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The Face  
Behind the Mask

A Romance.

So absorbed had Sir Norman been in his own mind, that he paid no attention whatever to those around him, and had nearly forgotten their very presence, when one of them, with a loud cry, sprang to his feet, and then fell writhing to the floor. The others, in dismay, gathered about him, but the next instant fell back with a cry of, "He has the plague!" At that dreaded announcement, half of them scampered off incontinently; and the other half with the landlord at their head, lifted the sufferer, whose groans and cries were heartrending, and carried him out of the house. Sir Norman, rather dismayed himself, had risen to his feet, fully aroused from his reverie, and found himself and another individual sole possessors of the premises. His companion he could not very well make out; for he was sitting, or rather crouching, in a remote and shadowy corner, where nothing was clearly visible but the glare of a pair of fiery eyes. There was a great redundancy of hair, too, about his head and face, indeed, considerably more about the latter than there seemed any real necessity for, and even with the imperfect glimpse he caught of him the young man set him down in his own mind about as hard-looking a customer as he had ever seen. The fiery eyes were glaring upon him like those of a tiger, through a jungle of bushy hair, but their owner spoke never a word, though the other stared back with compound interest. There they sat, beaming upon each other—no merely, the other curiously, until the reappearance of the landlord with a very dubious and woe-begone countenance. It struck Norman that it was about time to start for the ruin; and, with an eye to business, he turned to cross-examine his host a trifle.

"What have they done with that man?" he asked, by way of preface. "Sent him to the pest-house," replied the landlord, resting his elbows on the counter and his chin in his hands, and staring dully at the opposite wall. "Ah, Lord! at mercy on us! these be dreadful times."

"Dreadful enough!" said Sir Norman, sighing deeply, as he thought of his beautiful Leonie, a victim of the merciless pestilence. "Have there been many deaths here of the distemper?"

"Twenty-five today," groaned the man. "O Lord, what will become of us?"

"You seem rather disheartened," said Sir Norman, pouring out a glass of wine and handing it to him. "Just drink this, and don't borrow trouble. They say sack is a sure specific against the plague."

"Mine host drained the bumper and wiped his mouth, with another hollow groan."

"If I thought that, sir, I'd not be sober from one week's end to the other; but I know well enough I will be in a plague-pit in less than a week. O Lord, have mercy on us!"

"Amen!" said Sir Norman impatiently. "If fear has not taken away your wits, my good sir, will you tell me what old ruin that is I saw but a little above here as I rode up?"

The man started from his trance of terror, and glanced, first at the fiery eyes in the corner, and then at Sir Norman, in evident trepidation of the question.

"That ruin, sir? You must be a stranger in this place, surely, or you would not need to ask that question?"

"What, suppose I am a stranger? What then?"

"Nothing, sir, only I thought everybody knew about that ruin."

"But I do not, you see, sir, fill your glass again, and while you are drinking it, just tell me what that everything comprises."

Again the landlord glanced fearfully at the fiery eyes in the corner, and again hesitated.

"Well," exclaimed Sir Norman, at once surprised and impatient at his taciturnity, "don't you speak a man? I want you to tell me all about it."

"There is nothing to tell, sir," replied the host, doated to desperation. "It is an old, deserted ruin that's been there ever since I remember; and that's all I know about it."

While he spoke, the crouching shape in the corner reared itself upright, and keeping his fiery eyes still glaring upon Sir Norman, advanced into the light. Our young knight was in the act of raising his glass to his lips; but as

the apparition approached he laid it down again, untasted, and stared at it in the widest surprise and intensest curiosity. Truly it was a singular-looking creature, not to say a rather startling one. A dwarf of some four feet high, and at least five feet broad across the shoulders with immense arms and head—a giant in everything but height. His immense skull was set on such a trifle of a neck as to be scarcely worth mentioning, and was garnished by a violent mat of coarse black hair, which also overran the territory of his cheeks and chin, leaving no neutral ground, but his two fiery eyes and a broken nose all twisted awry. On a pair of short, stout legs he wore immense jack-boots, his Herculean shoulders and chest were adorned with a leathern doublet, and in the chest round his waist were conspicuously stuck a pair of pistols and a dagger. Altogether, a more ugly or sinister gentleman of his inches it would have been hard to find in all broad England. Stopping deliberately before Sir Norman, he placed a hand on each hip, and in a deep, guttural voice, addressed him:

"So, sir knight, for such I perceive you are, you are anxious to know something of that old ruin yonder?"

"Well," said Norman, so far recovering from his surprise as to be able to speak, "suppose I am? Have you anything to say against it, my little friend?"

"Oh, not in the least," said the dwarf with a hoarse chuckle. "Only instead of wasting you breath asking this good man, who professes such utter ignorance, you had better apply to me for information."

Again Sir Norman surveyed the little Hercules from head to foot for a moment in silence, as one, nowadays, would an intelligent gorilla.

"You think so—do you? And what may you happen to know about it, my pretty little friend?"

"Oh, Lord!" exclaimed the landlord to himself, with a frightened face, while the dwarf grinned horribly at a ghastly smile from ear to ear.

"So much, my good sir, that I would strongly advise you not to go near it, unless you wish to catch something worse than the plague. There have been others—our worthy host, there, whose teeth you may perceive are chattering in his head, can tell you about those that have tried the trick, and—"

"Well?" said Sir Norman curiously. "And who have never returned to tell what they found," concluded the little monster, with a diabolical leer. And as the landlord fell gray and gasping back in his seat, he broke out into a loud and hyena-like laugh.

"My dear little friend," said Sir Norman, staring at him in displeased wonder, "don't laugh, if you can help it. You are unimpressive enough at best, but when you laugh, you look like the very (a downward gesture) himself!"

Unheeding this advice, the dwarf broke again into an unearthly cackling, that frightened the landlord nearly into fits, and seriously discompoised the nerves of even Sir Norman himself. Then, grinning like a baboon, and still transfixing our pensive young knight with the same tiger-like and unpleasant glare, he nodded a farewell, and in this fashion, nodding and backing, he got to the door, and concluding the interesting performance with a third hoarse and hideous laugh, disappeared in the darkness.

For fully ten minutes after he was gone, the young man kept his eyes blankly fixed on the door, with a vague impression that he was suffering from an attack of nightmare; for it seemed impossible that anything so preposterously ugly as that dwarf could exist out of one. A deep groan from the landlord, however, convinced him that it was no so disagreeable midnight vision, but a brawny reality; and turning to that individual, he found him gasping, in the last degree of terror, behind the counter.

"Now, who in the name of all the demons out of hades may that ugly abortion be?" inquired Sir Norman.

"O Lord, be merciful! it's Caliban; and the only wonder is, he did not leave you a bleeding corpse at his feet!"

"I should like to see him try it. Perhaps he would have found that is a game two can play at. Where does he come from, and who is he?"

The landlord leaned over the counter and placed a very pale and startled face close to Sir Norman's.

"That's just what I wanted to tell you, sir, but I was afraid to speak before him. I think he lives up in that same old ruin you were inquiring about; at least, he is often seen hanging around there; but people are too much afraid of him to ask him any questions. Ah, sir, it's a strange place that ruin, and there be strange stories afloat about it," said the man, with a portentous shake of the head.

"What are they?" inquired Sir Norman. "I should particularly like to know."

"Well, sir, for one thing, some folks say it is haunted, or that queer lights and noises about it come from there; but again, there be other folks, who—"

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