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He has invited me to stay in Qau el Kabir on my return from Luxor. he will put an entire house at my disposal & will take me round to visit the outlying villages. & give me a good time generally. I have promised to spend one whole day there on my return journey. it is an opportunity that only comes to one in a million. He has also said he will arrange to come up to Cairo with me & take me round the native quarter & show me his fathers house & introduce me to his mother & sister

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