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D'Artagnan did not move.

"Come, gentlemen, have you made your minds up?" cried Jussac.

"It is done, gentlemen, have you made your minds up?" cried Jussac.

"Ma what do you mean to do?" sked Jussac.

"We are about to have the honor of charging you," replied Aramis, lifting his hat with one hand and drawing his sword with the other.

And the nine combatants rushed upon each other with a fury which, at four or depression of the cardinal's; Porthos had Bicarat, and Aramis found himself of the cardinal's; Porthos had Bicarat, and Aramis found himself of the cardinal's; Porthos had Bicarat, and Aramis found himself of the cardinal's; Porthos had Bicarat, and Aramis found himself of the cardinal's; Porthos had Bicarat, and Aramis found himself of the cardinal's; Porthos had Bicarat, and Aramis found himself against an adversary who, active and energetic, departed to the cardinal's; Porthos had Bicarat, and Aramis found himself against an adversary who, active and energetic, departed to the cardinal's; Porthos had Bicarat, and Aramis found himself against an adversary who, active and energetic, departed to two stevers and the proposed to two adversaries. As to D'Artagnam did not move.



## THREE GUARDSMEN

By ALEXANDRE DUMAS

"What!" cried he in an accent of greater astonishment than before. your second witness M. Aramis?"
"Doubtless he is. Are you not awar that we are never seen one without the others, and that we're called in the musketeers and the guards, at court and in the city, Athos, Porthos and Aramis, or the three inseparables?" In the menutime Porthos had come up, waved his hand to Athos and then, turning toward D'Artagnan, stood

Permit us to say in passing that he had changed his baldrick and was "Ah, ah!" said he. "What does this

mean?"
"This is the gentleman I am going to fight with," said Athos, pointing to D'Artagnan with his hand and saluting him with the same gesture.
"Why, it is with him I am also go-

ing to fight," said Porthos.
"But not before 1 o'clock," replied
D'Artagnan.

D'Artagnan.

"Well, and I also am going to fight with that gentleman," said Aramis, coming on to the ground as he spoke.

"But not till 2 o'clock," said D'Artagnan, with the same calmness. "By Jove, this is a clever fellow!"

murmured Athos.

"And now you are all assembled, gentlemen," said D'Artagnan, "permit me to offer you my excuses."

At this word "excuses" a cloud pass-ed over the brow of Athos, a haughty smile curled the lip of Porthos and a smile curied the lip of Porthos and a negative sign was the reply of Aramis.

"You do not understand me, gentlemen," said D'Artagnan, throwing up his head, the sharp and bold lines of which were at the moment gilded by a bright sun ray. "I ask to be excused in case I should not be able to discharge my debt to all three, for M. Athos has the right to kill me first, which must, abate your valor in your which must abate your valor in your own estimation, M. Porthos, and render yours almost null, M. Aramis. And now, gentlemen, I repeat, excuse me, but on that account only, and—guard!" At these words, with the most gallant air possible, D'Artagnan drew his sword.

sword.

But scarcely had the two raplers of the guards of his eminence, com-manded by M. de Jussac, turned the angle of the convent. "Hola?" cried Jussac, advancing to-

ward them and making a sign to his men to do so likewise. "Hola, mus-keteers! Fighting here, then, are you? And the edicts—what is become of

them?"

"You are very generous, gentlemen of the guards," said Athos, with acrimony, for Jussac was one of the aggressors of the preceding day. "If we were to see you fighting I can assure you that we would make no effort to prevent you."

"Gentlemen," said Jussac, "it is with great regret that I pronounce the thing impossible. Duty before everything. Sheathe, then, if you please, and follow us. We will charge upon you if you disobey."

"There are five of them," said Athos.

"There are five of them," said Athor "There are live of them," said Athos half aloud, "and we are but three. We shall be beaten again and must die on the spot, for on my part I declare I will never appear before the captain again as a conquered man."

Athos, Porthos and Aramis instantly closed in, and Jussac drew up his soldiers.

