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"A smooth-running express train was
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made excellent travelling companions.
Then, quite suddenly, there came a dull
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the carriage windows shook a little.

Half an hour afterwards we pulled
up in a big station, the platform was
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ing excitedly. One, just opposite my
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