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When we arrived the cooking was held to be done, and the company, numbering at least 200, squatted to eat. Tabal, Ahmed, and myself being ordered to join. In appreciation, as he said, of my brave words, the chief did me the honour of keeping me close to himself, and we sat down beside the carcass of a gazelle, which had been roasted whole. As usual at such merry makings, decency was thrown to the winds. Every man had a wolf's appetite, and took a wolf's ready method of appeasing it. The chief opened the proceedings by thrusting his hand down the gazelle's mouth and tearing out its half-raw tongue. Taking a huge

bite himself, he requested me to follow his example.

"Bite," he said, holding the bleeding piece of flesh to my mouth. "Bite. By the prophet's rule, never hast thou had such a sweet morsel under thy tongue. Thou wilt not!" he exclaimed, as I drew back in disgust. "Then is thy belly likely to cry out ere thou hast more to offer it. Come ye hither, he called to Tabal and Ahmed, who were a little distance off. "Come ye hither and bite. Ha! ye know how to drive the fangs," as they complied. "What aileth the other dog?"

"Defeat both heavy on his stomach, Suleiman," put in one of his comrades, with a laugh.

"Perchance, Abd el Mahsin," returned Suleiman. "Nevertheless the rogue shall eat. It is my humour. Perdition to him, what is he that he should cross my purpose? Come near, thou dog, and bite," he added, addressing me. "Bite, or by our holy religion I will crush it down thy throat with the shaft of my spear. Nay, I may even widen the passage with the point."

"My lord," I replied, in my humblest and most respectful manner, "I have already eaten and have no appetite."

"No appetite for such as that, thou mongrel cur! Thy vile stomach knoweth not what is good. Had I eaten a two-year-old camel, yet would I find appetite for such sweet bread as that. I say to thee, stick thy teeth in it."

I might have perished in my refusal, for the look of the thing sickened me, but just then my eye caught Tabal's, who gave me a hasty but earnest admonition. So I bit at the outer edge, where the meat was best done.

"A dainty bite, by my sabre bite," cried Suleiman. "Twas but a pretence. Open thy jaws and try again, as thou valuest thy welfare. That is better. So, so," he laughed. "Now thou shalt drink, my merry one. Tomorrow morning I may find it in my heart to give thee to the sun to roast and the vultures to eat, but to-day thou shalt fare as if thou wert a brother."

Take that," and he held up a goblet of coffee. "If thou sayest not it is the rarest mocha, I will tell thee to thy pretty face thou art a scandalous liar."

I drank, and the coffee was good, so good that my lips smacked of their own accord.

"Ha, ha! my gazelle hath the right taste in his mouth yet," cried Suleiman. "That is from the store of our beloved friend and brother Amood Sinn. Thou mayest have heard of him. He is an unfortunate son of Iehmael, but a right good judge of coffee. Yet is it not better than his sherbet, which delighteth the soul as the smile of the houris? Amood Sinn is a man of understanding. He goeth forth to battle and leaveth his good things to the needy. My blessings on him. May the holy prophet give him the bliss of paradise"—taking a draft of sherbet. "It grieveth my heart to think that Yuman Yusel and that devil on the black horse will be drinking his wine and dividing his wives to-morrow. Take a cup of his sherbet, my gazelle. Ha! that is good. Thou smacked thy lips again. Now thou shalt have another bite," and, the tongue having by this time disappeared, he seized the carcass and tore a hind leg off. He held it toward me, and I, remembering Tabal's admonishing look, made a feint of biting greedily.

"Nay, not all! By my faith, not all!" cried Suleiman. "Abd el Mahsin, seeest thou this? He who a moment ago would not put tooth on a tongue is now ready to devour an entire limb. He will be asking for a whole carcass next. Yet he shall eat; yea, eat and drink," turning to me again. "Yonder is the desert that will bring my gay one's sides together in emptiness."

So saying he pushed the mass of meat against my mouth and laughed uproariously because I showed symptoms of choking. But now that I was docile the diversion of coercing me was at an end, and so, letting me eat as I pleased, he centred his attentions to himself. Never surely did man regale himself with such desperate energy. Nor was he alone in his voracity, for the entire band laid to in such an exhibition of ravening as the civilized cannot imagine. Whole carcasses disappeared as mouthfuls, and where one minute there was meat enough to furnish a score of butchers' shops the next there was only a heap of bones piled for the wolf and the hyena. Tobacco and huge drafts of coffee and sherbet followed. Then the gormandized camp lay down to sleep off its sunfat, the sentries alone remaining alert and undebauched. They would get their share later.

When we rose again, there was no longer any hilarity. The festivities were over, and the festive spirit gave place to one strictly concerned with business. Men who had laughed riotously at the feast were grim and hard faced, and among the grimmest of the lot was the erstwhile Jocular Suleiman. He looked indeed as if he had never learned how to smile, and I noticed his curt orders were obeyed with a silent alacrity that told of an authority which would brook neither questioning

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