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I. Pokračování

Zil jsem jako nedorostek, chytaje holuby a hraje si se dvorovými chlapeci. Tak uplynul mi šestnáctý rok. Tu osud můj se změnil. Jedenkrát na pozemí matička vařila v hostinském pokoji medovinu, a já, obližuje se, díval se na ky-přel pění. Tatíček u okna četl "Dvorní kalendář", který každo-rečně dostával. Kniha ta mřvala naň vždycky mocný vliv: nikdy ne-prošel jí bez zvláštního účastenství a čtení to vyvolalo v něm vždycky podivuhodné kypění žluči. Matička, znajeť se s paměti všechny jeho zvuky a obyčje, hleděla odstranit knihu jak možno nejdele, a tak mnohdy "Dvorní kalendář", nedostával se mu na oči celé měsíce. Za to když náhodou ho našel, tu obvyčle celé hodiny ho z rukou nevypouštěl. Tak tedy tatíček četl "Dvorní ka-lendář", chvilmi krče ramenoma a polohlasitě opětuje: "Generál-poručík!... Byl u mne v setnině seržantem!... Ohon ruských řádů kavalír! A brzo-li já?...". Počítava tatíček mrštil "Kalendářem" na desku a po-nořil se v zdumělou, nevěstfí nie doborcho. Pojednou obrátil se k matičce. "Avdoto Vasilevno, kolik let jest Petruška?" "Právě začal mu sedmáctý rok," odvětila matička. "Petruška naro-dil se tétož roku, kdy oslepla babič-ka Nastasja Gerasimovna, a když ještě...". Dobrá, přerušil jí tatíček; "čas, a-by šel na službu. Dostí se nabáhal po čeledníka a našel za holoubaty."

Jejich přání; k službě se nenabízej; od služby se neoddlal a pamatuj přifov: "Střež šat za nova s čest od mlada." Matička plače náka-zovala mi, abych dhal svého zdraví, a Savelič, aby pečoval o dítě. O blížili mne v zajčf kočích a navrch ještě v lišet řubn. Sotl jsem do ki-bitky se Saveličem a vydal se na cestu, slyzami se zalévaje. Ještě tře noci přijel jsem do Simbirska, kdež jsem měl ztráviti den nakupováním různých věcí, jakž bylo Saveliči poručeno. Zůstal jsem v hostinci. Savelič od rana chodil po obchodech. Když se mi zrudilo dvati se oknem na blátivou uličku, jal jsem se chodit po všech poko-jích. Věšel do místnosti, určene pro hru v kulečnk, spatřil jsem tam vysokého pětáctiletého pána v županu, s tágem v ruce a s dým kou v zubech. Hrál s markérem, který při výšle vypil vždy sklenku vodky, ale při prohře musil po čty-řech podlézti kulečnk. Díval jsem se na jejich hru. Čím dle trvala, tím podlézán po čtyřech bylo ča-šfšf, až konečně markér zůstal pod kulečnkem. Pán přonesl nad ním několik významných slov na způsob pohřební řeči a nabídl mi zahrát s ním partii. Oblekl jsem mu, že neumím. To zdálo se mu patrně býti podiv-ným. Podíval se na mne s jakousi soustasf; ale dali jsme se do roz-hovoru. Dověděl jsem se, že se jmenuje Ivan Ivanovič Zurin, že jest rotmistrem... husarského pluku a že žil v Simbirsku při pří-jímánf rekrutů a býdl v hostinci. Zurin mne pozval, abych s ním po-obědval to, co Bůh dáva po vojens-ku. Ochotně jsem souhlasil. Sedli jsme za stůl. Zurin přimnoho a po-bízel i mne, tvrdě, že jest třeba při-tykati službě; vyprávěl mně arnůl-ronf anekdoty, při nichž div smíchem jsem se nevělel, a vsadil jsem o sto-lu jako úpln přáteř. Pak se nabídl, že mne naučí hře v kuleč-nk... "Jest to,"... pravil, "...ne zbytno pro nášeho bratra ve službě. Na pochodě, ku příkladu, přijdeš do městčka... řem, prosím tě, bu-žeš se obrát? Vždyť každý neof-židem. Čtě nechtě vejdeš do hos-tince a počneš hrati v kulečnk; a k tomu jest třeba, aby uměl hrati!" To mne úplně přesvědčilo a já vel-kou přel chápám jsem se učení. Zu-rin hlasitě mne povzbuzoval, divil se mým rchylým pokrokům a po ně-kolika evidních návrhů mi hrati o peníze, po jednom groši, ne po vř-herlo, ale aby se jen tak darmo ne-hráló, což dle jeho slov jest nejhu-beršfím zvykem. S tímto jsem sou-hlasil, a Zurin poručil přinést puně a přemluvil mne, abych jej okusil, opakuje, že je nezbytno službě při-tykati, a bez puně jaká jest služ-ba! Podrobil jsem se mu. Zatím naše hra pokračovala. Čím šastěj jsem si ze své sklenice přfhybal, tím stával se odvážnějšfím. Koule přes tu chvíli vylétaly mi přes okraj; zlobil jsem se, huboval markéra, který počel Báh vř jak, ponače-hlu zvěšoval jsem vsázky... slo-vem, vedl jsem si jako chlapec, kte-rý dostal se na svobodu. Zatím článs nepozorovaně mřjel. Zurin po-hládl na hodiny, odložil tago a o-znamil mně, že jsem prohrál sto ru-blů. To mne uvedlo poněkud do roz-paků. Své peníze měl jsem u Saveliče. Jal jsem se omlouvati. Zurin mne přerušil: "Prosím! Ne-řeš se znepokojovati. Mohu poseč kat, ale zatím pjdeme k Ariuš-ec...". Co dělat? Den jsem ukončil zrov-na tak darebně jak jsem ho započal. Zurin mně každou chvíli nalával, opakuje, že jest autno službě přivy-kati. Povstal jsem od stolu sotva jsem se držel na nohu. O půl noci Zurin odvezl mne do hostince. Savelič setkal se s námi na scho-dech. Povzdech, vida neomylné příznaky mé služební horlivosti. "Co tos pane, co se to s tebou stalo?" pravil smutným hlasem. "Kde jsi se to namočil? Ah, ty Bo-že! Jakživo takového hříchů neby-valo!" "Mlé, starý brě čale!" odpovídal jsem mu, zajikaje se, "tys najisto opilý; táhni spát... a ulož mne." Druhého dne probudil jsem se s bolestí v hlavě a nejasně připo-mínaje si věceřf události. V pře-mřšlenf svém byl jsem přerušen Sa-veličem, kterýž vešel ke mně se sklenkou čaje. "Brzo, Petře An-drejěfi," pravil ke mně, "vět hlavo-u "brzo začneš hřiti. Po kom jsi se vydal? Zlá se, že ani tatíček ani dědušek pijany nebyvali; o matičce ani nemluví; od jakživa kromě kvasu ničeho do úst nevala."

