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"For A' That"

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"Sire," whispered an agitated attendant, quite unmoved by the beauty of the landscape lying so placidly in the evening sunshine. "Sire, your majesty terrifies me by this familiarity with an unknown American, even though you think he does not guess your rank. For a week your majesty has met him here on this shore and compelled me to leave you—yet who knows but he may be an anarchist—a murderer? His country is most impossible."

"And who knows," interrupted the king angrily, "but that the moon may be made of green cheese? or the cup of coffee I had this morning of poison? One is as much worth speculating on as the other. Kindly withdraw, my lord, he is coming. Console yourself by the knowledge that this is the last time I meet him, for to-morrow I go back to—" he hesitated a second and then added—"to the usual damned routine!"

The courtier, he was a duke with an income worthy of his rank, looked sincerely shocked, but he went away. "It is certainly a touch of madness in him," he muttered to himself, "this desire to meet a commoner on the man's own level! We all know insanity has been in his family."

Meantime Hollingsworth, frank-eyed and smiling, had joined the king. "Guten tag, mein Freund," said the American gayly as he came up. "Hear how my accent improves, in spite of the complications of your tangled tongue. But you are solemn this evening. You should have gotten up at dawn, as I did, and have had a dip with me in the ocean. Everything was as fresh as new-mown hay."

His companion looked at him curiously. "How have you managed to keep all that enthusiasm? Is life so easy on a—what do you call it?—rancho?"

The American stared. "Well, you don't know much of life!" he said, laughing. "Is life easy on a rancho? I reckon not! But what's the use of going over past troubles now? You see, I actually made something over expenses last year, so here I am, taking the first vacation I ever had. Great country this." Then, irrelevantly, he added: "Odd we two should have struck up a friendship, isn't it? I suppose it's because we are opposites. You have a kind of melancholy about you that I seem to like, I don't know why? He threw himself on the sand and the other sat down beside him, while in the distance the courtier watched them surreptitiously by the aid of a powerful glass.

Hollingsworth was lazily throwing pebbles into the surf, trying to make them skim the feathery line, with the same suggestion of resolute and nervous force which shone through all he did.

"Do you know," said his friend slowly, "that this is our last meeting? To-morrow I must go home."

"I wish you could have another week here, but I suppose your business is imperative?"

"I am told so," said the other dryly. "I don't want to be inquisitive," said the American hesitatingly, "but I noticed yesterday, and again to-day, that you were looking pretty serious. No offense, but is business all right with you?"

"It is not!" said his companion glumly, "visions of an argumentative premier and a clamorous orator rising before him. 'It never is! As soon as I get one snarl straightened out there is another ready.'"

"Just so!" said Hollingsworth cheerfully, but with kindly sympathy in his voice. "I know how it is exactly. Been there myself, many a time! One day my place in Texas I found that each fellow, from the foreman to Hung Chang, the cook, had his pet particular grievance ready at all hours—and the changes in the market were the devil."

"I suppose so," admitted his friend a little abashedly, then suddenly becoming aware of a warm, strong hand laid on his shoulder.

"See here, old fellow," said Hollingsworth, plunging in, "I told you I made a little haul before I left home—which for your sake it was bigger. Now, you mustn't get too blue—all of us get it in the neck occasionally. And so the thing means—oh, hang it! If you want a check for a couple of hundred, say the word and it's yours."

His friend, who had finally lain at ease on the sand, now sat up so suddenly and with such a flush on his cheek that the Texan feared he had given mortal offense.

Perplexity succeeded dismay with the American when he saw how piercingly the other was gazing at him.

"You know all," said his companion accusingly, "and you think that by this you will—"

"Stop!" said the American imperatively. "If you've done anything wrong I don't want to hear it. What you use the money for is no affair of mine. I like you, and that's enough for me. I shan't miss the check; it's only means no business Monte Carlo, and I reckon I've no money there anyway. As to the check, I—er—that is—I made it out for you this morning."

