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obligation of going on the warpath the following day under an oath never to retreat until driven back by one of their own order. As a demonstration of their willingness to stand their ground, such chosen warriors wore a trailing sash over their shoulders. By thrusting the point of their lance through the tail of this into the ground, they picketed themselves to the posts of danger and were expected to die in their tracks if not liberated by one of their own order. Naturally This small group of chosen warriors was in modern parliment a suicide squad.

The societies had other functions more important. These were to enforce the tribal laws, to punish offenders, and to control the assembled tribe on the hunt, on the march, and in camp. When the whole mass assembled in the camp circle for the Sun Dance, the chiefs appointed the societies to act as police in rotation. The warrior society so designated painted their faces in such a manner as to let everyone know that they were acting as / policemen and took charge of the camp. They gave the orders and enforced them. These functions were temporary and persisted only while the tribe remained together, or during a specific undertaking such as a buffalo hunt, a day's march or the like. During these times, the natural anarchy and individualism of the Indians gave way to commands enforced by the warrior society then in charge. Thus on the march, the police, or soldiers as they were known, marched flank In rear to keep people from straggling and to protect the tribe from enemies. On the other hand, they also prevented warriors from slipping away from the main hunting party to kill meat for themselves, since this might frighten away the herds and threaten the whole community with famine. Their functions were those of tribal police.

Just here I wish to emphasize the fact that in a society in which prestige is the sumum bonum, it is obvious that disgrace or shame of any kind will be the worse form of punishment. If the soldiers found that a man had violated

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