

of the Creator, could there be a crueller torture in the largess of Hell than she would suffer? To go willingly by her self—ah! that was one thing—but to take the child with her, only to have it torn from her arms and carried to the heights ineffable of the "pure in heart," to lose the baby that "wanted mother," that could never be; never, never!

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