AT LOVE'S COMMAND.

By John A. Steuart.

every bend of the road, every burn, throne for a foreign usurper. Failing almost every tuft of heather, every in that, I had tried to bribe others to dear figure, my father, my mother, old do the foul deed, and the actual money -half of joy, half of superstitious dread as I looked from one to another of the

and my foot struck against the green ing me in very reality with those of whom I was thinking. I picked it ful how one man could have sinned so up, drew forth the pipes, hurriedly turned them and the next instant was vised so much wickedness. Lorg beplaying Highland airs with might and fore my accusers were finished I was main. Very weird and strange and loaded with a mass of iniquity and inthrilling sounded the music of my na-tive hills in that close subterranean saints to the uttermost deeps of perdicell—thrilling as the grasp of a friend in the day of adversity, strange as the Gaelic speech amid Arabian sands. I played till I knew no fear and forgot nocence; no delicate palancing of all danger, till there rose within me a would have defied the united power of to an infamous wretch who should be all the caliphs from Aboo-Rekr to Mus- defrauded of his deserts by hanging, tassim. (The first and last of the real beheading, drawing, and quartering. caliphs. Under the Mamelukes there were, properly speaking, no caliphs, and the claim of the Sultan to rank as

caliph is absurd.) My gaolers beat upon the door with the butis of their muskets to demand silence, but they might as well have whistled to the charging lion. Heed-less of their pounding, indeed scarcely hearing it, I played on, the wild slogan of the clans almost bursting the walls asunder. Faster and faster danced the fingers of the piper; ever more and more furious rose the strains that never yet failed to give the strength of ecstasy to a Highlander. It was the pipes that won Waterloo, that saved Lucknew, that broke the Russian "And they alone are liars every "And they are liars swoop at Balaklava. On reeking fields of gore their scream has made men forget death and banish the thought of yielding. What they had done in the stress and havoc of battle they were stress and havoc of battle they were now doing in solitariness and dark-ness. With their music in my cars I ness. With their music in my ears, I

could dare anything.

All at once the door opened. reflection of far away sunshine dribbled feebly in. A band of grisly warriors stood without, grasping their weapons and bearing countenances of distrust

and apprehension. "Come forth," said one, stepping a little in advance of his fellows. "The great Abou Kuram waiteth to hear the charges against thee.' For half a second I held my breath

uncertain whether or not to put up my pipes. Then with a fierce gathering of spirit I blew again, harder than ever, and swept forth, my chanter bumming so bravely that the Arabs fell back with their fingers hard in their ears. Perhaps it was out of charity, or it may have been from fear to meddle with a thing so unearthly, but the guards suffered me to have my own way, and I, determined to make a good appearance, put my whole soul into the playing.

We passed along devious passages of treacherous suggestion, then through an open circular court, whence we had a glimpse of enormous walls, stoutly bestioned and buttressed, and of massive towers flanking arched gateways: then into another large court surround-ed by balconies. All the while I blew with unabated defiance and independence, much to the amazement of the assembled people, and to the evident terror of not a few who clearly regarded the skirling of the pipes as the screeching of evil spirits. My tune on entering was the "Highland Laddie," and a very singular figure I must have cut with my bandaged head, my puffed cheeks, and trailing garments. I had a vague feeling of being a second Macpherson marching victoriously to death to my own quickstep, and I dare say the bit of bravado sustained me.

Though it was yet little past the dawn, the court was densely thronged with citizens and soldiers, for the Arabs are abroad with the sun. On a raised seat, facing the entrance, sat the Governor. Benches of stone and beaten earth that ran round the sides were occupied by courtiers, castle of-ficials, and the more prominent citi-zens, while the common people and the soldiery, some with bristling arms and some without, elbowed each other to find standing room as best they could. told him, Abou Kuram listening Marching with my proudest step into evident irritation and contempt. the centre, I abruptly ceased playing, and saluted my judge. He did not return my salute, but sitting motion-

less as a statue, watched me with sharp eyes and contracted brows. For an Arab he was uncommonly handsome. In the prime of life, he was tall, broad-chested, clean-featured, and bore himself with the imperial mien of the Caesars. His hair was jet black; his eyes, also black, were as keen as the falcon's and more determined, and his countenance in general expressed haughtiness and inflexible resolution. Just then it was inauspiciously severe.

