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she had wronged as Delilah wronged Samson! If he was arrested, owing to Irene's abduction, he would demand to be confronted with von Kerber; would ask that she too be arraigned with the Austrian; and would put forward such an indisputable plea that, whatever the outcome for the Italian, her English friends must recoil from her with indignation. And there was worse in store. Fenshawe's generosity might provide the means of returning to Europe; but she would go back discredited, a mere adventuress, while the publicity attached to the yacht's errand could hardly fail to bring her name into fatal notoriety. In a word, social ruin stared her in the face, and the prospect was so unpleasing that her despairing glance turned more than once toward a dressing case containing drugs whose labels spelled oblivion.

Then came the Arab, with news of Irene's return, and, like any desperate gambler who ventures the last shreds of a wasted capital on some almost impossible chance, she determined to fight Alferi to the end.

It was not a thing to be done in cold blood. Unarmed men have saved their lives by boldly attacking lions; but that is no argument in favor of an unarmed man going out of his way to search for the king of beasts. And the measure of Alferi's hate was supplied by his daring attempt to capture her. She shuddered to think of the result had he been successful; yet she nerved herself now to outmaneuver him. Of course there were some slight elements in her favor. The blunder which had placed her enemy at loggerheads with the authorities gave her a momentary advantage. The man's lust for vengeance might indeed sweep aside her attack, but she must risk that.

Had Fate been kinder, Mrs. Haxton was cast in the mold that produces notable women. She knew when to unite boldness with calculation; she would always elect to die fighting rather than cover without a blow; and she would never believe a cause lost while there was a man to be wheedled.

The Somali crew ferried her swiftly toward the landing stage, and she bade Abdullah render a full account of the rescue.

"You speak of a boat," she commented, with a puzzled air. "Did you see the occupants?"

"No, madam. We heard some shouting by Italians. That is all."

"A boat!" she said, deep in thought. "That seems to suggest that I was to be brought back to the town. The hired carriage and the long drive into the country were intended to throw dust in the eyes of those who might endeavor to find me."

"Or to a ship," suggested Abdullah. "Had they a dhow in readiness? Perhaps by this time they may have slipped away to sea under cover of the darkness."

Mrs. Haxton laughed; but her mirth had not its wonted musical cadence. "No," she said, "that is not likely. Grand Dieu! if only it were! Now listen, and do exactly as I bid you. Somewhere in Massawa, probably in one of the small restaurants, you will find a man named Giuseppe Alferi. You must inquire at every café and boarding house on the main street—there are not many. You cannot mistake him. You met him once at Assuan, and you may recall his appearance,—he is tall and thin, with a lean, sawtooth, clean shaven. He has long black hair, and his eyes are large and deeply set. When you find him, you will say that I wish to see him. He will be surprised, and talk big; but he will surely question you. Make no secret of the fact that you are in my confidence. Tell him I offer a truce, that I am in a position to make terms. He may bluster, and boast, perhaps, that I am on my knees. Well, admit it, and remind him that where I fail, he at least has no chance of success. Do you understand? It is a question as between money and revenge. Alferi is something of a fool. If the bait is tempting enough, he will swallow it, and not for the first time."

Abdullah nodded with complete comprehension of her underthought. The Italian had been tricked once. It might be possible to trick him again.

"If he agrees, madam, when is he to meet you?"

"To-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock, at the hotel."

"But this other affair has set the bazaar in an uproar. One cannot carry off young English ladies so easily. Monsieur Alferi may be a prisoner."

"No such luck!" said Mrs. Haxton bitterly. "You are not acquainted with the twists and turns of events, Abdullah. That which was simple at Assuan has become complex here. Alferi has inflamed the mind of some high official at Rome, or he never could have persuaded the Governor to go to such lengths as to arrest Fenshawe Effendi, not to speak of Monsieur le Baron. No, this pig of a Governor has a Minister behind him. He may threaten; but Alferi is safe."

"Nevertheless, he may be hidden."

"That will suit me equally well. Zut! Abdullah, you are not so quick as usual to-night."

"Pardon, madam, you have told me what I am to do, but you have said no words as to yourself; yet behold, we shall be on shore in a few minutes."

"I? I am going to the fort. I have one card to play with His Excellency. Pray to your Prophet, Abdullah, that it may succeed."

The Arab bowed silently. It might be that he stood to win, no matter who lost, in this war of intrigue.

by the French, and Mrs. Haxton was driven toward the fort.

THE Arab began his quest for Giuseppe Alferi; but found him not, for the most convincing reason that Alferi was then seated in the Governor's library, smoking the Governor's cigarettes, and drinking the Governor's best Capri.

