THE KING OF NO-LAND.

BY B. L. FARJEON.

XIII.

(Continued.)

"I have received a communication from his most gracious Majesty this morning, in which he desires me to hand you this letter as his answer. His Majesty says that you are to open this letter and read it aloud here. Perhaps it will be as well—perhaps it will be as well."

Old Humanity took the letter from Lord Crabtree's hand. From where he was standing many of the deputation could not see him.

"Stand upon the dais," they shouted, "so that we can all see and hear."

Lord Crabtree placed himself in Old Humanity's way.

"It can not be permitted," he said; "it can not be permitted. This is royal ground."

Old Humanity, pushing steadily forward, replied,

"The King says that I am to read the contents aloud to all the people. This is the only elevation from which I can obey the King's command."

Lord Crabtree was compelled to give way, and Old Humanity stood in the place which the King had occupied the previous day. He opened the letter, and every person in the vast hall inclined his head to hear what the King had written. The court parasites, of whom a large number were now present, were as anxious as the people.

"This is what King Sassafras writes," cried Old Humanity, in a ringing tone:

"I have pondered seriously over the words you, as representative of the people, have addressed to me, and I recognize the justice of your complaints. I believe that your grievances are not imaginary, but that they really exist, and call for instant remedy. What personal feeling influences me in the decision I have come to it is not necessary here to state; but my conscience tells me that if I, as King, am responsible for one thousandth part of the miseries and injustices which you have placed before me with so much power and eloquence, I should not, now that I am acquainted with them, deserve to live another hour if in my own person I continued to perpetuate them. You tell me if the people of No-land were to be governed by themselves, these evils would soon be remedied, and justice would be done. In God's name, let justice be done—but let there be no violence, no bloodshed. Into the people's hands I resign my crown, and what power and authority they suppose I have possessed. I enjoin the nobles of my court to do nothing to obstruct my wish—if they do, I can at any moment return and punish them for their disobedience. It will be useless seeking for me; they will not find me. From this day the people of No-land are to be governed by the people. Most cheerfully do I resign my office, and most humbly do I pray for a realization of your noble aspirations.

SASSAFRAS."

After the wonderment which the reading of this strange document produced had subsided, the people broke into a great roar of delight. Lord Crabtree, white and trembling, tottered out of the palace and hid himself. Old Humanity was carried to the window, from the balcony of which he read in his most piercing tones the King's letter. The enthusiasm was wild and unbounded. The Quamoclits and Whortleberries danced and shouted and threw up their caps. The only person upon whose face there was an expression of uncertainty and perplexity was the face of Old Humanity.

XIV.

THE FLIGHT FROM THE PALACE.

It was said afterward that for a hundred years such a storm had not been experienced in No-land as that which broke over the country on the night of the abdication of the King. The wild winds shrieked through the forests, uprooting the trees and swaying them as though they were blades of grass; the rain came down with the force of a deluge, and rivers rushed through the streets; the thunder shook strong buildings to their foundations, and many persons were struck dead by lightning. The pious wept and prayed, believing that the last day had come; the souls of men whose days had been evilly spent fainted within them, and the sinners trembled and repented and made vows.

While Iris, sitting up in her lowly cottage, listened to the wind, and prayed that no harm would befall her friends. Her sisters, Lucerne and Daisy, were sound asleep, and our Iris was working after midnight by the light of one candle, putting a stitch here and there in their humble clothing. A tender little mother was our small maiden, working with cheerfulness and patience and love.

The storm had overtaken Sassafras in the woods. His own fault, chiefly, that he was there when it broke, for he had dallied with the time. He had carefully planned all the details of his flight, but what was to follow he had left to chance. Only when he had thrown away the key of his private lodge, and had plunged into the forest, did he begin to think of what should be his next steps. To go to Blue-bell's cottage at such a time of the night was impossible; and when his thoughts reverted to Coltsfoot as a refuge, he was dismayed by the reflection that his strange and unexpected appearance, taken in conjunction with the flight of the King, might engender suspicions in Coltsfoot's mind. It was a wild and improbable contingency to fear, but conscience magnified it, and made it reasonable and probable to the thinker. Well did he know that, in such an event, all hope of a happy and peaceful life with the beloved of his heart would be utterly and completely destroyed. The risk, therefore, was too great to run. Where should he hide? Where should he find a refuge?

He sat himself down to think, but his mind was in a whirl, and he wearily raised his hand to his aching head. He was tired and faint and hungry; scarcely an ounce of food had passed his lips that day; he had been too overwrought and excited to give a thought to material things. His nerves had been strung to a dangerous tension during the last few weeks, and unconsciously he had overtaxed his strength, physically and mentally. This had not made itself apparent during the fever of events through which he had passed; but now that he had, as it were, flung his past life behind him, nevermore, as he vowed and resolved, to be resumed, now that he was relieved of the exquisite torture which his heart and soul had suffered for so long a time, his strength gave way. A sudden weakness fell upon him; an aching weariness oppressed him. He found himself listening, with listless curiosity, to the sounds in the air which portended the approach of the storm. A vacant smile came to his lips as he heard the first low growling of the thunder. The trees sighed and bent; he heard the sighs, and he connected the sounds with such thoughts as were uppermost in his mind, shaping them into words, and singing them in a vacant manner, and yet in rhythm with the murmur of the trees. He saw them bend, and they assumed the forms of the persons with whom he had come in contact—of the unfortunate man who had attempted his life—of court parasites bowing and bending before him—of Old Humanity—of a vast concourse of people surging this way and that.

Iris crept softly to the bed where Lucerne and Daisy were sleeping, and kissed then both the tenderest caress being given to Daisy, who, as the youngest, most needed her care. A perfect little Daisy indeed, bright, fresh, and smiling in her sleep. Her body was clean, her soul was pure; sweet as the breath of morning was the breath from her lips. Her little fingers closed upon Iris's hand as this guardian angel of the lowly dwelling leaned over her and caressed her—closed and clasped with eloquent affection. With a bright smile upon her dear and patient face, the little woman tenderly placed Daisy's arm beneath the clothes, and tucked up both the children to the very creases of their necks, so that not a gap was left for the cold air to creep through; then she went back to her work and resumed her stitching.

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