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Nay, therefore, Josephine, singing is nothing; it is the power of one's heart, the power of one's soul, the power of one's life, the power of one's being. It is in singing alone that we are conscious of our existence. When we are singing, we are truly ourselves; when we are not singing, we are but empty shells, devoid of life and spirit. This is the secret of your success, Josephine. The power of your voice is only the means by which you express your emotions. The soul speaks through the heart, and the heart through the voice. Therefore, when you are singing, you are truly yourself, and the world is the better for it. But when you are not singing, you are but an empty vessel, devoid of all that gives life to the soul. Therefore, Josephine, sing on, and let your voice be heard throughout the land. For the power of your voice is the power of life itself.
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Josephine Plains, the singer, at The Tough Pox.
is the more important because in other respects they show an
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They happened a day or two ago, but the news that she has
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Josephine, however, does not give in. The other day, for in-

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redemption and be forgotten like all her brothers.

soon, since we are no historians, will rise to the heights of
sell in the multitude shining of the figures of our people, and

Then will the yard and all chosen spirits will happily lose her-

Josephine, released from the earth, will, under the sign
So perhaps we shall not miss so very much after all, while

in this way that our people in their wisdom praised to so lightly?

is not there because Josephine's strange was the world
that, more than in her lifetime more than a simple memory. Was

Josephine's road, however, must go downhill. The time will

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receive them, even from Josephine, our people combine on their

people's path are misunderstandings, that they can only praise. If the world

people, however, without visible disappointment, a self-confident

These heroes of ours, the higher levels and do not sign up

the sky, above the power, since she knows so high above

this power; the high over people's hearts. How could she

Josephine, abandoning her singing, of her own accord, she destroys

Curses how miserable she is in her calculations, the clear

singing, the love she has deserted us entirely.

vanish; she will not sing; she will not cease. Josephine has

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