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A Romance of Drussenland By PERCY BRENNER

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CHAPTER XVII (Cont'd.)

hiding place and safe enough. I warrant. Quick; they are at the door!" She replaced the lid of the trap, and I heard her sweep the fagots over it as I swung myself into the hiding place, a fair sized kind of cellar under the hut. By the noise above I could hear that several men had entered. I could hear the murmur of their voices, but could catch no words. The hut was evidently carefully searched again, the trap was even opened, but the hole was so clearly a well that none suspected a hiding place.

For three days I lay hidden, chiefly in the well, but sometimes climbing into the hut when the woman thought it safe for me to do so. More than once the men paid surprise visits, once



"QUICK, THEY ARE AT THE DOOR."

nearly catching me, and so well was the wood watched that even at night it was not safe for me to start.

On the fourth night I set out upon my journey. The king's men had withdrawn, convinced that I was not concealed in the wood. The woman told me which path I should take to reach the open country toward my destination, and she provided me with a short dagger, the only weapon she had. I was in the princess's country, but I shunned habitations and avoided a village as the plague. I went carefully day and night, keeping to the woods as much as possible, choosing to make a roundabout journey rather than go direct with the chance of being seen.

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It was on the sixth or perhaps the seventh day, for I took little heed of the passing of time, that I heard my goal. To gain the private door by which I escaped and by which I intended to return I had to cross in front of the camp and climb the opposite hill spur. No sentry disturbed me. Only a light breeze and there was visible something had happened. If a large part of her army had deserted, which would explain why the king's troops had wandered unchallenged over the country, the sooner the princess and I set out to find the exit from Drussenland the better.

I found the secret door and opened it. With my dagger in my hand I groped my way along the dark passages, not certain of my direction. There was not a sound. The palace seemed deserted, and my heart failed me. At last I came to the corridor in which the princess's rooms were. There was no light in it, not a sound. I stood still and listened. Not a sound—a little sound, the slight creak of armor. Friend or foe, he was too near the princess for me to wish to avoid him. So I went forward, taking no further care to step lightly.

"Who goes?" "A friend." "That name may stand for a foe now," he answered. I heard him strike a door with his sword. It was the princess's door, and at his summons two men came out bearing torches. "Verrall!" one exclaimed. "You come too late, I fear." "Too late." "The princess is gone." "Gone! Where?" "Toward Yadasara." "To her death!" I cried, and I put out my arm to the wall to support myself.

CHAPTER XVIII

HE held out his arm for me to lean upon. Doubtless I looked a sorry figure, earth stained and ragged; but almost brusquely I pushed my arm aside. This was no time to give way to fatigue or despair. It was the time to act and to act quickly.

"My watch is over," said the knight. "I waited only for you. You look spent, Sir Verrall. I will send for food and wine."

One of the soldiers left us; the other led us into the princess's apartments. He knocked out his torch and remained in the ante-room. The knight and I passed into the chamber I knew so well. "Tell me all," I entreated. "You had promised to go in three days, and when it was found that you had departed secretly reaction came in favor of the priests and of Vasca. At the street corners men talked treachery. To Sir Valen and others whom she trusted the princess told the reason and the manner of your going. It was wise to be secret, doubtless, but it gave great occasion to your enemies. The princess threatened to treat those who murmured with the greatest severity. No one could stay her. You were in danger, she said, and that was an all sufficient reason for her going."

"Did Vasca persuade her to set out for Yadasara?" "At first, no." "Ah! The time was not ripe." "She liked not his advice," he went on. "I remember her words, for she spoke angrily: 'It would not be unpleasant to you, Count, if the knight should never ride into our gates again. You were ever his enemy!' He bore her resentment well. It was a hard accusation. Early yesterday the forces moved toward Yadasara. I tried to prevent her, fearing treachery. Count Vasca is in command."

