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TWO women were in it, and as they drove it ashore beaching it with the outrigger a_tilt, Dick, followed by Katafa, approached, and resting his hand on the mast stays attached to the outrigger gratings, he turned to the women, who, springing out, stood, paddles in hand, looking from him to Katafa. "And the builders?" asked he, "where are they?" The shorter woman clucked her tongue and turned her face away towards the lagoon, the taller one looked Dick straight in the face. "They will not come," said she. "They say Uta Matu alone was their king and he is dead, also they say they are feeble and near past the fishing, even in the quiet water." The shorter woman choked as if over a laugh, then she turned straight to Dick. "And the builders?" asked he, "where are they?" The shorter woman choked as if over a laugh, then she turned straight to Dick. "And the builders?" asked he, "where are they?"