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LADY OR THE TIGER

Daughter Of Black Horse, Chief Of Osage Nation, Must Give Her Lover To Death Or Another Woman.

Here is a man who must marry or die. Here is a maid who must condemn her lover to death, or—what is perhaps harder still for a maid in love to do—condemn him or to marry another woman.

It is a torturing ordeal devised as punishment by the stern parent of a daughter, who according to his lights, has misplaced her affections.

In the refinement of its cruelty it savors more of mediæval skill and cunning in the art of torture than of this twentieth century and these United States, yet it is in fact the culmination of a love story of today, a love story in which the actors are Indians—mere reservation Indians at that.

In a few short weeks—when the harvest moon is at its full, and men and maids from shore to shore of this broad land are melting to sweet folly in its refulgence—the Princess Tookah, of the Osage Nation, must decide publicly and ceremonially whether she will give her lover to death or to another woman.

It was so ordered at a medicine council of her people, the Osages—and so it will be.

The Princess Tookah, daughter of Chief Black Horse, is guilty of the folly of falling in love with a halfbreed, of being willing to marry a despised half-breed, and for this, because she is a princess, must her punishment be severe—for this she must be made an example before her people, and a warning to the maidens among her people who would follow foolishly where fond hearts lead.

Chief Black Horse, of the Osages, has striven to cherish the traditions of his tribe and arouse the pride of his people. He has tried, as with sorrow he has seen their number dwindle and their customs neglected and forgotten, to stir in them the pride of race; and to keep the strain pure he has warned them early and late, year in and year out, even as the old Nokomis gave warning to

Go not eastward, go not westward
For a stranger whom they know not.

Ever he warned his people against marrying among the whites, among the half-breeds, even into other tribes; ever he exhorted them to be loyal to their own people that they might not die out and least of all did he look for defection in his own household; least of all did he suspect that his daughter, the Princess Tookah, would be a traitor to her blood.

The Osages are among the richest of the Indians in the Indian Territory. It is not uncommon for an Osage maiden to be worth the tidy sum of $15,000 or $20,00 or $25,000 to a man who can win her; which is why the white men of the Indian Territory so often come a-wooing to the Osage reservation, and which is why old Chief Black Horse was so constant in his warnings.

Of suitors the Princess Tookah, being young and pretty, as well as rich and the daughter of the chief, and so refined, had a plenty, both white and copper-colored, and she floated them after the fashion of maids, be they white or brown, who are heart-whole and fancy free.

In all the Osage Nation there was none so happy and so envied as she.

But this was before she went on a visit to the Ponca country and met her fate.

Her love-story has romance in the beginning as well as in the ending. It was in the Ponca country that a prairie fire went roaring across the level miles, and the Princess Tookah was right in the path of the fire. It was in the Ponca country that she had met young Arko, a half-breed, well-favored, well-to-do, with more of the white man's ways than the Indian's. And it was Arko who saved the Princess Tookah from the prairie fire by his courage and his prompt action. The Princess Tookah was not ungrateful. Indeed, as it turned out, she was more than grateful.

There was, to be sure, no formal courtship after the time-honored Indian fashion. But between the Princess Tookah and the half-breed Arko there was such an understanding as mutual love brings about in savage hearts or civilized.

Tookah went back to her father's tepee and the Osage nation with her mind made up, and Arko set about making preparations to claim or acquire possession of his bride.

Somehow the secret of the Princess Tookah's choice leaked out, whereupon the Princess Tookah left her father's tepee and took up her abode with some poor outcast Indians from her tribe.

There was no stormy scene between father and daughter, however. That isn't the Indian way. The father said nothing to the daughter never a word to father. But one day Chief Black Horse wrapped his blanket about him, mounted his pony and rode away. Perhaps the princess Tookah guessed his destination; perhaps she didn't, but never so much as by one little word or the quiver of an eyelish did she betray her thoughts. Chief Black Horse rode his pony to the half-breed Arko's strip of land, and where Arko, with the industry of his white blood, was plowing, and singing as he plowed, the old chief drew rein.

Holding his blanket before his face, according to the etiquette of the medicine man, he talked with Arko.

"Wherefore," said he to Arko, "do you sing?"

"Because," said Arko, unsuspectingly, "because I am happy," and with the candor of youth, and perhaps the folly of the white strain, he told why he was happy.

Old Chief Black Horse, with his face behind his blanket, grunted and questioned until he had the whole story from Arko of what he in his grim way was pleased to consider his daughter's treachery to her people. Then when it was finished, when Arko had convicted himself and the Princess Tookah out of his own mouth Black Horse dropped his blanket and his friendliness. He made himself known—and his mission. On the spot he arrested Arko, according to an Indian law and custom so firmly established that no Indian would think of resisting it. He made him leave his plowing, mount his mustang, and ride away with him to Pawbuska, where he clapped him into the tribal prison.

Arko secured, Chief Black Horse went back to his people. He called a session of the medicine council and he brought his own daughter, the Princess Tookah, before it for judgment. According to his teachings and the temper of the tribe, her offense was a grave one, and at first it was thought she would be put to torture.

In a circle the big Indians of the Osages sat and pondered, and the Princess Tookah sat in the center—and pondered, too.

Chief Black Horse rose to speak. With dignity he spoke of his fears and hopes for his people, how as the keeper of the wampum strings and belts, which now are so few and which still are the most prized of tribal treasures, he had tried to save his people from extinction; then sorrowfully he told the story of how his own daughter had failed him, and he asked their will as to her punishment.

With an almost Oriental diplomacy they deferred to him.

Yes, he could offer a suggestion for a punishment that would fit the crime. In the matter of love, and he left it to those who knew somewhat of the matter by experience to say whether or not he was right, he claimed that mere physical torture would fail. He knew of a better plan for surer punishment.

Tookah should be forced to make her choice between condemning her half-breed lover to death or giving him as a husband to a woman of his own people in order to save his life.

Either way, old Chief Black Horse commented dryly, would be torture to Tookah if she loved Arko, and as for Arko—well, it would work just as well with him.

The Princess Tookah, sitting in the center, heard—and shivered a little but said no word.

No word that she could say would avail—and it is the Indian custom, even on present-day reservations, to waste no words.

"Good," the wise men of the Osages grunted; "very good."

Nothing could be better, they agreed; it was a sure shot either way, and the medicine council adjourned in great good humor in consequence.

It was settled that when in the full of the Harvest Moon the Osages meet for their dance; that the council shall meet again; that Arko shall be brought from the Indian prison at Pawbuska; that the Princess Tookah shall at the meeting be hailed before the council, and, with her eyes upon her lover and the eyes of the people upon her, she shall be forced to decide the fate of Arko.

All the people of the Osage nation are wondering what the Princess Tookah's choice will be.

If she condemns her lover to death, say the wise ones on one side, it will prove that her love is a selfish love.

If she gives him to a woman of his own clan, say the wise ones on the other side, it will prove that her love is, after all, no love at all.

In the meantime the unhappy lovers are kept apart, and neither by word nor sign can they communicate with each other.

And Tookah, the Princess Tookah, says never a word of what her choice will be.

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