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<b>The young man opens the door and finds a beautiful bride to be.</b>	“All was ready. The signal was given. A door beneath the royal party opened, and the lover of the princess walked into the arena. Tall, beautiful, fair, his appearance was greeted with a low hum of admiration and anxiety. Half the audience had not known so grand a youth had lived among them. No wonder the princess loved him! What a terrible thing for him to be there!”	The young man has obviously gained favor with those in attendance. He is admired. If word ever leaks that the princess betrayed him to the tiger, she would be forever scandalized. There is no doubt already suspicion among the spectators that the princess has leaked vital information.
<b>The young man opens the door and is mauled by a tiger.</b>	“ It was one of the fairest and loveliest of the damsels of the court who had been selected as the reward of the accused youth, should he be proved innocent of the crime of aspiring to one so far above him; and the princess hated her. Often had she seen, or imagined that she had seen, this fair creature throwing glances of admiration upon the person of her lover, and sometimes she thought these glances were perceived, and even returned.”	Oh my! This sure does add an element to the decision. It must have been agonizing enough for the princess, and now this. It’s one thing to lose one’s lover to a stranger, but to lose him to an enemy...That tiger’s gonna be eating well tonight.
<b>The young man opens the door and finds a beautiful bride to be.</b>	“When her lover turned and looked at her, and his eye met hers as she sat there, paler and whiter than anyone in the vast ocean of anxious faces about her, he saw, by that power of quick perception which is given to those whose souls are one, that she knew behind which door crouched the tiger, and behind which stood the lady.”	The princess and her lover were as one. She could never betray one with whom she shares so much, could she? I think not. The princess is semi-barbaric, not wholly barbaric.