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VALDIMIR THE MONK.

lips in a low, hissing whisper, he simed a p blow with his first at Rurio's head. The gun-maker had not dreamed of such a das-tardlp act, and he was not prepared for it. Yet he dodged it sufficiently to escape the mark upon the side of his head. But he Thark upon the side of his head. But he stopped not to consider now. As the Count free back Ruric dealt him a blow upon the brow that felled him to the floor like's dead as... "Beware D

^{5X.} "Beware, Stephen Urzen ?" he whisper-id to the Count's companion as that indivi-fual made a movement as though he would the youth. "In all but years," returned Rosalind, im the same low tone. "And I may wear the same image in my heart ?" "Resalind," he said, taking both her hands in his own, "there is one point upon which we have me speak plainly and candidly. You know my situation. My father and your father fought side by side, "In more the same image in my heart ?"

The man thus addressed viewed the gun-

"Kuric Nevel," he said, in a hissing, mad-lening tone, "you will hear from me. The mad spirit of a vengeance such as mine can not be triffed with." "I can not forget the love of the happy" with beaming eyes and a joyful expression "Us, I am not deceived in this," he mur-mured. "Speak, dearest one." "Were you reduced to the lowest estate of povery, so long as you generor s pure soul was free, I should only

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CHAPTER IIL

Increase while waking, and strange dreams while alsepting. Long and deeply did he ponder upon the strange business which had "cailed Count Conrad to his shop, and in no way, under no light, could he get any rea-tion from it. Why he, a youth who had never spoken with the proud Duke, save on common business, and who was so far down in the social scale, should have been thus called upon to give virtual consent to the bestowal of Rosalind Vithar's hand, was beychd his ken. He was but a poor artisan -she, a wealthy heiress and sa coto artisan dianship of the Dake, whose word, so far as she was concerned, was law. And again-Conard Damonoff was a count, and reputed

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seat, "you will pardon me for this visit when you know its cause. And you will pardon me, too, if speak'pl have to speak." "Surely, sir-" "Oh-call me Rurio. Let us at least not

beart ?" but my father fell, while yours returned "I cannot cast it from mine if I would."

The man thus addressed viewed the gun-maker a few moments, and he seemed to sonclude that he had better avoid a personal ancounter, for his fiste relaxed, and he mov-pd to the side of his fallen friend and assisted im to his feet. Conrad Damonoff gazed into his antagon-lats face a few m ments in silence. His lace was ashen pale, and his whole frame quivered. Upon his forehead there was a lyvid spot where he had been struck, but the skin was not brok n. "Rurie Nevel," he said, in a hissing, mat-tening tone, "you will hear from me. The

And with this he turned away. "Paul," said the gun maker, turning to is hody, after the men had gone away, "nat a word of this to my mother. Be are." "I can not forget the love of the happy times agone," the noble girl replied gazi up through her happy tears. "Oh, how many and many an hour have I prayed to God that those days might return, and that the one true heart of earth I loved might be "Bess you, dearest," Rario murmured. mine once more. Rurie, why should I hile clasping the fair being to, his bosom. And the truth, or why set it aside? To me thou for a long while Resalind's head lay upon

art all in all. I have no one else to love, the shoulder of the man she so truly, fond y That night Rurio Nevel had strange and none to love me else, save the noble loved. Inncies while waking, and strange dreams girl who brought to hither. I can tell you That was not the time for bringing for

"Lady," he said, after he had taken a knows that the Count would be no match for me. So he think in this sublis manner to make me an instrument, for ridding him of a plague." But the youth was careful not to let Resalind know of this. He knew that he was a proud, reckless f low, and worth but fittle to society. That was all. He did not seem to care much about it any-way; only he said he should have done just as you did, and that every law of justice she would be unhappy if she knew that a duel was likely to come off between him-self and the Count. After some minutes of comparative silence

would bear you out. H - had more suriosity than interest, though I am sure all his sym-Rurie touched upon a point which lay very near his heart. "Resalind," he said, taking both her pathies are with you." "Very well," returned Ruria. "It can matter little what the monk thinks about it, though I would rather have him know the truth if he must know anything, for I would not be misunderstoon " "He understands it all now, my master ;

and I trust you are not offended at the liberty I took in telling him."

informed him that a gentleman in the house would speak with him. "Is it Stephen Urzen ?" asked the youth.

