AND HERE IT CONTINUES made infinitely more hazardous. There are balanced rocks of a thousand ton weight that are secure in the outwar-seeming, placed to hard to destruction sturer who sets an unware fo on them; there is a spring, and it is death to drink of it; there are pit-for a man to slide down into and in the ommons snakes, there are trans set such as men of our time know mething of

There have been chance travelers of every such traveler there has been a name. And, further, should a bardy tom of the volcano's cone find find the way to lower himself hundreds of feet into the gardens, there is always, night and day, one of Zoraida's guards at the spot where he must descend, and that guard, night and day, is armed and eager to grapple with a devil whom he has been told to expect soon or late." "I have told you," said Kendric,

"that I have no wish to steal that which 'One thing I have told you; here is her,

this: You will never go free until I than of human happiness seemed to his say the word. And I shall never say the to be freedom on horseback somewher

had enough some to keep his month dow closed. Jim Kendric's thoughts dow day pearls around her throat!

that that look was for her: Jim flushed, ling for her lying explanations; he could Zornida - black brows gathered, ber "You think of her!" she eried an-

She stamped upon the stone floor, she elenched her hands and lifted then high above her book in a sudden necess and abundon of rage. "You think that, having made mock of me, you shall then to her? Fool! Soven times accursed fool! I will show you the doll faced, baby-syed girl-and you will see, too, what fate I have reserved for her. To cross the path of Zoraida means But what are word-? You shall sec!"

With a strange, sick sinking of his heart Kendric followed her, torgetting the trensure about him

CHAPTER XVI low Two, in the Labyrinth of Mirrors, Watched Distant Happenings.

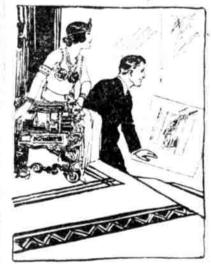
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camply money and out into the gardens, looking up, saw the small, ingged patch of sky and felt as though fastened the door behind them; then, upon his own soul, stifling him, rested the curtain thrown aside, they were Lim who loved the fresh, wind-swept chamber in which, the first night here, world, the open sen with its smell of he had been brought before her. As fean sait air, the wide deserts where before the ruby upon the thin crystal are grow of a long dead royalty was stem shore like a burning red eye. become musty, foul, permented with an had turned away from the golden Texance of a great gilded tomb. His sen-cuean's treasure chamber, was Ken-settion was almost that of a drowning drie given a full, clear view of Zoraida's me of one awaking from a trance face. a find himself shut in the parrow conmes of a buried coffin. The air seemed heavy and impure: he functed it still fettl with all the blood of sacrificial of-



It was Betty

Durk hallways to thread, the dark a fashion which Kendrie

normal of his guide to seek to rend. Now, while darkness outdoors was well enough, the black gloom of a maze at have placed one or a dozen of her hire lings, and Jittle lure for him. She did not mean to let him go free; she had kept him all day immured in his own room; she would no doubt seek to lock said Kendric, him up again "It's tonight or never to make a

break for it," he decided as he followed

"One thing I have told you; here is snother. I speak it frankly because I may gain by it and am not in the least afraid of losing, since your destiny lies in my hands. It is that only a portion of the great treasure is here with us; another portion was hidden outside. The proposed in the solution of the keen-edged knife of obsidian. He slipped it into She put her hand on one of the tinted his belt and hid the haft with his coat manuscripts. The tale is here. The treasure bearers were trapped in the meanings have the Spanish; they had no time to come here. One by one they wild while the wide sweep of a knife blade would somehow find a sheath in were killed. They had much gold where the same to an ampusa, to an arrange in the dark, a revolver bullet might five wild while the wide sweep of a knife blade would somehow find a sheath in same thing more palpable than thin air. nd Barlon spenks; that is the which the Spanish priests knew way they had come. When the gardens of and held accursed. And that, Senor of the golden Tezcucan were behind Jim, I would add to what I have here: them and a door barred Kendric ex-She amused him. Her eyes glittered, perienced a sense of relief, even though the four of gold had was in her blood, the tunnels were ahead of him. He With all this hers-his eye swept the kept close to Zoralda, prepared for any chests - she sort of trickery and with no desire to said Zora da somewhere and slam it in his face mouther to you the second, is of the open; just then the consummauntil you and I have brought the our in the mountains with the who