He drew the slip of paper awkwardly from his bill-book and quickly slipped it into the other's pocket.

"You mean," said his new-found friend a little hoarsely, "that you give me this expecting no return? You have really done it because you liked me, and not because you hoped for an exchange?"

The American looked in sheer astonishment into the other's eyes. He saw tears there, and they embarrassed him, but he said frankly:

"Look here, Ehrenfeld,"—the name given by his companion was that of one of his numerous estates,—"you must be in a mighty queer profession and meeting mighty crooked men if you're such a poor estimate of human nature that you think a fellow can be civil without fishing for his neighbor's goods. You drop that idea, and get away from the folks who gave it to you."

"If I cannot get away from them," said his friend slowly, "I can at least get away from that once in my life a service, a disinterested service, was rendered me."

Presently the king addressed the American a little wistfully:

"Hollingsworth, do you merely assume this light-heartedness? Is it really true that you have nothing weighing on you?"

The Texan turned with an impatient gesture; a shadow crossed his face. Even his clear brown eyes darkened as with a cloud.

"God knows," he muttered. "I never know real trouble till I come here. But tell me," The exquisitely sympathetic instincts of the king's trained

voice were not to be resisted. The Texan looked away a little shamefacedly.

"Don't laugh at me," he said hesitatingly, "but—the truth is—I love a girl here and I can't get her. At least, I haven't been able so far," he added more cheerfully.

The king barely suppressed a smile. "Who is she, Hollingsworth?"

"Daughter of an old fellow who's worth a shocking lot of money, came in for a windfall—that is, or had one Erbschaft gemacht. Du verstehst?"

"Gewiss!" smile this friend, quite untroubled by the familiar "thou."

"And he wants to buy a title with it. I just think he'd care how poor the title is, don't you?" something. Evidently, then, it would be a comedown to take a commoner for his son-in-law." He spoke lightly, but his eyes were full of passionate desire. "But hang it! what's the use of talking about it? She won't leave him without his blessing, though I could dispense with it very comfortably."

"His name," suggested the other, "and he lives in—"

Hollingsworth answered indifferently. His friend might know the name if he liked. They were strangers and would never meet again.

They parted, to the intense relief of the watching courtier. The Texan stared regretfully after his willom companion.

"Downright good company," he said half aloud. "Piqued pity what he did. Wish I had doubled that check, however it might have strangled me."

Johann Schmitt sat smoking his pipe over a dying fire. He was thinking gloomily that all his money had brought him no nearer his paradise. He was to be addressed as "Baron," "the noble Herr Baron." If only—

Then a summons to the capital, 30 miles away interrupted his dreams, and frightened him until his usual florid hue was almost purple.

When he stood before the King his limbs were weakening under him, and in his extremely commonplace fatness there was no hint of the beauty possessed by his daughter. That did not concern his royal master, who, besides, knew well enough what blossoms sometimes flourish on a gnarled stock.

"Herr Schmitt," he said abruptly, "I hear you are ambitious. You would acquire a title?"

Johann fell on his knees.

"Gracious Majesty," he faltered, "I mean no harm."

"Neither do I," said the King. "I am going to create you Baron Lebewohl. To be sure, your estates will be of the barest, but you are rich enough to improve on them. Get up."

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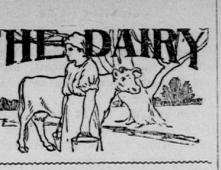
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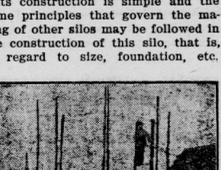
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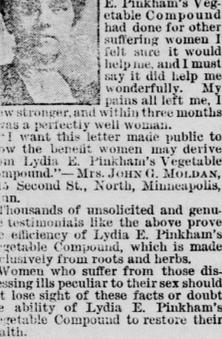
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