He was arrayed with regal splendour. Over a gleaming white shirt, he wore a cashmere robe, richly em-broidered by the artists of Delhi, and above that again a small delicatelyworked cloak of camel's hair, a dis-tinction reserved for sheiks and princes alone. His tasseled turban was of ously brocaded, and was fastened by a fillet of camel's hair, inwoven with sold and silver and blazing with precious stenes. His leather girdle, worked with gold and set with brilliants, supported a gold-hilted sword and a steel and ivory-handled dagger, flashing with jewels and embossed and inlaid with the precious metal. His feet twee in crimson slipners on which

There was an uncomfortable silence as he examined me, minutely, from head to foot. On both sides of him sat his ministers-ugly, crafty, pitiless-looking dogs, with a sort of grin of expectation on their faces-but none dared to disturb the Governor's scrutiny. Presently he gave a signal, and without a word the guards pushed me closer to him. For a moment he scrutinized me again, and his eyes had in them the leaping lights of a hawk's when it bends over its prey.

"Thou hast the face of a Christian,

were in crimson slippers, on which were bound elaborately-decorated san-

an infidel, and the garb of an Arab, a believer," he said, sharply, at length. "Hew cometh it?"

"My lord," I replied, with a profound bow, "a generous and charitable man of this town bestowed these clothes upon me."

"His charity was ill at ease, me-thinks. What is his name?" I hesitated, not wishing to compromise Said Achmet. "Theu wilt find it best to be quick

with thy answers," said Abou Kuram, "His name," I replied, "is Said Ach-

ed and clothed thee ?" "He succeived thy servant when he was in need," I answered, humbly.
"Go, bring Said Achmet," he called out. "We will see into this matter." Three men instantly bent themselves to the earth and hurried off to arrest my benefactor.

Whence comest theu and what is thy business?" he asked, turning to me again, and looking rather through me than at me. As briefly and succinctly as possible I told him my tale.

His lip ourled and his eyes danced as he listened. "It is a likely story," he remarked, with a sneer, when I had finished.
"How comest thou, an utter stranger,
and, as thou sayest, with no desire to

come hither, to speak our tongue?"
I told him of the tuition of Abram "Thou seest yonder tower?" he said, significantly. "It is not many days since it was adorned with the head of

e spy who added lying to his other virtues." "As my lord liveth, I speak the truth," I refused, earnestly, for it was a hardship that my proficiency as a linguist should stand against me. "Never liar yet but was as true as the prophet. Thine own cars shall hear the corroberation of thy words." Whereupon he called the witnesses. They appeared in appalling numbers, with the glibness and assurance of ac-tors who had well conned their parts. pitied me in spite of my bad char-pitied me in spite of my bad char-I had anticipated much. The reality acter, for I must have presented a picgish Western imagination could conceive. Speechless with amazement and horror, I heard the damning evi- heart leaping with tumultuous hope. at his counsellor. "Foreign indence heaped up that would have con- A small thing you will generally novicted with a jury sworn to acquit. At tice is of great effect in an extremity. times I was almost moved to indigna- "What is that instrument on which tion at my own villainy, for I had difficulty in remembering that I was the rather," he added, quickly, "on which care they are not neglected. Again, scoundrel depicted, so atrocious above thou madest witches and genii all belief were the crimes I had com- screech."

mitted. Never did odiens regue swing

castle wall with half the felonies on his head that I bore. I was the emissary of a hostile power scheming to conquer and enslave. I had been caught spying by honourable and respectable men, whose word was as far above suspicion as Caesar's wife. I had sought entrance to the castle in order to assassinate the prince, my Every brae and bush about Kilgour, judge, and so clear the way to the

Duncan, and the rest rose before me I had given was exhibited by the rewith the vividness of reality. Sir cipients. These and other enormities Thomas Gordon with his brown face was there, too, and so was Isabel, looking as I had so often seen her, with her melting eyes and her abundance of glossy hair. I trembled with a feeling of wickedness, a disgrace to the species. The clown appeared against me with enough of incriminatory evidence to visionary company. It was pleasant to see them all as of old. Should I ent youth on whom I had drawn backed ever see them again? The meeting him up with a readiness and resource was gladsome, but would it be the that I must have admired had he not chanced to be swearing away my life. In some agitation of spirit I rose, After them trooped the major part of bag. It was an electric link connect- and clearer proof of guilt and depraythe population, each with a darker tale

My judge had an easy task. He had to determine no question of guilt or inspirit of revolt and resistance that simply to decide what should be done Abou Kuram did not move a muscle during the fearful recital. Sitting with clenched lips and drooping lids, he scarcely seemed to hear. But when the pitch was exhausted and I could not possibly be made blacker he turned on me the face of victory.