of the wide starry sky generously roofing So there was other treasure! Like the world. He thought of Betty- and this, rich, wrought vessels, fine gold, he thought too, of the six little has pearly torchaps! And Zoraida did not doomed to count themselves happy back know where it was; Burlow had youder where at most the sun shon

back and forth raiddly: the strange thing was that at a time like this the vision which shaped itself, vivid and clear-cut in his mind, was of little Betty Gordon with a double string of there was lamplight showed him hard-ranks around her thereto. what are you thinking?" de- though untenanted or as though its oc-For an instant she almost dated think raida's, eagerly expecting her, hunger-

They went through the ancient Zoraida was conducting him. He remembered the dim antercom in which they paused a moment while Zoraida

> Now, for the first time since they During their progress many thoughts had come and gone swiftly through his mind; now as they two chair.

his secret thought, and there swept over blin the old, disquicting sensation that each thought in his mind lay as clear in his heart and growing angry with it to her look as a wate public in a sun-lit pool. Then her eyes passed on, bevond him. He turned and saw the hangings parted at that spot where Zoraida had appeared to him the whole which Kendrie remembered stood in the yours: pening.

Zornida spoke with the man swiftly, uped face; the stupid eyes brightened; the face was distorted as by some hid ous anticipation. Zoraida ended what she had to say; the man spoke guttur-ally, nodding his head. Then he dropped the curtain and was gone.

Zoraida went to ner black chair with the crystal balls for feel and sat stiff-iy, her ringed fingers tapping restlessly bart led bean agre; she had speken of upon the wide arms. Presently the Betty. It was likely then text they man returned, carrying a wide flat box were returning through the long pass. Thereafter, while Zoraida watched hir sageway to the house. Thereafter, while Zoraida watched hir sageway to the house. impatiently, he occupied himself after plicable. From the box the men took a number of rectangular marrors, fine. enough, the black gloom of a maze at clear glass framed with thin bands of any corner of which Zoraida might chony. Deftly, into a groove made The "Food-Drink" for All Ages.

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rolled back the heavy rug from two-raida. "Watch the first mirror!" save the shadowy room and a vague. here and there, seemingly pared utterly half-seen line of other mirrors. But

the weight of the hollow mountain. To again in that barbaric, tapestry-hung and woman's. She herself moved her

As she sat down she called again heavy and impure: he fancied it still stood looking steadily at each other, he feelily with all the blood of sacrificial of feelings which the rayening soil had drunk.

But he knew that now was no time for sick fancies and he shook them off color had swept away the for sick fancies and he shook them off color had swept away the cold whiteness of her cheek. She was the room and swept back the curtains the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the showed was and rigid and white, a dim figure white in his animal grin; he ran across the room and swept back the curtains the room and swept back the curtains the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the showed was and rigid and white, a dim figure white in his animal grin; he ran across the room and swept back the curtains the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and rigid and white, a dim figure white in his animal grin; he ran across the room and swept back the curtains the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them sharply to the squat brute who served the room and turned them realized clearly that one matter and one provided the room and turned them realized clearly that one matter and one provided the room and turned them room and turned them realized clearly that one matter and one provided the room and turned his mind to the present crisis, set in a merciless determination, relentings along the upper edge and the rings. A quick shifting of the image in the was retracing the steps which lessly hard; the colorless face resulted ran on a long rod. As they were glass lerked back his straying attention. from a frozen heart. Before now Ken-whipped back they disclosed no ordinary drie had seen murder staring out of a wall, but a great expanse of mirror ex-with the steel frames which now made man's widened eyes; now he saw it in tending from floor to ceiling, from cor- a strong cage; he shook the bars with

and determined that Zoraida should not

"Be scated." commanded Zoraida Zoraida had appeared to him that other ment is being offered a friend sternly. "If you would see what amuse-

One by one the lamos were being put out by the hasty hand of the fellow, whom Kendrie began to long to straher voice hard and share. A quick gle; he sould hear a low guttural sort of noise rising from the thick throat issuing from the monstrous mouth.