His mother said it was. Then bid him come out here." Claudia retired and is a few moments

stiffly and haughtily, "I bring a message from the Count Damonoff." "Very well, sir," returned the gun maker

proudly. "Ism ready to receive it." Thereupon Urzen drew a sealed note from his pocket and handed it to Rurie, who took it and broke the seal. He opened it, and lent. But at length she said, while a teau

glistened in her eye : "I have given one loved being up to my read as follows : "RURIC NEVEL -An insult of the most ag-

gravating nature has for the time leveled all distinction of caste between un. Your blood alone can wash out the stain. I wold son. Yet, rather than one stain should rest blood alone can wash out the stand. I would be not murder you outright, and in no other way but this can I reach you. My friend, the bearer of this, will make all arrangements. If you dare not meet me, say so, that all may know who is the co ard. DAMONOFF."

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l, gazing up for a moment, and then letting is eyes droop again. At ength he resum. d-"I had made up my mind to tell you I ere you spoke." There was comething deep and significant

Rurie's tone, and his mother quickly aught the spark. "What is it !" she tremblingly uttered.

noving her chair nearer to her child's side Here the conversation dropped, and the work was resumed in silence. It was past three o'clock when Burie's mother came and shop. Then is told of but

Stephen Urzen. "And now, my mother," he added, with-out waiting for any reply, "you know it all. You see how I am situated. Remember, our nation has reached its present point by more the gentleman made his appearance. successful war. The soul of our nation is "Rurio Nevel," he said, bowing very built upon military honor, and since our

mother, I would have you speak."

For some moments Claudia Nevel was al-

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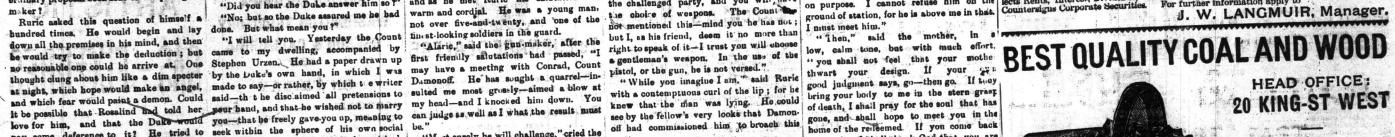
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some moments in the face without speaking, "Will you answer?" asked Urzen. He spoke more softly than before, for he saw something in the gun-maker's face he dared not provoke.

pay some deference to it? He tried to seek within the sphere of his own social think so. Hope whispered that it might circle some compared to be a solution of the sphere of his own social think so.

be so. In the hall he threw on his heavy pelisse and having reached the nearest hostelry he took a horse and sledge and started off for

apartments of the palace of the Duke of nature thereto, so that he might receive Tula, sat Rosalind Valdai. She was a your hand without impediment." beautiful girl, molded in perfect form, with

light loved to dwell amid the clustering "There can be no mistake on my pirt. his shop. eurls. Her eyes, which were of a deep, The instrument was in the Duke's own "Good !" uttered Alaric, as the gunliquid blue, sparkled brightly when she was hand." happy; and when ane suffed the softer is a curse for all I loved."

respect, but she sparned that respect which is may ob, and she thought our noble emper r holds went away on business, and she thought may be recking with vilest sensualism. empty titles, and perhaps he fears if this not of asking him any questions. Resalind sat there, in the apartment matter came to the imperial ear, and you which was here for her own p ivate use, and should claim the right to marry with whom the sat when the door of her apartment affairs stand at present?" Was opened, and a young girl entered. The Rosalind thought awhile ere she answer-new comer was a small, fair creature, bright ed; and then, while a startled expression return from the Kremlin. He asked him return from the Kremlin. He asked him That evening, about eight o'clock, a sledge calmly by effort. I am yours, and all is

steen years of age. Rosalind's father had matter of dispute. There is some question very important in the visit. picked her up on the battlefield from which of property." then almost an infant. And now she was

then almost an infant. And now she was the there was a dispute between the Dake and one of the small daggers with the pearl Hill." loved her hind and gentle mistress, and the elder Dimonoff concerning the own r. haft." would have laid down life itself in her ship of Drotzen, the estate on the Don, in lervice.

the not ced the girl hesitate.

