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"I'd like to change places with you,"

as loudly as Vasca does," I said.

sense of that kind."

as they were that morning.

said, with a nervous laugh.

looked anxious or indifferent.

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gravely, wondering if at that moment literally lifted me to the ground.

"Heralds, sound the challenge of the Do you want to rob me of what the marshal's gallery. Knight of the Silver Star-once!" he little sense I have?" I said.

the hills the barrier at the opposite out against the enemy." side of the lists to which I had enter- "Did any one notice that I fainted?" ed was thrown open, and Count Vasca No: I took care of that. Not a soul

a lower voice: "No love creeps into that is, to some, but far less to us,

"So soon a different tale! Danger gives increasing beauty to a fair face hosened, the danger was over; almost

horse, and the next moment the count and I were rushing madly at each other. In that instant my mind was a blank. Action had driven out even the thought of fear. We met. His lance shivered against my shield, a blow which shook me, but did not make me reel in the saddle. Either my alm was untrue or he avoided the blow, for my lance only glanced along his armor, and I continued my rush toward the opposite side of the lists. Perhaps there was some surprise that was still in the saddle, a satisfaction that the combat was not to be a one sided affair, that if not all I claim-

A hiss of rage was his only answer.

"To achievement, knights!" cried the

herald. "Sound trumpets!"

out, and I felt encouraged. Turning, I saw that the count had been supplied with another lance and SERVICE FIRST was ready to charge again. There was pon each other. The spirit of battle CONTAINS NO ALUM was upon me. I had more confidence, and I dug the spurs into my horse. leaning forward to the charge.

ed to be I was at least no craven car-

I hardly knew what had happened. brought as I was to a sudden standstill by a blow which seemed to strike me full in the body. I reeled backward whispering voices calling so'tly, "Dabut my horse, being thrown upon hihaunches, saved me, and with mighty effort I succeeded in keepitt-

Vasca's horse also struggling to his in it. feet, his rider still in the saddle, and to see that both our lances were broken short to the handle. My blow had with neither of us yet.

A great roar of applause arose around us as we passed to opposite sides of the lists. Both of us had to be given a fresh

"A piece of national conceit. My lance, and probably the count, like dition for a hard day's fighting. lance play may be as good as yours." | myself, felt the need of recovering "It's to be real war this time, not "Sure, that's not it at all. The one bimself a little before again rushing games," said O'Ryan. who fights dies fighting; the one who to the onslaught. I had no knowledge and an additional reason, because she is a city which actually touched the river, is left dies there. I'm the one who's of how much of this kind of this kind of this kind of this water for as left. That is what troubles me." And could stand without showing signs of the real fighting," I answered. he waved his hand toward the square. weakness, but I was perfectly sure The camp was in considerable confu-"It's a bad sign when a man barks that another blow like the last would sion as O'Ryan and I rode in. be quite enough for me.

when civilization has knocked half the reaching each other, and my eyes re- Surrounded by her guards and by fighting power out of a man, but it's fused to see my enemy clearly as he several knights, the princess was in et." just meaningless here. In Drussen came, yet I felt that he, too, wished earnest conversation with Count Vasca "Well, it isn't," O'Ryan answered. The fortress seemed to be cut out of land a man daren't bark unless be can to end the combat; that he, too, was as I went to salute her. Naturally her "It's Xenia or some heathen name of the solid rock. bite. I'd give a good deal to be back in bent on making a desperate endeavor. mind was full of anxious thought, and that sort, but you couldn't expect me For several days we encamped idig Yadasara. The place is full of black. Gathering all my strength together, guards, to be sure, but they're blackguards you can understand-none of so I remembered O'Ryan's advice. these tournament businesses and non-Perhaps even at that late moment feared to receive such a blow as the There were three days of waiting last, but whatever the motive was before the tournament, three days in that decided me I acted upon the ad- Yadasara," Count Vasca said. which I had to steel myself to behave vice. I slightly checked my pace, and calmly, as usual, three days during which I could hardly remain still for as we met I swerved a little and lev- I answered. eled my lance at Vasca's helmet. The The day dawned bright and sunny, sudden action made me reel, and had to know. I can prove honestly a friend, but with a keenness in the air which the count's lance struck me then I although I fear you do not so consider

perhaps my nervous excitement exag. should have been unhorsed. But for me." gerated. I woke early and never, sure- tune favored me. Vasca attempted to "I have a habit of being honest too." have hours been so leaden winged alter his course in a similar manner, "Which means that you do not bebut his horse, going faster than mine, lieve me?" "We will not be the first to arrive," stumbled forward. His lance missed "I have judged by actions," I said. said O'Ryan, curbing my impatience. me altogether, while mine only struck "I ask no more than that you conhim lightly. It was not my blow that tinue to do so," he replied. "Which, of course, we do not feel," unseated him, but his stumbling He held out his hand, and I took it. We waited in silence until it was effort to keep his horse from falling, most deceived me. time to go, and in silence we rode to but in vain, and he rolled heavily from

