

“Turn to the Right.”

Doubtless M. de Rosny knew my thoughts, for, speedily dismissing Maignan and Simon, who were waiting, he turned to me without preface. “Come, my friend,” he said, laying his hand on my shoulder and looking me in the face in a way which all but disarmed me at once. “Do not let us misunderstand one another. You think you have cause to be angry with me. I cannot suffer that, for the King of Navarre had never greater need of your services than now.”

“You have played me an unworthy trick, sir,” I answered, thinking he would cozen me with fair speeches.

“Tut, tut,” he replied. “You do not understand.”

“I understand well enough,” I answered, with bitterness, “that, having done the King of Navarre’s work, he would now be rid of me.”

“Have I not told you,” M. de Rosny replied, betraying for the first time some irritation, “that he has greater need of your services than ever? Come, man, be reasonable, or, better still, listen to me.” And turning from me, he began to walk up and down the room, his hands behind him.

“The King of France wants to make it as clear to you as possible,” he said, “cannot make head against the League without help, and, willy-nilly, must look for it to the Huguenots, whom he has so long persecuted. The King of Navarre, their acknowledged leader, has offered that help; and so, to spite my master, and prevent a combination so happy for France, has M. de Turenne, who would fain raise the faction he commands to enmity, and knows well how to make his profit out of the dissensions of his country. Are you clear so far, sir?”

I assented. I was becoming absorbed in spite of myself.

“Very well,” he resumed. “This evening—never did anything fall out more happily than Rambouillet’s meeting with me—he is a good man—I have brought the king to this; that if proof of the selfish nature of Turenne’s designs be laid before him he will hesitate no longer. That proof exists. A fortnight ago it was here; but it is not here now.”

“That is unlucky!” I exclaimed. I was so interested in his story, I was so flattered by the confidence he was placing in me, that my ill-humor vanished. I went and stood with my shoulder against the mantelpiece, and he, passing to and fro between me and the light, continued his tale.

“A word about this proof,” he said. “It came into the King of Navarre’s hands before its full value was known to us, for that only accrued to it on M. de Goussier’s death. A month ago it—this piece of evidence—was at Châteauneuf. A fortnight ago it was here in Blois. It is now, M. de Marse, he continued, facing me suddenly as he came opposite me, “in my house at Rosny.”

I started. “You mean Mademoiselle de la Vire?” I cried.

“I mean Mademoiselle de la Vire!” he answered, “who, some month or two ago, overheard M. de Turenne’s plans, and contrived to communicate with the King of Navarre. Before the latter could arrange a private interview, however, M. de Turenne got wind of her dangerous knowledge, and swept her off to Châteauneuf. The rest you know, M. de Marse, if any man is fit to say it.”

“But what will you do?” I asked. “She is at Rosny.”

“Maignan, whom I trust implicitly, as far as his lights go, will start to fetch her tomorrow. At the same hour I start southwards. You, M. de Marse, will remain here as my agent, to watch over my interests, to receive Mademoiselle on her arrival, to secure for her a secret interview with the king, to guard her while she remains here. Do you understand?”

Did I understand? I could not find words in which to thank him. My remorse and gratitude, my sense of the wrong I had done him, and of the honor he was doing me, were such that I stood mute before him as I had stood before the king. “You accept, then?” he said, smiling. “You do not deem the adventure beneath you, my friend?”

“I deserve your confidence so little, sir,” I answered, stricken to the ground, “that I beg you to speak, while I listen. By attending exactly to your instructions I may prove worthy of the trust reposed in me. And only so.”

He embraced me again and again, with a kindness which moved me almost to tears. “You are a man after my own heart,” he said. “And if God wills I will make your fortune. Now listen, my friend. Tomorrow at Court, as a stranger and a messenger, I will be with you. You will be the cynosure of all eyes. Bear yourself bravely. Pay court to the women, but attach yourself to no one in particular. Keep aloof from Rotz and the Spanish faction, but be especially friendly to Bruhl. He alone will have your secrets, and may suspect your design. Mademoiselle should be here in a week; while she is with you, and until she has seen the king, trust no one, suspect everyone, fear all things. Consider the battle won only when the king says, ‘I am satisfied.’”