This short interval was sufficient to determine D'Artagian on the part he was to take—between the king and the cardinal. Turning toward Athos and

"Gentlemen," said be, "allow me to correct your words, if you please. You said you were but three, but it appears to me we are four."
"Withdraw, young man!" cried Jusac, who, doubtless by his gestures and the expression of his countenance, had guessed D'Artagnan's design. "You may retire. We allow you to do so. Save your skin. Begone quickly."

D'Artaguan did not move. "Come, gentlemen, have

this, springing forward, aimed a ter-rible thrust at his adversary, but the latter parried it, and while Jussac was recovering himself glided like a ser-

sword through his body. Jussac fell marched between Athos and Porthos, like a dead mass.

D'Artagnan then cast an anxious "If I am not yet a musketeer," said

and rapid glance over the field of battle. Aramis had killed one of his adversaries, but the other pressed him versaries, but the other pressed him warmly. Nevertheless, Aramis was in good situation and able to defend himself. Bicarat and Porthos had just made counter hits-Porthos had received a thrust through his arm and Bi carat one through his thigh. But neither of the wounds was serious, and they only fought the more earnestly for them.

Athos, wounded again by Cahusac,

became evidently paler, but did not give way a foot; he had only changed his swordhand and fought with his According to the laws of dueling at

that period, D'Artagnan was at liberty



D'Artagnan Passed His Sw

to assist the one he pleased. he was endeavoring to find out which of his companions stood in greatest need, he caught a glance from Athos This glance was of sublime eloquence. With a terrible bound, D'Artagnan sprang to the side of Cahusac, crying: "To me, monsieur! Guard or I will slay you!"

Cahusac turned. It was time, for

Athos, whose great courage alone sup ported him, sank upon his knee. He cried to D'Artagnan: "Do no

kill him, young man, I beg of you. I have an old affair to settle with him when I am cured and sound again.

Disarm him only—make sure of his

sword. That's it, that's it! Well done! Very well done!"

This exciamation was drawn from

Athos by seeing the sword of Cahusac fly twenty paces from him, D'Artany twenty paces from him. Arta-gnan and Cahusac sprang forward at the same instant, the one to recover, the other to obtain the sword; but D'Artagnan, being the more active, reached it first and placed his foot

Cabusac immediately ran to that one of the guards that Aramis had killed and returned toward D'Artagnan, but on his way he met Athos, who, during this relief which D'Artagnan had pro-cured him, had recovered his breath. D'Artagnan perceived that it would be disobliging Athos not to leave him alone, and in a few min \*s. Cahusac fell, with a sword thrust through his throat.

his sword point on the breast of his failen enemy and compelled him to ask for mercy. . There only then remained Porthos

and Bicarat. It was necessary to put an end to the affairs. The watch might come up and take all the combatants, wounded or not, royalists or cardina-lats. Athos, Aramis and D'Artagnan surrounded Bicarat and required him

This contest at length exhausted Bicarat with their swords and returnational plants of the swords and returnation of the sword

they took their road, intoxicated with recovering himself glided like a serpent beneath his blade and passed his

Of D'Artagnan swam in delight. He able to repress.

> "If I am not yet a musketeer," said he to his new friends, "at least \( \) have entered upon my apprentic up. haven't 1?

CHAPTER V.

His Majesty King Louis XIII. HIS affair made a great noise. M. de Treville scolded his musketeers in public and congratulated them in private. In the evening M. de Treville attended the king's play table. The king was winning and was in an excellent hu-

"Come here, monsieur le capitaine," said he, "come here, that I may scold yeu. Do you know that his eminence has just been here to make fresh com

nas just been here to make fresh com-plaints against your musketeers? Why, they are very devils!"
"No, sire," replied Treville, who saw at the first glance which way things would take—"no, sire: on the contra-

as lambs and have but one desire, I'll be their warranty, and that is that their swords may never leave their scabbards but in your majesty's serv-

