

my nature cried out for revenge upon

of them?

I gave her when a boy. I had tattooed "Oh, is it not terrible?" I murmured my hand here," and he showed the place. "We must-we must save her!" "and when she saw it she begged I should Old Jezebel shook her serpent. The tattoo her arm. Then nothing would He was not quite ready to tell the tattoo her arm. Then nothing would strange tale. But I was patient. negroes leaped and bounded in frenzy. do but Sidonie must have one too. How-Many fell exhausted on the ground ever, I made a different mark on that foaming at the mouth and clutching at devil. "Don't, my dear boy," said the colonel It was the most awful sight I had ever gently. "Don't speak about her now." seen. "Oh, let us go back!" I moaned. "What can we do here?" The scene in the drawing room when Manrice forcibly tore back the sleeve of "Our work is only begun," said Mauour hostess suddenly came to me. Iknew now for what he was looking. fountains near by were splashing softly. The air was delightfully fresh and inrice. "Nerve yourself now, little Bunnow for what he was looking. ker Hill, for what is coming." But who and what was this other By this time the negroes had fallen woman-this Sidonie, who was the exact down and lay insensible here and there. counterpart of Portia, and who had for some wicked reason brought all this mis- hours ago we were searching that ghastery on a happy home? Beyond this mention of her, she seemed to be forgotten that night. I knew she graceful, accomplished creature would vouring me." be her murderer! I recalled many things-the wonderful instinct which had caused Colonel

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sickened, terrified faint.

length this pretender to his affections-oh, love after all has a language of its anly."

priestess of voodooism, had never lured or weak. I didn't come out here to be him from the memory of a gentle, pure analyzed, but to hear about Portia the womanhood. Thank God, he had been real and Portia the pretender. Come, true to his ideal.

Old Jezebel shook her servent. The old woman sank back upon her throne in a stupor. She held the snake pressed to her withered breast. I was

sickroom.

been served with coffee we went out into the fresh morning air and strolled up and down while he smoked in silence. It was just sunrise when we entered the rustic arbor where I had sat with

Daphne on 'that eventful night. Here and there the birds were rousing, shaking out their wings and voices. The dew yet sparkled on the grass. The vigorating after the hours passed in the

"Does it seem possible that only a few ly place yonder?" suddenly asked Mau-

"No," I replied earnestly. "I seem to was locked in her room and that Mau-rice had the key which would release But tell me, how did you discover the gies and determined to witness one for her. What would be done with her? If truth? And Sidonie-tell me about her. myself. I went out night before last, Portia were to die, she, that beautiful, Oh, begin, begin! My curiosity is de- and having easily found the path came

> Mr. Raymond smiled -strong, plain, stanch little body-that

Sidonie, for some reason, was always crazy to be with her, and while she looked down on all the other niggers would slip away and spend hours in Jezebel's hut. The old devil flattered her vanity and prophesied a roseate fu-ture for the girl. 'You won't always be a slave, honey,' she would tell her, and inch by inch she turned her foolish head. "Even in those days Jezebel was popularly supposed to be in league with satan. She was said to have the evil eye and to be able to work charms and cast spells. The darkies applied to her for of light! potions and doses to cure all manner of At such times I pitied her. I remem-bered her beauty, her gayety, her grace. ailments. Jermyn tells me that for the last two years she has not slept on this plantation, but has lived in that wretched hut in the swamp.

"I heard whispers and rumors among Then, when I returned to the sickroom and looked at my friend, when I heard the moans of pain and witnessed the plump up against the wall and the closed struggle for life, all my pity for Sidonie vanished, and every outraged instinct of gate. While I was ruminating what

"Whoever would fancy to look at you plan to pursue, I heard footsteps and saw a woman approaching. I quickly Marchmont to despise and hold at arm's you would admit so feminine a weak- concealed myself in the thicket, and when I saw our hostess let herself ter.

through this gate I resolved to follow I now come to an event so awful, so own-the wiles of this sorceress, this "Never mind whether I am womanly her. I easily scaled the wall and took frightful that even the remembrance, the path she was pursuing and presently dimmed as it is by the mists of years, found myself where we were last night. causes a wave of terror to roll again This imposter mingled with those naked over my being. I sometimes live it over niggers, and while she did not dance in my dreams and wake screaming and Send for further information to

true to his ideal. And little Daphne's pitcous cry, "Oh, mamma, mamma," recurred to me. Had she, too, in some occult fashion caught the intimation from her guardian angel make haste, for I must soon return to "Sit down here then," returned Mau-rice, "and I will tell you all I cau. There are several links in the story herself encouraged them in their de-banch. After they were stupefied from hundred years old I can never efface P. A. LEONARD & CO.,

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