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CHAPTER XX (continued)

He stood waiting for his visitor to speak and disclose herself. She on her side continued immovable until Ali's footsteps had faded in the distance. Then with a boldness entirely characteristic, with the recklessness that betrayed her European origin intolerant of the Moslem restraint imposed upon her sex, she did what no True-believing woman would have done. She tossed back that long, black veil and disclosed the pale countenance and langurous eyes of Fenzileh.

For all that it was no more than he had expected, yet upon beholding her—her countenance thus bared to his regard—he recoiled a step.

"Fenzileh!" he cried. "What madness is this?"

Having announced herself in that dramatic fashion, she composedly readjusted her veil so that her countenance should once more be decently concealed.

"To come her, to my house, and thus!" he protested. "Should this reach the ears of thy lord, how will it fare with thee and with me? Away, woman, and at once!" he bade her.

"No need to fear his knowing of this unless, thyself, thou tell him," she answered. "To thee I need no excuse if thou'll but remember that like thyself I was born a Moslem."

"But Algiers is not thy native Sicily, and whatever thou was born it were well to remember what thou art become."

He went on at length to tell her of the precise degree of her folly, but she cut in, stemming his protestations in full flow.

"These are idle words that but delay me."

"To thy purpose then, in Allah's name, that thus thou mayest depart the sooner."

"'What do I care for that?' she cried in sudden fury."

She came to it straight enough on hat uncompromising summons. She pointed to Rosamund.

"It concerns that slave," she said. "I sent my wazeer to the sok today with orders to purchase her for me."

"So I had supposed," he said.

"But it seems that she caught thy fancy, and the fool suffered himself to be outbidden."

"Well?"

"Thou'lt relinquish her to me at the price she cost thee?" A faint note of anxiety trembled in her voice.

"I am anguished to deny thee, O Fenzileh. She is not for sale."

"Ah, wait," she cried. "The price paid was high—many times higher than I have ever heard tell was given for a slave, however lovely. Yet I covet her. 'Tis a whim of mine, and I can not suffer to be thwarted in my whims. To gratify this one I will pay three thousand philips."

He looked at her and wondered what devilries might be stirring in her mind, what evil purpose she desired to serve.

"Thou'lt pay three thousand philips?" he said slowly. Then bluntly asked her—

"Why?"

"To gratify a whim, to please a fancy."

"What is the nature of this costly whim? he insisted.

"The desire to possess her for my own," she answered evasively.

"And this desire to possess her, whence it is sprung?" he returned, as patient as he was relentless.

"You ask too many questions," she exclaimed with a flash of anger.

He shrugged and smiled.

"You answer too few."

"In a word, Oliver-Reis," said she, "wilt sell her for three thousand philips?"

"In a word—no," he answered her.

"Thou'lt not? Not for three thousand philips?" Her voice was charged with surprise, and he wondered was it real or assumed.

"Not for thirty thousand," answered he. "She is mine, and I'll not relinquish her. So since I have proclaimed my mind, and since to tarry here is fraught with peril for us both, I beg thee to depart."

There fell a little pause, and neither of them noticed the alert interest stamped upon the white face of Rosamund. Neither of them suspected her knowledge of French which enabled her to follow most of what was said in the lingua franca they employed.

Fenzileh drew close to him.

"Thou'lt not relinquish her eh?" she asked, and he was sure she sneered. "Be not so confident. Thou'lt be forced to it, my friend—if not to me, why, then, to Asad. He is coming for her, himself, in person."

"Asad?" he cried, startled now.

"Asad-ed-Din," she answered, and upon that resumed her pleading. "Come, then! It were surely better to make a good bargain with me than a bad one with the Basha."

He shook his head and planted his feet squarely.

"I intend to make no bargain with either of you. This slave is not for sale."

"Shalt thou dare resist Asad? I tell thee he will take her whether she be for sale or not."

"I see," he said, his eyes narrowing. "And the fear of this, then, is the source of thy whim to acquire her for thyself. Thou art not subtle, O Fenzileh. The consciousness that thine own charms are fading sets thee trembling lest so much loveliness should entirely cast thee from thy lord's regard, eh?"

If he could not see her face, and study there the effect of that thrust of his, at least he observed the quiver that ran through her muffled figure, he caught the note of anger that throbbed in her reply—

"And if that were so, what is't to thee?"

"It may be much or little," he replied.

"Indeed, it should be much," she answered quickly, breathlessly. "Have I not ever been thy friend? Have I not ever urged thy valor on my lord's notice and wrought like a true friend for thine advancement, Sakr-el-Bahr?"

He laughed outright.