A kdo tím vinen? Proklaty mus-je. Každou chvíli k Antipievně přifbhal: "Madam, že vu při, vod-ku." Zle máš to "že vu při!" Dar-mo mluvit. Pěkněmu tě vyučil psý-yn. A musil býti najat za opatro-vníka basurman, jako by bari byl svých lidí neměl. Stýděl jsem se. Olivrátil jsem se a řekl mu: "Jdi pryč, Saveliči; nehoř čaje." "Teď vidíš, Petře Andrejěfi, co jest z toho, podpapi-je-li se člověk. Hlava těžká, a ani jstí se nechce. Pijan k ničemu se nehodí... Napij se teď okurko-vého láku s medem, ale nejlépe by bylo kocovinu zapítí píl sklenkou ovocné kofalky. Nechtěš bys?" V okamžiku tom vešel chlapec a podal mi dopis od I. I. Zurina. Roz-zevl jsem jej a četl tyto řádky: "Rozmilý Petře Andrejěvi, prosím tě, posli mne po mém chlape-či to rublů, které jí včera prohrál. Potřebuji nutně peněz. K službám ochotný. Ivan Zurin." Nebylo vyhrát. Vzal jsem na se hostejnou vůči a obrátiv se k Sa-veliči, kterýž byl mých peněz, prálla i záležitosť obstaravatele, poručil jsem vyplatiti chlapeci to rublů. "Jak! proč?" tázal se udřený Sa-velič. "Jsem mu je dlužn," odvětil jsem se vžemožnou chladností. "Dlužn?" namítal Savelič, chvil-le co chvilf přibíhaje a větší úžas; "ale k čemu jsi sobě, pane, vypň-čil? Věc není v pořádku. Jak chceš pane, ale já peněz nevydám." Napadlo mne, jestliže v tento o-sudný okamžik nepokročím unřb-ěnou starce, že později už jen stěží budu se moci osvoboditi z jeho po-ručníkovánf—i pohledl jsem naň hrě a řekl: "Jsem tvým pánem a tys mým sluhou. Peníze jsou moje. Pro-hrál jsem je, protože se mi tak zlí-bilo, ale tohle radfm všetečně nemlu-va a dělat to, co ti poručím." Savelič byl tak nřmfi slovy pře-kvapen, že spráckl rukama a zůstal státi jako sloop. "Co stojíš?" vykřikl jsem pohně-vauf. Savelič zaplakal. "Bataško, Petře Andrejěfi," pro-mluvil el-rčfem se hlasem, "ne-trpaj mne hořem. Světo moje, po-slechni mne, starce: napiš tomu logi-pežník, že jsi zertoval, že tolik pen-ěz se objednávkou, tedy obdržeš skvělý dar dárno u my platíme ca-press. 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