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## FIGHTING FOR A NAME.

His heart must have assured him that his dear one would have all faith in him, for a tender smile curved his lips and a fond light gleamed in his eyes.

He crept again to the hole beneath his berth, and communicated the glad tidings to his friend, and while they were talking, the yacht was making its morning meal they arranged their plan of action, in case the slightest opportunity of escape should offer itself.

"We must make a bold move this very night," Ned observed, with a firm setting of the lips about his mouth. "It is my opinion that the yacht has been ordered to wait here until the owner can join it, then, in all probability, he intends to escape to another country with his booty, and live at his ease."

"I believe that you are right," said Mr. Hunting, "and it stands in my hand to act with all possible promptness—at the first opportunity we may as well make a bold stroke for freedom. I wish you knew how many men we shall have to contend with," thoughtfully remarked Ned; "I saw only four the day I came on board, but of course, it takes more than that number to sail a vessel of this size. I believe I will try to pump out the water, and then, if I can, I will see what I can get out of him."

Accordingly, when the man came at noon, Ned approached him in a genial, affable way.

"I say, Nicholas," he began, "sit down and chat with a fellow for a few minutes, can't you? I tell you it is no fun being shut up here day after day with no one to speak a friendly word to you."

"Can't, sir; my orders is to serve yer an' keep mum," laconically responded the sailor.

"Well, of course, you'd have to keep mum upon certain subjects," Ned said in a matter of fact tone, "but you can tell me something about the boat and your duties. I'm wonderfully fond of yachting myself, only, of course, with a slight smile, "I don't exactly relish taking my pleasure in this way. This is a fine vessel, though."

"Indeed, sir, it is a fine vessel," said the man with a satisfied look and drawn out in spite of himself by Ned's beauty and no mistake, as Ned could be, and rides the water like a bird."

"Yes, I see she's a fast sailer, and she must have cost a round sum. Been aboard her long?" Ned inquired.

"No, only about three months or a little more," Ned said, confidentially, "and I took his place."

"Uh-ho, many does it require to sail her?"

"Eight, sir, besides the steward."

"Nine men against two," was Ned's inward comment, and for a moment his heart almost leaped into his mouth, marked, with a smile and apparent carelessness.

"And a pretty soft snap, too, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir, except when we make long voyages, and then we have to stay round pretty sharp."

"Long voyages," repeated Ned, trying hard to conceal the intense interest he felt regarding his point. "What do you mean by that?"

"Well, sir, I've never made a special long voyage on this 'ere craft; but they do say she came from Calcutta last fall, an'—"

"—letting his voice fall as if fearful of being overheard—"we're waitin' on the coast now to make the trip to 'other side of the pond."

"To Europe?" Ned questioned with his heart in his mouth.

"Aye, aye, sir, but I've no business tellin' you the affairs of my boss," the man said, flushing guiltily.

"What's the harm, since I suppose I've got to go along, too, and nobody can be the wiser for it, while I'm shut up here?" Ned said, confidentially.

"When do you expect Mr. Gould?"

"Can't say, sir. I heard the mate say he'd telegraph the captain the time he'd arrive in Halifax, but I don't know for me, sir. I must be off to my work, for me and the first-mate are goin' ashore on a little errand tonight, and the man, having really thaved out, gave Ned a sly wink as he turned to leave the room.

"Again Ned's heart leaped into his throat, for this arrangement would materially reduce the force to be contended against."

But he gave a little laugh and remarked: "A lark, eh. Are you allowed to be gone all night?"

"No, sir; we've got to be on board again some time afore mornin'; but I reckon it'll be pretty quiet to-night, and with another wink the man went out, locking the door carefully after him."

Ned's face was very pale and grave as he crept under his berth, and called to Mr. Hunting.

"We've got to take our fate in our hands tonight," he said, as his friend's face appeared at the aperture.

"So soon?" the man exclaimed in a startled tone.

"Yes, for we may not have another opportunity," Ned replied, and then related the conversation just recorded.

They conversed a long time and with great earnestness, mapping out their plan of action, with exceeding care; then, when they had decided upon their plan, they waited until the yacht was making its morning meal they arranged their plan of action, in case the slightest opportunity of escape should offer itself.

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Statistics of railroads in the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, have been compiled. They show that the passenger business has increased 1.5 per cent, while the freight business has increased 1.5 per cent.

The number of passengers carried was 694,891,533, an increase of 45,013,020 over the previous year; freight carried was 1,204,394,223 tons, an increase of 104,075,336 tons.

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