"Laugh as thou will, but it is true," she insisted. "Lose me and thy valuable ally is lost. For look, Sakr-el-Bahr, it is what would befall if another came to fill my place, another who might poison Asad's mind with lies against thee—for surely she cannot love thee, this Frankish girl whom thou hast torn from her home!"

"Be not concerned for that," he answered lightly. "This slave of mine shall never usurp thy place beside Asad."

"O fool, Asad will take her whether she be for sale or not."

"If he can take her from me, the more easily can he take her from thee. No doubt thou hast considered that, and in some dark Sicilian way considered too how to provide against it. But the cost—hast thou counted that? What will Asad say to thee when he learns how thou hast thwarted him?"

"What do I care for that?" she cried in sudden fury, her gestures becoming a little wild. "She will be at the bottom of the harbor by then with a stone about her neck. He may have me whipped. No doubt he will. But 'twill end there. He will require me to console him for his loss, and so all will be well again."

At last he had drawn her, pumped her dry as he imagined. Indeed, indeed, he thought, he had been right to say she was not subtle. He had been a fool to have permitted himself to be intrigued by so shallow, so obvious a purpose.

"Depart in peace, O Fenzileh," he said. "I yield her to none."

His tone was final, and her answer seemed to accept at last his determination. Yet she was very quick with that answer, so quick that he might have suspected it to be preconceived.

"Then it is surely thine intent to wed her." No voice could have been more innocent and guileless than was hers now.

"If so," she went on, "it were best done quickly, for marriage is the only barrier Asad will not overthrow. He is levout, and out of his deep reverence for the Prophet's law he would be sure to respect such a bond as that. But be very sure that he will respect nothing short of it."

"And thy purpose would be equally well served, eh?" he questioned her, sly in his turn.

"Equally," she admitted.

"Say 'better,' Fenzileh," he rejoined. "I said thou art not subtle. By the Koran, I lied. Thou art subtle as the serpent. Yet I see whither thou art gliding. Were I to be guided by thine advice a twofold purpose would be served. First, I should place her beyond Asad's reach, and second, I should be embroiled with him for having done so. What could more completely satisfy thy wishes?"

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Use of Rays by Flowers

Do flowers use rays not visible to the human eye to attract insects to them? Certain insects can spot ultra violet light that cannot be seen by man, and some blossoms, in addition to their ordinary brilliant hues, vary in the kind of short light rays that they emit.

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PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF STARVATION

What long-continued famine does to human beings is vividly shown in the form of a coldly scientific article on the effects of the recent famine in Russia, recently published as a translation from the work of a Russian scientist, Prof. Alexis Ivanovsky, of the University of Kharkov.

Not only loss of weight, but a shrinking of several inches in stature and a general drying up of the whole bodily fram similar to that in advanced old age, was experienced by Russians suffering from a three year shortage of wholesome food.

When it became evident that a period of famine was approaching in Russia, and that it threatened to be of long duration, Prof. Ivanovsky enlisted his colleagues in an investation of the physical effects of starvation. The observations were made on 2,114 individuals, male and female, in all parts of Russia, and were continued for survived being measured six suc-three years, each individual who months.

The most universal and obvious effects of the famine was loss of weight. Not one individual was found whose weight had not diminished, while in a great number of cases the loss was as much as 30 per cent of the normal weight.

Fat was the first to be sacrified and by the end of the famine had almost completely disappeared in all the subjects measured. After that was used up, the muscles wasted away, then some of the internal organs, such as the liver or pancreas, were effected, while the essential organs, such as the heart and the central nervous system, were little affected.

Bodily stature declined in nearly all cases, the average loss being from 1.5 to 2.6 inches in men and from 1.4 to 1.9 inches in women. The loss was greater among young persons, but was made up by them more rapidly when food again became adequate.

The shape of the head changed. In the average famine sufferer it became relatively broader, the front and back diameter shrinking more than the transverse. The length of the face decreased less than its breadth, resulting in a typically lean, narrow visage. Similarly the nose became narrower and thinner.

"In very emaciated people," Prof. Ivanovsky states, "the hair grew more slowly, fell out prematurely and tended rapidly to become gray. The eyes became like those of old people; the skin lost its elasticity and became wrinkled, the gait became weak and uncertain, the body bent.

The sexual instinct became very weak or even disappeared entirely. The number of births decreased enormously, while the number of children born prematurely or still-born increased, as did those born with various deformities."

Because of the irregular diet of indigestible food ulcer of the stomach became a common complaint. The body largely lost its power of resistance, simple boils easily became carbuncles, and abscesses of the hands were common as the result of ordinary infections. Finally, Prof. Ivanovsky considers the psychological factors of depression and apathy to have been of great influence, even to the extent of causing changes in the body structure.

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