

# THE BLACK LILY—

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know the fate of one who was False to the great Oath, and who falsely accused and would have done to death the Most High Servants of



## OLDER PEOPLE Must watch bowels Constantly!

As we grow older the bowels become more sluggish. They don't get rid of all the waste. Some days they do not move at all. So older people need to watch their bowels constantly. Only by doing this can they hope to avoid the many forms of sickness caused by constipation.

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THE FLOWER and its PEOPLE. But THE BLACK LILY protects its own. "Note ye not that the fire that should have been lighted by the Flower's breath to consume these others bound to the altar has never kindled. See ye not the Hand of Your God." He turned to the guards. "Loose them and let them go!"

"As for her, the unwilling, the Flower deals with her after its will. Carry the bridal couch within to the central chamber. At the signal of the Drum we pass hence to the place where it may be seen how THE BLACK LILY deals with HIS OWN." The shrouding black hood removed, Ramon Montez walked beside the stately form of Father Jose and a half step in advance of John Northington and Chenah. Behind them, closely bunched, followed the great crowd of priests and pilgrims. On every face was an anxious expression of wondering curiosity.

The priests sent glances of significant recognition toward each other as they found themselves on the secret road through the trees that they alone had hitherto been privileged to tread. But the memory of that miracle of the serpent held them silent and awed.

They pressed on to the wide opening in the inner grove to which no pilgrim there had ever come before. It was a broad incline, free of trees, down which a regiment might have marched. It opened directly into the wide avenue-like cavern that led to the great room from which these same captives, who now were the leaders, had been forcibly taken a few short hours before.

### Into the Inner Room

The pilgrims crowded after the vanguard until the broad way was choked with people. And so they came to the splintered doors of the outer of the two rooms.

Here Father Jose stopped and motioned the people to pause. Lifting his hand for attention, he spoke again.

"The way is narrow from here and only a few may come at a time, yet it is meet that all should see. Many passages lead from here. One leads through the Central Chamber of the Temple by the way we take, to see the work of the FLOWER on Him who dared its wrath. We few shall lead and all must follow in silent reverence. Come."

He turned and went ahead, through the wide doors into the inner room where the old altar was. The legs were still there, stiff and cold.

The altar, too, was there, but no longer in the center of the room. Instead, it was toppled over on its side and with it, standing high like a rectangular door of which it was the central knob, the greater area of the solid stone floor. Wide steps were disclosed descending to a lower level. This level opened out into another passage. Before taking the way along this passage, Ramon turned with some low spoken words of explanation to John Northington. John looked up. At the base of the

altar, on the under side, he noted a steel-netted, box-like arrangement, the door of which was open. A hollow opening like a drain pipe protruded downwards from the inside of the hollow altar stone.

### The Secret of the Death Serpent

"The serpent cage," whispered Ramon, as they passed on. "By a clever arrangement of pistons, a pressure on the carving above shot it up into the grooved opening, and a prick of the needle-like instrument in the hands of the officiating priest sent the spray of death through the opening in the tail as the deadly fangs struck angrily."

"A slight incision in the victim's skin, just above the opening, let the poison into the bloodstream, at the same moment the flower shot its seed and harmless spraying (or scientifically treated) vapor that Nature provides to keep the seed moist and fertilize it.

"The same piston-like arrangement is set off in the altar above ground, which is connected to this by a hollow opening into which the serpent is transferred at the proper time. The other mechanism is worked by automatic pressure that can be checked behind the altar. Rest assured—"

His further words were cut off by a sudden stop at the entrance of a wide, well-like stairway.

On the floor at the side of the lower step lay a huge crumpled form. It was still warm. One shoulder was mis-shapen and the misshapen eyes were wide open with a frozen look of horror in them that seemed to wake and widen in the flickering light of the high held torches of the foremost guides.

Around the throat, in limp, dead folds, hung the sinister dead body of a brownish-green poisonous serpent like a fantastic demon's necklace. Its head was half severed by the

At the end, he stepped up beside Father Jose and for the first time his voice rang out in the command of His House.