"Tell him I can not see him," said Rosa- the Duke mean to compromise this matter Damonoff came here yesterday." see you," the girl replied.

Trurne : utteren the lair main n, start-ing up, while the rich blood mounted to her trow and temples. "Oh, I am glad he has the skind to me, I am sure. He 'And did he ask you any questions to some. My prayers are surely answered. loves me as though I were his own child. I ing the particulars ?" Lead him hither, Zenobie." The girl departed, and ere long after-has shown it. He is mindful of my com-Lead him hither, Zenobie."

the name that sounded so sweetly to his that I have taught the sword-play, and he was a sound of his soul became of the sound of the Fo rapidly does lung irritation spread and deeren that often in a few weeks a simple cough summates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough, there is always danger in delay. Get a bottle of Eickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup and cure yourseif. It is a medicine unsurpassed for all throat and lung troubles. It is compound-ed from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of the list as exerting a wonderful in-fluence in curing consumption and all lung fuences.

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"Most surely he will challenge," cried the Hope whispered that is might circle some companion when he wished. And this I was asked to sign." officer, excitedly. "So I think," resumed Ruric, calmly. "And now, will you serve me in the event ?" "With pleasure."

"By the Count ?" "Yes-by the Duke's orders." "Oh-it cannot be," uttered the fair girl, book a horse and sledge and stated on the trembling-the Kremlin, within which the Duke resid "And he further assured me that the

And he further assured me that the What will you do?' Within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-within one of the sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had requested him to obtain my sig-sumptuously furnished Duke had provocation." "So that the Count might receive my thing ?"

maker finished. "He must challenge you and then you'll punish him. He's too "But y u did not sign it."

CHAPTER IV.

"With pleasure." "I may refer his messenger to you ?"

"Do you mean the black monk-Valdi-

by giving your hand to the Count, and takind, tremb ing. "But this is Ruric Nevel, my mistress." ing Drotzen in exchange?" "But this is Ruric Nevel, my mistress." 'Oh, I cannot think so," the maides re-"Oh, I cannot think so," the maides re-served the subject,"

"And did he ask you any questions touch-

but 'twas gone now. He could only gaze into a quarren. "By my soul," thought into the lovely face before him and murmur the youth to himself, "the Duke knows happened, from the showing of the paper mind wavered. When he was over where When her head had pressed the pillow she Into the lovely face before him and murmur the youth to himself, "the Duke knows nappened, from the showing of the paper inind wavered. When he was over where When her head had pressed the pillow she the name that sounded so sweetly to his that I have taught the sword play, and he wight the Duke had drawn up, to the de-

The back had drawn up, to the up agents cherry rectorating given me gtrea relief in bronchitis. Within a month I have sent some of this preparation to a friend suffering much good that he writes for more."—Charles F. Dumterville, Plymouth, England. Besolutions.

reach the ground together."

off had commissioned him to broach this home of the refleemed. If you come back to me alive I shall thank God that you are "Of course you are," returned Urzen. spared; but alas ! the joy will be clouded "And the Count is most excellen ly versed with the thought of blood upon your hands, in the use of the sword, is he not ?" and the knowledge that my joy is another's

"He is accounted a fair ewordsman." "Aye-so I thought But it matters" "No, no, my mother," cried Rurie. "Yes-surely. And how shall I act! not to me. The thought had not entered quickly and earnest y. . I will not have a fellow being's blood on my hand if I can swords would be the only weapons thought avoid it. Only to save my own life will I of. However, Orsa will settle it with you "I understand. You wish to retract no-I have given him no directions all, save to take his. He has done all this himself-all -all. The quarrel was his own, and the "No. Listen; I will tell you all since I serve me as he thinks proper, and to act first blow was his. The challenge is his, setugence. One was only minercen years of "But the Duke assured me only yesterday seek your ail.". Age, and she had been ten years an orphan. Her hair was of a golden hue, and the sun-Count. May there not be come with the "And thereupon Buric related all that had is an orphan." You understand

