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(Continued.)

I told you my story. I suppose I'd better commence from the beginning and tell you the whole thing.

"Excuse me, my Lord, I fancy neither of us have breakfasted. Had we not better postpone the story for a while?"

"Oh, if you don't mind I'm sure I don't. To tell you the truth, I'm rather keen to try what feeding myself feels like after being trussed up in that fashion so long."

"Come then, we'd better go to a hotel."

"Excuse me," said Cressingham, "I have a little matter I'd like to settle before we leave. This office has a parcel of jewels belonging (at any rate temporarily) to me, which I'd like to recover possession of."

Perigord smiled. "I have them in my bag. Very fine stones they are, too. I did not think you were a gem collector. I must congratulate you on your taste, my Lord. Well, if that is all?"

"Quite."

Perigord took the young man's arm and led him from the palace. He occupied the drive with an account of Colonel Elliott, whom Cressingham was delighted to learn had, in spite of the decrees of medical science, been restored in a measure to health and to full possession of his mental faculties. The old gentleman, it appears, had however lost the use of his lower limbs, and finding himself of no use to Perigord had returned to London, and was there anxiously awaiting news of his daughter whose deliverance his unhappy state compelled him to entrust entirely to others. Half an hour later they were seated with Oeljen at breakfast in the dining hall of the Hotel d'Europe. Cressingham made a very good meal indeed, but the others ate little, and although they courteously endeavored to converse on ordinary topics of the day it was patent to the Englishman that both were capturing with curiosity and keenly anxious for him to make haste. With pardonable malice he disabled their expectations and ate as slowly as possible. Finally Perigord seemed able to stand the suspense no longer.

"You said, my Lord, that you heard the Three, the Three, decree a certain thing?" he muttered.

"I did," replied Cressingham, filling his mouth with bread.

"You saw as well as heard?"

"Plainly."

"Then you know them; you would recognize them again?"

"Perfectly."

"You perhaps know where they are now?"

Everyone in the room stared and laughed in amused astonishment at the ludicrous figure he cut, but Cressingham seized with one hand the arm of Oeljen, with the other the arm of Perigord, and gave to each an iron grip. "The Prince," he muttered, "the must not see me." He then resumed his Italian curls and dragged his companions swiftly from the room wearing like a trooper.

But Prince Carlos, who had just entered by another door, accompanied by two Austrian naval officers, hurried after the trip and caught them in the passage. "Mr. Perigord, I want you," he cried.

"My dear Prince, kindly wait for me a moment," said Perigord. My friend Signor Carregio has met with an unfortunate accident, and I really must attend to him."

The Prince nodded. "Very well, I shall be in the reading room."

As soon as Oeljen's bedroom was reached, he wiped the sticky mass from his face with a sponge and turned to his companions, who stood watching his operations in expectant silence. "Remarkably coolly," "The Prince is one of the three Nilhiss chiefs. If he had recognized me, Heaven only knows what might have happened, for he knows I know, although he believes I was drowned a week ago. But go down to him, Mr. Perigord. Do not keep him waiting; he might get uneasy."

Perigord surveyed the young man with a glance of open admiration. "Really, my Lord," he said frankly, "you must return to the diplomatic service. England needs the services of men like yourself. Oeljen, attend to your friend while I am gone. I shall not be long." From the door he made a peculiar sign to his secretary, which however Cressingham remarked.

For some minutes the two friends watched each other in silence, then Cressingham said: "What did that sign mean, Oeljen?"

"Really, Cressingham, I can't tell you. The Count's face flushed and he looked a little ashamed.

"And if I guess it, will you?"

"Well—well—you see—"

"Please! I'd do as much for you."

"I think I may. Indeed I shall."

"Good. It meant: Watch him carefully! On no account allow him a moment from your sight! Am I right?"

Oeljen nodded.

(To be continued.)

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