"Listen to M. de Treville," said the king, "listen to him: Would not one say he was speaking of a religious mminity? La Vienville take my place. I must speak to M. de Treville on an affair of importance." Then, turning toward M. de Treville and walking with bim toward the embras-ure of a window; "How did the thing happen? Let us

see, for you know, my dear captain, a Judge must hear both sides." "Good Lord! In the most simple and natural manner possible. Three of my best soldiers, whom your majesty knows by name, MM. Athos, Porthos and Aramis, had made a party of pleasure with a young cadet from Gascony whom I had introduced to morning. The party was to take place at St. Germain, I believe, and they had appointed to meet at the Carmes-Deschaux when they were disturbed by M. de Jussac,

they were disturbed by an de Jassac, MM. Cahusac, Bicarat and two other guards, who certainly did not go there in such a numerous company without some ill intention against the edicts."

"You say, then, that the cardinal's guards sought a quarrel with the musketeers?"

have fallen out so, but I will not swear

to it. sire."
"You are right, Treville, but they were not alone, your musketeers.
They had a youth with them?"

"Yes, sire, three, so that three of the "Yes, sire, three, so that three of the king's musketeers, one of whom was wounded and a youth, not only main-tained their ground against five of the most terrible of his eminence's guards, but absolutely brought four of them

"Why, this is a victory," cried the "Why, this is a victory," cried the king, glowing with delight, "a complete victory!. Four men, one of them wounded, and a youth, say you?"
"One scarcely attained the age of a young man, but who, however, behaved himself so admirably on this occasion that I will take the liberty of recommending him to your majesty,"
"What is his name?"

"And you say that this young man behaved himself well? I should like

to see this young man, Treville; I should like to see him. And if anything can be done-well, we will make it our business. Tomorrow at midday, "Shall I bring blm alone?".
"No; bring me all four together. I wish to thank them all at once. Devoted men are so rare. Treville, we

worded men are so rare. Treville, we must recompense devotedness."

That evening the three musketeers were informed of the honor which was granted them. As they had long been acquainted with the king, they were not much excited by the circumstances, but D'Artagnan, with his Gaseon imagination, saw in it his future fortune and passed the night in golden dreams. As early, then, as 8 o'clock he was at As early, then, as 8 o'clock he was at the apartment of Athos. D'Artagnan found the musketeer dressed and ready to go out. As the

till 12, atnos ned made a party wit Porthos and Aramis to play a game at tennis in a tennis court situated near the stables of the Luxemburg, Atnos invited D'Artagnan to follow

At the game one of the balls launch At the game one of the balls launched by Porthos' herculean hand passed so close to D'Ariagnan's face that he thought if, instead of passing near, it had hit him his audience would have been probably lost, as it would have been impossible for him to have presented himself before the king. He saluted Aramis and Porthos politely, declaring that he would not resume the game until he should be prepared to play with them on more equal to play with them on more equal terms, and he went and took his place near the cord and in the gallery. Unfortunately for D'Artagnan, there

was among the spectators one of his eminence's guards who was irritated "It is not astonishing that that young

man should be afraid of a ball. He is doubtless a muskoteer apprentice." D'Artagnan turned round as if a ser-pent had stung him and fixed his eyes intensely upon the guard who had just

made this insolent speech. "I beg you will follow me," he said.
"And when?" asked the guard, with
the same jeering air. "Immediately, if you please."

"And you know who I am, without "I! No, I assure you I am complete-ly ignorant. Nor does it much con-

"You're in the wrong there, for if rou knew my name perhaps you would dot be in such a hurry."
"What is your name, then?"

"Bernajoux, at your service."
"Well, then, M. Bernajoux," said
D'Artagnan quietly, "I will wait foryou at the door."
The name of Bernajoux was known to everybody. D'Artagnan alone ex-cepted perhaps, for it was one of those which figured most frequently in the daily brawls, which all the edicts of the cardinal had not been

The musketeers did not perceive their young companion go out, who, is be had told his eminence's guard he would, stopped outside the door. An instant after the guard descended. As D'Artagnan had no time to lose, on account of the audience of the king, which was fixed for midday, he cast his eyes around and, seeing that the street was empty, said:
"I have very little time to spare,

having an appointment at 12 precise ly. Guard, then, monsieur, guard!" Bernajoux was not a man to he

such a compliment paid to him twice, In an instant his sword glittered in his hand, and he sprang upon his adversary, whom from his youth he hoped to intimidate.

