

after landed at the palace, while paakers mother, for whom he had called his boat, had yet a long time to wait before it could start. setchem had seen the struggle from her litter at the top of the landing steps, but without understanding its origin, and without recognizing the chief actors. the dog was dead. paakers hand was very painful, and fresh rage was seething in his soul. that brood of rameses he muttered. adventurers they shall learn to know me. mena and rameses are closely connected i will sacrifice them both. *etext editors bookmarks:* her white cat was playing at her feet human sacrifices, which had been introduced into egypt by the phoenicians the dressing and undressing of the holy images thought that the insane were possessed by demons use words instead of swords, traps instead of lances at last the pioneers boat got off with his mother and the body of the dog, which he intended to send to be embalmed at kynopolis, the city in which the dog was held sacred above all animals; kynopolis, or in old egyptian saka, is now samalut; anubis was the chief divinity worshipped there. plutarch relates a quarrel between the inhabitants of this city, and the neighboring one of oxyrynchos, where the fish called oxyrynchos was worshipped. it began because the kynopolitans eat the fish, and in revenge the oxyrynchites caught and killed dogs, and consumed them in sacrifices. juvenal relates a similar story of the ombites perhaps koptites and pentyrtes in the 14th satire. paaker himself returned to the house of seti, where, in the night which closed the feast day, there was always a grand banquet for the superior priests of the necropolis and of the temples of eastern thebes, for the representatives of such times; but at night he was alert and wide awake, and they were glad enough to give him his request, and let him keep watch whilst they rested and slumbered. the silence of the snow girt forest was profound; yet charles was restless tonight, and kept pausing to listen with an odd intensity of expression. his faculties, both of sight and hearing, had become preternaturally acute of late. more than once this gift of his had saved the party from falling amongst a nest of hostile indians; tonight it was to prove of service in another way. in the dead of night the rangers were awakened by a trumpet like call. to arms, friends, to arms the indians are abroad; they are attacking our brothers i hear the shouts of battle. we must to their rescue let us not delay to arms, and follow me; i will lead you thither in a second the camp was astir. the men lay down in their clothes, wrapping a buffalo robe about them for warmth. in a few seconds all were aroused, strapping their blankets upon their shoulders and seizing their weapons. what have you heard, charles, and where asked stark and fitz in a breath as they ran up. yonder, yonder cried charles, pointing in a northwesterly direction; it is a fight on the ice. it is not far away. the indians are attacking white men english men. i hear their cries and their shoutings. hark there is shooting, too come, follow me, and i will take you there. there is work for the rangers tonight yes, it was true. they could all hear the sound of shots. what had gone before had only reached the ears of charles; but the report of firearms carried far. in three minutes the bold little company had started at a brisk run through the snow covered forest, getting quickly into the long the night wherein they determined to get forth, they embarked many of their men in canoes, and rowed towards the shore, as if they designed to land: here they hid themselves under branches of trees that hang over the coast awhile, laying themselves down in the boats; then the canoes returned to the ships, with the appearance of only two or three men rowing them back, the rest being unseen at the bottom of the canoes: thus much only could be perceived from the castle, and this false landing of men, for so we may call it, was repeated that day several times: this made the spaniards think the pirates intended at night to force the castle by scaling it. this fear caused them to place most of their great guns on the land side, together with their main force, leaving the side towards the sea almost destitute of defence. night being come, they weighed anchor, and by moonlight, without setting sail, committed themselves to the ebbing tide, which gently brought them down the river, till they were near the castle; being almost over against it, they spread their sails with all possible haste. the spaniards perceiving this, transported with all speed their guns from the other side, and began to fire very furiously at them; but these having a very favourable wind, were almost past danger before those of the castle could