

JENNIE BAXTER: JOURNALIST

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VI.—The Explosion in the Treasury

"He is working at the analysis now, I'll warrant," whispered the princess to her companion. In a short time Herr Feltz himself appeared. He greeted the princess with most deferential respect, but seemed astonished to find in her company the young woman who had called upon him a few hours previously with the director of police.

"I wanted to ask you," said Jennie, "to finish your analysis somewhat earlier than 4 o'clock tomorrow. I suppose it can be done?"

"The man of science smiled and looked at her for a moment, but did not reply. 'You will oblige my friend, I hope?' said the princess.

"I should be delighted to oblige any friend of your highness," replied the chemist slowly, "but, unfortunately, in this instance I have orders from an authority not to be disputed."

"What orders?" demanded the princess. "I promised the analysis at 4 o'clock tomorrow, and at that hour it will be ready for the young lady. I am ordered not to show the analysis to any one before that time."

"Those orders came from the director of police, I suppose?" "The chemist bowed low, but did not speak.

"I understand how it is, Jennie. He came here immediately after seeing you home. I suppose he visited you again within the hour after he left you with this young lady. Is that the case, Herr Feltz?"

"Your highness distresses me by asking questions that I am under pledge not to answer."

Professor Seigfried or his assistants have been called in during this investigation?" "What investigation, madame?" "The investigation of the recent terrible explosion."

"I have heard of no explosion," replied the chemist, evidently bewildered. Then Jennie remembered that while the particulars of the disaster in the treasury were known to the rest of the world no knowledge of the catastrophe had got abroad in Vienna.

"The professor," continued the chemist, noticing Jennie's hesitation, "is not a very practical man. He is deeply learned and has made some great discoveries in pure science, but he has done little toward applying his knowledge to any everyday, useful purpose. If you meet him, you will find him a dreamer and a theorist. But if you once succeed in interesting him in any end, he will prosecute it to the very end, quite regardless of the time he spends or the calls of duty elsewhere."

"He is just the man I wish to see," said Jennie decisively and with that they took leave of the chemist, and once more entered the carriage.

"I want to drive to one more place," said Jennie, "before it gets too late." "Good gracious!" cried the princess. "You surely do not intend to call on Professor Seigfried tonight?"

"No, but I want to drive to the office of the director of police." "Oh, that won't take us long!" said the princess, giving the necessary order. The coachman took them to the night entrance of the central police station by the Hohenstaufengasse, and, leaving the princess in the carriage, Jennie went alone to speak with the officer in charge.

"I wish to see the director of the police," she said. "He will not be here until morning. He is at home. Is it anything important?" "Yes. Where is his residence?"

"If you will have the kindness to inform me what your business is, madame, we will have pleasure in attending to it without disturbing Herr Director."

"I must communicate with the director in person. The Princess von Steinheimer is waiting for me in her carriage outside, and I do not wish to delay her any longer."

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you propose to cart away contains practically the whole of the missing 200,000,000 florins. More than one-third of the heap is pure gold. If you want to do a favor to a good friend of yours and at the same time confer a benefit upon the government itself, you will advise the government to secure the services of Herr Feltz, so that the gold may be extracted from the rubbish with the least possible loss. I put in a word for Herr Feltz because I am convinced he is a most competent man. Tonight his action saved you from dismissal tomorrow; therefore you should be grateful to him. And now I have the honor to wish you good night."

"Wait—wait a moment!" came in beseeching tones through the telephone. "My dear young lady, pray pardon any fault you have to find with me and remain for a moment or two longer. Who, then, caused the explosion, and what was its object?"

"That I must leave for you to find out, Herr Director. You see, I am giving you the results of merely a few hours' inquiry, and you cannot expect me to discover everything in that time. I don't know how the explosion was caused; neither do I know who the criminals were. It would probably take me all day tomorrow to find that out, but as I am leaving the discovery in such competent hands as yours I must curb my impatience until you send me full particulars. So, once again, good night, Herr Director."

"No, no! Don't go yet. I shall come at once to the station, if you will be kind enough to stop there until I arrive."

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"Why? Amateur efforts are so futile, you know, when compared with the efforts of the regular force."

"Oh, my dear young lady, you must pardon an old man for what he said in a thoughtless moment! If you knew how many useless amateurs meddle in our very difficult business, you would excuse me. Are you quite convinced of what you have told me—that the gold is in the rubbish heap?"

"Perfectly. I will leave for you at the office here the analysis made by Herr Feltz, and if I can assist you further it must be on the distinct understanding that you are not again to interfere with whatever I may do. Your conduct in going to Herr Feltz tonight after you had left me and commanding him not to give me any information I should hesitate to characterize by its right name."

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The chemist shortly after brought her the components in little glass vials.

Table listing chemical components: Calcium, Iron, Quartz, Feldspar, Mica, Gold, Traces of other substances, Total.

Jennie's eyes sparkled as she looked at the figures before her. She handed the paper to the princess, saying: "You see, I was right in my surmise. More than one-third of that heap is pure gold."

"I should explain," interrupted the chemist, "that I have grouped the quartz, feldspar and mica together without giving the respective portions of each, because it is evident that the combination represents granite."

The chemist shortly after brought her the components in little glass vials, labeled. "Have you any idea, Herr Feltz, what explosive would reduce gold to such fine powder as this?"

"I have only a theoretical knowledge of explosives, and I know of nothing that would produce such results as we have here. Perhaps Professor Carl Seigfried could give you some information on that point. The science of detonation has been his life study, and he stands head and shoulders above his fellows in that department."

"Can you give me his address?" "The chemist wrote the address on a sheet of paper and handed it to the young woman.

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