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da is weary and gave orders that he should this is more terrible to not be awakened without good cause. Keep them in or let them through, as you will, but do not wake him.'

I trembled in every limb. De Garcia was in the guardhouse! What if he awoke? What if he came out and saw me? More now I guessed whose voice it was that I knew again. It was that of one of those Tlascalans who had aided in tormenting me. What if he should see my face? H could scarcely fail to know that on which H. M. WATSON...... Inspector. he had left his mark so recently. I was dumb with fear and could say nothing. and had it not been for the wit of Otomie there my story would have ended. Bu now she played her part and played it well, plying the man with the coarse raillery of the camp till at length she put him in a good humor, and he opened the gate, bid-



ding her begone and me with her. Already us, and I called to the men of the Otomie we had passed the gate when a sudden to protect us, and falling on the Tlasca-

"Up, friend, up," said Otomie, with a and placing you on it bore you withou harsh laugh. "If you must sleep, wait till rest 20 leagues into the mountains you find some friendly bush," and she they reached this secret hiding place, an dragged at me to lift me. The Tlascalan, here you have lain three days and nights. still laughing, came forward to help her, The Teules have searched for you far and and between them I gained my feet again, wide, but they have searched in vain. Only but as I rose my cap, which fitted me but yesterday two of them, with 10 Tlascalans, ill, fell off. He picked it up and gave it to me, and our eyes met, my face being somewhat in the shadow. Next instant I attacking them. Now they are gon was hobbling on, but looking back I saw whence they came, and I think that

the Tlascalan staring after us with a puz- are safe for a time. Soon you will be be gled air, like that or a man who is not sure of the witness of his senses. "He knows me," I said to Otomie, "and presently, when he has found his wits, he

will follow us." "On, on!" answered Otomie. yonder corner are aloe bushes where we may hide." again I began to fall.

Then Otomie caught me as I fell, and of a sudden she put out her strength, and their warriors." lifting me from the ground as a mother lifts her child staggered forward, holding me to her breast. For 50 paces or more she carried me thus, love and despair giving her strength, till at last we reached the edge of the aloe plants, and there we and rest awhile." sank together to the earth. I cast my eyes back over the path which we had traveled. Round the corner came the Tlascalan, a spiked club in his hand, seeking us to

solve his doubts. "It is finished," I gasped. "The For answer Otomie drew my sword fron

its scabbard and hid it in the grass. feign sleep," she said. "It is our

sound of a man passing through the bushes, and the Tlascalan stood over me. "What would you?" asked Otomie. "Can you not see that he sleeps? Let him

I must look on his face first, woman, he answered, dragging aside my arm. "By whom we dealt with yesterday and who were gathered to watch us pass. For the the gods, I thought so! This is that Teule

"He has escaped from nowhere, save from a brawl and a drinking bout."

you know nothing. This man has the see day to what it had been when not a year a king's ransom." And he lifted his club.

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"And yet you wish to slay him! Well, I army 10,000 strong; then musicians had words of Maxtla. And yet you wish to stay him: Wen, I was at our door, for I told my husband. Spanish array entered the pass. Half way know nothing of him. Take him back sung before us, and our path was strewn "My speech with you, princess, and the that the people of the Otomie had true down it I met them with my 500 men and whence he came. He is but a drunken

ound strength to kill him I do not under-

pray that I may never have such another



has been before. One thing comforts me. twisted in my hand, and I believe that he way, and looking back I saw that two othtracks, running hard, and very soon they I had no more strength to carry you. "Still we stumbled on till presently, when

at us from the bushes. They were of my nearly did so indeed, for at first I was so breathless I could scarcely speak, but last in a few words I made shift to declare my name and rank and your sad plight. But now the two Tlascalans were upon

faintness seized me, and I stumbled and lans before they knew that enemies we fell, rolling over on my back as I touched there they killed one of them and took the other prisoner. Then they made a litter, for their prey. Higher and higher it rose, mie." wested within 100 paces of this cave,

had much ado to prevent our people from ter, and we can go hence." Where can we go to, Otomie? We are birds without a nest.'

