

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XLIX.—(CONTINUED.)

The climax had come. The heaving bosom could bear silence no longer; the insult was unendurable.

"Base wretch!" cried she, in a voice, of compressed agony, "stand aside from my path!"

"Not yet," answered Ijorra, grasping the bridle more firmly "I have something farther to communicate."

"Villain! release the rein!"

"Before I do, you shall promise—you shall swear!"

"Again! let go! or this bullet to your heart!"

I had sprung from out the thicket, and was running forward to her rescue. I saw her right hand on high, and something shining in its grasp. It was a pistol. Its muzzle was turned upon Ijorra.

No doubt the resolute character of her who held it was well known to him, for the threat produced an immediate effect; the coward relaxed his hold, the reins dropped from his fingers, and with a mingled look of hatred and fear, he stepped back a pace.

The moment the bridle became free, the steed, already started by the spur, bounded forward, and after half-a-dozen springs, both horse and rider disappeared behind the screen of the palmettoes.

I was too late to play the knight-errant. The "lady faire" had not needed my help; she neither saw nor heard me; and by the time I arrived upon the ground, she had passed out of sight, and Ijorra was alone.

CHAPTER L.

AWKWARD ODDS.

Ijorra was alone, and I continued to advance to the spot where he was standing. His back was towards me, for he still fronted in the direction in which Isolina had galloped off. He had followed her with his eyes, with a cry of disappointed rage, with a threat of malignant vengeance.

The sound of his own voice hindered him from hearing mine, and he was not aware of my presence, when I paused scarcely three feet from where he stood, and directly behind him. I held my sword drawn; I could have thrust him in the back, through and through again, before he could have offered either defence or resistance. He was completely in my power.

Fortunate was it for him at that moment that I had been bred a gentleman, else in another instant his lifeless body would have lain at my feet. A plebeian blade would have made short work with the ruffian, and I confess that my instincts of fair play were sorely tried. I had before me a man who had sought my life—a deadly foe—a deadly foe to her I loved—a perjured villain—a murderer! With such titles for himself, he had none to the laws of honor; and I confess that for one short moment, I felt like ignoring his claim. 'Twas but for a moment: the thought revolted, Wicked and worthless as he was, I could not stab him in the back.

I leaned forward, and tapping him upon the shoulder, pronounced his name.

It was the first intimation he had of my presence; and starting as if hit by a bullet, he turned face towards me. The flush of anger upon his cheek suddenly gave place to a deadly pallor, and his eyes became set in that peculiar stare that indicates an apprehension of danger. This he must have felt keenly, for my determined look and drawn sword—to say nothing of the surprise by which I had come upon him—were calculated to produce that effect.

It was the first time we had stood face to face, and I now perceived that he was a much larger man than myself. But I saw, too, that his eye-quickened and his lip quivered at the encounter. I saw that he was cowed; and I felt that I was his master.

"You are Rafael Ijorra!" I repeated, as he had not made answer to my first interrogation.

"Si Senor," he answered hesitatingly. "What do you want with me?"

"You have some documents there" (he still held the papers in his hand); "a portion of them belongs to me. I shall trouble you to hand them over."

"Are you Captain Warfield?" he asked, after a pause, at the same time pretending to examine the superscription upon the commissary's letter. I saw that his fingers trembled.

"I am Captain Warfield—you ought to know by this time."

Without noticing the insinuation, he replied: "True—there is a letter here bearing that address. I found it upon the road; you are welcome to it, senor."

As he said this, he handed me the commissary's order, still retaining the other documents.

"There was an inclosure? I perceive you have it in your hand. I beg you will make me equally welcome to that."

"Oh! a note signed Ramon de Vargas? It was an inclosure?"

"Precisely so; and of course goes along with the letter."

"O certainly: here it is, senor."

"There is still another little document in your possession—a safeguard from the American commander granted to a certain lady. It is not yours, Senor Ijorra! I beg you will deliver it to me. I wish to return it to the lady to whom it belongs."

This was the bitterest pill I had yet presented to him. He glanced hastily first to the right and then to the left, as if desirous of making escape. He would

have done so, but I kept him under my eye, and he saw that my hand was ready.

"Certainly there is a safeguard," replied he, after a pause, and with a feigned attempt at laughter. "Tis a worthless document to me; 'tis at your service, sir captain; and as he handed me the paper he accompanied the act with another sorry exclamation.

I folded the precious documents, and thrust all three under the breast of my coat; then placing myself in fighting attitude, I cried to my adversary to "draw and defend himself."

I had already noticed that he wore a sword, and, like myself, it appeared to be the only weapon he carried. I saw no pistols upon his person. I had none myself—nothing save a light cut-and-thrust sword. It was far slighter than the sabre of my antagonist, but it was a weapon that had seen service in my hands, and I had perfect confidence in it. I had no fear for the result against so cowardly an adversary; I was not awed, either by his heavier blade, or the superior size of his person.

To my astonishment, he hesitated to unsheathe his sword!

TO BE CONTINUED.

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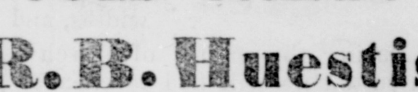
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