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(CHAPTER III Con'td.) Speak, princess. Judge betwirt Count Vasca and me. As your knight 1 claim this man, sacred to me and to my cause."

"Princess"-"Pardon, count," she said, interrupting him. "Sir Knight, the man is

"Study tonight," said the princess, turning to the priests. "Tomorrow after sunset shall we hold audience. and you shall declare if this is he so long by you expected. Count, see this knight and his servant well attended. then come to me. I have a word for you in private."

For one moment the princess looked at me keenly and then turned. A door at the back of the platform was thrown open, and, followed by a guard of soldiers, she disappeared. Cound Vasca came to me.

"I am commanded to see you fittingly entertained." he said, and he led the way through one of the side doors, O'Ryan and I following, a small guard behind us, whether to honor us or to see that we did not escape I do not

We passed down several long corridors and then mounted a flight of stairs. "Rest here until tomorrow," said the count, ushering us into a spacious

apartment. "I will see that you are served." In a short time food was brought us and wine in flagons.

CHAPTER IV.

COULD get nothing out of O'Ryan until he had done full justice to the food and wine. "This is much better than sudden death." he said, setting down his empty flagon with an intense sigh of satisfaction.

"Tell me who I am supposed to be." "A saint." "I don't feel like one." "You play that part to perfection."

"I feel more like a considerable sized "It was the only way out of it. Half measures were no good. How we're going to act up to promise I don't know. You may possibly get the princess to the capital, but how you're going to find a treasure which doesn't

exist beats me." "I told them to be patient," I said. "You did, but I don't think patience is of much use to them."

"Count Vasca didn't believe a word

"No. Still, he is not too well loved. The priests hate him because he does not love the priests, and many of the knights hate him because they believe the princess thinks too much of him."

"Loves him, do you mean?" "Yes. He is a kinsman of hers and wishes to marry her. Most of the knights swallowed your story, and the

was Crippled, could hardly walk and had to Crawl

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"What of her?" "Well, she may believe it or she may not, but she's a woman and you're a big. good looking man. If the priests say you are the knight expected I don't think she'll raise any objection."

"Let me know just where I am. O'Ryan," I said after a pause "What tale did you tell of me?"

"I began telling the truth, and when I saw how interested they were I varnished it a little. The legend about the treasure says that a great knight shall come to Drussenland and find it. The priests' questions first put it into my head. Your appearance had already impressed the soldiers, so I just cut in and swore that you were the knight everybody was expecting. It was a pretty bold move, seeing I had not talked it over with you. but it was a good one-witness our being here. "If the people believe this legend so implicitly, how was it you were treas-

ure hunting when I first came upon you?" "Easily explained," said O'llyan The king in Yadasara is not much under priestly influence. He likes having his own way, and, although he firmly believes that the treasure exists, he thinks he can find it without any supernatural aid, and if it does exist I dare say be is quite right."

"Probably." "Besides, he is surrounded by good many nineteenth century adven turers, who care about as much for religion as a cow does for roast par tridge. To put it shortly, the speer stiffous part of the people are mostly here with the princess." "But what is the religion of Drussen

"I'm not much at religion myself Verrall," he said. "They are not hen thens in this country, but everything has a symbol. You have seen both the mountain Khrym stands like a sen tinel over the land. It is the most prominent feature, and when thinking of the author of his being and culer of his destiny every true Drussenhader thinks of Khrym; therefore Khrym has come to mean God, and, although they, do not worthip the mountain they believe that the appearance of the mountain reflects the pleasure or displeasure of the Almighty."

"Do all the people believe this sym bolical jumble?" "I think so-that is, all who are for

the princess. 1 don't suppose the priests believe all they teach, but it suits them to keep up the superstition. and this war has become a kind of re igious one." "Have they no priests in Yadasara?"

Plenty, and, very wisely for themselves, they teach what pleases king. That kind of thing, too, been done in the old country."