But D'Artagnan had on the preced-

ing day gone through his apprentice-ship. Fresh sharpened by his victory, full of the hopes of future favor, he was resolved not to give back a step. So the two swords were crossed clo to the hilts, and, as D'Artagnan stood firm, it was his adversary who made the retreating step. But D'Artagnan touched his adversary on the shoulder.
D'Artagnan immediately made a step backward and raised his sword. But Bernajoux cried out that it was nothing and, rushing blindly upon him, absolutely spitted himself upon D'Arconquered, but only broke away to ward the mansion of M. de Tren in whose service he had a relation, D'Artagnan was ignorant of the se-ricusness of the last wound his adversary had received, pressed him have completed his work with a third blow when the noise which arose from the street, being heard in the tennis court, two of the friends of the guard rushed, sword in hand, from the court and fell upon the conqueror. But Athos, Porthos and Aramis quickly appeared in their turn and the moment the two guards attacked their young companion drove them back. Bernajoux now fell, and as the gua were only two against four they were only two against four they be-gan to cry: "To the rescue! The Hotel de Tremouille!" At these cries all who were in the hotel rushed out, fall-

ing upon the four companions, who on their side cried aloud, "To the rescue, musketeers!" This cry was generally attended to, for the musketeers were known to be enemies to the cardinal and were be loved on account of the hatred they bore to his enemies. The melee became general, but strength was on the side of the musketers. The cardinal's guards and M. de la Tremoullie's people retreated into the mansion, the doors of which they closed just in time to prevent their enemies from entering with them. As to the wounded man, he had been taken in at once and, as we have said, in a very bad state.

The musketers made their way to the house of M. de Treville, who was waiting for them, already informed of this fresh disturbance. hore to his enemies. The melee be

this fresh disturbance. "Quick, to the Louvre!" said he. "To the Louvre without losing an Instant, and let us endeavor to see the king be-fore he is prejudiced by the cardinal. We will describe the thing to him as a

consequence of the affair of yesterday, and the two will pass off together."

M. de Treville, accompanied by his four young men, directed his course toward the Louvre; but, to the great astenishment of the captain of the musketeers, he was informed that the king vas gone stag hunting in the forest of St. Germain.
"Has the king seen the cardinal?

asked M. de Treville.

"Most probably he has," replied the valet de chambre, "for I saw the horses harnessed to his eminence's carriage this morning, and when I asked where "He is beforehand with us," said M.

asked M. de Treville.

de Treville. "Gentiemen, I will see the king this evening; but, as to you, I do not advise you to risk doing so." This advice was too reasonable and, moreover, came from a man who knew

the king too well to allow the four young men to dispute it. M. de Treville recommended them each to retire to his apartment and wait for news from him.

M. de Treville sent one of his servants to M. de la Tremouille with a let-

ter in which he begged of nim to eject the cardinal's guard from his house and to reprimated his people for their autoreprimated his peopl dacity in making a sortle against the king's musketeers. But M. de la Tre-moullie, already prejudiced by his es-quire, whose relation, as we already know, Bernajoux was, replied that it was neither for M. de la Treville nor the musketeers to complain, but, on the

contrary, he, whose people the mus-keteers had assaulted. M. de Treville went himself to M. de la Tremouille. "Monsieur," said M. de Treville, "we fancy that we have each cause to complain of the other, and I am come to en-deavor-to clear up this affair. How is M. Bernajoux, your esquire's relation?" "Why, monsieur, very ill indeed! in

Bernajoux Spitted Himself Upon D'Artagnan's Sword. dition to the sword thrust in his arm, which is not dangerous, he has received another right through his lungs, of which the doctor speaks very unfavor-

"Can he speak?" "With difficulty, but he can speak."
"Well, monsleur, let us go to him.
Let us adjure him in the name of the God before whom he is called upon, perhaps quickly, to appear, to speak the truth. I will take him for judge in his own cause, mousieur, and will believe what he will say."

