A Prince of Sinners

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Even Selina was staggered. Mrs. Bullsom was positively frightened.

"Mr. Bullsom!" she said. "Peter, you ain't got as much as that? Don't tell me!"

"I am worth today," Mr. Bullsom said, solemnly, "at least five hundred thousand pounds."

"Peter," Mrs. Bullsom gasped, "has it been come by honest?"

Mr. Bullsom smiled in a superior way.

"I made it," he answered, "by locking up forty thousand, more than half of what I was worth, for five years. But I knew what I was about, and so did the others. Mason made nearly as much as I did."

Selina looked at her father with a new respect. He rose and brushed the ashes of his cigar from his waistcoat.

"Now I'm off," he declared. "Brooks and I will be back about seven, and I shall try and get him to sleep here. Fix yourselves up quiet and ladylike, you girls. Good-bye, mother."

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"We have about an hour before dinner," Mr. Bullsom remarked, sinking into his most comfortable chair and lighting a cigar. "Just time for a comfortable chat. You'll smoke, Brooks, won't you?"

Brooks excused himself, and remained standing upon the hearthrug, his elbow upon the mantelpiece. He hated this explanation he had to make. However, it was no good in beating about the bush.

"I am going to surprise you very much, Mr. Bullsom," he began.

Mr. Bullsom took the cigar from his mouth and looked up with wide-open eyes. He had been preparing graciously to wave away a torrent of thanks.

"Eh?"

"I am going to surprise you very much," Brooks repeated. "I cannot accept this magnificent offer of yours. I cannot express my gratitude sufficiently to you, or to the committee. Nothing would have made me happier than to have been able to accept it. But I am absolutely powerless."

"You don't funk it?" Mr. Bullsom asked.

"Not I. The fact is, there are circumstances connected with myself which make it inadvisable for me to seek any public position at present."

Mr. Bullsom's first sensations of astonishment were augmented into stupefaction. He was scarcely capable of speech. He found himself wondering idly how heinous a crime a man must commit to be branded ineligible.

"To explain this to you," Brooks continued, "I am bound to tell you something which is only known to twe people in the contry. The Marquis of Arranmore is my father."

Mr. Bullsom dropped his cigar from between his fingers, and it lay for a moment smoldering upon the carpet. His face was a picture of blank and hopeless astonishment.

"God bless my soul!" he exclaimed, faintly. "You mean that you—you, Kingston Brooks, the lawyer, are Lord Arranmore's son?"

Brooks nodded.

"Yes! It is not a pleasant story. My father deserted my mother when I was a child, and she died in his absence. A few months ago, Lord Arranmore, in a leisurely sort of way, thought well to find me out, and after treating me as an acquaintance for some time — a sort of probationary period, I suppose —he told me the truth. That is the reason of my resigning from the firm of Morrison & Brooks almost as soon as the partnership deed was signed. I went to see Mr. Ascough and told him about your offer, and he, of course, explained the position to me."

"But"—Mr. Bullsom paused as though striving to straighten out the matter in his own mind—"but if you are Lord Arranmore's son there is no secret about it, is there? Why do you still call yourself Mr. Brooks?"

Mr. Bullsom, whose powers of observation were not remarkably acute, looking steadily into his visitor's face, saw there some signs of a certain change which others had noticed and commented upon during the last few months—a hardening of expression and a slight contraction of the mouth. For Brooks had spent many sleepless nights pondering upon this new problem which had come into his life.

"I do not feel inclined," he said, quietly, "for many reasons, to accept the olive-branch which it has pleased my father to hold out to me after all these years. I have still some faint recollections of the close of my mother's life—hastened, I am sure, by anxiety and sorrow on his account. I remember my own bringing up, the loneliness of it. I remember many things which Lord Arranmore would like me now to forget. Then, too, my father and I are as far apart as the poles. He has not the least sympathy with my pursuits or the things which I find worth doing in life. There are other reasons which I need not trouble you with. It is sufficient that for the present I prefer to remain Mr. Brooks, and to lead my own life."

"But—you won't be offended, but I want to understand. The thing seems such a muddle to me. You've given up your practice—how do you mean to live?"

"There is an income which comes to me from the Manor of Kingston," Brooks answered, "settled on the eldest sons of the Arranmore peerage, with which my father has nothing to do. This alone is comparative wealth, and there are accumulations also."

"It don't seem natural," Mr. Bullsom said. "If you'll excuse my saying so, it don't sound like common-sense. You can live on what terms you please with your father, but you ought to let people know who you are. Great Scott," he added, with a little chuckle, "what will Julia and the girls say?"

"You will understand, Mr. Bullsom," Brooks said, hastily, "that I trust you to preserve my confidence in this matter. I have told you because I wanted you to understand why I could not accept this invitation to contest the borough, also because you were one of my best friends when I was here. But you are the only person to whom I have told my secret."

Mr. Bullsom sighed. It would have been such a delightful disclosure.

"As you wish, of course," he said. "But my — it don't seem possible. Lord Arranmore's son—the Marquis of Arranmore! Gee whiz!"

"Some day, of course," Brooks said, "it must come out. But I don't want it to be yet awhile. If that clock is right hadn't I better be going upstairs?"

Mr. Bullsom nodded.

"If you'll come with me," he said, "I'll show you your room."

CHAPTER IX.

Ghosts.

Brooks, relieved that his explanation with Mr. Bullsom was over, was sufficiently entertaining at dinner time. He sat between Selina and Louise, and made himself agreeable to both. Mr. Bullsom for half the time was curiously abstracted, and for the remainder almost boisterous. Every now and then he found himself staring at Brooks as though at some natural curiosity. His behavior was so singular that Selin commented upon it.