'So I am the expected knight sent from Khrym." You told them so." How the deceit is to be kept up I

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seems nothing ene to pe "Do you know what my name is

supposed to be?" "I think you are nameless at pres ent, It is of little consequence. If necessary I'd just be too great a per sonage altogether to have a name and let them dub you what they will. Then, Sir Knight, whatever your name is, I am your humble squire."

The next morning was clear and

sunny. Our quarters overlooked a

large square, which appeared to be the center of the town, and, although it was early when I awoke, the business of the day was commenced. O'Ryan was still sleeping, and I did not wake him. Men and women were hurrying to and fro across the square, some staying to gossip for a few moments with their neighbors, talking eagerly, and I could not help thinking that their conversation was of me. Looking across the town. I could see large portion of the camp, where all was movement and bustle, armor and arms glistening in the sun, and the dull rumble of many voices ascended to my ears. Beyond the camp, across the spur of the lower hills, I could see the summit of Khrym standing out white against the blue sky. The sound of trumpets broke my re

erie. Into the square marched a troop of warriors with lances sloped and with rhythmical tread, and in th midst of them, attended by a dozen knights, was Princess Daria. She rode as a man, clothed in a light coat of mail, a low steel helmet upon her head. from underneath which strayed a lock or two of her hair. Her limbs were ased in steel, and her horse was in armor. No wonder her soldiers worshiped ber! "A brave show, Sir Enight."

I had not heard O'Ryan stirring, and startled me.

'A warlike young woman," he went "That cavalcade going along Whitehall would make London think little. Very warlike, but still a woman Don't forget that."

"Am I likely to forget it?" "Caught already, eh? Well, the women in this country take a lot of beating. I'm wondering how my wife in the capital yonder is getting on. If I ever get back I expect I'll have to do some more backing for ber. When I don't turn up she'll say, 'Poor Dennis, be's dead, and then"-"Well?" I said as he paused.

"Then she'll marry some one else." "Are there no widows, then?" A few old ones. The young are

philosophical. Mike may be a better man than Pat, but Pat living is worth any number of dead Mikes. "Cheer up, O'Ryan," I said. "You

must win her back if necessary." The center of the square was kept clear, and here about noon three sets of double stakes were fixed firmly in the ground.

Presently a single trumpet sounded. and as its last note echoed among the nills a great shout burst into the air. a shout that woke the hills to voice again. A silence followed, and I could hear faintly a slow, mournful, although not unmusical, chant coming from some part of the building below

"Some religious ceremony." I said. O'Ryan nodded.

There was the clatter of horses boofs, and a troop of knights, headed by Count Vasca, appeared. I looked among them to find the princess, but she was not there. There was a sayage satisfaction in the count's face as he glanced up at our windows. We both drew back. "That man will be our greatest ene-

my," said O'Ryan, "Better that he should not see us watching?" "His looks augur us no good." I answered. "It may be that the priests

have decided against me. "No. There is no audience until after sunset You beard the command yesterday."

"The count may know beforenard." "I don't think the old priests would make a confidant of him. In their enmity lies our safety." The doings in the square prevented

me from asking further questions. company of soldiers marched out from the building below us, having in their midst three men, naked almost, with their arms bound tightly behind them. They were followed by priests

walking two and two. Each prisoner was bound between two stakes, his arms and legs outstretched. Before each man stood a soldier, a drawn sword in bis hand. and behind stood the priests. The silence was intense; I could hear my own heart beat.

"Three prisoners! Your followers!" I whispered. Suddenly I remembered the words of the priest that tomorrow Khrym should be appeased. This was what he

meant. Great heavens, it was too horl opened my mouth to speak, and O'Ryan's heavy hand was on my arm. A flourish of trumpets rang out; three swords like lightning strokes flashed in the sunlight; three bodies

nivered for a moment and then hung motionless upon the stakes. My blood was boiling. Such cold blooded murder was appalling, sickening and I longed for freedom to dash into the midst of those flends and venge the victims.