his saddle to the ground. Plentiful as the accommodation in could tell how the count had fallen? pledge our friendship in a cup of wine. the lists had seemed to me, it was evidently not too much. Every seat, ev. The fact remained that, while he roll. Perhaps tomorrow we shall ride side together, and a man in love is saidon. Then, I promise you, Sir Walen," I anery point of vantage, had been taken. There were two entrances reserved for die. So they shouted as men will at common enemies." the knights who were to take part in victory, satisfied and jubilant. the day's proceedings, facing each oth-

barrier which was only opened to let On one side of the lists was a gallery, dishonor. Another horse!" he cried. and again received scant recwhich were the marshal and his "Or on foot, Sir Verrall, as you will." heralds, and opposite a similar gallery, where Princess Daria sat with her ret mist I saw waving hands in the gal- this morning?" asked O'Ryan when inue. My eyes were riveted on this leries; as through a thick fog I heard we were alone that night.

"Your time approaches, Verrall." me somewhat. For an instant I fan- sooner have him as an enemy." cied it the summons to another charge "We must wait and see, O'Ryan." said O'Ryan, looking to the harness of and turned my horse mechanically. "Yes, and ride as far apart from him plished nothing. The trumpets sounded, and a roar A blare of trumpets had summoned to emy. It is so easy to make a mistake by assault?" asked O'Ryan. ance which had brought this crowd to shouting ceased; hands no longer thing, but"the risen to each knight as he en on all sides of the lists. Knights and dangers behind us. We've brought gested. tered the lists, but there was keener soldiers rushed across the turf, and I them all with us, excepting one."

might all too soon give the lie to my whisper. warlike appearance. Slowly I walked "Faith, it's what suits us best-real ch?" the horse round the lists until I was ghting. The enemy are in force beopposite the gallery in which Princess fore the town."

"I-I"- And then I should have slip-

"Anything to make you sleep for a The trumpets' music filled the air, few hours," O'Ryan answered. "You) and before the echoes had died among have a short time to rest before we go

"I accept the challenge," he cried, 5ght when the summons to more seand then, approaching me, he said in rious business came-more serious,



borne on the bosom of a summer wina, ria," and then a vision of her with MILTON arms outstretched, a smile upon her lips, radiant as the smile of morning. and then, before I could hear her

"Time, Verrall." I started up.

been as fierce as his. Victory was O'Ryan. "I've been shaking you long a companion's pre-eminence are few, and unexpected currents and of imsnoring has been mighty."

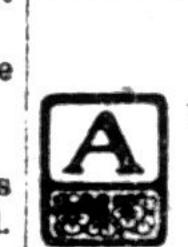
It was early morning. The world at go by." our feet was still in twilight, but the "I do not quite see how the princess as I afterward found, being situated top of Khrym had caught the sun. I is a danger," I said.

"You're a much bigger man than you "That's a sound enough argument Even now we seemed a long time were yesterday," said O'Ryan. I should not have noticed her casual to go about calling her that, so I chris- before Yadasara. The enemy had rerushed to meet him, and even as I did acceptance of me had not a knight saluted her just before me. To him she the old country." smiled graciously; to me she gave a bare acknowledgment.

"Your prowess yesterday argues for many a brave knight youder in "You are gracious to say so, count,"

"Truly I speak only as I have cause

charger. The count made a frantic could do no less, and his frankness al "There is work before us," he went on. "You will march your men toward Yadasara. Tonight, maybe, we will



CHAPTER VIII. FEW moments later I passed

"Becoming my friend," I answered.

"The princess." ing to leave our dangers behind?" horse well in hand. I had no desire saw O'Ryan press toward me through to become such an important piece in the game, Verrall," he answered

"A kind of white elephant to you,

"Well, I confess to a partiality for

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my seat. As my horse struggled up I speak, before I could throw myself in games of this kind. The greater | "You can never tell." O'Ryan said regained my full consciousness, to find at her feet, deep sleep with no dream you are the more numerous are your when I laughed at the idea. "Such a stronghold might frighten the bravest "And my friends."

"You ought to be rested," said The friends who can be truly happy at city ran a broad river, full of strange

felt refreshed, but certainly not in con- It gave me considerable pleasure to angle, and the city rose from this base

knows? Why, even Bridget"-

"Bridget! Who is she?"

"And she did not object?" but St. Patrick alone knows what citement in the city. she'll think of me now. You can't rely I spoke to Walen about it.

"Even a man might be forgiven for bly the count thinks that victory, expressing some doubt, O'Ryan." prejudice against attempting to knock carried out in this way."

