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## The Prince of Graustark

I can say it with a perfectly clear was filled with delight when she bit her Ifp as a sign of acknowledgment. "Oh, here comes the tea." she cried, ith a strange eakernsss in her voice ith a strange eakernsss in her voice
I am so glad." She scrambled grace"I am so glad. She scrambled grace fully

## he cried

"Yes," she said, quite pointedly, "In my room, Mr. Sehmidt, and before he could get to his feet she was mov-
ing away without so much as a nod ing away without so much as a nod or smile for him. Indeed, she ap peared to have dismissed him from her thoughts quite as completely as
from her visfon. He experienced a rom her vision. He exjer.
queer sensation of shriveling.
At dinner that night, she falled to look in his direction, a circumstance that may not appear extraordinary when it is stated that she purposely inadvertently exchanged seats With Mrs. Gaston and sat with her back to the table occupled by $R$ be content with a vlew of the most exquisite bauk and shoulders that good fortune had ever allowed him to gaze thon. And then there was the whove the slender peok, to say noth bug of -but Mris Gaston was watel ing of with most intriendly eyes so the feast was spolled.
The following day was as unllke its predecessor as black is like white During the night the smooth gray pond had been tranisformed into a turbulent, storm-threshed ocean; the once gentle wind was now a howling
gale that swept the decks with a mer gale that swept the decks with a mer-
ciless lash in fts grip and whipped ciless lash in its grip and whipped
into submission all who vaingloriinto submission all who vaingtori-
ously sought to defy its chill dominIon. Not rain, but spray from huge, swashing billows, clouded the decks, biting and cutting like countless needles, each drop with the sting of a hornet behind it. Now the end of the world seemed far away, and the umping off place was a rickety wall of white and black, leaning against t cold, blue sky

ONLY the hardiest of the passengers they professed was but exother nam they professed was but another name gasped for breath as they forged gasped for breath as they forged
their bitter way into the gale, and few were they who took more than a single turn of the deck Like beaten single turn of the deck Like beaten
cowards they soon slunk into the cowards they soon slunk into the
sheltered spots, or sought even less sheltered spots, or sought even less
herole means of surrender by tum herole means of surrender by tum-
bling into bed with the considerate bling into bed with the considerate
help of unsmiling stewards. The great help of unsmining stewards. The arat
ship went up and the great ship came down: went up so high that the sky seemed to be startlingly near, and down so horribly low that the botton of the ocean was even nearer. And it
creaked and groaned and sighed even creaked and groaned and sighed even
above the wild monody of the wind. like a thing in misery, yet all the while holding its sides to keep from bursting with laughter over tho plight of the little creatures whom God made after His own image but not until
after all of the blg things of the uni verse had been desigued.
R. Schmidt, being a good sallor and a hardy young chap, albelt a prince of royal blood, was abroad early, after a breakfast that staggered the few who remained unstaggered up to that particular crisis. A genial sallor-man and an equally ungenial deck bwabber advised him, in totally different style of address, to stay below if he knew what was good for him, only to bo thanked with all the blitheness of a man who folly well knows what is good for him, or who doesn't care long as he is doling the thing that he wants to do.
He took two turns about the deck and each time as he passed the spot he sent a covert glance finto the cor ner where Mtss Gutfe's chair was to find her there in weather like this.

- well, he looked and that is the nd to the argument. The golng was xtromely treacherous and unpleas was free to confess to the genial saflorman after the second breathless turn, and gave that worth t bright silver dollar upon recelvine further bit of advice: to sit down somewhere out of tho wind, sir

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CINNOX and Dank were hopelessly very disagreeable, moss and wey were ant, and somehow he felt that they hated their choerful, happy-faced Prince. Never before had Count Quft nox scowled at him, no matter how
mad his pranks as a child or how silly mad his pranks as a chifld or how silly
his actions as a youth. Never before had any one cold him to go to the devil. He rather liked it. And h rather admired poor Dank for order ing him out of his cabin, with a per fectly astounding outh as a elimax to
the eommand. Moreover, he though the command. Moreover, he thought considerably better of the faithful fiobbs for an amazing exposition of Luman equality in the matter of balr of boots that he desired to wear that morning but which happened to conco away in a cabin trank. He
 especial heat, to the boots, when h bumped his head in hauling them out of the trunk. Whoreupon R. Schmid sald to Hohbs: "Good for you, Hobbs Go on, pleasc. Don't mind me. It was quite a thump, wasn't it?" And Hobbs managed, between other words, to say that it was a whacking thump, and one he would not forget to his dying day fif he lived through this one! smoke-room, sir," further advised the smoke-room, sir, further advised the one hand and pocketing the coln with one hand and pocketing the coin with
"o" said R. Schmidt resolutely "I don't like the air in the smoke room.

Theres guite a bit of air out 'ere
need quite a b
I should think you might, sir, be ing a 'ealthy, strappin' sort of a chap, sir. 'Elp yourself. All the chairs is The young man battled his way down the deck and soon found himself in the well-protected corner. A half-dozen unoccupled chairs were cluttered about, having been aban doned by persons who overestimated their hardiness. One of the stewards was engaged in stacking them up and Miss Gulle's chair and that of Mrs Gaston were siaunchy fastened down and their rugs were in place $\quad \mathrm{R}$ Schmidt experienced an exquisite sensation of pleasure Here was a abused thing known as circumstan tial evldence. She contemplated com ing on deck. So the had his chair pti in place, called for his rug, shrugged his chin down into the collar of his thick ulster, and sat down to wait

## THREE WISE MEN

## By ROAERT LOVEMAN <br> The Mystic Psychic, Sceptic One meelly murmured Marterlinck Another whispered James They gurgitated Chesterion, And decimated Shay

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