"1 do, sir," retusped Urzen, in a choking must be to your own soul. But tell mehas not the Emperor made some new law "Then wait a moment, and I will give touching this practice of duelling ?" "Yes-but only the challer gor is respon

sible. The party challenged is held free fiom you a me sage to Ursa. Thus speaking Rurio went to his desk, and upon the bottom of the missive he had

"RUP"O." A long time after this was passed in Having written this he showed it to Ur silence. Both the mother and son seemed zen, and asked him if he would bear it to have something upon their minds which the lieutenant. An affirmative reply was they wished to say, but dared not. Bat the given, and then simply folding the note in former at length overcame her reluctance. which was hers for her own p ivate use, and should claim the right to marry with which he was sad and thoughful. One fair hand you pleased, Peter would grant your prayer. he was sad and thoughful. One fair hand you pleased, Peter would grant your prayer. he was sad and thoughful. One fair hand you pleased, Peter would grant your prayer. he was sad and thoughful. One fair hand you pleased, Peter would grant your prayer. he was sad and thoughful. One fair hand you pleased, Peter would grant your prayer. he was sad and thoughful. One fair hand you pleased, Peter would grant your prayer. he was sad and thoughful. One fair hand you pleased, Peter would grant your prayer. he was sad and thoughful. One fair hand with the silker is the one he w. hed to get my claim set aside there she twisted the ends of the silker is that and handed it to his visitor. Fish that confined her heavy robe. Thus affairs stand at present?" Fish that confined her heavy of her anartment affairs stand at present?" CHAPTER IV. In the afternoon Ruio retired to his shop, whe e he went to work upon a gun which had been ordered some days before. Fish that confined her heavy robe. Thus affairs stand at present?" Fish that confined her heavy robe. Thus affairs stand at present?" Fish that confined her heavy robe. Fish the day hefore aimer his Fish the day hefor

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of property." "Damonoli is in a nurry," ne said, "and he who slew Kurger; and momjako, too, ne "Ah," uttered the youth earnestly. mir?" asked the young man, starting. We have appointed the meeting at ten o'clock slew in the duel. He is an expert swordsmir?" asked the young man, starting. we have appointed the meeting at ten octook slew in the data in the data in the second starting. We have appointed the meeting at ten octook slew in the data in the second starting is second starting in the second starting in the second starting is second starting in the second starting in the second starting is second starting in the second starting in the second starting is second starting in the second starting in the second starting is second starting in the second starting is second starting in the second starting in the second starting is second starting is second starting in the second starting is second starting is second starting in the second starting is s

do you not know that we are all prone to

"Suppose I call here in the morning for listen; I will send one word. For yourself

"I will, then. I shall be along in good you do, tell her—but you know my soul. season with my sledge, and we will both You can tell her as you please. But I shall

not fall." Thus it was arranged, and then Orse took It was now late, and ere long Ruric kissed his mother, and then retired to his bed.

"I told him the whole story, from begin. When Burie returned to his seat by the And the widow was left alone. With her The girl departed, and ere long after- has shown Jt. He is initiation on any com-The girl departed, and ere long after- has shown Jt. He is initiation on any com-wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment. He fort, and anticipates my every want. No, wards Ruric entered the apartment of her matched her her decident. Hin nurrowly, and with more than ordinary below the her head and solved her head and solved welked quickly to where Rosali d had no; if ne is decriving any one ne must be ining of their purpose from what he accident-atisen to her feet, and taking one of her deceiving the Count." hands in both his own he pressed it to his Ruric started as a new s spicion flashed ly overheard, and rather than have him go. The spice of another than one made up his mind her sight she bowed her head and sobbed atisen to het too, and the pressed it to his hands in both his own he pressed it to his lips. He had had a well-formed speech upon his lips when he entered the roam, into a quarrel. "By my soul," thought into a quarrel. "B

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