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Zoraida did not appear to hear, but sat tigid, waiting.

At last, when all but one opaque still be remained in full view at the shaded large was the continued in full view at the shaded large was the continued Towns a time of this sort of parlor magic was Barlow stared out of a window where.

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shaded lamp were extinguished and the center of the mirror. was cast into shadowy gloom. Plainly in a complicated series of there would be scientific arrangement

brown fell upon Kendrie. Nor was the depressing emotion an emanation alone of his growing dread on Berty's new through which he never began to weigh and thought. They left the treasure chamber, which was its times doubly locked after.

They left the treasure chamber. They left the treasure chamber it was that the first treated to a broken procession of the golden Tezeucan, he saw the private room and have observed every raids, commands or his twin-fellow. Then Zoraida rose and went from raida's commands or his twin-fellow, of the golden Tezcucan; he saw the private room and have observed every one of the glasses to another, turning The man began booking together what sacrificial stone; he saw one of the old move he made. He saw still another them a little to right or left, adjusting painstakingly, seeming to read the meaning of some fine lines scratched in the stone floor. Her eyes were like a accommodate a man standing. Ken-him that she had mastered his mind the stone floor. She have the reason and then stone floor the stone floor. Her eyes were like a accommodate a man standing. Ken-him that she had mastered his mind warman's. She have the reason and then stone floor the saw start another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw for it is another men approach it and pass by; he saw down, swinging suddenly to look eagerly at his door; be saw Barlow's back as mud woman's. She herself moved her chair, shoving it from the rug to the bare floor, careful that each supporting crystal sphere rested exactly upon ing crystal sphere rested exactly upon the spoken.

not know. He drew his eyes away from there, the actual physical accomplish-

a woman's.

For the instant only she had looked at him as though she were probing into selves into clearly reflecting surfaces.

Clap-trap again, muttaged Karl



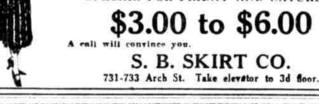
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chair, shoving it from the rug to the bare floor, careful that each supporting crystal sphere rested exactly upon a chosen spot. Her retainer handed her a small stool; she placed it and, since it was near the spot where he stood. Kendric made out the four crosses where the four legs were to go. Then Zoraida went swiftly back to ner Coraida went swiftly back to ner chair.

Chair.

Chair, shoving it from the rug to the bare floor him, had spoken.

He sat like a man in a trance. The dim mirrors seemed unreal. What he saw elsewhere—was it a reflected real-sity or was his mind under the spoil of the four crosses where the four legs were to go. Then Zoraida went swiftly back to ner chair.

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He sat like a man in a trance. The dim mirrors seemed unreal. What he saw elsewhere—was it a reflected real-sity or was his mind under the spoil of the dark passageways, the heavy doors with their massive locks. And yet his reason told him that to a mind like Zoraida's as he began to believe it, a brain of inadices, actuated by such dark impulses as certainly must abide there, the actual physical accomplish-

angled with reference to other mirrors



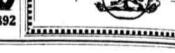
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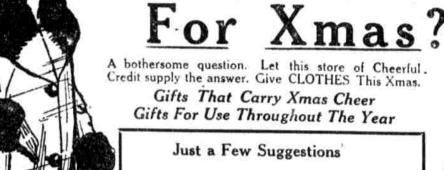
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