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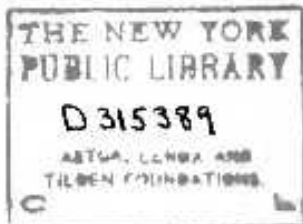
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PROLOGUE

IN the beginning the land lay as God had made it.

The years, very many of them, came and went, and wrought no changes save that here a sapling began to tower toward the heavens and here an ancient tree fell crashing in the storm. The animals of the fields, the birds of the air, killed those on which they preyed and in turn were killed by stronger. The grass grew green with the spring and sear with the frost. Buds opened and withered as the cycle of the seasons dictated. The river saw its time of spawn and its time of ice. There was no law save the calm, unruffled, dispassionate law of Nature.

Then, one day in spring, came man.

He was a man of red skin, with feathers

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crowning that part of his head that was not shaved. He came down the swollen river in a canoe, and he directed the canoe in toward the bank. He was gaunt and hollow-eyed as men are who have tasted a winter of hunger.

It had been a bad winter for his tribe back in the Indian village. Evil spirits had bewitched the corn. The fall harvest had been scant and had given out long before the winter's end. There had been much sickness and much snow, and game had been scarce. Many had died.

The medicine men had made powerful medicine, and had invoked the spirits, and the spirits had sent to them a vision. They would find a place of plenty, two suns away, and by these signs would they know it. There would be clear land on running water, yet at the clearing the water would lose the power of its tide, and there would be a hill that would break the cold when the winds blew down from the north and clutched with icy fingers about the wigwams.

The man of red skin, paddling with a cur-