"She made her peace with him?" "Rather, Sir Verrall, he made his peace with her. Two nights ago a man of Yadasara brought captive into the camp declared that you were in great danger, that it was known you were a spy and that you were likely to meet a quick reckoning—might even already have done so."

"A foul plot," I said between my teeth. "I marked the princess as he spoke," he went on. "Her face had no color in it, and the red of her lips turned gray. A light grey in her eyes that I had never seen there before nor in the eyes of any woman, a light as that along the edge of a sword drawn for vengeance—there was no mercy in it. When she spoke it was another voice than hers, hard as a man's in passion."

"And Vasca?" "He applauded her prompt action. 'Now that we know the danger to him who is risking his life for Drussenland what private rivalry there has been between us is past, is nothing, is forgotten. With your highness I cry, 'To arms!' The princess gave him her hand, and the color came back into her cheek. So the count made his peace. All night the town rang with preparation. Men, arms, and women, too, shouted jubilantly: 'To arms! On toward Yadasara!' The day dawned leaden gray, with a swish of fine rain, yet a gleam of sunlight shone as the princess came from the palace. She rode a warrior in complete steel, and a shout rang loud and high at her coming. I warrant the sight of her turned many a traitor into a loyal subject."

"Heaven grant it so! But there is the foulest treachery afoot, Sir Knight. That captive was no captive, but a messenger proclaiming to the count that the time was ripe." "We feared treachery, Sir Verrall, but we were powerless except to follow the princess. Of those who swore to protect her, I alone am here. It was Vasca who suggested that I should wait for you."

"Who is with you that you can trust?" "A dozen men. Here are food and wine, you need them," said the knight. "Tell me how deep is the treachery." "So deep that death grips bands with loyalty. In Yadasara there are many for the count. In Yadasara Lady Aldrida attempted my life. Ten days ago, at least I escaped from the city. You may judge what truth there was in the messenger the count brought to the princess. 'Let me change these rags for armor and we will go,' I cried, draining the wine. It put new strength in me. 'Every man who wields a loyal sword is necessary to the princess now,' I said. 'Have your men by the gates in half an hour.' So at midnight we rode from the gates. Strange that after running away from Yadasara I should so eagerly ride toward it again. It was toward sundown that we found the camp, pitched in a place surrounded by thick woods, and it was fortunate that our coming happened upon a point where friends were or we might have been intentionally mistaken for the enemy. I thought it well that my presence in the camp should not be generally known until I had seen the princess. Entering a tent, I sent to ask Jasar and Valen to come to me. They would know better than I could who was to be trusted, and who not. I told Valen Vasca was a villain, but he did not believe me. Turning to Jasar, I asked when I could see the princess alone. 'When you will. She will not leave her tent again tonight.' 'Then I will come now.' Valen left us, and his manner troubled me. To him more than to any other knight I looked for support, and if he had not actually failed me he had clearly shown that he was not ready to follow me blindly. We went silently through the camp. We passed Vasca's tent and heard the sound of feasting within. It struck me that there was a lack of discipline throughout, and my anxiety for the future would have been greater had not the thought that I was to see Daria again thrown all other thoughts into the corners of my brain. The tent was well guarded. The priest went in and in a few moments returned. I entered alone. Daria had risen to greet me. As she seemed undecided whether to come to the arms ready to be held out to her—whether to be all the woman or still something of the princess. 'Daria, I doubt not there was supplication in my tone, in my attitude, as I opened my arms to her. She crept into them with a little sigh which was sufficient answer to all my desires, and in a long silence, while her lips met mine, I felt rewarded for all I had come through. 'You are safe and with me again,' she said presently. 'With you to defend you,' I answered. 'But happiness must not make me forgetful. My darling, perils are at our door.' 'I fear nothing—now,' she answered. And I kissed her for the first time since she made before the last word. 'Do you remember why you are here?' I asked. 'I had almost forgotten.' 'You are on your way to Yadasara to rescue me.' 'And now you have come. Yet it does not appear wonderful. It seems natural that you should come to me, in my deepest anxiety I have felt that your life and mine were one. Ah, Clinton, in your country women may not speak their hearts so. Forgive me if by my confession sounds strange to you, but love has come to me once and for all; time there seems no sin in telling it.' With her hand in mine I told her all, not exaggerating, yet not making the light of my perils, for love glowed brighter in her eyes as I told the story. She loved me more for what I had endured and grasped my hand tightly as I recounted Lady Aldrida's attempt upon my life, the flight on the stairs, the fall from the city walls and the struggle with the dead man in the river. I finished and waited for her to speak. 'You would have me believe my kinsman, Count Vasca, the greatest of villains?' she said. 'I have told you what is said of him in Yadasara, common talk over every fagot of wine. I believe it was he who sent Lady Aldrida to the king.' 'He cannot be so great a traitor.' 'Think you he would have devised this expedition to save me? Have I a greater enemy in Drussenland than Count Vasca? He loves you. As the woman he loves, you are far more than as the princess he may harm me. Once he has betrayed you, you are a princess no longer. He believes he could make terms with the woman."