O'Ryan did not give me time to be 'You'll know that I was right when

you're able to think quietly," he said. You must forget that you have lived in the nineteenth century. After all, it was a quick death, merciful to many deaths I have heard of." "Is there no way out of this infernal country." I said-"now, before it is too-

nte?" Steadily, Sir Knight. Tonder in Yadasara are your enemies. You'll find even worse blackguards there." "I dare swear that Count Vasca nev-

eled in this murderous endibition," I said after a nause. "Very likely."

"And the princess?" I said questioningly. "She must rule according to her people's law," said O'Ryan.

"She must have known of it." I went on, speaking rather to myself than to my companion. Such a thing could not be possible without her knowing it. What devilter can lie at the heart

of a beautiful woman!" "Aye from Adam's time even until now." said O'Ryan,

CHAPTER V.

FTER senset was my fate to be settled, and the long waiting and uncertainty were terrible. When darkness came lights were brought, slow burning torches, which were fixed in rings in the wall, and more food and wine, which caused O'Ryan to say a good word for our captor's hospitality. could not eat. I was too anxiously listening for steps approaching our prison.

"I don't like all this commotion, Ver rall," O'Ryan said, stopping suddenly in front of me "You think it a bad sign?"

"I know no more than you do! but it's all well to be prepared." "What can we do?" "Little enough but when they come

up stop them before the room is full. Hold up your arm in a commanding manner and ask their decision. Look as if you had the power to call thun der and lightning down upon them." "And then?" I asked.

"If they have decided against you we'll go for them. Selze a torch, dash it in their faces, get hold of a sword if possible; but, anyway, fight like de mons let loose in fact, get killed this way rather than get tied up to die in the square there later on." "Right," I said "Hush! They ar

coming." I took up my position close to on torch, and O'Ryan stood by another The doors, were thrown open, and the priests were on the threshold, armed men and servants carrying lights behind them. I assumed as commanding an attitude as I could and said in loud voice:

"You have been long in coming What has your study taught you?" One priest, a chief among them, bu not the one who had questioned m yesterday, stepped forward.

"Through the night and through the day have we studied, and we know that you are the true knight." l bowed, and O'Ryan whispered

"Good business" as he bent his knee before me. It sounded a strange sole cism and nearly upset my gravity. "Tonight is a vigil," continued the priest. "Tomorrow the most valorous in deeds shall buckle on your harness and your sword See you be a faithful

knight. Attend your master," he add ed to O'Ryan.
We formed in procession, and as left the ball the priests began to chant a weird melody. We went down a long wide corridor which was lined with soldiers and at the end, descending a flight of steps, entered a chapel.



FAITHFUL KNIGHT."

O'Rvan was not allowed to follow me. went in with the priests alone, and the doors were closed.

The chapel was full of knights standing, and at one side I saw the princess, who rose from her seat as I Two priests led me to the foot of the

steps on which the altar stood, and by the altar was the chief prest, he who questioned me yesterday. As soon as had knelt he began to chant a prayer, a kind of litany, in which the other priests joined. The litary ended, there was a chant in praise of the Being who ruled man's destiny and other prayers, all chanted, followed.

Then the chief priest, standing before the altar. faced me and began a long exhortation to me. I was instructed to lay aside all the wickedness in me and during the night of vigil to prepare myself for my great mission. Other knights had kept the vigil and had been faithful, but I was different to other knights in that by special command of Khryin, who ruled the destinies of the land, I had come to bring victory to the cause of right

and to stamp out all vileress. "Through your day, Sir Knight, be faithful and when your evening comes lie down under the shadow of the great mountain. Sunset and sunrise shall not disturb your slumber until one morn suprise kissing the mighty bills shall awaken you in a new land

