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CHAPTER XXL -- AWAY! AWAY! At the top of the rise we halted for a second to breathe our borses; and, turning, clanced at the buttle beneath us, which, Illumined as it was by the flerce rays of

the sinking san staining the whole scene red, looked from where we were more like some will titanic picture, than an actual hand-to-hand combat. "We win the day, Macumazahn," said old Umslopogaas, taking in the whole sitnation with a glance of bis practiced eve. "Look, the Lady of the Night's forces give

on every side, there is no stiffness left in them, they bend like hot iron, they are fighting with but half a heart. But alas! the battle will in a manner be drawn, for the darkness gathers, and the regiments will not be able to follow and slay!"—und he shook his head sadly. "But," he added, "I do not think that they will fight again, we have fed them with too strong a meat. Ah! it is well to have lived! At last I have

seen a fight worth seeing." By this time we were on our way again, and as we went side by side I told, him what our mission was, and how that, if it failed, all the lives that had been lost that day would have been lost in vain.

"Ah!" he said, "nigh on a hundred miles and no horses but these, and to be there before the dawn! Well-away! away! man can but try, Macumazahn; and mayhap we shall be there in time to split that old "witch-finder's" (Agon's) skull for him. Once he wanted to burn us, the old "rainmaker," did be? And now he would set a snare for my mother (Nyleptha), would he? Good! So sure as my name is the name of the Woodpecker, so surely, be my mother alive or dead, will I split him to the beard. Ay, by T'Chaka's head I swear it" and he shook Inkosikaas as he galloped. By now the darkness was closing in, but fortunately there would be a moon later, and the road was good.

On we sped through the twilight, the two splendid horses we bestrode had got their wind by this, and were sweeping along with a wide steady stride that neither failed nor varied for mile upon mile. Down the sides of slopes we galloped, across wide vales that stretched to the foot of far-off hitls. Nearer and nearer grew the blue hills; now we were traveling up their steeps, and now we were over and passing toward others that sprang up like visions in the far faint distance beyond.

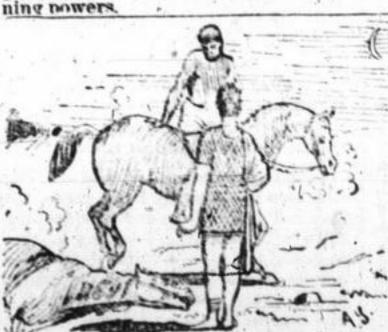
We spake not, but bent us forward on the necks of those two glacious horses, and listened to their deep, long drawn breaths as they filled their great in a.s. and to the regular unfaltering ring of their round hoots. Gran and olark mileed did old Unislopoga is look beside are, mounted on the great waite horse, like Death in vis-Revelation of St. John, as now, and again litting his floor set have beganned along the root, and plan of with mean towards carries at the or house.

And so on, still on, without break or pauls, for your water hour.

At less I be an to feel that even the splen advaca adtect I rode was beginning to giv " !!! o el at my waten; it was nearly to in ght and we were considerably more than half way. Out e top of a rise was a little soring, which I remediate ed because I had slept by it a few highebefore, and here I motioned to Umstopp gaas to pull up, having determined to give our horses and ourselves ten minutes to breathe in. He did so, and we dismounted -that is to say. Umslopogans did, and then helped me off, for what with fatigue, stiffness, and the pain of my wound. could not do so for myself; and the gallant horses stood panting there, resting tirst one leg and then another, while the sweat fell drip, drip, from them, and the steam rose and hung in pale clouds in the still

night air. Leaving Umslopogaas to hold the horse a I hobbled to the spring and drank deep of its sweet waters. I had had nothing but a single mouthful of wine since midday, when the battle began, and I was parched up, though my fatigue was too great to allow me to feel hungry. Then. having laved my fevered head and hands. I returned, and the Zulu went and drank Next we allowed the horses to take a conple of monthfuls each—no more; and o'i, what a struggle we had to get the poor b as's away from the water! There were yet two minutes, and I employed it in hobbling up and down to try and relieve my stiffness, and inspecting the condition of the horses. My mare, gallant animal though she was, was evilently much ditr sed; she hung her head, and her ev looked sick and dull; but Daylight, Nylep tha's glorious horse-who, if he is serv aright, should, like the steeds who save the great R meses in his need, feed for the rest of his days out of a golden mangerwas still, comparatively speaking, perfect ly fresh, notwithstanding that he but b far the heavier weight to carry. H. w. "tucked up," indeed, and his legs wer weary, but his eye was bright and clear, and he held his shapely head up and gaz-t out into the darkness around him in a way that seemed to say that whoever failed he was good for those five and forty miles that yet lay between us and Milosis. Then Umslopogaas helped me into the saddle and-vigorous old savage that he was!vaulted into his own without touching a stirrup, and, we were off once more, slowly at first, till the horses got into their stride. and then more swiftly. So we passed over another ten miles, and then came a long, weary rise of some six or seven miles, and three times did my poor black mare nearly come to the ground with me. But on the top she seemed to gather herself together, and rattled down the slope with long, convulsive strides, breathing in gusps. We did that three or four miles more swiftly than any since we had start si on our wild ride, but I felt it to be a last effort, and I was right. Suddenly my poor horse took the bit between her teeth and bolted furiously along a stretch of level ground for some three or four hundred yards, and then, with two or three jerky strides, pulled herself up and fell with a crash right onto her head. I rolling myself free as she did so. As I struggled onto my feet, the brave beast raise! her head and looked at me with piteous bloodshot eyes, and then her head dropped with a groan and she was dead. Her heart was

Umslopogaas pulled up beside the car-cass, and I looked at him in dismay. There were still more than twenty miles to do by dawn, and how were we to do it with one horse? It seemed hopeless, but I had for gotten the old Zulu's extraordinary run-



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the saddle and began to hoist me into it. "What wilt thou do?" I asked. "Run," he answered, seizing my stirrup leather.

Then off we went again, almost as fast as before; and oh, the relief it was to me

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