Much more he told me, which served its purpose and has been forgotten. Finally he honored me by bidding me share his pellet with him, that we might talk without restraint, and that if anything occurred to him in the night he might communicate it to me.

“But will not Bruhl denounce me as a Huguenot?” I asked him.

“He will not dare to do so,” M. de Rosny answered, “both as a Huguenot himself, and as his master’s representative; and, further, because it would displease the king. No, but whatever secret harm one man can do another, that you have to fear. Maignan, when he returns with Mademoiselle, will leave two men with you; until they come I should borrow a couple of stout fellows from Rambouillet. Do not go out alone after dark, and beware of doorways, especially your own.”

A little later, when I thought him asleep, I heard him chuckle; and rising on my elbow I asked him what it was. “Oh, it is your affair,” he answered, still laughing, “so that I felt the mattress shake under him. ‘I don’t envy you one part of your task, my friend.’”

“What is that?” I said suspiciously.

“Mademoiselle,” he answered, stifling with difficulty a burst of laughter. And after that he would not say another word, but, good or indifferent, though I felt the bed shake more than once, and knew he was digesting his pleasure.

CHAPTER XVI.

M. de Rosny had risen from my side and started on his journey when I opened my eyes in the morning, and awoke to the memory of the task which had been so strangely imposed upon me; and which might, according as the events of the next fortnight shaped themselves, raise me to a high position or put an end to my career. He had not forgotten to leave a souvenir behind him, for I found beside my pillow a handsome silver-mounted pistol, bearing the

letter “R.” and a coronet; nor had I more than discovered this instance of his kindness before Simon Fleix came in to tell me that M. de Rosny had left 200 crowns in his hands for me.

“Any message with it?” I asked the lad.

“Only that he had taken a keespeake in exchange,” Simon answered, opening the window as he spoke.

In some wonder I began to search, but I could not discover that anything was missing until I came to put on my doublet, when I found that the knot of ribbon which Mademoiselle had hung to me at my departure from Rosny was gone from the inside of the breast, where I had pinned it for safety with a long thorn. The discovery that M. de Rosny had taken this was displeasing to me on more than one account. In the first place, whether Mademoiselle had merely wished to please me (as was most probable) or not, I was loth to lose it, my day for ladies favors being past and gone; in the second, I misjudged the motive which had led him to remove it, and, tormented myself with thinking of the different constructions he might put upon it, and the disparaging view of my trustworthiness which it might lead him to take. I blamed myself much for my carelessness in leaving it where a chance eye might rest upon it, and more when, questioning Simon further, I learned that M. de Rosny had added, while mounting at the door, “Tell your master, safe him, safe him; and a careless lover makes a loose mistress.”

I felt my cheek burn in a manner unbefitting my years while Simon with some touch of malice repeated this; and I made a vow on the spot, which I kept until I was tempted to break it, to have no more to do with such trifles. Meanwhile, I had to make the best of it; and, bristling up, and bidding Simon, who seemed depressed by the baron’s departure, brisk up also, I set about my preparations for making such a figure at Court as became me; procuring a black velvet suit, and a cap and feather to match; item, a jewelled clasp to secure the feather; with a yard or two of lace and two changes of fine linen.

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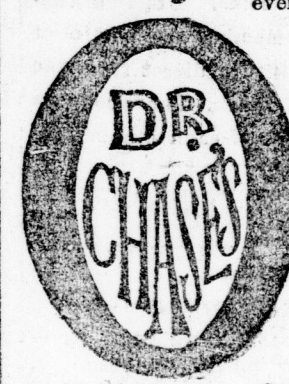
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