> mony?" he asked, grimly. "Thou seemest a man of muchintegrity. Of a "My lord," I blurted, with a gulp, for in spite of my early bravado the sweat of terror was now breaking upon

"Art thou satisfied with the testi-

"And thou alone speakest truth. Yea, that is likely. Thou hast been at the pains to learn our tongue and hast faced perils in coming hither and put on for our welfare. Thou yearnest to do good by stealth."

was a laugh to curdle the blood. When the judge cackles in irony and derision, the prisoner may well quake. Quickly recovering his austerity of manner, he looked me ever with eyes that penetrated to the core of my be-

Doubtless some one is present to testify to that goodness thou displayest so strangely," he said. In my bewilderment I had forgotten Said Achmet, but now I turned anxidusty to seek his friendly face. A chill went to my heart as I searched the crewd in vain. He had not come; he would be too late. But just as I was about to break out into an incoherent protestation of innocence in despair of a favourable word there was a movement among the people, Said Achmet entered between guards. Advancing with respectful bearing to the front, he made a low obsisance and stood with bent head and body to hear the Governor's plea-

"I thought," remarked Abou Kuram, very slowly, "that Said Achmet was those we could call friends." There liveth not a man this day who could wish my lord better," returned Said Achmet, in a low but "Yet thou givest refuge to spies and enemies of the State." "Heaven forbid thy servant should do such a thing.

But thou hast, done it." Said Achmet's eyes nearly leaped rom his head. "My lord but jesteth," he said, after a pause, during which he scarcely "Nay, there is no jest in it," answer-

ed Abou Huram. "Look on this fellow and tell me what thou knowest of Said Achmet briefly related the cir-cumstances of our meeting, and his reasons, for taking me in and giving "Thou art a man of honour, Said Achmet," observed the Governor, "but thy pity hath blinded thee. Dost thou know aught else of him?"

Said Achmet in a few sentences repeated the tale of misfortune I had told him, Abou Kuram listening with "I doubt not he had trouble in getting hither," said the Governor, "and the reason for his coming may be judged by his readiness to endure dangers and hardships. Thinkest thou it was for sport he encountered those perils by sea and land? In spite of thy years, and thy wanderings, thou art but a babe, Said Achmet. A feigning tongue imposeth on thee, and thou art moved by the woe of the deceitful. Hast thou never yet learned that words are easy as the wind, and often as false? This fellow hath come to spy, and the wages of the spy are death. Thou mayst go in freedom, Said Achmet, but another time see thou let not thy compassion make a fool of thy judgment. Methinks it is time thou

were learning to discern between friend Said Ashmet, again bowing profoundly, retired without a word. As he went out our eyes met for a moment, and the look he gave me was full of their was any particular expression had been at their loathsome work and sorrow and pity. It was but a glance,

"Is there anyone else to speak in his favour?" demanded Abou Kuram, in a None came, and the Governor turned

"Thou canst not be old," he said, surveying me for the fiftieth time. "Thy face hath the bloom and comeliness of youth, yet already thine acts | maidens of a whole village skipping reek with iniquity; yea, they are as carrien to the nostrils. In what school they hast learned thy guile and of enthusiasm. Yet I blew on—blew how thou hast the heart to practise it. livelier or flercer as the case might be, for the incentive to keep going was the hoariest headed transgressor alive.
We have had some of thy kind here the faces of the ranks that lined my lately, and they did not return to the path, a thing that was unwise; I press-place whence they came. Thou hast ed as near as possible to Abou Kuram heard the tale of thine iniquities. What and his ministers, a thing that was thinkest thou is thy due?"

Before I could give any opinion in the matter-indeed my tongue was not at all ready—one of the men seated by

Abou Kuram, on the right, interpolat-"A needless question, my lord. Cast him to the dogs and let them tear him dire pain. Paying no head I same up alive. Then let his gnawed head be perched on the topmost tower as a I reached the other end there was a

He was a leather-faced rascal, with small, deep-set eyes, very close to-gether, the mouth and jaws of a bloodhound, and the shifting, sinister expression of the hyena. There are brave and elegant gentle-

men, adventurous fireside heroes, who can dispose of the fear of death in an epigram. Unluckily for myself, I am not so happily constituted, and it was a sudden gasp and throb of terror that I now turned to the minister. The hate of hell was in his lowering, fanatical face-the spirit that makes the Moslem a fiend in the fray, that impels him to cut out an enemy's living heart and stamp its quivering life under foot, that in jealousy, anger, revenge or statecraft makes him subtle, craftv, ruthless, diabolic, an instigator of foul deeds, a secret assassin or an open murderer, as the occasion may require. Such a spirit gleamed sullenly from every lineament of the minister's cruel and repulsive vis-

