"Yes, we planned it between

us on the spur of the moment.

What else was there for us to

do? What did you think you

were going to do, single-

to go and find you."

"Why, of course, we meant

"Me?" said Wallion, grave-

ly. "Couldn't you have waited

till I was ready? Yes, I know,

you had made a discovery,

which we will talk about in a

Leo introduced him to the

two ladies; Sonia drew back a

little after the first greetings,

as though to take stock unob-

trusively of the tall journalist,

whose decided manner and

piercing glance evidently im-

pressed her. Lona Ivanovna

shook hands heartily with him,

and they seemed to understand

one another at once; from

that time on, they were on

"I hope you will forgive me

for keeping in the background

until now," said Wallion;

"there are plenty of sharp

eyes round the Copper House,

and I don't want Rastakov to

take alarm too soon. But there

need be no secrets between us

He bent down over Andrei

"Mr. Andrei Bernin," he

Bernin's chair, and took the in-

valid's hand in his like a

continued, "your name has

interested me immensely since

this morning; you need not be

afraid of me; don't turn away

The journalist's keen eyes

"It is strange that no one

"What are you talking

"Of the fact that out of the

about?" murmured the blind

letters forming the name An-

drei Bernin, one can just as

easily make the name of Ber-

He patted the invalid's hand,

"You need not disguise your-

self from me, Mr. Bernard

Jenin," he added in a low

tone; "or may I say Sergius?"

swept off the blue spectacles,

and looked up into Wallion's

"Say Sergius!" he replied as

CHAPTER XIV

The Story of the Bernin

Family

rapidly, that the fact it con-

veyed had been accepted by the

three spectators before any of

them thought of making a

"Why, the blind man can

see!" was Leo's first thought;

and before his still incredulous

eyes, the man in the armchair

proceeded to divest himself of

his venerable white beard and

his poetical white locks, reveal-

ing a face twenty years young-

er, in which Leo recognized

with something of a shock, the

fugitive of the railway car-

riage and the avenue, the mel-

ancholy young man whose lined

face was worn with recent ill-

ness. The blind Bernin was

merely a fiction; under that

disguise the hunted Bernard

Jenin had been hidden the

whole time. The truth dawned

upon Leo as though a blind had

said Wallion, "and you had

better put on the blue spec-

tacles again. Your disguise is

perfectly wonderful; I can't

understand how you came to

have it at hand yesterday

Lona Ivanovna took up the

"We had better be quite

open with our sharp-sighted

"Don't take off your wig,"

been suddenly pulled up.

The strange scene passed so

The man in the armchair

were very close now to the blue

from me, for I am a friend."

but myself has noticed it!"

henceforth."

spectacles:

man, uneasily.

nard Jenin."

and stood up.

quietly.

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handed?"

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"I'll teach you! Ha! You'd hit me back, would you! Come on then!"

He aimed another blow at Leo, who parried it mechanically, and in another moment they were at it, hammer and tongs, making a fearful din. though not before Rosenthal had whispered again:

"Hit me, shout, and make as much noise as you can! You will soon know the reason."

A whole crowd of Rastakov's men collected round them, laughing loudly, and Rastakov himself came hurrying up, looking exceedingly put out. Leo and Rosenthal were pounding one another to the accompaniment of an uninterrupted flow of strong language from the latter.

"What's all this?" Rastakov's voice broke in sharply: "Back to your posts, every one of you! Give it him well, Rosenthal: but you had better leave enough life in the puppy for him to be able to crawl indoors again."

The combatants were separated, and Leo, still giddy with astonishment, stood staring about him for a minute, then turned and re-entered the house without a word.

Sonia joined him with a radiant face.

"That was clever of you!" she said with boyish enthusiasm: "I wish you had killed him!"

"Killed him!" stammered the bewildered young man; "Rosenthal-didn't you hearhe said '

But he found himself quite unable to explain what had happened; he had a general impression of having had a fight with a good-natured iant, who had been pummeling him out of sheer good will. He hurried in to the brother and sister Bernin, and sat down near them, panting. Lona Ivanovna, who was still standing by the window, turned to him and said dryly:

"May I ask the meaning of that comedy, Mr. Grath? I was watching all the time, and neither of you struck a single blow in earnest."

Leo saw with mortification a change in the expression of Sonia's face.

"Weren't you really fighting?" she asked in a disappointed voice. He made a poor attempt at a smile.

"Either Rosenthal or I must be mad," he said frankly: "the man told me to make as much noise as I could."

"Oh-h," said the old lady, slowly: "is that it!" Her bright, bird-like eyes shone, and she added softly:

"That being the case, I wonder if your friend Mr. Wallion would be so kind as to come in now . . ."

"Thanks, with the greatest pleasure," replied the journalist, coming in from the hall. "Your powers of observation do you credit, Madame."

His entrance seemed as though worked by magic; had he fallen from the sky? Even the blind man half rose from his chair.

"At last!" said Leo, from the bottom of his heart, as he made for the journalist and grasped his hand. Wallion looked at him with a smile:

"I hope you haven't quite crippled Rosenthal?" he inquired. "You two knocked one another about splendidly; everybody crowded up to stare at you; and I had only to walk straight in here. I hope soon to be able to present Rosenthal to you, as a useful and

trustworthy friend." "Do you mean to say," said Leo, amazed, "that Rosenthal faked the whole affair in order that you might get into the Copper House unobserved?"

