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# Than a Peer.

CHAPTER XXV. IN LOVE WITH A PRINCESS. too. As shen does so the companio comes out upon the terrace. Hal looks up, and the princess, fol

grave and rises. "Will you come and see pa?" she

Hal nods, and offers to take the fishing-basket from her hand, but she puts it behind her with the gesture of a

"No. I will carry this. They are mine now, you know.'

Slowly they wind around the garden toward another part of the terrace, which surrounds the house, and, ascending the steps, stop at a window which is closed, and has the curtains

Then the princess, with her hand or the window, looks around at him. "Will you tell me your name again? she says. "Oh, I have not forgotten it." she adds, quickly, with an evident desire not to wound him: "but I am and he saw that he was seated at the have made a mistake. Oh, here is the had turned. card: but tell me. Hal laughs.

"Bertram-Henry Bertram," he

"You said 'Hal'-was it not 'Hal'?-"That's what I'm always called," he

"I like it best," she says, and opened the window.

hment, he saw the English fashion room within was lighted by a reading lamp close to which sat a tall and wonderfully thin old gentleman read-

The princess went up to him, and laid her white hand on his shoulder; but it was quite a minute before h looked up, during which Hal noticed that a map of Italy was spread out upon the table, and that various plans of battlefields, he learned afterward -hung upon the wall. A dispatch-box stood beside the table, and paper were littered over the room.

Presently the Prince Verona looked p, and rose abruptly.

"Papa," said the princess, "this is Bettera Peasant Mr. Bertram, whose fishing I so "And—and," said Hal, "where—I clumsily spoiled yesterday; he has mean—where would you recommend

brought me a present of some trout." as a pleasant ride." The prince looked across at Hal. the princess' own.

"I am very pleased to see you, sir." He laughs at the thought of a pipe he said: "I am afraid my child disstaining those soft, coral lips, and his turbed you yesterday." (Hal glanced ed carelessness, "I think I must." laugh seems catching, for she laughs, instinctively at the princess, and wonfast growing into a woman.) "Trout? excuse for staying longer lowing his glance, turns suddenly yes; I thank you! It is very kind! Are you staying at Forbach?"

> "Yes," said Hal. "for a time. "Mr. Bertram is going to the castle -to his sister, papa," said the princess. "The castle, you know." "Yes-yes," said the old man, "Maz-

zini once stayed there. Is it a fine day, "It is beautiful," said the princess the prince, with a smile.

"Cold!" exclaimed Hal-"it's very The princess glanced downward, sil end for a moment. "It is very hot in here." she

'Good-by, papa. And she stood on tiptoe, and kisse The prince held out his hand to Hal

not used to English names, and may table and his book, almost before they The princess looked at Hal with the questioning expression of a child an-

> stared straight before him. "Papa is always very busy," she said, very softly and slowly. "He does not like this sunlight—it reminds him

asked Hal, in his delightfully blunt

"Why doesn't he go back there?"

"He cannot," she said, quietly: 'they will not let him. Papa is ban-

"He has offended the people in powr," went on the princess, reluctantly "offends them still. All his friends are banished; all those letters are from the friends of liberty. You see tell you because you are English and the English never betray." "And the prince," said Hal, "does



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Then Hal looked at her, with a great well of pity gushing up in his heart. Shut up in this place with an old man who preferred lamp-light to sunlight, and never left his writing-table and a woman who watched her like a cat-this bright, lovely flower, with the artless grace of a child. To Hal it eemed too dreadful to be thought of.

"Oh, but I am very happy," she said, as if she—as she really did—read his thoughts. "I have my flowers, and Carlo and Florida-"Who is Florida?" asked Hal, with

"Are you fond of riding?" asked Hal. "Yes," she said—"very! I ride every vening, and sometimes in the morning. And you?

the deepest interest. "My horse," she replied.

"Yes," said Hal. He had got a stout cob down at New on, a present from Vane.

"Yes, all Englishmen are," she said

"There are many," said the prinshading his eyes, and bowed; then, as cess, innocently. "I generally ride if by an afterthought, held out his through the valley to the hills; one and wake up clear, rosy and cheerhand, which was long, and as white as gets some air up there. It is like fresh ful. No griping-no inconvenience.

"Yes," said Hal, witth artfully feign-There fell a silence upon them as dered if the old man really did not they paced side by side, mainly caused realize that this beautiful creature was by Hal puzzling his brains to find some

> Presently they came to a hot house The princess opened the door. "Here are some of my flowers," she said, and they entered. A gardener who was at work made a low obeisance and withdrew.

Like everything else he had seen, this place was on the grandest scale, and in the most perfect order. "I call this my kingdom," said the ing hand. "It is very cold, I am afraid," said princess, smiling with evident delight at Hal's admiration.