"We must seek shelter in the City Pines or fly across the water. There is no other choice, husband." "We cannot try the sea, Otomie, for all the ships that come here are Spanish, and "I am spent. I can do no more," and I do not know how they will greet us in the City of Pines now that our cause

lost, and with it so many thousands "We must take the risk, husband. They are still true hearts in Anahuac who wih stand by us in our sorrow and their own. At the least we have escaped from greater dangers. Now let me dress your woun

of the mountains, and Otomie tended n and at the end of that time my state was such that I could travel in a litter, though for some weeks I was unable to set foot the ground. On the fourth day we starte by night, and I was carried on men's shoulders till at length we passed up the gorge hearts." that leads to the City of Pines. Here we

for my bearers were weary, and came to the gates of the beautiful town just as the red rays of sunset struck upon the snowy pinnacle of Xaca that towers behind turning her cap of smoke to a sullen n " like that of molten iron.

about, and here and there knots of people most part they stood silent, but now and again some woman whose husband or se had perished in the siege would hiss a curse

Alas, how different was our state this with flowers. And now! Now we came Teule, your outlawed husband, shall be hearts and would shelter us in our sorrow, engaged them, but suffered them to drive Sarceda I shall win honor and reward. as the authors of their woes. Nor did we

when the light shines on him and he is, Cuitlahua to seek your aid in his war with gently to the ground, for I could not stand

fortune, and these she sent about the city, like a field with corn." letting it be known that she would address "It is true," cried a voice.

other ornaments and emblems of rank, and overseer and the curse of the Teule? Sure- Now let us rest. I am very weary.' thus attired, though she was worn with ly you will hasten, people of the moun- "Otomic." I answered, "there has lived med her beauty for awhile, she seemed the and the trowel, not to the bow and the parth queenliest woman that my eyes have seen. spear, and it will be sweeter to toil to do rude litter, and when the hour of noon in the sun of the valley or the shadow of ty, it is enough for me. was come she commanded those soldiers the mine than to bide here free upon your who had borne me across the mountains hills, where as yet no fee has set his foot!" to carry me by her side. Thus we issued Again she paused, and a murmur of from the wide doorway of the palace and doubt and unrest went through the thoutook our stand upon the platform at the sands who listened. Maxtla stepped for-

liar to the Teules!" platform, and lifting the ebony scepter she you to muster your array? Nay, I set out sown. stood silent, the sunlight beating on her my case, and I said 'Now choose.' You So they made ready for war, and Otomie

even when the spear hissed past her. She by inch and day by day I saw him starve. mountains, of which the secret paths were stood before them stately and scornful, a But it is nothing. Who am I that I should well known to them, bidding them climb very queen among women and little by complain because I have lest my son, when to the crest of the precipices that bordered little the majesty of her presence and the so many of your sons are dead and their either side of the gorge, and there, at cergreatness of her courage hushed them to blood is required at my hands? Listen tain places where the cliff is sheer and pilence. When there was quiet at length, again," and she went on to tell in burn-more than 1,000 feet in height, to make a

she spoke in a clear voice that carried far. ing words of the horrors of the siege, great provision of stones. "Am I among my own people of the of the cruelties of the Spaniards and of The rest of my army, excepting 500 So for three more days I lay in the cave Otomie," she asked bitterly, "or have we the bravery of the men of the Otomie whom I kept with me, I armed with bows lost our path and wandered perchance whom I had commanded. For a full hour and throwing spears and stationed them among some savage Tlascalan tribe? Lis- she spoke thus, while all that vast audience in ambush in convenient places where the ten, people of the Otomie. I have but one hung upon her words; also she told of the sides of the cliff were broken and in such voice, and none can reason with a multi- part that I played in the struggle and of fashion that rocks from above could not you and let him set out the desire of your again some soldier in the crowd who served as spies to warn me of the approach of the

Now the tumult began again, for some and the massacre, cried out: told our tale, bidding some of them go forward and repeat it to the captains of the tle stopped forward a man of great power labed at last Tangetitlan was a min and thing looked well, and yet it missed failtla stepped forward, a man of great power ished, at last Tenoctitlan was a ruin, and ure but by a very little, for Maxtla, our ed to be asleep. Presently I heard the city. We followed the messengers slowly, among the Otomie, who, above all, had fa- my cousin and my king, the glorious Gua- enemy and the friend of the Spaniards, vored an alliance with the Spaniards and temoc, lay a prisoner in the hands of Ma- was in my camp—indeed I had brought opposed the sending of an army to aid linche, and with my husband Teule, my him with me that I might watch him-Guatemoc in the defense of Tenoctitlan. sister, I myself and many another. Ma- and he had not been idle. Nor did he come alone, for with him were linche swore that he would treat Guate- For when the Spaniards were half a be Tlascalans and envoys from Cortes. you know how he treated him? Within a one of those men whom I had told off to