"One would think, papa, that you and Mr. Brooks had been quarrelling," she remarked, tartly. "You seem quite odd tonight."

Mr. Bullsom raised his glass. He had lately improved his cellar.

"Drink your health, Brooks," he said, looking towards him. "We had an interesting chat, but we didn't get quarrelling, did we?"

"Nor are we ever likely to," Brooks answered, smiling. "You know, Miss Bullsom, your father was my first client of any importance, and I shan't forget how glad I was to get his check."

"I'm very pleased that he was useful to you," Selina answered, impressively. "Will you tell me something that we want to know very much?"

"Certainly!"

"Are you really not coming back to Medchester to live?"

Brooks shook his head.

"No. I am settling down in London. I have found some work there I like."

"Then you are the Mr. Brooks who has started what the Daily Courier calls a 'Whiteby's Charity Scheme,' in the East End?"

"Quite true, Miss Bullsom. And your cousin is helping me."

Selin raised her eyebrows.

"Dear me," she said, "I had no idea that Mary had time to spare for that sort of thing, had you, father?"

"Mary can look after herself, and uncommonly well, too," Mr. Bullsom answerer.

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TAKES A LONG TRIP TO BECOME A BRIDE

Nurse Travels a Thousand Miles North of Edmonton to Wed Clergyman.

Edmonton, July 13.—Miss Annie S. Nash, of Carstairs, Alberta, left yesterday, and will travel over a thousand miles straight north of here before she reaches Hay River, where she will wed Rev. Alfred J. Vale, an English Church missionary, formerly of Berlin, Ont., and a graduate of Wycliffe College, Toronto, in 1906. The trip will take in the neighborhood of two months to complete, and will be made by rail, stage, scow, and river steamer. It is a trip scarcely ever made by a woman, and one that few men, except traders, take.

Miss Nash will be two days on the stage before she reaches Athabasca Landing, 105 miles almost due north of this city. From there she will transfer to a river scow, which will take her on the third stage of her journey, a distance of nearly 700 miles. Each passenger has to carry his own tent and a complete camping outfit, as the scow ties up each night, and the travellers camp out on the shore. After five or six weeks of rugged pioneer life, Fort Smith is reached, and another transfer is made to a small steamer, which covers the last stage to Hay River Village, a distance of 225 miles. On the water the travellers traverse the Athabasca River, Athabasca Lake, Slave River, and Great Slave Lake.

Hay River is a Hudson Bay trading post, inhabited by about 175 Indians and ten or twelve white people. It is situated at the north end of Great Slave Lake, and is not very far from the Mackenzie River.

Miss Nash is accompanied by Archdeacon Lucas and wife, of London, England, who are in Canada for a year's holiday. The archdeacon is going north to perform the marriage ceremony, and will probably spend the winter in that district with his wife, returning to London in the spring of 1910.

Miss Nash has had a wide and varied experience in the five or six years that she has been a trained nurse. Her early home was in Berlin, Ont., where she lived for many years and became acquainted with her fiance. She graduated from Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, later went to Montreal, where she took a post-graduate course in district work for a year, and since then she has been located at Indian Head Hospital, Sask., Nelson and Trail, B. C., and Red Deer, Alberta.

This dauntless traveller does not expect to remain buried at Hay River all her life, but believes that her husband-to-be will be transferred to some point farther south in a few years.

"When will the wedding take place?" she was asked.

"When I arrive; it can't come off any sooner, I guess. That ought to be some time early in September. Do you know I even have to take my own wedding ring with me. Mr. Vale can't purchase it up there, of course, and he can't send down here for it without knowing the exact size, so he delicately hinted that I get it myself. It's a funny thing for a woman to have to do, isn't it?"

Waving a farewell to the newspaper man and to civilization, Miss Nash took her seat in the coach and started on her long trip towards the Arctic Circle.

HIS WORK BORE FRUIT

Trades Congress Agent Prevented Artisans Coming to Canada.

Toronto, July 13.—Mr. W. R. Trotter, sent to England by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to persuade British laborers and artisans from coming to Canada, is back in Toronto and reports that his work bore fruit.

"Labor conditions all over Canada are improving," Mr. Trotter says, "and Government statistics show that the immigration of old country laborers and artisans has greatly decreased."

The next congress meeting in Quebec in September will decide whether Mr. Trotter goes back to continue his work. Mr. Trotter is very bitter against some English papers, which, he says, abused and misrepresented his work.

KNIGHTS GRAND LODGE AT RAILWAY CITY

St. Thomas, July 13.—Grand Lodge of Ontario Knights of Pythias opened here at 9 a.m. today, with Grand Chancellor Alex. Whyte, of Hamilton, in the chair, and a large attendance of grand officers of the grand lodge present. The reports of the various grand lodge officers were referred to the various committees for consideration. The report of the grand keeper of records and seal showed that no new lodges had been instituted since last session of grand lodge, but that there had been a steady gain in membership and finance throughout the lodges. The report of the grand master of exchequer showed the funds of grand lodge to be in good shape, the balance on hand being $300 larger than last year. The grand lodge adjourned till 9 a.m. Wednesday in order that the guests could enjoy the entertainment provided by the grand lodge. No business of importance is to come before the grand lodge at this session.

SBARETTI SAILS.

Ottawa, Ont., July 13. — It developed today that Monsignor Sbaretti, apostolic delegate, who sailed for England on Friday last, will not visit Rome in connection with the appointment of a successor to the late Archbishop Duhammel. He will take the ocean trip only for his health.

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Belfast, Ireland, July 13.—The nationalist quarter of the city has been the scene of serious riots, owing to the disturbed state of the district since the conflicts between the nationalists and Orangemen July 12. A large force of police has been drafted and guards are stationed in various sections of the quarter.

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