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## ERRATA.

- Page 5. line 22. for "Marunderān," read "Mazunderān."  
 17. line 4. for "Nohunde," read "Nokudeh."  
 25. line 8. for "prophets," read "prophet."  
 37. line 20. for "thirty-five and forty," read "thirty-five or forty."  
 93. line 7. from bottom, delete "easy."  
 96. line 5. add a period after "ranks."  
 107. line 18. after "The mehmandar," insert "who."  
 153. the paragraph beginning, "The terms of money lending," should come after that ending, "within its walls."  
 136. line 5. for "Khorazān," read "Khorasān."  
 215. line 17. for "place," read "plan."  
 380. line 7. from bottom, for "Suffeerood," read "Suffeedrood."  
 286. line 4. from bottom, for "I left him," read "I left the Ketkhodah."  
 318. line 4. for "Selmart," read "Selmast."  
 334. line 8. from bottom, for "drown," read "brown."