His Excellency had just returned from the hotel. He too had deferred to the morning a tactful explanation that pressure of business had prevented the despatch of Fenshawe's cablegrams that night. But tact was not his most obvious gift. Though he hoped to mollify the irate yacht owner with soft words, he did not spare Alferi now.

"The madness of it!" he cried. "You say it was a mistake. That is the plea of a stupid child. The affair would have been just as awkward if you had carried off the Signora Haxton. She is a British subject. In two days the newspapers of Europe would magnify the incident into an international dispute, and, with Abyssinia always ready to fan the flame—"

"Believe me, Excellency, the Signora herself would have written that she had gone away of her own free will," broke in the other.

"I doubt it very much. Her friends could not fail to think that she was writing under compulsion. I tell you,—idiot that you are!—you have prejudiced your own case; made difficulties where they did not exist! If your sworn statements are true—"

"They are true, true as death," vociferated Alferi.

"Ehben! Why, then, strengthen your enemies by giving them just cause for complaint?"

"If only you knew what I have suffered through that woman, Excellency!" came the angry cry.

"Oh, blame the woman, of course," said the Governor, with the fine scorn of a man who has married a meek wife. "I lose patience with these transports. If a woman preferred another to me, I should dance at her wedding."

"You would not dance if she had used all the arts of treachery to rob you of your fortune?"

"I flatter myself I would resist the tricks of any siren who was merely anxious to delude me. But this is beside the question. These English suspect you of planning the outrage. Frankly, I cannot see my way to meet the inquiry which must be made sooner or later. Perhaps the old man Fenshawe may consent to tone down his messages to-morrow. If he refuses, and sails to Aden, the very cables will fuse under the storm of remonstrance from Rome. I may be recalled. That pig Festiano will be appointed in my place. The more I consider your imbecility, the less am I inclined to put faith in anything you have said. How do I know that your Greek was not an addle-headed ass like yourself? *Corpo di Dio!* His treasure of Saba may be a piece of moon madness akin to this tragicomic plot of yours."

"I would have bent her to my will. I could make her go to this Austrian dog and tell him begone. I could force her to confess to the Englishman that she had deceived him."

"Saetta! I am out of temper with you," growled the Governor, lighting a cigarette and smoking furiously.

He was fond of plain speaking, this temporary ruler of Eritrea. The sudden death of a Governor appointed from Rome had given him his chance. He might be superseded at any moment by some carpetbagger with political influence, and it went against the grain that the private feuds of people whose quarrels did not interest him in the least should be able to wreck his career.

Alferi came to him with good credentials. If the man's story was borne out by facts, not only would Italy receive a handsome sum from a colony which hitherto had been a drain on her resources; but he, Marchetti, would reap some share of the credit, not to mention the bonus promised for his assistance. His instructions from headquarters were clear. He had acted within his rights in arresting von Kerber and detaining Fenshawe until the latter gave up an undertaking to land on Italian territory without permission. But Alferi's passionate and ill advised attempt to abduct Mrs. Haxton had changed the whole aspect of affairs. No wonder the stout and pompous little man fumed and fretted in vain endeavor to climb out of this unexpected pit!

Alferi looked at his restless companion in moody silence; but the practical minded Governor had no intent to leave matters where they stood.

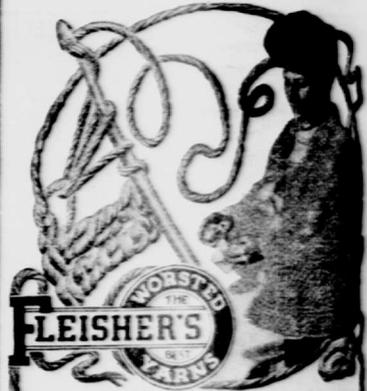
"It seems to me," he said, turning suddenly on Alferi,— "it seems to me that the best thing we can do now is to arrange a compromise. It is not too late. We must board the Englishman's yacht early in the morning—"

HE was interrupted by a knock at the door. A servant entered. There was a lady to see His Excellency. He read the name on the card brought by the man, and whistled softly. Then he gave his companion a rather dreary smile.

"You are but a tinfoil conspirator, after all, my friend," said he. "Here is a woman who despises you."

Alferi sprang to his feet with an oath. "She has not dared!" he cried.

"Calm yourself, I pray you. The Signora Now, Signor Alferi, I am going to receive her. Do not forget that I am chief magistrate of Massawa. It is probable that through her instrumentality I may be able to extricate both you and myself from the predicament into which your folly has plunged us. And I warn you that any display of temper will be



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