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CHAPTER XXII. Pierce was not the man to give up easily. Back at Brighton he had a friend who pastured horses, and if he had the horse he could easily borrow...

CHAPTER XXIII. The paper, holding the lantern so the light shone full upon it. Here Lucy sat in the road. Parish St. Mary's, Louisiana, June 23, 1856...

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where four hours to wait at Albany before the train left for New York. Just that close connections were made with the Chicago express.

"Thank God, I will be there 15 hours before you," said Pierce, as he walked back to the waiting room and exchanged a few words with Lucy in Acadia.

"You go by the way of Chicago. I will be at Cairo with help before you get there. I know the ground. Don't despair; keep up your strength for you will need it all. It's only another trip over the old route and we will see our friends once more."

"Train ready," called the conductor. The last bell struck and Lucy was hurried on board. Pierce, with moist eyes, watched her, until out of the depot...

"Are you the girl, known as Lucy, the property of Eben Coverly, Parish St. Mary's, Louisiana?" "It is useless to deny it, sir," she replied. "I am from the Parish St. Mary's, Louisiana, but I am not and never will be the property of any man."

"You are a very disagreeable business to me, but you know, you see, Miss Lucy, here he hesitated and was unable to say more than that he would do his best to get her out of the way."

"What is disagreeable, Mr. Marshall?" "Lucy, Greg is my name, Miss Lucy, and I am a free man, and I am not a nigger."

"I know that, Mr. Marshall," said he. "I am not for the lady's entreaties, and should have shot you at first but for the fact that a Massachusetts jury would call it murder."

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Louisiana, and although I wish I had never undertaken the job, it is too late to retreat, so I will fight it. I allow you to be taken from me. I shall do my duty, but you shall suffer no harm while in my custody."

The long stretch of prairie through which they were passing had no beauties to Lucy, and interested her but little. The horrible fate in store for her about Pierce had a crushing weight upon her mind and banished all other thoughts.

"Please sit over in the other end," said he. She obeyed. He stooped down and she felt her ankles clasped with firm hands. The rattle of a train and she was shackled to the seat from west to east.

"Prisoner only," said he; "your dress skirt will cover the ornaments. No one will know. I am not going to lose you by any means."

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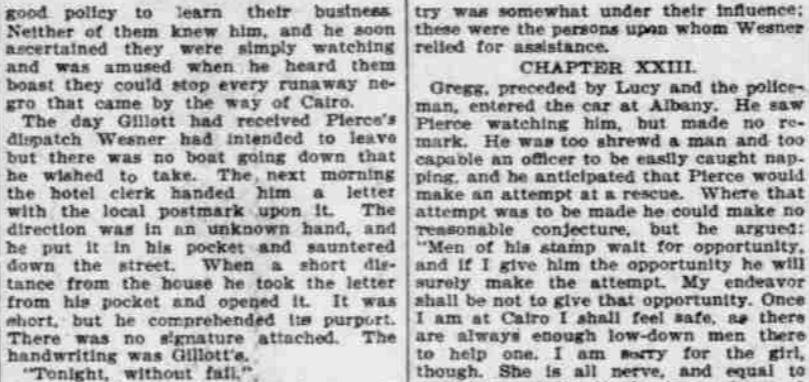
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