two fugitives from the vengeance of the short and sharp," he began roughly. "A and for his sake I, Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the short and sharp," he began roughly. "A and for his sake I, Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the short and sharp, while hence you came hither to seek an self in the robe of a wanton and fled with they grew bolder, and we fled faster till at the state of this sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the short and sharp, while hence you came hither to seek an self in the robe of a wanton and fled with they grew bolder, and we fled faster till at the state of this sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the short and sharp, while hence you came hither to seek an self in the robe of a wanton and fled with they grew bolder, and we fled faster till at the state of this sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the short and sharp, while hence you came hither to seek an self in the robe of a wanton and fled with they grew bolder, and we fled faster till at the state of the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sharp with the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss. As they followed the sake I. Otomie, disguised my us back with some loss of the "Well said. It would be foolish to kill reduce the Lord soldiers, while Otomie, the princess of this him, but by bearing him alive to the Lord soldiers, while Otomie, the princess of this army to aid Cuitlahua, emperor of the Az- him hither. Could I have known what I length we flew down the defile, followed by people, still clad in her wanton's robe, at tecs, in his struggle with the Teules, the should live to see and hear, could I have the Spanish horse. Now, some three furv. been able to come by ne other, tramped at my side, since there was none to carry her, you won over the council by the honey of to stand and plead for pity at your hands my side, since there was none to carry ner, you won over the council by the honey of to stand and plead for pity at your hands. here the cliffs are so sheer and high that a and the inhabitants of the place cursed us your words and we who proved caption or the council by the honey of to stand and plead for pity at your hands. here the cliffs are so sheer and high that a e even an alliance with the white men, the po terms with the false Teule, but remain Down the narrow way we ran in seem-At length we crossed the square beneath the shadow of the teocalli and reached the span and 20,000 men, the flower of our to the yoke of the slave; your sons and shouting on their saints and flushed with the shadow of the teocalli and reached the people followed you to Tenoctitlan. Where dependent are of too high a blood to some the shadow of the teocalli and reached the people, followed you to Tenoctitlan. Where daughters are of too high a blood to serve victory. But scarcely had we turned the ancient and sculptured palace as the light are they now? I will tell you. Some the foreigner in his needs and pleasures. change, and a terrible light came into her eyes—such a light as shines in the eyes of the priest at sacrifice. Quick as thought the small preparation had been the grass and deart. Here small preparation had been the grass and made to receive us, and that night we sup-

> Deliver back to me Otomie, the messengers?" his crimes, and it shall be well with you, of death that some friend has sent us, and were driven in utter rout back to the plain people of the Otomie. Hide them or refuse if you will not listen to my pleading you beyond the pass of Pines. to deliver them, and the fate of the City of shall see it used before your eyes. Then, neen of the valley. Choose, then, between Malinche as a peace offering. But for your threats, and my name grew great among my love and my wrath, people of the Oto- own sakes I plead with you. Defy Mathe people of the Otomic. mie. If you obey, the past shall be forgiven, linche, and if you must die at last die as One Spaniard I rescued

They are his very words, Maxtla," said to the waist, and unwound the bandages to put Otomie to the torture. Moreover vain there was a tumult among up so that I rested upon my sound foot.

memory make us weak, who should be "It seems, people of the Otomie, that I to them. Yield if you will, desert us if you ills. Sleep, my husband, and leave me to my husband with me. Well, I will plead shall be marked in a like fashion till not think. All shall yet go well, for even our cause as well as a woman may, and an ounce of gold is left that can minister having the power you shall judge between to the greed of the Teule, or a man or a So I slept and woke in the morning us and Maxtla and his allies, Malinche and maiden who can labor to satisfy his indosomewhat refreshed and with a happier the Tlascalans. What is our offense? It lence.' mind, for who is there that is not bolder is that we came hither by the command of Then she ceased, and letting me sink

the Teules. What did I tell you then? I alone, she stood over me, the spear in her When I opened my eyes, the sun was al-ready high, but Otomie had risen with the dawn, and she had not been idle during men they must be broken one by one, like our surrender to the messengers of Cortes. those three hours. For one thing she had the sticks of an unbound fagot, and cast For one instant there was silence; then contrived to obtain food and raiment more into the flames. Did I speak lies? Nay, of a sudden the clamor and the tumul besitting to our rank than the rags in I spoke the truth, for through the treason broke out again ten times more furiously which we were clothed; also she had of her tribes, and chicily through the trea- than at first. But it was no longer aimed brought together certain men of condition son of the Tlascalans, Anahuac is fallen at us. Otomie had conquered. Her noble