where sti long I knelt before the altar, kending my vigit I welcomed the

first light of dawn that crept into the chapel and begun to listen for coming

At last a Jourish of trumpets sounded. The coors were opened, and I was led by the priests into the council hall where the knights were assembled. with a salute of drawn swords and those who had been whosen beforehand, all men vallant it erms, buckled on my harness until I stood clothed in complete steel. On mi preast was a raised device, etar in silver, and a like star was upon my heimer. With a shout the knights accepted me as a comrade in arms. This ceremony over, we left the hall,

and in the courtyard horses were being hed by pages. O'Ryan stood beside mine, and I noticed that he had a serviceable sword at his side. "All mes well," he whispered as I

mountail and a look of relief came into his fac, when he saw that I knew how

to maringe a horse. Through the gates we went to the camp. Large body of soldiers was drawn up in an open space, evidently awaiting our coming, and as we appronched Princess Daria came toward us. Bing instructed by one of my companies. I dismounted and went to meet lor, and, drawing my sword, I' gave il to her, holding it by the blade esenting to her the hilt. She and p took if from me and as I knelt laid it light vi across my left shoulder, saying:

"Est Sir Knight, Knight of the Siler Stile. Thrice welcome are you. See rou beld faithful knight." ethrned me the sword, and although had not been told to do so I kissed to before I sheathed it. She smiled and Count Vasca, who stood her, frouned. What did his frown

signify now? We were both knight It was a day of rejoicing in the town and in the camp Much fearting was there, and in a great hall the knights sat delina to revelry. The comrade. who had instructed me in the morning Bat be me and I soon found that he hat the count-or, as he called him, Visca, Knight of the Red Cloud. Each light had some such distinctive title, ar comrade's being Walen, Knight of the Black Stone.

"Vas rules the fenst," he said. "He would like to rule the land." "You do not love him?" I asked.

"I know him for a vallant soldier." was the careful answer. "And are there many who love him?" "We are equally divided, else Vance would not rule the feast as he does

tonigh The ount had risen not too steadily to propose a new tonst, when, without any wirming, the doors were thrown. open, and the princess entered. The knight stood up in surprise. Never before so I learned, had she honored such a hanquet:

She invalced to the head of the table, and, calling for a cup of wine, held thist arm's length.

"Your princess gives you a toasts To the Knight of the Silver Star." Every cup was drained, and the pripcess lest the ball. The count resumed his share a black scowl upon his face. and the feast was ended. The two parties were more distinct than ever. . for while some of the knights left the with me; others gathered round

coking as angry as he did. princess has made im your "The silver star shall shine through

the red would. I said. there are swords in plenty to help." said one, drawing his weapon a sending it home again with "Swords in plenty." they said in

Quarters overlooking the square

we're lest gned to me and my esquire, O'lly had sought adventure, and centaility. I had found it. I pilla hasiduous attention to my military duties in the camp, looked sharply after the men who were my especial charge and in my lelsure hours tock lessons from O'ltyan in the menipulation of a sword. I know something of the art of fencing, but it assisted me little in sword exercise as

understood by my worthy esquire. The days passed into weeks slowly. yet not monotonously. I worked hard in the camp and with O'Ryan perfecting proof in the use of the weapons

of Drussenlanders. I restrined from a council one day more moxious than usual. On entering kat apartments I found O'Ryan westing for melimpatiently. You look depressed. You have

beard | news?

Wat news? I asked. "That a tournament is to be held in your honor." No. I have heard pothing of it."

The bad news, Verrall; the first conspiracy against you," said O'Ryan. "They fire going to put you to the test to soon for my liking." "Tell ine all about it." I said.

Were full of it in the courtyand this morning," O'Rynn answered. "Baith you were not wanting in suppoliticis I admit, and I had to bluster with the best of them to keep up appengences, but it was a heavy heart I heal Verrall. Vasca is at the bottom of E will challenge you and mikes no secret of his opinion that you are an impostor and that you will Bu down before his skill like a dead branch lopped on by the storm."

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