"Have you noticed any change in certain pleasure that I see his comthe princess' manner to me?" I asked. parative failure. Her highness may "I have been too busy watching next time intrust her forces to abler others. One of us has got to do the hands."

watching, you know." "And I don't, you would say." "No offense, Verrall. ed in the dust, I remained in the sad. by side in pleasant rivalry against our the man to act most cautiously. I quite wish you did not think so much of Princess Daria."

> It had never occurred to me to doubt Count Vasca's ability as a leader. I cluded that he knew best.

We advanced slowly until we were It was Count Vasca. under the walls of Yadasara, and yet "Is it treachery?" he whispered. it seemed to me that we had accom-

ONT of welcome came from a thousand the mimic battle, but this was one when you ride as a friend beside your I shook my head. Although with "I heard the sound of footsteps and throats. Other combats had excited, sharp, long drawn note, a note of bitterest foe," he went on. "We have other knights I was constantly in coun- followed," he said. "How came you but my entrance heralded the perform always in Drussenland. The changed sham fighting for the real cil with Count Vasca, I had no idea here?" what his intention was. He looked "I could not sleep." gether. As I rode past the gallery the waved. I think I saw the princess rise "But still you are not satisfied," I sagacious, talked valiantly, but did He was silent for a moment. marshal and his attendants rose to and leave her gallery suddenly. I know laughed.

give me courteous welcome. So had that there was a mass of movement "No. We haven't left any of our that he was afraid, as O'Ryan sug-

"Sometimes, Verrall, only sometimes. Between our encampment and the

enough, and, by St. Patrick, your even in the civilized world. In a coun- mense depth, so Q'Ryan told me. The try like this, devil of a rule is there to city lay obliquely to the river in the form of a rough triangle, the city gates, at the angles at the base of this tribring the conversation back to her. gradually toward the huge rock which "For the reason that she is a wo- formed the apex of the triangle. This man," he answered, "and, if you want rock, which was the only part of the is your friend, but tomorrow-who least con feet, with hardly a bird's foothold upon it. It was the dominant feature, towering above the highest "My wife in Yadasara. I told you part of the city, presenting a problem as to how access was obtained to the "You never said her name was Bridg- fortress crowning the summit. It was a problem I was destined to solve later.

of boats nearly two miles higher up the stream, but we made no attempt to fol-"Object, is it! When I left Yadasara low them. I was doubtful if they had there wasn't a created man Bridget ever crossed it in great force. As far thought so much of as she did of me, as one could judge, there was no ex-

on women. Faith, it's possible she "If we are not to attack the city won't believe my story when I get why are we here?" I asked. "The enemy have retreated. Proba-

"Of course, but you can knock the "I do not wonder that the war has truth into a man, or try to. There's a been such a long one if it has been anything into a woman. It's a silly "No wonder you are impatient, my prejudice when you come to think of dear Verrall. So am I. But, then, Vasca commands. It is not without a

> I could not mistake his meaning. I could not afford to underplay my part. "It shall be no laggard's campaign,

sympathize, but for both our sakes i out of camp to the river. Suddenly there was a sound near me. I stepped back quietly into the darker shadow of a tent and listened. There was no mistaking the sound now-stealing had become used to bearing him spoken feet-and the next moment two figures highly of, but during the next few hurried past me toward the river and days it did seem to my unpracticed disappeared over the bank. I opened mind that he lost good opportunities. my mouth to give the alarm as L He knew the country and the enemy; heard the first dip of an oar, but be-I knew neither, and I therefore con- fore I could cry out a third figure was at my side.

I pointed to the river, where the dim outline of a boat was just discernible But there was other business in hand, as possible when we charge the en- "Are we going to attempt to take it as it crept into the shadow of the great

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"Sir Verrall! Sir Verrall! The er and shut off from the arena by a Knight of the Silver Star!" The count struggled to his feet.

"A stumbling steed is no knight's Again I saluted the princess

I sat still and mute. As through a "What new plot was Vasca batching gallery, but I could not tell whether my name and Vasca's. she had noticed me or whether she The sharp note of a bugle aroused "A flendish plot indeed. I would

criticism in their eyes as they rose to was borne along with them to the bar- "And that one?" me. Some friends I had among them, rier. some enemies. I could probably have "To arms! To arms!" was now the "How could you expect we were godivided friends from foes by the ex- cry on every side. pression on their faces. I kept my "Bravely done, Sir Verrall!" And I "I didn't expect that you were going

now to show off gallantly. The busi-the crowd. ness before me was too serious and "What is it?" I said almost in a promptly.

The princess rose, and I saluted her ped from my saddle had not O'Ryan the same thought ran through both our | The excitement at the news of combrains—the thought of the handker-ing conflict was so great that fortueven then was lying close to my heart nately little notice was taken of me, Then I rode back and stood beneath and O'Ryan managed to get me away