Crouching there, his hand upon his erooked sword, he watched me as if he fain would spring forward and eleave me on the spot. His hideous ccuntenance and glittering eyes fascinated me as the sepent fascinates the fluttering bird it is about to destroy. My tongue was frozen. With a tingling sense of innocence and wrong in every atom of my being, I could not utter a word in self-defence or vindication. I could do nothing but gaze enchanted upon the Fortunately Abou Kuram

devil which had so suddenly confronted me in the form of a man. thoughts and a mind of his own. He made no reply to the minister's sugbeyond my wildest conception; ture of utter distress; perhaps after beyond anything indeed that the slug- the fashion of the great he loved the idea of absolute power. At any rate, mouth as honey from a honeycomb, Abhe made a diversion, which set my dallah," he said, with a severe look "What is that instrument on which of the earth. It is my duty and pri- The Assessors will meet at the office of G. Stoth thou madest music?" he asked. "Nay,

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With palpitating haste I answered it was named a bagpipe in my country, that it put the pirit of victory into warriors and the fleetness of fear into the heels of their enemies. "I said it was the scream of demons," he remarked, with a chuckle. Then suddenly his expression became one of deep thought; he seemed to be trying to recollect something. "I have

it; I have it," he cried, sitting up with a beam of intelligence. "In thy country are the men naked about the "Partly, my lord," I answered, in astonishment. "They have been to Egypt, have they not?" he said, eagerly. Cairo, Alexandria—they have looked on the desert and sniffed its sands. They have likewise been to India. They have pulled down princes, established empires, uprooted ancient laws, and made new ones, said prayers in a strange tongue that no man could un-

derstand, and gone to battle with great cries. Have they not done all this?" "My lord speaketh the truth." said, more and more amazed. "They are called "-He pressed his brow as a man will to aid his mem-"Highlanders," I shouted, beside myself with excitement. "Nay, nay, not that. That is not

it. I will remember; yea, I have it. Dest thou not recall the tale of that Egyptian?" turning to his minister. Naked Scottish devils'-that was it. They leap like lions, and roar like bulls of Bashan; yea, they have the voice of the wild ass, and their tread is like an army of horsemen that maketh the earth to tremble." "My lord is right again," I cried. "Wert thou naked when Said Achmet took thee in ?" he asked. "No, my lord."

He seemed disappointed at this, but is face lighted up again as he said: "At any rate thou hast the screeching demons with thee. We have leisure this morning. Thou shalt give us some of the war music of thy land." "If my lord will cause room to nade for me," I said, joyously. "Cause room to be made for thee Why, dost thou swell with playing?" "Nay, my lord, but the piper must walk to and fro to play well." "Thou callest thyself a piper. have heard of the company of prophets with pipe and tabret. Per-chance we shall have thee prophesy-

ing." Saying this, he waved his hand,

with a laugh, as a signal to the sol-

"Make room," he called. "Hearken

to the music that putteth courage in

diers to clear a space.

the hearts of the naked Scottish dev-The next instant the wondering peole were being hustled back, and the pipes were squealing in the process of You may be sure that if ever piper played with all the zeal and skill that were in him it was then. The con-

sciousness of the great prize at stake was diffused like an electric current through lips and lungs and fingers, through head and feet and all that lay between, giving flery energy and ardour to both the soul and body of the Yet, in spite of this earnestness and

the acute sense of momentous issue hanging in the balance, I could not help being tickled by the ludicrousness of the situation. Very absurd it was to me, an Arab in garb, a Highlander in feeling, to go sailing about in flowing skirts, bursting my cheeks for the favourable verdict of judges who had never seen or heard a bagpipe in their lives, who did not know one tune or note from another, and who would be quite likely to decide with overwhelmfaults and all my faults merits, and who were prejudiced and incensed against me. It was like putting Harlequin on a trial of skill before a man who had never seen a play, who detested the

I gave them the music of my native hills with all my might.

