

him that his former Queen had bewitched him by a spell from which with Heaven he would endeavour to free him. The King rewarded him nobly and the Magician having by his skill discovered the charm which was buried beneath the ground he dug it up and recovered the King completely. But that wicked and crafty woman no sooner perceived that the spell was broken than she fell on another contrivance. She took a magical stone of such potency that a little of its powder swallowed instantly deprived a person of his senses. She grated a little of it to powder and gave it to a trusty and skilful servant to mix secretly with the food of Semendrah.

The servant too well acquitted herself of the wicked commission and in a single hour the mind of the Princess was altered and she became deplorable frantic. Night came but she repaid to the tenderest caresses of the King with the coldest indifference and aversion. In vain he attempted to soothe her, next day her distemper was a hundred times worse and soon increased beyond all remedy. Azur Shah was greatly distressed again he assembled his Astrologers and Physicians and ordered them on pain of death to find some remedy for her malady. All their efforts were vain and they came in a body to the King saying "Hill or toward us the stars do not prosper the business in our hands but if any man in the world can cure her it is  
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