

unable to account for Maironi's disappearance, feared his grief at the loss of his wife had driven him to do something desperate, and immediately began to talk of making inquiries at Porlezza and at Lugano.

"No, no!" said Don Giuseppe. "Do not fear for him. The Lord Himself is leading him. If it be God's will we shall see him again. Meanwhile he wishes to hide himself from the world. We must respect this wish of his."

For the moment the faithful servant was silent, but later he could not resist the desire to seek for some trace of his master. But not the faintest trace could he discover. No one had met him, no one had seen him, no one had heard his steps. If the day shall ever dawn upon which will be revealed to us the secret journeyings of the vanished man, and the reason of all this mystery be made clear to us, only He who called him to fight His battles knows.

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