who were friendly and loyal to her in mis- and Tenoctitlan is a ruin sown with dead words, her beauty, the tale of our sorrows and the sight of my torments had done their work, and the heart of the people the people at midday from the steps of the "Yes, people of the Otomie, it is true, was filled with fury against the Teules palace, for, as Otomie well knew, the heart- but I say that had all the warriors of the who had destroyed their army and the strings of a crowd are touched more easily nations of Anahuac played the part that Tlascalans that had aided them. Never

than those of cold and ancient counselors. your sons played the tale had run other- did the wit and eloquence of a woman "Will they come to listen?" I asked. | wise. They are dead, and because of their cause a swifter change. They screamed "Have no fear," she answered. "The death you would deliver us to our foes and and tore their robes and shook their weapdesire to look upon us who have survived yours, but I, for one, do not mourn them, one in the air. Maxtla strove to speak, but the siege and to know the truth of what though among their number are many of they pulled him down, and presently he has happened will bring them. Moreover, my kin. Nay, be not wroth, but listen. was flying for his life. Then they turned When I awoke, it was to find myself in a some will be there seeking vengeance on It is better that they should lie dead in upon the Tlascalan envoys and beat them honor, having earned for themselves a with sticks, crying: Otomie was right, for as the morning wreath of fame and an immortal dwelling "This is our answer to Malinche. Run, drew on toward midday I saw the dwellers in the houses of the sun, than that they you dogs, and take it!" till they were driv-

in the City of Pines gathering in thousands should live to be slaves, which, it seems, en from the town. till the space between the steps of the is your desire, people of the Otomie. There Now at length the turmoil ceased, and palace and the face of the pyramid was is no false word in what I said to you. some of the great chiefs came forward, and black with them. Now Otomie combed Now the sticks that Malinche has used to kissing the hand of Otomie said: man, were following us and him. Pres- her curling hair and placed flowers in it beat out the brains of Guatemoc shall be "Princess, we, your children, will guard and set a gleaming feather cloak about broken and burned to cook the pot of the you to the death, for you have put another stared at him. Then they started on our her shoulders, so that it hung down over Teules. Already these false children are heart into us. You are right. It is better her white robes, and on her breast that his slaves. Have you not heard his com- to die free than to live as slaves.' must have caught us, for now you could splendid necklace of emeralds, which Gua- mand, that the tribes, his allies, shall la- "See, my husband," said Otomie, ". scarcely stir. Your mind was gone, and temoc had given to me in the treasure bor in the quarries and the streets till the was not mistaken when I told you that my chamber and which she had preserved safe- glorious city he has burned rises afresh people were loyal and true. But now we ly through all our evil fortune, and a gold- upon the face of the waters? Will you not must make ready for war, for they have the pursuers were within 50 paces of us, I on girdle about her waist. In her hand hasten to take your share in the work, peosaw armed men—eight of them—rushing also she took a little scepter of ebony tip- ple of the Otomie, the work that knows no tiding comes to the ears of Malinche he ped with gold that was in the palace, with rest and no reward except the lash of the will be like a puma robbed of her young.

> traveling and suffering and grief had dim- tains! Your hands are shaped to the spade no greater woman than you upon this Next she caused me to be laid upon my the will and swell the wealth of Malinche ing. 'If I have won your praise and safe

CHAPTER XXIX. THE ENDOF GUATEMOC. Now for awhile we dwelt in quiet at the

City-of Pines, and by slow degrees and head of the steps. As we came a great cry ward and would have spoken, but the peo- with much suffering I recovered from the rose from the thousands of the people, a ple shouted him down, crying: "Otomie, wounds that the cruel hand of De Garcia flerce cry, like that of wild beasts howling Otomie! Let us hear the words of Oto- had inflicted upon me. But we knew that this peace could not last, and the people of a sound to strike terror into the bravest "I thank you, my people," she said, the Otomie knew it also, for had they not heart, and by degrees I caught its purport. "for I have still much to tell you. Our scourged the envoys of Malinche out of the "Kill them!" said the cry. "Give the crime is, then, that we drew an army after gates of their city? Many of them were ar to the Teules!" now sorry that this had been done, but it Otomie stepped forward to the edge of the did we draw this army? Did I command was done, and they must reap as they had

