the king, did I know the paba. Now, O sister, can the believer of a dream refuse to believe a prophet?" "A queen! You a queen! I will kiss you now, and pray for you then." And they threw their arms lovingly around each other. Then the bird who'd awoke, and with a fluttering of its scarlet wings, cried, "Guatamo! Guatamo!"—taught it by the patient love of Tula.

"O, what a time that will be!" Nenetzin went on, with sparkling eyes. What a garden we will make of Anahuac! How happy we shall be! None but the brave and beautiful shall come around us; for you will be queen, my Tula." "Yes; and Nenetzin shall have a lord, he whom she loves best, for she will be as peerless as I am powerful," answered Tula, humoring the mood. "Whom will she take? Let us decide now—there are so many to choose from. What says she to Cacama, lord of Tezucano?"

The girl made no answer. "There is the lord of Chinantla, once a king, who has already asked our father for a wife." Still Nenetzin was silent. "Neither of them! Then there are left but the lord of Tlacopan, and Itzili, the Tezucano."

At the mention of the last name, a strong expression of disgust burst from Nenetzin. "A tiger from the museum first! It could be taught to love me. No, none of them for me; none, Tula, if you let me have my way, but the white face and blue eyes I saw in my dream."

"You are mad, Nenetzin. That was a god, not a man." "All the better, Tula! The god will forgive me for loving him." Before Tula spoke again, Guatamo stepped within the pavilion. Nenetzin was noisy in expressing her gladness, while the elder sister betrayed no feeling by words; only her smile and the glow of her eyes intensified.

The 'tzin sat down by the hammock, and with his strong hand staying its oscillation, talked lightly. As yet Tula knew nothing of the proposal of the Tezucano, or of the favor the king had given it; but the ken of love is as acute as an angel's; sorrow of the cherished heart cannot be hidden from it; so in his very jests she detected a trouble; but, thinking it had relation to the condition of the Empire, she asked nothing, while he, loth to disturb her happiness, counselled darkly of his own soul.

After awhile, as Nenetzin prayed to return to the city they left the pavilion; and, following a little path through the teeming shrubbery, and under the boughs of orange trees, overarched like an arbor, they came to the 'tzin's canoe. The keeper of the chinampa was there with great bundles of flowers. Tula and Nenetzin entered the vessel; then was the time for the slave; so he threw in the bundles until they were nearly buried under them—his gifts of love and allegiance. When the rowers pushed off, he knelt with his face to the earth.

Gliding homeward through the dusk, Guatamo told the story of Yetevej and Tula, moved by the girl's devotion, consented to take her into service—at least until the temple claimed its own.

CHAPTER VII.

COURT GOSSIP.

"A pinch of your snuff, Xoli! To be out thus early dulls a nice brain, which nothing clarifies like snuff. By the way, it is very strange that when one wants a good article of any kind, he can only get it at the palace or of you. So, a pinch, my fat fellow!" "I can commend my snuff," said the Chalcan, bowing very low, "only a little less than the good taste of the most noble Maxtia."

While speaking—the scene being in his pulque room he uncovered a gilded jar sitting upon the counter. "Help yourself; it is good to sneeze." Maxtia sniffed the scented drug freely, then rushed to the door, and through eyes misty with tears of pleasure looked at the sun rising over the mountains. A fit of sneezing seized him, at the end of which, a slave stood by his elbow with a ewer of water and a napkin. He bathed his face. Altogether, it was apparent that sneezing had been reduced to an Aztec science.

"Elegant! By the Sun, I feel inspired!" "No doubt," responded the Chalcan. "Such ought to be the effect of tobacco and rose leaves, moistened with dew." But tell me that small you are wearing is quite royal—is it from the king?" The young chief raised the folds of the mantle of plumage, which he was sporting for the first time. "From the king? No; my tailor has just finished it."

"Certainly, my lord. How dull I was! You are preparing for the banquet at the palace to-morrow night."

"You recollect the two thousand quills of gold I bid for your priestess the other evening," said Maxtia, paying no attention to the remark. "I concluded to change the investment; they are all in that collar and loop."

Xoli examined the loop. "A chalcuita. What jeweler in the city could sell you one so rich?" "Not one. I bought it of Cacama. It is a crown jewel of Tezucano."

"You were lucky, my lord. But, if you will allow me, what became of the priestess? Saw you ever such dancing?" "You are late inquiring Chalcan. The beggar was fast by starvation that night; but you were nearer death. The story was told the king—ah! you turn pale. Well, you may—and he swore, by the fires of the temple, if the girl had been so old he would have flayed alive both buyer and seller. Hereafter we had both better look more closely to the law."

"But she moved me to pity as it was never moved before; moreover, she told me they had discharged her from the temple."

care for her. But speaking of the princess—the banquet to-morrow night will be spicy." The Chalcan drooped the precious loop. Gossip that concerned the court was one of his special weaknesses. "You know," continued Maxtia, "that the 'tzin has always been a favorite of the king's." "As he always deserved to be." "Not so fast, Chalcan! Keep your praise. You ought to know that nothing is so fickle as fortune; that what was most popular yesterday may be most unpopular to-day. Hear me out. You also know that Itzili, the Tezucano, was down in the royal estimation quite as much as the 'tzin was up; on which account, more than anything else, he lost his father's city."

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