"And so," she went on after a pause "and so she bade her son destroy me if he might, because I slew his father. And thou, my Kallikrates, art the father, as in a sense thou art likewise the son; and wouldst thou avenge thy wrong, and the wrong of that far-off mother of thine, upon me, oh, Kallikrates? See," and she slid to her knees and drew the white corange still further down her ivory bosom—"see, here beats my heart, and there by thy side is a knife, heavy, and long, and sharp, the very knife to slay an erring woman. Take it now, and be avenged. Strike, and strike home, so shalt thou be satisfied, Kallikrates, and go through life a happy man because then hast paid back the wrong. because then hast paid back the wrong, and obeyed the mandate of the past,"

and obeyed the mandate of the past."

He looked at her, and then stretched out his hand and lifted her to her feet.

"Rise. Ayesha," he said, sadly: "well thou knowest that I cannot strike thee, no, not even for the sake of her whom thou slewest but last night. I am in thy power and a very slave to thee. How can I kill thee?—sooner should I slay myself."

"Almost dost thou begin to love me, Kallikrates," she answered, smiling. "And now tell me of thy country—'tis a great

Kallikrates," she answered, smiling. "And now tell me of thy country—'tis a great people, is it not, with an empire like that of Rome? Surely thou wouldst return thither, and it is well, for I mean not that thou shouldst dwell in these caves of Kor. Nay, when once thou art even as I am, we will go hence—fear not I shall find a means—and then shall we cross to this England of thine, and live as it becometh us to live. Two thousand years have I waited for the day when I should see the last of these hateful caves and this gloomy-risaged folk, and now it is at hand, gloomy-visaged folk, and now it is at hand, and my heart bounds up to meet it like e child's toward its holiday. For thou shall rule this England."

"Int we have got a queen already," broke

in Leo, hastily.
"It is naught, it is naught," said Ayesha;

"she can be overthrown."

At this we both broke out into an exclamation of horror, and explained that we should as soon think of overthrowing our-

"I'mt here is a strange thing," said Ayesha, in astonishment; "a queen whom her people love! Surely the world must have changed since I dwelt in Kor."

Again we explained that it was the character of monarchs that had changed, and that the one under whom we lived was venerated and beloved by all right-thinking people in her vast realms. Also we told her that real power in our country rested in the hands of the people, and that we were in fact ruled by the votes of the lower and least educated classes of the

"Ah," she said, "a democracy; then sure-ly there is a tyrant, for I have long since seen that democracies, having no clear will of their own, in the end set up a tyrant, and

"Yes," I said, "we have our tyrants." "Well," she answered resignedly, san at any rate destroy these tyrants, and Kallikrates shall rule the land."

I instantly informed Ayosha that in that could be indulged in with impunity, that any such attempt would meet with the consideration of the law, and probably end upon a seaffold.

"The law!" she langhed with scorn—
"the law! Canst thou not understand, oh,
Holly, that I am above the law, and so
shall my Kallikrates be also! All human mountain. Does the wind bend the mountain, or the mountain the wind? And now tain, or the mountain the wind? And now leave me, I pray thee, and thou too, my own Kallikrates, for I would get me ready against our journey; and so must ye both, and your servant also. But bring no great quantity of things with thee, for I trust that we shall be but three days gone. Then shall we return hither, and I will make a plan whereby we can bid farewell forever to these sepulchres of Kor. Yes, surely thou mayst kiss my hand."

So we went, I for one, meditating deeply on the awful nature of the problem that
now opened out before us. The terrible
She had evidently made up her mind to go
to England, and it made me absolutely
shudder to think what would be the result
of her arrival there. What her powers
were I knew, and I could not doubt but
that the mental areasise them to the full. that she would exercise them to the full. It might be possible to control her for a while, but her proud, ambitious spirit would be certain to break loose and avenge itself for the long centuries of its solitude. She would, if necessary, and if the power of her beauty did not unaided prove equal to the occasion, blast her away to any end she set before her, and as she could not die, and for aught I knew could not even be killed, what was there to stop fort In the end she would, I had little doubt, assume absolute rule over the British dominions, and probably over the whole earth; and though I was sure that she would prodily make ours the most glorious and speedily make ours the most glorious and prosperous empire that the world has ever seen, it would be at the cost of a terrible

CHAPTER XXIII.—THE TEMPLE OF TRUTE.



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In a few minutes we were stepping out that provide the consequent of the consequent of the steep in the consequent of t

priest up fragments of a great bridge in order to do so, and then with some little differity up the slope of the well to its summit. I wish that it lay within the power of my pen to give some idea of the grandeur of the sight that then met our view. There, all bathed in the red glow of the sinking sun, were miles upon miles of ruins—columns, temples, shrines, and the palaces of kings, varied with patches of green bush. Of course the roots of these buildings had long since fallen i to decay and vanished, but owing to the extreme massiveness of the style of building, and to the hardness and durability of the rock employed, most of the party walls and great columns still remained standing.