That which M. de Treville had fore-

seen happened. Placed between life and death, as Bernajoux was, he had no idea for a moment of concealing the truth, and he described to the two nobles the affair exactly as it had passed. This was all that M. de Treville wanted. He wished Bernajoux a speedy recovery, took leave of M. de la Tre-

mediately sent word to the four friends that he awaited their company to din-Toward 6 o'clock M. de Treville announced that it was time to go to the Louvre, but as the hour of audience

moulile, returned to his hotel and im-

granted by his majesty was past he placed himself with the four young men in the antechamber. Louis XIII. appeared, walking fast. He was in hunting costume, covered with dust, wearing large boots and had a whip in his hand. At the first glance D'Artagnan judged that the mind of

the king was stormy. "Matters go but badly," said Athos, smiling, "and we shall not be made knights of the order this time." "Walt here ten minutes," said M. de

Treville, "and if at the expiration of ten minutes you do not see me come out return to my house, for it will be useless for you to wait for me longer." The four young men waited ten minutes, a quarter of an hour, twenty min-utes, and, seeing that M. do Treville did not return, went away very uneasy as to what was going to happen. M. de Treville entered the king's closet boldly and found his majesty, in a very ill humor, seated on and beating his boot with the handle of his whip, which, however, did not prevent

his asking, with the greatest coolness, after his majesty's beaith.

"Bad, monsieur, bad! I grow weary." Your majest dull! Have you not enjoyed the pleas

ures of the chase today?"
"A fine pleasure, indeed, me We started a stag of ten tine. chased him for six hours, and when he was near being taken-when St. Simon was already putting his horn to his mouth to sound the halali-crack, all the pack takes the wrong scent and sets off after a two tine. And there is M. le Cardinal always at band, who does not leave me a moment's repose. who talks to me perpetually about Spain, about Austria, about England Ah! Apropos of M. le Cardinal, M. de Treville, I am'vexed with you."
"And in what have I been so unfor-

asked M. de Treville, feigning the of my musketeers that they should assassinate a man and disturb a whole quarter without your saying a word? But yet, without doubt, my haste ac-cuses you wrongfully; without doubt the rioters are in prison and you come

tunate as to displease your majesty?

"Sire." replied M. do Treville calmly,
"I come to demand it of you."
"And against whom, pray?" cried

the king.
"Against calumniaters," said M. de
Treville.
"Ab, this is something new?" replied

the king. "Will you tell me that your three musketeers, Athos, Porthos and Aramis, and your cadet from Bearn have not fallen, like so many furies, upon poor Bernajoux and have not maltreated him in such a fashion that probably by this time he is dead? Will you tell me that they did not lay siege to the hotel of the Duc de la Tremouille? Tell me, now—can you deny all this?" "And who has told you this fine

story, sir?' asked De Treville quietly.
"I speak of the prop of the stateof my only servant-of my only friend of M. le Cardinal."

"His eminence has hastly accused your saniesty's musketeers, toward whom he is united.

"The accusation comes from M. de la Tremonille, from the duke himself. one condition, sire"

"It is that your majorr will mave

him come here, will interrogate him yourself without witnesses and that I shall see your majesty as soon as you have seen the duke."
"What then? And you will be bound," cried the king, "by what M. de la Tremoulle shall say?"
"La Chesnaye." said the king, "let some one go instantly and find M. de la Tremoulle. I wish to sneak with

la Tremouille. I wish to speak with him this evening." him this evening."
"Your majesty gives me your word
that you will not see any one between
M, de la Tremouille and me?"
"Nobody, by the word of a gentle-

"Tomorrow, then sire?"