"I know every flower in it See, these are my favorites," and she drew down a bunch of white camelias. "George!" said Hal, "they are fine! We've nothing like this in England! They are as thick as blackberries." "Come," sad the princess. "You shall take them in return for your fish," and she caught up a knife and cut a hand-

ful of the flowers. "Stop-stop!" said Hal; spoiling the plant." "And why should I not?" she said with a sweet smile. "See, they are xious to glean his thoughts, but Hal | beautiful, are they not? Will you have one in your coat?—ah, yes, you have a flower already. Hal snatched the azalea from his

button-hole, and pitched it under the stand. "No. I haven't," he said. She laughed like a child, and, selecting the largest of the camelias, hand

Hal took it. "Thanks." he said, and tried to put it in his button-hole, where it hung ject of his ferocious manifestation is clumsily out, as they always do when clumsy hands meddle with them. "Ab you will lose it." said the prin-

ed it to him.

cess, and in the most natural manner in the world, she stretched up to him and fixed the flower with a pin. Hal's face went crimson, poor boy, and then nale for he was possessed by a maddening desire to seize the two white he never go out—is he always reading hands fluttering at his breast and kiss

If he could have been sure of dving the moment afterward, I think he would have done it. All innocently unconscious of his

audacious aspiration, the princess stepped back to look at her handiwork. and raised her eyes to his face, with smile, and Hal was obliged to turn away that she might not see the longng in the frank eves.

"And these," she said, "you shall take home to the hotel to your friend, the coach!" She looked about as she spoke for

something to put the camelias in, and pounced upon a small, fanciful basket, more precious in Hal's eyes than the flowers, for how often might her little fingers have clasped the handle! "There," she said. Hal took the basket and raised his

hat, but not a word could he get out. "I-I am afraid I must go now, your highness," he said. "Yes?" she said, with a innocent look of regret; "you are going on an

excursion with your friend. Well, you have a beautiful day-" "No, I'm not," said Hal, eagerly. "I'm going-I shall go to the stream, where—where I saw you yesterday."

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and rubs his head. "I'm sure of it,"

oom, and the first thing Hal sees is the companion still reading her book, and waiting for them; and Hal takes a sudden violent distaste to the thin

Excepting into the prince's room, Carlo has followed them everywhere, and he now stands by the door, thrust-

'Carlo is quite amiable." The companion answers something n Italian, and Hal fidgets with his

"Good-by-that is, good-morning," ne says, holding out his hand; but the princess goes with him into the hall, Carlo following. "Good-by," she says, giving him her

soft, little hand, which seems swallowed up by Hal's brown paw. "Goodby, and thank you for calling." Hal is about to stammer something,

possibly a prayer to be allowed to repeat the visit, when a step is heard on the front terrace, and, with a growl, Carlo bounds forward, Hal, looking around hastily, sees a gentleman at the outer door, and the next instant the princess utters a cry, for Carlo has dashed at the glass with an ominous growl and a liberal display of fangs.

Hal steps forward and seizes the dog just in time to prevent him clawing open the door, which has been left ajar, and, looking up, sees that the oba short, upright gentleman, with a wrinkled face-none other than the Count Mikoff.

The count, keeping a wary eye on the huge hound, opens the doors deicated, and, bare-headed, goes toward the princess, and greets her in Italian. The princess, with a little smile and certain little falter, no doubt caused by Carlo's savagery, gives him her and, which, to Hal's surprise, and, be it added, disgust, he kisses.

Then he turns to Hal, as the priness, glancing up for a moment, says, n a quiet, constrained voice: "Mr. Bertram. a friend, countcount Mikoff, Mr. Bertram.'

The count makes an elaborate box and wrinkles into a smile. "I have had the pleasure of meeting this gentleman before, senorita, and am charmed to renew the acquaint-

She is far above poor Hal, who stammers out something polite, and moves toward the door, with his hand still on the growling Carle's collar, as if he really intended walking off with him. "The dog! let me implore you not to elease him, sir, until he is otherwise ecured," says the count, with a smile. but keeping a wary eye on the dog.

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"Jeanne, yes, Jeanne is good-looking enough," said Hal.

"Yes," said the princess, folding her ands behind her, and looking up at im with a strange thoughtfulness on ler face. "I wonder if I shall see her?"

"Of course you will," said Hal, sagerly "that is, I mean if you like."

"I hope so," said the princess, "and think, yes, I am sure I shall like lier."

"I am sure you will," said Hal, smphatically; "most people like Jeanne.

"Yand—and I am sure she will like you!" he ventures, with an effort.

"Are you?" she asks, naively. "What makes you think that?"

Hal is on the point of blustering out:

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