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"I suspected something of the kind before I got here,' explained Wallion, "otherwise the disappearance of the fugitive would have been nothing short of miraculous. And then the name helped me; how could you be so daring as tocall yourself Bernard Jenin, which is neither more nor less than an anagram on Andrei Bernin ?"

"That was in case I came to grief," answered the fugitive; "if my mother saw that name in the papers, she would know that it referred to me. Years ago, sitting round the table after the lamp was lighted, we used to amuse ourselves making anagrams on our names. For instance, Sonia Bernin became Nina Biornsen; I chose my uncle's name, because he is dead."

"Dead! Is Andrei Bernin dead ?"

"Yes, he died at Moscow on the fourteenth of November. 1916."

Maurice Wallion looked inquiringly at Lona Ivanovna, and she replied to his unspoken question.

"My brother left the Copper House in January, 1916, for a reason which I will tell you by and by. For the same reason, Sonia and I allowed our friends to believe that he was still here, but too ill to see anyone. No one suspected the truth; I made for myself the disguise which Sergius is wearing now, and on two occasions I purposely allowed Baron Fayerling's spies to get a glimpse of the sick man, who was believed to be, but really was not, here."

It did not occur to Wallion to smile at the grotesque idea of the eld lady in a false beard and man's clothes; on the contrary, he found something touching and pathetic in what she had done; he understood that she had been driven to it

by the direst necessity. "It was a hard blow for us when my brother died," she continued. "He died secretly in the country which had rejected him. My son has carried on his work, and now it is finished; but it has nearly cost him his life. .

She spoke slowly and composedly, and with a calm dignity which made Wallion feel that he was standing on holy ground; he fixed his gray eyes on her with a look of warm admiration.

"Then," he asked, "is your son-here?"

"Sergius is my son," she replied.

Wallion nodded; the discovery did not surprise him, since it had been one of his theories in the course of his attempts to arrive at the truth during the last few hours. He understood too, from Leo's expression, that this was the information which the young man had been so anxious to convey to him. But he was silent, for he could see that Losa Ivanovna had more to say. Presently she began

again: "I know you are our friend, Mr. Wallion; we can never forget how you saved Sergius yesterday, and today we have waited and hoped for you hour after hour. You must think it very strange that we should be in the Copper House, apparently at the beck and call of such creatures as Baron Fayerling and his companions; but you may find the explanation even more surprising. If you really are willing to help us, I will be perfectly frank with you, and tell you the whole story.'

She spoke with a perceptible effort to keep to the point and to repress any display of emotion, which she would have considered a sign of weakness. but in spite of the quiet words, it was apparent that she was deeply moved. Sergius leaned forward and stroked her hand. and Wallion got up, shut the door into the hall, and said:

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think it wisest not to show my face yet."

The girl complied; there was nobody outside; everything was quiet. Even the great barrier of dark thunderclouds seemed motionless. Wallion looked round him once more with those keen eyes of his that nothing escaped; he missed something, and it struck him that the Austrian's calm, intelligent face would just have made their circle complete. But for the present, that was impossible.

Lona Ivonovna had seated herself beside her son, and waited for the journalist to follow her example. He understood her look, and readily obeyed it, saying with a smile:

"I am sure that between us we shall find a way out of all our dificulties; at any rate, I promise to do my best. I shall be delighted to hear your story, to begin with."

Lona Ivanovna took up her work basket, which had beer hanging neglected on her arm, remarking:

"I can think better when I am working," and as her crochet-needle flashed in and out of the stitches, she began her tale.

"Our father was a magistrate at Saratov. It was his wish that my brother should obtain a commission in the army, but as both our parents died early, we were left, whilst still quite young, to fend for ourselves. We had a little money, but not much, because my father, who had been suf ficiently original not to make a fortune by means of bribery and corruption, had left nothing but debts behind him.

"We became students at Moscow, and you would scarcely believe how cleverly we and our companions managed to live upon nothing! It was a long time ago, in the days of Russia's slavery, and we youngsters hated the oppressors. You know what a struggle we made; and in the free countries around us the comfortable middle-classes sa still and called us anarchists! We were revolutionaries, and I, Lona Ivonovna, have risked my own life in active propaganda work. My brother was weaker, and he served the cause with his pen, whilst I did so with words and deeds. We formed a little group of devoted enthusiasts, and there was one man who constituted himself a leader among us, constantly urging us on to fresh exertions. He became my husband, and Sergius is our son. The name of that man was Marcus Tas-

"Marcus Tassler!" exclaimed Leo involuntarily, and with intense astonishment. Lona Ivonovna looked at him steadily, and he dropped his eyes and added confusedly:

"Forgive my interruption, but somehow that man's name surprised me more than any. thing else."

Wallion moved impatiently. "Please go on," he murmured.

"Yes, I married Marcus Tas sler," she went on calmly. "He was at that time a Russian subject, and we were just of an age. Perhaps he was not so worthless then; I don't know; we change with time. Several years passed; not all 'red,' but very often 'black' ones. I was imprisoned for the cause of liberty in Peter Paul fortress. Then came 1905, that year of bloodshed and of barricades. with days of ardent enthusiasm and of bitter disappointment. when the soldiers mutinied at Sevastopol, Poland was de clared to be in a state of siege. and barricades were set up in the streets of Moscow. Can you imagine the horrors we went through? Spies and trai tors were to be found, even amongst us. . . One night our house was surrounded by Cos sacks. My brother was there. Mareus Tassler, myself, and Sergius, who was then a boy of fourteen. . ."

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