"Tomorrow, monsieur, at 7 o'clock, but beware, if you and your musketeers are guilty."
"Till then God preserve your maj-

M. de Treville ordered bis three mu keteers and their companion to be with him at half past 6 in the morning. He took them with him, without encour aging them or promising them any-thing and without concealing from them that their fevor and even his own depended upon this cast of the

When arrived at the bottom of the If the king was still irritated against them they would depart without be-

On arriving at the king's private an-techamber M. de Treville found La Chesnaye, who informed him that they had not been able to find M. de la Tre moullie on the preceding evening at his hotel, that he came in too late to present himself at the Louvre, that he had only that moment arrived and that he was then with the king.

This circumstance pleased M. de Tre ville much, as he thus became certain that no foreign suggestion could insinuate itself between M. de la Tremou lle's deposition and himself. In fact ten minutes had scarcely

passed away when the door of the king's closet opened and M. de Treville saw M. de la Trempuille come out. The duke came straight up to him and "M. de Treville, his majesty has just sent for me in order to inquire respecting the circumstances which

place yesterday at my hotel. I have told him the truth—that is to say, that the fault lay with my people and that I was ready to offer you my excuses. "That's well said, who had heard all these com "That's well said," said the king, through the open door, "only tell him, Treville, since he wishes to be considered as your friend, that I also wish to be one of his. Where are your mus yesterday to bring them with you.
Why have you not done so?"

"They are below, sire, and with your permission La Chesnaye will tell them "Yes, yes; let them come up im-

mediately. It is nearly 8 o'clock, and

duc, and return often. Come in, Tre The duke bowed and retired. At the THE moment he opened the door the three musketeers and D'Artagnan, conduct-ed by La Chesnaye, appeared at the

top of the staircase. "Come in, my braves," said the king: "come in, I am going to scold you."

The musketeers advanced, bowing, D'Artagnan following closely behind

That's too many, gentiemen — wo many!"

"Therefore, sire, your majesty sees that they are come quite contrite and repentant to offer you their excuses."

"Quite contrite and repentant, hem!" said the king. "There is one yonder of a Gascon-look. Come hither, mon sieur."

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most deprecating air.
"Why, you told me he was a young man. This is a boy, Treville; a mere boy! Do you mean to say that it was Orders may be left at this office. thrusts upon Bernajoux? Why, this Bearnais is a very devil! M. de Treville. Gascons are always poor, are they not? I.a Chesnaye, go and see if by rummaging all my pockets you can find forty pistoles, and if you can find them bring them to me. And now let us see,

D'Artagnan related the adventure the preceding day in all its details.
"Yes," murmured the king, "this is just the account the duke gave me of the affair. Poor cardinal! Seven men in two days, and those of his very best! But that's quite enough, gentlemen. Please to understand that's enough." The king took a handful of gold from La Chesnaye and put it into the hand

of D'Artagnan. At that period the ideas of pride which are in fashion in our days did hot yet prevail. D'Artagnan put his forty pistoles into his pocket without

will be better, and you will be more useful to use. Treville," added the Rheumatism, king in a low voice as the others were Ulcers, Eating So retiring, "as you have no room in the

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"What," continued the king—"seven
of his eminence's guards placed hors
de combat by you four in two days!
That's too many, gentlemen — too
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forty pistoles may any scruple on the contrary, tuansals, his majesty greatly.

"There," said the king, looking at a clock, "there now, as it is half past 8 you may retire, for, as I told you, I expect some one at 9. Thanks for your devotedness, gentlemen. I may continue to rely through the may I not?"

"Oh, sire," cried the four companions whole. That the may volce, "you may?"

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retiring. "as you have no room in the musketeers, place this young man in the company of the guazis of M. Dessessart, your brother-in-iaw."

And the king waved his band to Tre ville, who left him and rejoined the musketeers, whom he found sharing the forty pistoles with D'Artagnan.

The cardinal was so furious that during eight days he absented himself from the king's play table, which did not preyent the king from being as complacent to him as possible or where ever he met him from asking in the kindest tone:

"Well, mousteur the cardinal, how fares: t with that poor Jussac and that poor Bernafoux of yours?"

[To be conxinued.]