"It is the Will!" The words brought everyone in hearing to attention.

### Ramon Becomes High Ruler

With a gesture of command, Ramon drew himself erect and then bowing graciously first to the crowding people and next to the blushing Dolores, he took her arm. "To the altar before the Temple," he said.

Streaming behind him the great procession came. Out of the long, winding passageways from beneath and through the Temple to the Sacred Grove and the sunshine, they trailed and pushed to a vantage point before the white marble platform whereon at length was left only Ramon, Dolores, Chenah, John Northington and Father Jose.

Then, Ramon Montez, titular head of his people and priest of The Black Lily spoke.

"My People," he said, and his voice was clear and loud. "The reign of Death is past and THE BLACK FLOWER is now the Flower of Life. Her High Priest no longer serves the serpent but he serves the sun. Behold the white light of beauty that is risen by the grace of the new Flower. The Black Lily no longer seeks a Bride, for the Flower is the bride."

He stepped to the side of Dolores and placed a magnificent specimen of the Black Blossom in her hand. Then turning, he motioned to the old Priest. "Behold the new high priest," he said.

The people stood in awed silence. Father Jose stepped forward. Every eye was bent upon the venerable, dignified old man.

He spoke in a clear ringing voice: "My people," he began, and the tone seemed to grip and hold them

## BEGINNING NEXT WEEK SATAN'S HENCHMAN

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records of the priest's chain—a slender bit of flexible steel.

John Northington turned his head aside as he passed the sinister thing and climbed up the steep stair to give the others pressing hard after him, time and place to view the gruesome sight.

At the top of the stairs he breathed freely for the first time. Before them were two closed doors.

At the doors, Father Jose stopped, and for the first time that day he smiled. But it was only a fleeting lifting of the lips and his eyes were on Ramon as he did so. John Northington caught the smile and wondered.

### The "Dead" Arisen

Then by a sudden quick turn of the latch the old man released the doors. They swung open.

The crowding people stood for a moment transfixed on the threshold at what they saw within.

There—standing in the midst of the same attendants that had accompanied her on the dread march a few hours earlier was—Dolores Ramirez.

But now—under the flowing veil was another garment of soft white linen sheer and dainty—a bridal robe of a Princess of the Tribe.

On the faces of her attendants still lingered a look of awe and half fear. But the face of the girl herself was clear and unsullied. A wide roll of parchment that she held in her hand was held out as an offering to Ramon when he crossed quickly to her side.

"Read, beloved," she said, breathlessly. "It was here when I—awoke." She looked fondly at Father Jose. "Thou art indeed a wizard of Priests, my Father," she said as he bent a benevolent and kindly look upon her.

The crowding people were fast filling the chamber, wide as it was.

As they poured in, they stopped with gasping, wide-eyed wonder, the priests fairly cringing in fear at the miraculous things they seemed to be seeing: one who had been sent to death arisen; another to have braved and overcome death; their own High Priest to have met death—what would come next?

But they were not to be kept long in suspense.

As Ramon read, his face lightened.

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like the firm grip of a friendly hand. "After over a score of years I have come back to you and to my place. I have come after years of trial and test. Driven out by the evil machinations of him whom you have just beheld as the victim of his own evil, I was, by the power of the gods, saved to save my people and my—Chief." He turned to Ramon.

The people drew a great breath. Someone near the front sent up a cheer. Like a kindled flame it trailed along and leapt into a frenzy of cheering from every lip.

### Priest Secretly Maintained Harem

Ramon raised his hand in salute. Father Jose went on.

"Many of you who stand before me were not born when things that I speak of happened. For you, I will tell again, briefly that tale of perfidy and wrong.

"The flower—symbol of life—that you worship, was not always the thing of evil import that perfidious and self-seeking priest-craft made it. Once, in the new beginning years, its breath of blooming was a sacredly beautiful ceremonial. Its bride was the bride in truth of the ruler. But the beauty of maidens and the lust of men brought it to the pass where a conniving priesthood made it the

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## LOVED PASTRIES BUT SUFFERED IF HE ATE THEM



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