

"It brought me good luck and old Tom Gallon had luck," was the response. "Do you think I don't want to keep it? It's my mascot."

CHAPTER XXVIII. The Snake in the Image.

THEY mean business this time," Drake growled as they did their best to barricade the single door and window. "I believe those hills are full of them."

him, apparently oblivious of any danger. When the hut was completely quiet except for the breathing of the sleepers Drake allowed himself to fall into a deep reverie.



He seemed again to feel the soft threads of the web she wove about him. She had found him a young man at the precise point where a woman may either make or mar one for life.

He peered around the hut, and, finding all asleep, he set the idol on his knee and bent over it. He pulled at the eye which he had seen Wilkerson draw out. It came with difficulty. Then he held it up and looked into the dark orifice. There was nothing there.



John Led Them Out in a Wild Rush Against the Nearest Hillmen. with a muttered oath, the natives rose as one and thrust him aside from the door and pushed through, panic-stricken.

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