lovely face and form. But the multitude chose, and of your own free will you dis- was the president of their councils, in screamed a thousand taunts and threats at patched those glorious companies that now which I shared. At length came news us, and still the tumult grew. Once they are dead. My crime is, therefore, that you that a force of 50 Spaniards, with 5,000 rushed toward her, as though to tear her to chose wrongly, as you say; but, as I still Tlascalan allies, were advancing on the pieces, but fell Lack at the last stair, as a hold, most rightly, and because of this city to destroy us. Then I took command wave falls from a rock, and once a spear rime I and my husband are to be given as of the tribesmen of the Otomie-there was thrown that passed between her neck | peace offering to the Teules. Listen. Let were 10,000 or more of them, all well me tell you something of those wars in armed after their over tashion and so-Now the soldiers who had carried me, which we have fought before you give us vanced out of the city till I was two-thirds making certain that our death was at to the Teules and our mouths are silent of the way down the gorge which leads to hand, and having no wish to share it, set prever. Where shall I begin? I know not. it. But I did not bring all my army down my litter down upon the stones and slip- Stay; I bore a child-had he lived he would this gorge, since there was no room for ped back into the palace, but all this while have been your prince today. That child them to fight there, and I had another Otomie never so much as moved—no, not I saw starve to death before my eyes; inch plan. I sent some 7,000 men round the

Choose you a tongue to speak for the deeds which I had done, and now and be rolled on them. Then I sent trusty men under me, and who had escaped the famine Spaniards and others whose mission it -was to offer themselves to them as guides. Now, I thought my plan good, and every-

four chiefs, whom by their dress I knew to moc and his following with all honor. Do day's march from the mouth of the defile Then my heart sank, for it was not diffi- few days Guatemoc, our king, was seated watch their advance came to me and made cult to guess the object of their coming. in the chair of torment while slaves burned it known that Maxtla had bribed him to "Speak on, Maxtla," said Otomie, "for him with hot irons to cause him to declare go to the leader of the Spaniards and diswe must hear what there is for us to an- the hiding place of the treasure of Monte- close to him the plan of the ambuscade. swer, and you, people of the Otomie, I zuma! Aye, you may well cry 'Shame This man had taken the bribe and started pray you keep silence, that you may judge upon him!' You shall cry it yet more on his errand of treachery, but his heart between us when there is an end of talk- loudly before I have done, for know that failed him, and returning he told me all. Guatemoc did not suffer alone. One lies Then I caused Maxtla to be seized, and be-Now a great silence fell upon the multi- there who suffered with him and spoke no fore nightfall he had paid the price of his

thers? But we do even ask this. Here the husband who is more dear to me place of stones, arrows were hailed upon side. Her proud spirit was humbled at last, and she, whom I had never known to weep except once, when our firstborn to weep except once, when our firstborn that they bring from Malinche, and in his living to these dogs of Tlascalans, whom that they bring from Malinche, and in his living to these dogs of Tlascalans, whom that they bring from Malinche, and in his living to these dogs of Tlascalans, whom that they bring from Malinche, and in his living to these dogs of Tlascalans, whom that they bring from Malinche, and in his living to these dogs of Tlascalans, whom that they bring from Malinche, and in his living to these dogs of Tlascalans, whom that they bring from Malinche, and in his living to these dogs of Tlascalans, whom they therefore the archer's were waiting, and how, in the archer's were waiting, and how in the archer's were waiting and how in the archer's waiting and how in the archer's waiting and Malinche insults you by sending as his country. This finished the fight, for now we assailed their flank, and once more the daughter of Montezuma, and the renegade "Look," and she walked to where the rocks thundered on them from above, and of her paramour, who is known as Teule, spear that had been hurled at her lay upon the end of it was that those who remained sobbed in answer, "or I and who has fled from the justice due to the pavement and lifted it, "here is a means of the Spaniards and their Indian allies

the low Pines shall be as the fate of Tenoctitlan, if you will, you may send our bodies to us no more for many years except by

oke will be light upon you. If freemen and not as slaves of the Teule. afterward I gave him his liberty. From your city shall be stamped flat Behold now his tender mercies and see the him I inquired of the doings of De Garcia. and your very name wiped out of the rec- lot that shall be yours if you take another or Sarceda and learned that he was still in counsel, the counsel of Maxtla," and com- the service of Cortes, but that Marina had essengers of the Malinche, are ing to the litter on which I lay she rent my been true to her word and had brought di robes from me, leaving me almost naked grace upon him because he had threatened from my wounded limb, then lifted me Cortes was angry with him because of our and voices cried, "Give them "Look!" she cried in a piercing voice, laid upon his shoulders, hinting that he give them to Malinche as a peace offer- and pointing to the scars and unhealed had taken a bribe to suffer us to pass the Otomie stood forward to speak, and wounds upon my face and leg. "Look on gate, way, for all desired to hear her the work of Teule and the Tlascalan; see



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