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Nondimeno avviene qualche volta che l'elefante eviti di attaccare battaglia o si stanchi di continuare; ed ecco che allora la fiera può avventarsi per di dietro sull'uomo che, in groppa al pachiderma, sta seduto entro una specie di cesta chiamata howedah.

Una simile avventura capito di recente al celebre architetto giapponese Oi-Shai. Trovandosi egli a costruire una pagoda nella valle dell'Hairazet, ebbe l'infelice idea di voler partecipare ad una di queste rischiose caccie, organizzata da certi ufficiali inglesi. Si era da poco allontanato da loro dal bosco, quando, improvvisamente, s'imbatté in una formosa tigre femmina, che, sorpresa, si slanciò contro l'elefante. Era questo, per disgrazia del giapponese, un animale comprato da poco e quindi nuovo a certi incontri. Invece di mettersi subito sulla difensiva, cedette allo spavento e si volse, resistendo agli sforzi del suo guidatore per trattenerlo. La belva, saltatagli sulla schiena, addentò Oi-Shai per una gamba, lo tirò a terra, se lo gettò in groppa tutto ammaccato tramortito e continuando tenergli le zanne nelle carni, si diede a correre nella selva.

Gli ufficiali inglesi, che intanto si erano avvicinati, avrebbero potuto spararle contro, ma non lo fecero per tema di colpire il loro compagno, e si limitarono ad inseguire la tigre, nella speranza che, per meglio scappare, abbandonasse la preda. Senonché la temeraria bestia, insinuandosi trabassi e spugli, riuscì a farsi perdere di vista; ma le tracce del sangue servirono di guida agli inseguitori, che, di lì a poco, giunsero sul ciglio di un profondo burrone, e, con grande stupore, la videro stecchita a qualche passo dalla sua vittima.

Il povero Oi-Shai, pieno di confusione, e con la gamba dilaniata, era quasi dissanguato.

Gli Inglesi lo medicarono alla meglio e lo trasportarono con ogni riguardo a Kalktara, dove gli fu operata l'amputazione; ma forse non sarebbero riusciti a salvare il fedele servo di lui non si fosse prestato a trasfondergli parte del suo sangue nelle vene. Dovettero, però, trascorrere parecchi giorni, prima che il debole potesse parlare; e allora raccontò che, quando fu preso dalla tigre aveva perduto i sensi per la violenta caduta e che, riavutosi, espasimando con le carni fra le zanne della bestia che lo trascinava in groppa, si vide irreparabilmente perduto.

Mentre, inorridito, rabbividiva, pensando alla fine atroce, che lo attendeva, gli venne in mente che teneva al fianco il pugnale; ma nella posizione in cui si trovava gli era difficile mettervi mano e sguainarlo. Vi riuscì a furia di sforzi; e allora, passando la mano sotto il petto dell'animale, cercatone il cuore, che per la gran poté. La tigre, dato un urla, lo fogna del correre batteva forte, vi conficcò la lama con quanta forza lasciò e andò a rotolarsi fra i sassi gemendo, mentre lui per la gran debolezza e commozione, cadeva nuovamente venuto.

Oi-Shai uscito dall'ospedale finì la pagoda che aveva architet-

tata, ed in memoria della sua avventura, ne ornò la parete con un bassorilievo che rappresenta con molta efficacia il terrorizzante gambo perduta e dei numerosi sfregi che lo deturpavano, si contentò di riportare a Tokio la pelle della belva per farne un ornamento nella sua stanza da letto.

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