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I realized as I heard the anchor rattle down at the chains that we had entered some quiet haven where we might lie free from interference and prying eyes.

For the rest of the day I experienced all a captive's emotions when escape seems near. I alternated between high spirits and the depths of despair, the inter predominating as the hours crept slowly on to nightfall. I had all but given up hope, believing either that Lawford had sold me or could not see his way to help, when something tick ed lightly against my porthole, and I saw a small parcel pendent outside. Opening the dendlight eagerly, I fished in the parcel, which was wrapped around with paper and contained a key. There were also a few brief lines from Lawford:

"This will let you out. It is the key of your cable. Beware of the black and wait till after dinner, when we are on deck and the darky forward. Slip out through the stera ports. The dingey is astern, if you can only reach her. Cut adrift and paddle your own cance. That's about the best I can do."

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I was quite lost, at first, when I got on shore; but I did not care, so long as I was free. I was in France, I knew that much, and after climbing a steep path I soon hit on a road gleaming white and dusty in the darkness. I stood for a moment debating which way I should turn, enstward or westward, my object being to reach some town or place on a line of railway, whether by walking to it or taking a vehicle. As soon as I came upon a milestone I struck a match and read the legend. In the direction I was going Lamballe was distant Is kilometers, and behind me the road led to Brest, 160.

It was clearly to Lambelle, not Brest, that I must make my way, some eight miles in all, and I reached it befor 11 p. m. People were still up as I passed along the narrow streets, seated at the cafe doors, and I took my place at one of the lables, calling for a "bock" and a railway guide. I was not long in arranging my plan. Fortunately I had money, plenty of money, in my pockets, and that made everything easy. I found that a train left at 6:30 a. m. for Paris, the longest, yet the quickest, route to Southampton. I could catch the night express for Havre, and be in Southampton at daylight. By this I should have a couple of hours and more in Paris, enough to buy necessaries and make a considerable change in my appearance; for I was resolved to take passage inece, and in the fore cabin, where I should attract no attention.

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CHAPTER NI.

MEETINOS.

All fell out as I had planned, except that, to my extreme surprise, at Southampton, when embarking. I tumbled on friends, the dearest, most faithful friends, and the unfailing instinct of one of them was not to be denied. I met both my love and my dog. The first, I felt certain, was making this voyage on my behalf, and I hungered to speak to her, yet dared not make myself known too soon. I was nearly betrayed, however, for Roy, clever brute, soon penetrated my disguise and was not to be shaken off. Only when I had seen him comfortably stowed away in the fore part of the ship-near where my own quarters were would be settle down.

I had no epiportunity of meeting Frida, nor was I able to advance my other business, until the voyage was

"I am a friend, Captain Wood," he said in a whisper as he took me aside. "Rossiter is my uame, and I represent Saraband and Sunyzer, who could not sail with us. He went after you, following the Fleur-de-Lis. How in thunder are you here?"

As soon as I was satisfied of his good faith—and he proved it by his knowledge of every circumstance of the case—I told him my story.

"Miss Fairholme will be real glad, I tell you, sir. She knows nothing yet, although I made you out from the first, through the dog, sir; besides which, I had your description and your photograph. Snuyzer is great, sir, and misses no point of detail. I have had no chance of speaking to her. This is her first day on deck."

"She must be told at once. I must speak to her myself. You must manage that, please, now, directly."

"Why, certainly, sir. I will bring you together, and at the earliest possible moment after dark. It won't do # 14



I turned sharply on my follower.
for that young lady to be seen consorting too openly with a second class passenger. It might spoil the game."
"And that is".
"Grand, sir, grand, now you're aboard. We'll let them have rope, and just when things look rosiest produce you. These ladies will identify you; Sarabands have all the threads of the complicacy and we'll land the lot in

Sarabands have all the threads of the conspiracy, and we'll land the lot in state prison, whenever it suits us. Yes, sir, they're about fixed."
"You say Sarabands have all the threads. I haven't. What does it all mean?"
"I got an outline from Snuyzer. The plot originated with one McCuuhe."

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"I know him. I have reason to do so"—

"Well, he was in with Buily McFaught, the testator; had some of his secrets, and was the first to hear the money was going to you. So he joined in with the Spaniard, who is no duke, and the pair brought over a clerk once in Quinlan's law office. That's the larrikin who's personating you on board. But it will all come right now, and you may trust that to Sarabanda."

"There's one thing I cannot leave to them," and I proceeded to tell my new friend about the missing papers. "I must recover them before we arrive in port. If all else fails, we must have the villains arrested on board; but that I'd rather not do, for it might expose the contents of documents that are of absolutely the most secret and condential nature."

"Don't you suppose this crook will have not them by heart long ago?"

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"And guesses I am on board?"
"I don't say that, not yet anyway, but they're likely to ferret it out pretty slick unless you cache down below for the rest of the run."

"I shall not hide, my friend, not till Pres seen and talked with Miss Fairholme, and that I'm going to do withor without your help or leave."

"Right now?"
"Right now, over there on the poop deck, in the face of them all. I can pay for a first class passage, and I'll do it under another name."

"So as to call attention to yourself and bring those toughs on top of you again—spoil all your hand."

"What can they do to me? And if they chose to try I'm man enough to meet them. I'm not afraid of anything straight and aboveboard."

"That's just what it wouldn't be. If you come out now, you will be playing their game—will put them on their guard anyhow. Don't be wrong headed, captain, and wait, won't you?"

"How long? This is the fourth day out—Wednesday. We shall make port by Saturday, at latest, and then what am I to do?"

"See here, captain. I'll bring Miss-Fairholme to you my own self this very evening about dusk, or you to her.

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