hills with all my might-all the marches, strathspeys, reels, pibrochs, coronachs, all the solemn tunes and ranting airs, all the rousing battle pieces, and the melting funeral wails I had ever learned or heard, with many more that were improvised on the spot. thought my playing would have charmed the soul of a Macrimmon, In fine, to my own mind I was surpassing myself in all kinds of music, both grave and gay, and playing nobly enough to win the plaudits of the best judges in all Scotland. But Arabs are not Scotsmen in the matter of pipe playing. The glances I managed to me at once. I hurried off, Said Acheast with the tail of my eye showed met accompanying, in some excitein their faces, it was one of disgust. Rollicking airs and solemn psalm tunes, "Tullochgorum" and "Old Hundred," Jenny's Bawbee" and "Martyrdom,' The Laird o' Cockpen" and "The Land o' the Leal," "Macgregor's Gathering" and "Roy's Wife" had precise. ly the same effect—a uniformly depressing one. I played charges that would have made the "Black Watch" or the "Cameronians" howl for blood, and pibrochs that would have made a Highland bailiff sit down and cry, and lilts that

would have sent the young men and unwiser still, for the pipes at close quarters are more than any foreigner can bear with equanimity. I was in the midst of the parade, when, in advancing toward Abou Kuram, I noticed the leather-faced coundire pain. Paying no heed I came up, wheeled and marched back, but before

closed in, almost knocking the pipes CHAPTER XVI. A SURPRISING CHANGE OF FRONT So all my rosy hopes were blown to the winds again. Fate had cut off the last chance of escape, and I could look for nothing but immediate death. For I had heard something of the portentous mysteries of statecraft that make such havoc of the conscience of rulers and understood that behind the Kuram were reasons of such fearful ogency as no prince who valued his security could ignore. However friendy the Governor might be at heart, ne was not a free agent, but merely the instrument of a tyrannous system which sentenced and slew with ruthless tisregard of the sanctity of private This was driven in upon me with staggering emphasis when the leatherfaced ingrate I had relieved of his pains, humbly venturing to commend

the wisdom of his master's speech, enlarged on the absolute necessity of preserving the State from foreign intrigue at all hazards and at whatever cost of blood, and ending up with the proposition, "Let my lord decree death forthwith, and while he despatcheth weightier matters I will see this rogue executed.' But we had both mistaken the force of Abou Kuram's character. A weak

man is its master and director. Per-

haps it was the working of humanity in his breast, perhaps it was a sudden conviction of my innocence, or, what is more likely, it may have been a he unexpectedly took a course of his "Words of wisdom drop from thy triguers and spies must indeed be given | Statements in writing to the fowls of the air and the beasts | April 9th.

business, as thou well sayest, press-

eth hard, and in order that thou may-

important affairs, I will myself execute justice on this stranger. Get thee forth with all haste, and thou. Koor All, who will command next to myself, go with him and take no rest until my army be ready for war." The two men bowed very low and hastened out. He watched until they had gone, with a clamorous mob at their heels, then turning to me he said. "I have purposes that will astonish

thy friend Abdallah. Thou shalt ride

by my bridle rein, and we shall see of

what stuff thou art made. Nay, nay;

of heart coming into my face. "This is a time for action. Beside, thou mightest find cause to repent of thy fair words, for if thou shouldst prove false thou shalt die the most cruel death Abdallah can devise to atone this present clemency." With that he turned abruptly to fawning official, and said, in a brusque "The stranger will have need of food. See thou to his wants, and thy head answer for his safe keeping. Whereupon, rising quickly, he swept majestically into an inner room without giving me the opportunity of saying a word of thanks. My first impulse was to sit down and sob aloud. It seemed that nothing else could relieve my pent-up feelings, and indeed a careful observer might have noticed an unusual moisture about the

lashes, which I wiped furtively while trying to jest with my attendant. The rising sun, they say, is worshipped, and certainly the favour of a prince insures many smiles and obsequious attentions. The demeanour of the people toward me changed as singularly as my shifting fortune. Those who had spat on me with foul imprecations but an hour before now saluted me with loud ejaculations of friendship and blessing. Many a man probably would have valued the tokens of goodwill more than I did. I had been defiant to the mob in my adversity, in my triumph I hope I was not insolent, but assuredly I was in no mood to respond with any cordiality to the greetings of people who, if Abou Kuram's humour had been different, would have shouted themselves hoarse with glee at seeing my head slashed off my shoulders. The sight of one eager face, however, among the many fawning ones gave me a genuine thrill of pleasure. Said Achmet had haunted the place all the morning like a perturbed

spirit, and now on the first opportunity he came running forward to congratulate me on my new lease of life. I had not much to say, but I gave the good soul's hand a hearty Christian wring, and he did not resent it, though to shake hands with an infidel or stranger is pollution to the ordinary they come not in single spies, but in battalions. Once or twice in a lifetime a few happy mortals have the sweet experience of finding joys, too,

