

They will rush along the causeway and
 will come in from the lagoon." He
 half-smoked cigarette over the
 "No, *dottore*, we are dead already
 for a miracle."

morning shadows were shortening
 the *albergo* buildings. Lower down the
 of Jibarti's men sat in little parties,
 except for their loincloths, a few carry-
 ing, but most of them armed with their
 Out on the lagoon the long, ragged
 of boats had drifted a little nearer
 to shore.

his eyes on the *albergo*, Ali Yacquiabi was
 his order for the attack that coming
 As soon as midnight was past —
 Ali Yacquiabi pulled the pony's head round
 to ride away. The khalifa rose and,
 the right stirrup, walked alongside the
 as they made their way toward Libah.
 A few minutes later the khalifa, looking al-
 at the ground ahead of him, said, "You
 content with this thing?"

"I am content."
 Allah has taken you beyond me."
 Yacquiabi shook his head. "Allah has
 given me your holiness, Hassan Jebro.
 My spirit still strays in the foothills while
 you are on the mountaintop. Your holiness
 must that you have forbidden me noth-
 ing though in your heart you grieve. Last
 night on the rooftop when I told the English
 that all should be killed I waited for
 you to curse me and forbid me. You have the
 power of *il kullul*."

At the mention of *il kullul*, the burning eye,
 the power to curse, the khalifa straightened.
 "Why should I turn on you the burning eye,
 my son? My curse would not stop you. But

it could be soon, my son."
 Ali Yacquiabi looked up at the blazing eye
 of the mounting sun. "You think of Jibarti?
 Of the way he stood and listened when I spoke
 to him? Of his mind already awake to the
 fighting and the killing and the black stains
 of blood, and the power twisting inside him
 like a snake, threshing for freedom? All this I
 have seen."
 "He will come back after the attack tonight
 with blood on his *waran* to kill you. This is the
 moment he has chosen."
 "Who can know Allah's moment until it
 arrives?"

For two hours Dracopoli kept the jeep
 motor running to charge the battery for the
 lights he knew he would need when darkness
 came. They had now barricaded the doors
 and windows and had brought over all the
 food supplies which Dracopoli had in his
 headquarters. The roof of the headquarters
 abutted onto the roof of the *albergo* and they
 could cover it easily if anyone tried to attack
 across it.

Toward the end of the morning Wellard
 came down from a spell of duty on the roof.
 He got a can of beer and took it out onto the
 terrace, sitting down in the shade and staring
 out at the black line of reed boats.

Lily came out of the *albergo*. "How's it
 going?"
 He shrugged his shoulders.
 "As bad as that?"
 "Yes, Lil, as bad as that."
 She was silent for a moment, then she said,
 "Last night I was dead scared. But, somehow,
 today I've got used to it—for a while, any-
 way. There are some people, you know"—
 there was a shade of a smile on her lips—"who
 can manage everything but love. But the mo-

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I woke from a night of wind
 and rain
 To a mineral day. Stones, barns
 And fences glazed. Strangled
 woods
 Dazzled the air. As though ice
 were cage,
 Neither bird nor squirrel moved
 along
 The path of crystal grass I
 walked.
 The perilous sun cracked among
 The waiting trees. Everywhere
 Was prison until I reached the
 pond.
 In an open heart of water there,
 Mallards swam in a pleasure of
 glide.
 It seemed they moved the
 countryside.

"That was the idea."
 "You made a mistake. No, I don't mean
 because you've brought the house down around
 our ears. But about her, and about love. . . .
 Still, how could you know? You're only a
 man. Somewhere in the book it says for richer
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