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"IT SHALL COME."

have the effect of frustrating them I doubted. He would not have ventured upon such treachery had he not every prospect of success, and my hopes grew weaker as the main body and the right wing moved forward if they were all traitors what hope was there? Sir Valen thoughtfully trusted the left wing, and I was more inclined to think that he did so justly when I saw the princess was to ride among them. They welcomed me to the camp. It was a dull, cold night march. Under ordinary circumstances it would have been a foolish one. The woods were thick and the paths through them narrow. The men were forced in places to struggle and push forward in twos and threes. We instructed the men that in case of attack they were to fall back and surround the princess. Her protection was to be their especial care. This arranged, Sir Valen took command, keeping as close to the main body as possible, while Jasar and I rode on either side of the princess. Jasar was mounted by a strong animal and I saw a sword left peep from under his cloak.

"The stumbling of Jasar's horse startled me. 'I heard you anything besides the tramping of our men, Sir Verrall?' he asked. 'No, Where?' 'To our right. Listen.' I pulled up my horse. So did Daria hers. I could hear the steady tramp of our own men around us, but there was another sound, away to our right, a faint echoing tramp. 'An echo, I think.' And then, as if in contradiction, there came a clear sound, the flutche of harness, faint, but clear as when in a company of horsemen several of the animals throw their heads up at the same time and shake their heads. 'That cannot be an echo.' We rode on again and, overtaking a knight, I told him to hurry forward and let Sir Valen know. I believed the enemy were marching with us through the woods. Presently the knight I had sent forward returned. Sir Valen had instructed the men to go slowly and to keep well together, and he wanted me to make sure that I had plenty of men behind me to repulse any attack which might be made in the rear. Leaving the princess in Jasar's charge, I rode back and got the rear portion of the left wing close up. With an effort I spoke angrily to the men, and I was convinced now that they were to be trusted. Then I rejoined Daria and Jasar. 'It would be well to send forward to the count and call a halt,' I said. 'We are approaching open country, and we cannot tell what awaits us there.' 'Act as you think best,' Daria answered. I sent forward to Vasca. The troops halted immediately, and a few minutes afterward Vasca himself joined us. 'A perilous journey, your highness, but well accomplished,' he said. 'After a short halt shall we move forward and camp in the open? Our vanguard is now at the edge of the woods.' 'The open country may bring us in sight of the enemy, Sir Vasca,' she said. 'Your highness will remember that it was not my wish to advance tonight. I, too, think it probable that the enemy are before us.' 'They have been marching with us all night, count,' I said. 'Their movements were so well timed with ours that they must have been watching the camp.' 'That is unlikely. Still, if it is so, we are prepared to meet them, I trust.' 'Quite prepared,' I answered. 'Trust me, have no fear even if numbers are against them.'

(To be continued.)