There before us stretched away what had evidently been the main thoroughfare of the city, for it was very wide, wider than the Thames Embankment, and requise. Robut, as we afterward discovered, payed, or rather built, throughout of blocks of dressed stone, such as were employed in the walls, it was but little overgrown even now with grass and shrubs that could get no depth of soil to live in. What had been the parks and gardens, on the contrary were now dense jungle. Indeed, it was easy even from a distance to trace the course of the various roads by the burnt-up appearance of the scanty grass that great thoroughfare were vast blocks of ruins, each block, generally speaking, being separated from its neighbor by a space of what had once, I suppose, been garden ground, but was now dense and fangled bush. They were all built of the same colored stone, and most of them had pillars, which was as much as we could make out in the fading light as we passed swiftly up the main road, that I believe I am right in saying no living foot had passed for thousands of years.

Presently we came to an enormous pile, which we rightly took to be a temple, cov-

am right in saying no living foot had passed for thousands of years.

Presently we came to an enormous pile, which we rightly took to be a temple, covering at least four acres of ground, apparently arranged in a series of courts, each one inclosing another of smaller size, on the principle of a Chinese nest of boxes, and separated one from the other by rows of huge columns. And whilst I think of it I may as well state a remarkable thing about the shape of these columns, which resembled none that I have ever seen or heard of, being made with a kind of waist in the center, and swelling out above and below. At first we thought that the shape was meant to roughly symbolize or suggest the female form, as was a common habit amongst the ancient religious architects of all creeds. On the following day, however, as we went up the slopes of the mountain, we discovered a large quantity of the most stately-looking palms, of which the trunks grew exactly in this shape, and I have now no doubt that the first designer of those columns drew his inspiration from the graceful bends of those very palms, or rather their ancestors, which then, some eight or ten thousand years ago, as now, heautified the slopes of the mountain that had once formed the shores of the volcanic lake.

And here again my pen fails me. To give a string of measurements and details of the various courts of the temple would only he weardsome, supposing that I had them and yet I know not how I am to describe what we saw, magnificent as it was even in its ruin, almost beyond the power of realization. Court upon dim court, row upon row of mighty pillars—some of them (especially at the gateways) sculptured from pedestal to capital—space upon space of empty chambers that spoke more cloquently to the imagination than any erowded streets. And over all, the dead silence of the dead, the sense of utter loneliness, and brooding spirit of the Past! How beautiful it was, and yet how dreart We did not dare to speak aloud. Ayesha herself was awed in the presence of an antiquity compared to which even her length of days was but a little thing; we only whispered, and our whispers seemed to run from column to column till they were lest in the quiet sir. Bright fell the moonlight on pillar and court and shattered wall, hiding all their rents and imperfections in its sliver garment, and clothing their hoary majesty with the peculiar glory of the night. It was a wonderful sight to see the full, moon looking down on the ruined fame of Kor. It was a wonderful thing to think for how many thousands of years the dead orb above and the dead city below had gazed thus upon each other, and in the utter solitude of space poured forth each to each the tale of their lost life and long-departed glory. The weird light fell, and the long shadows grew till the beauty and grandeur of the scene and the untamed majesty of its present Death seemed to sink into our very souls, and speak more loudly than the tongues of trumpets concerning the pomp and splendor that the grandesur of the scene and the untamed majesty of its present Death seemed to sink into our very souls, and speak more loudly than the tongues of trumpets concerning the pomp and splendor that the grandest allegories work of art that the grandest allegories work of a that the genius of her



In the exact center of the court was a hug Tound hall of dark stone.

a beauty so entrancing and divine, and when first I gazed upon it, illumined and shadowed as it was by the soft light of the moon, my breath stood still, and for an instant my heart ceased its beating.

The statue was hewn from marble so pure and white, that even now, after all those ages, it shone as the moonbeams danced upon it, and its height was, I should say, a trific under twenty feet. It was the winged figure of a woman of such marvelous loveliness and delicacy of form that the size seemed rather to add than to detract from its so human and yet more spiritual beauty. She was bending forward, and poising herself upon her half-spread wings as though to preserve her balance as she leant. Her arms were out to embrace one she dearly loved, while her whole attitude gave an impression of the tenderest beseeching. Her perfect and most gracious form was nude, save and here came the extraordinary thing—the face, which was thinly veiled, so that we could only trace the marking of her features. A gaugy veil was thrown rounds.

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