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JOHN SKOLLE, an authentic adventurer, fately traveled a very hard 550 miles with a salt carrying carayan (called Azalab from Taoudeni in the Sahara Cont of his Desert to Timbuctoo. Out of his harsh experience he has made a book quite good enough to so on the select list in its field. For this account of a bad month makes the account of a pag month makes the reader feel how hot it is, how cold it is, how maddening is the wind, and how boring is the desert.

Although the area of adventure Although the area of adventure is called the French Sudan it seems to be anybody's Sudan, particularly that of the pastoral, blue robed Tuares, tribes presumably of ethnic commonalty who with their goats and camels roam its wastes.

The journey begins at noisome Taoudeni, where there have been Worked for centuries sait mines yielding a product believed to have extra medicinal qualities. Hence, although it is quite easy to bring extra medicinal qualities. Hence, although it is quite easy to bring come as a stranger. I left as a friend, deeply impressed by their adjusts and their courses the nard way, and that hard way agrous way of life."

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Journey's end was Timbuctoo, which despite its legendary power and riches, today is a squalid town of a few thousand natives entirely surrounding thirty-five lonely Europeans. Mr. Skolle had losely Europeans. Mr. Should mad lost twenty-five pounds off a spare physique, partly from the terrible demands on his strength and partly from a diet of summy rice spliced with sand and flex lightly. spiced with sand and flies, lightly washed down with brackish water from smelly goatskin containers.

"The almost unbearable fatique of the long, hot marches over the glittering sand; the nights, full of foreboding, when the icy wind cut through to our bones; the grandiose wasteland with the incandescent haze along a fringe that made one wonder how a landscape of such delicacy could be so merciless. . . . I had shared the hardships of the desert men and found shelter in their frail tents. I had

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