

"But he does not live here in the Kremlin." "He is here now, at any rate, and would see you."

"I know nothing to the contrary, sir," the stranger returned promptly. "All I can say is Alarie Orsa has fallen upon the ice and hurt himself severely and upon being informed that you were near by with a sledge he asked that you might be sent for."

"I will lead as fast as you will want to follow," answered the man. And thus speaking he turned back, and, having gone some dozen rods by the way they had both come, he turned down a narrow street which led toward the river.

"Then on you go." Again the stranger started, and Ruric followed on. The lane was a crooked one, and more than once the youth had another inclination to stop. He had no direct fear, but yet he had some just grounds for doubt.

"Look ye, once more, sirrah!" cried the youth, now stopping short. "Do you call this a street?" "Yes, sir, and on this street we shall find the man we seek. It is only a short cut from where he is to the inn where your horse is, so you won't have to retrace these dubious ways. Only a little farther, sir."

"Well, on you go." And on they went, now slipping on the ice, now in the snow to their knees and anon stumbling along over frozen huddles and deep holes. At length the guide stopped and opened a small gate which was fixed in a high, thick brick wall.

"This place seems not to be used much," remarked Ruric as he saw the snow in the court was trodden but little, only one or two tracks being visible from the gate to the house. "Ah—yes—you said—what?" "I said this place didn't seem to be used much," the youth repeated, though he was sure the fellow heard the first time.

"Ah, yes—a—the usual entrance is the other way, by the sledge path." "And where is that?" Ruric asked, not being able to see any such path. "Oh, it's around on the other side." By this time they had reached the door of the house, which our hero could now see had an old, dilapidated appearance, and the guide plied the iron knocker with zeal.

said the first speaker. And then turning to Ruric, he said: "But I'm glad you've come, sir, for the lieutenant wishes to see you very much. This way, sir." This was all so frank and prompt that the young man began to think he had been a fool for being frightened. He followed the man with the lantern into the hall, and from thence down a long flight of stairs into a basement. The lantern did not give much light, but it was sufficient to reveal the fact that the house was an old one and not very large, for Ruric could see windows upon the opposite side of the hall which looked out of doors.

As soon as Ruric was left alone he looked about him. The room was of moderate size for a small house, and the idea of inhabiting the cellars was a common one in Moscow during the winter season. The windows, two in number, were close up to the ceiling and very small and were patched with pieces of board in two or three places. Ere long the man came back, and with him came three others, one of whom the youth recognized as the individual who had conducted him to the house.

"Orsa will see you, sir," said he with the lantern. Ruric arose to follow him, the other three men approaching the fire as though they would remain there. He had reached the door and passed through into the room beyond when he thought he heard footsteps behind him. It was a sliding, shuffling sound, and he turned his head to see what it was. As he did so he received a blow which staggered him and which would have felled an ordinary man to the floor. He gathered himself quickly up, but before he could fairly turn about he received a second blow, heavier than the first, which brought him upon his knees. In an instant all four of the men were upon him, and he could see that they had ropes in their hands with which to bind him. With all his might he threw the fellow who held his right hand back against the wall, and another he sent in an opposite direction, and in a moment more he would have been upon his feet, but just at that instant a noose was adroitly slipped over his head, and as the rope tightened about his neck he was drawn back upon the brick floor again.

"Now, resist any more, and we'll choke you as sure as fate!" cried the man who had held the lantern and now had a hold upon the rope. "Oh," groaned Ruric, while the massive cords worked like cables in his arms and shoulders, "give me a fair chance! Let me go and free—then lock your doors, if you please!" "No, no, good sir," replied the ruffian, with a wicked smile. "We know your power, and we are not disposed to test it further. We have had trouble enough already. Shall we?"

The man stopped speaking, for at that moment another noose was slipped down over Ruric's head, and ere he could avoid it it had been drawn tightly about his arms. He was now at the mercy of his captors, and, having rolled him over upon his breast, they proceeded to secure his arms behind him, which, being done, they bade him to rise. Of course he could have no desire to lie there upon the cold bricks, and he got upon his feet as well as he could. "Now, Ruric Nevel, I will conduct you to your own apartment," said the leader of the gang. "But wherefore is this?" the gunmaker gasped, rendered almost speechless with the mingled emotions of surprise and anger. "Why have ye done this? Whose hirelings are ye that ye thus waylay and seize upon an honest man who has done no harm to any of you?"

"Never mind that now, sir," the ruffian coolly answered. "Suffice it for you to know that you are safe for the present." "But will ye not tell me what this is for? There is some intent." "Yes, and come with me and you shall see. Come." Thus speaking, the man turned once more, and, having picked up his lantern, he moved on, while the others, taking Ruric by the arms, followed after. The prisoner made no resistance now, for he knew that it would be useless. At a short distance another flight of stairs was reached. "Down here?" uttered Ruric, with a shudder. "Of course. You'd freeze up here."

These words struck harshly upon the youth's soul, for it meant that he was to be detained in this lonely place. At the bottom of these stairs they came to a vaulted passage, at the end of which was a door. This was opened, and Ruric was led through into the place beyond. He cast his eyes quickly about, and he found himself in a narrow apartment, the walls and floor of which were of stone and the roof of brick, the latter being arched. In one corner was a couch, and upon it were some old skins. And here the youth was to be left. His guide simply pointed to the low couch and then turned away. Ruric asked a question, but it was not answered. In a few moments more the heavy door was closed upon him, and he was in total darkness. He sought the couch, and, with a deep groan, he sank down.

Two well-known principals were engaged in an earnest discussion as to the authenticity of Shakespeare's works. "Well," finally said one of them, "when I get to heaven I'll ask him if he really wrote all that is commonly credited to him." "What if he should not be in heaven?" asked the other. "Then you can ask him." —Ex.

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NOTICE! NORTH CAROLINA, In the Superior Court. JNO. A. NARSON, Attorney for Plaintiff. June 26-6wkd-p.

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NOTICE! NORTH CAROLINA, In the Superior Court. JOHNSON COUNTY, Claude Surles vs. B. Surles. Notice to B. Surles.

NOTICE! B. Surles, the defendant in this action, will take notice, that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Johnston County to be held at the Court House in Smithfield, on the first day, Monday in September, 1901, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded. This July 15, 1901. W. S. STEVENS, Clerk Superior Court. Ed. S. ABELL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE! The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of A. B. Ingrams, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me daily verified on or before the 26th day of July, 1902, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 19th day of July, 1901. P. T. DUNCAN, Administrator.

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