come trooping in companies. While my benefactor and myself were in converse together, to the further delight of us both, word came from Abou Kuram that until the troops were ready I was to be his guests or Said Achmet's, just according to my fancy. Needless to say what choice I made nor how deeply grateful I was to Abou Kuram for his fresh sign of his gra-Said Achmet carried me off with as

proud a heart as if I were the greatest man in the land, and treated me with a tenderness that mere greatness could never have evoked. Indeed if I had been his own son risen from the dead he could not have been more lavish of the caressing attentions in word and act that the tremulous affection of an old man delights in, or evinced ing unanimity that all my merits were a livelier regret at the parting that

For the most part of three happy days I was with him, listening to wondrous tales of the diabolical prowess of the man on the black horse from Tabal, or discussing the prospects of theatre and its traditions, and above the campaign with him, or drinking all fervently hated the performer. Yet in the wise and varied discourse of my host himself as we sat inhaling gave them the music of my native fragrant essences in the shade of his garden palms. How far off all that is now, and

how strangely tinged with mystic hues! Said Achmet has long since gene to his account-And on his grave, with shining eyes. The Syrian stars look down.

but the memory of his benign refuge remains with me as a beautiful dream of a day spent on an azure summer isle after escape from devastating The preparations at the castle went

on with more bustle than speed, for it appeared to be the determined object of scene was one of constant confusion and uproar. Night and day the hubbub went on, waxing ever louder and shriller, till it seemed like pandemonium come again, but at length order began to rise out of chaos, and even the novice mind could see that the preparations were really going on. Men came hurrying in from outlying districts, horses and camels were got ready, swords, spears, and matchlocks were furbished up, ammunition was laid out, water skins were filled, prowere loaded on snapping. grunting pack camels-a hundred pounds to every beast-and all the while the soldiers badgered, shouted, jested, and blasphemed in a way that might have moved the envy of any

Christian army in the world. On the morning of the fourth day a messenger came to me breathless, saying that Abou Kuram was seated in the audience court and wished to see had succeeded in turning him against me. But I was quickly reassured, for when I entered his presence with palpitating heart and hesitating step he beckoned me to him with a gracious smile, bade a cushion be placed for me, and proceeded to inquire in his most affable tones, and as I thought, with covert glances at Abdallah, who sat close by, about my health and wel-

"Time perchance, hangeth heavy upon thee," he said. "But thou shalt scon have sport enough. Ere the sun go down again we shall be on the march to meet Yumen Yusel and his helper, Satan. We shall see how thou canst sheathe thy sword in flesh. 'Tis a merry game, and methinks there will be plenty of it going.' And then in the hearing of all he repeated that I was to ride by his bridle in the character of physician and personal attendant, and that I was to be mounted on a favourite mare from his own stable. Abdallah sat looking on the ground with a clouded brow and compressed lips, but dared not speak a word. The crowd gaped

and beamed on me as one basking in the favours of an all powerful prince, though doubtless puzzled by the change of sentiment that conferred on me my distinctions. (An Arab can confer no more signal honour than to present a guest with a horse of high pedigree. sudden cry, and with a rush the people | A wife from his harem is a small thing "Thou wilt find the little Fatima of the purest Kohlani breed," he went on, addressing me, "in shape and spirit unequaled outside my royal stables. In her veins is the unadulterated blood of the prophet's own mare. In fieetness, as the deer, in courage, as the lion, in gentleness, as the lamb, in beauty, as the gazelle, in intelligence, as the serpent, she will be to thee both companion and protector, obeying thy wishes ere thou hast time to express them. She will carry thee bravely to victory or fly with thee swifter than the wind in defeat. She will nurse thee when thou art sick, rejoice with thee when thou art glad. She will b thy lover and thy slave. See thou prove worthy of her. And now there is but one thing more; when thou seest the sun looking for his bed in the west. come hither and thou shalt find her ready for thee."

He waved his hand to signify the audience was at an end, and rising, passed into the interior of the castle. "Verily the great Abon Kuram hath shown thee favour beyond example," remarked Said Achmet, as we returned for a little to his home. "I think thou hast thy fair face to thank. The truth of nature will overturn many lies. As for the enterprise on which thou goest it accordeth well with thy adventurous spirit. The scent of danser is to thee as the scent of prey to the lion. Thy gladness is shining in man is the slave of his office; a strong thine eyes. I would I could see thee man is its master and director. Per-

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