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By FRANK L. PACKARD AUTHOR OF "THE MIRACLE MAN"

day yesterday by the police from the minute he left the penitentiary, and he

didn't buy any clothes. Dave Hender-son had on a black prison suit-and this man hada't."

Nicolo Capriano shrugged his shoul-

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he'll have to change his mind! Pardon me, Miss Capriano, if I——" out of here! Go on!" He shock a frantic fist at Barjan, and, choking, coughing, pulled himself up in bed again, and pointed to the door. "Do listening attitude was gone in a flash. He pushed himself up in the béd, and held himself there with one hand, and held himself there with one hand, and held himself up a fatte a fatter and held himself there with one hand, and held himself there held himself th He pushed himself up in the bed, and held himself there with one hand, and the other outflung, knotted into a fist, he shook violently in the direction of "Look here," said Barjan, in a pac-ifying tone, "don't excite yourself like that. I take back what I said. You gave me a jolt for a minute, that's all. But you've got the wrong dope some-hor Nicolo Wheever it was it was it

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THIS BEGINS THE STORY Tave Henderson, as Bookle Skarvan's confidential man, is sent to Martin Tyde-ian to get \$100,000 to recoup racing issee. He steals the money and calmiy errors his sentenue of five years without listoeing the place where he has hidden in non old pigeon cote, despite the fact that benetive Bartan and Skarvan both that hencetive Bartan and Skarvan both to the money and place where he has hidden that benetive Bartan and Skarvan both confides in Millman. a prison mate who is freed two months earlier and sho promises to get the loot and meet Hea-berson at the St. Lucian Hotel in New York at so clock in the evening of July the big determination, and when he leaves the prison with the shother he leaves the datage on his trail. He succeeds in momentarily throwing off his pur-eliately he finds both the police and he old gang on his trail. He succeeds in momentarily throwing off his fur-inger and gots to the home of Nicolo farriano, an ald beleviate links. For-the dist dramber, Teresa, in San Fran-the down overs much, he succeeds his institue from him a promise of allow the his data the shother be data for the data from him a promise of allow the his data to take Date to a hidden with a car to take Date to a hidden thanges his collies while the data for-path and a star of the underword.

AND HERE IT CONTINUES.

NICOLO CAPRIANO'S eyes were closed; the propped-up form on the lows was motionless-only the thin ingers plucking at the coverlet with ariously patient insistence hore evicarlously patient insistence hore evi-dence that the man was not asleep. Suddenly he smilled: and his eyes opened, a dreamy, smoldering light in their depths. His hand reached out for the morning paper that lay on the bed beside him, and for the second time since Teresa had brought him the paper an hour before, he pored for a long a over a leading "story" on the t page. It had nothing to do with disturbance in Vinetto's saloon of

front page.

The disturbance in Vinceto's, saloon of the night before it dealt with a strange into insisterious boinb explosion in a downtown park during the small morn-ing lours, which, besides awakening and terrifying the immediate neighbor-hood, had, according to the newspaper account, literally blown a man and, with the man, the bench on which he had evidently been sitting under an arc light, to pieces. The victim was mu-tilated beyond recognition i all that the police had been able to identify were fregments of a bomb, thus establishing the cause of the accident, or, more like, as the paper linted, murder.

frequents of a bomb, truster, frequents of a bomb, truster, the cause of the accident, or, more like, as the paper linted, murger, "The feel," Nicolo Capriane whis: perel. "It was Ignace Ferroni-the feel, And so he would not listen to old Nicole-eh?" He cackled out suddenly, his haugh shrill and high echoing through the room. "Well, perhaps it is us well, eh. Ignace? Perhaps it is us well, eh. Ignace? Perhaps it is the of some and closed the door upon her. "Now then"-he faced Nicolo Capri-and closed the door upon her. "Now then"-he faced Nicolo Capri-tion once more-"there's no use kick-ing up all this dust. It won't get you there's a little match. Ignace?--which is something that you never were when you were alive!" He laid the paper down, and again ter that I want to talk to you about, and that I'm going to talk to you about whether you like it or not-that's all there is to it. And we'll get right to the point. What do you know about that affair in the park last night. Node Consigna and back on his rule. his eyes closed, and again the blue-tlpped ingers resumed their internalnable plucking at the coverlet-but now he whispered constantly to himself.

"A hundred thousand dollars ••• " It is a great deal of money ••• Wo worked for much less in the old days-for cery much less. ••• I am old and sick, am 1? ••• Ha, ha: ••• But for just once more, ch-just once more-to see if the old cunaing is not still there. ••• And if the cards are thrust into one's hands does it not make this has gone on, always spying on Nic-olo Capriano, and for fifteen years Nicthrust into one's hands does it not make fingers itch to play them ! . . Yes, yes, it makes young again the blood in the old veins. * * And Tony is dead. * * * Yes, yes, the young fel-low is clever, too-clever enough to find olo Capriano has not lifted a finger against the law."

blood in the old veins. * • And Tony is deal. * • Yes, yes, the young fet-low is clever, too-clever enough to find the money again if the police do not meddle with him. • • • And the gang. Baidy Vickers' gang—bah!—they are already no longer to be considered—they have not long arms, they do not reach far—they do not reach to New York— eh—where the police ranch—and where ed where the police ranch—and where

Inr—they do not reach to New York— sh—where the police reach—and where old Nicolo Capriano reaches, too. ••• Ignace—the fool! •• • So he would not listen to me, ch—and he sat out there under the park light trying to ix his old bomb and blew himself up. • • The fool—but you have no reason to complain, eh. Nicolo? • • • It will here the park light trying to ix his old bomb and blew himself up. • • • The fool—but you have no reason to complain, eh. Nicolo? • • • It will here the park light trying to ix his old bomb and blew himself up. • • • The fool—but you have no reason to complain, eh. Nicolo? • • • It will here to park the park light trying to it have to park the park light trying to it him to park the park light trying to it have to park the park light trying to it have to park the park light trying to it have to park the park light trying to it have to park the park light trying to it have to park the park light trying to to complain the park to park to park to park the park to park to park the park to p

"But I'm not satisfied," he admit-learnestly. "Look here, Nicolo, for

Barjan in sudden "Wait !" said said Nicolo Capriano un-For you've got the wrong dope some-row, Nicolo. Wheever it was, it wasn't Dave Henderson. The man was too badly smashed up to be recognized, but there was at least some of his clothing left. Dave Henderson was followed all

graciously. Teress was back in a moment with

an armful of clothing, which, st her father's direction, she deposited on the at of the bed. Nicolo Capriano waved her from the bom. He leered at Barjan. "Well, are those the clothes there

that you and your police are using to blindfold your eyes with, or are they not-ch? Are those Dave Headerson's he clothes?" Barjan had already pounced upon the

ders in angry contempt. "I'm satisfied, if you are!" snarled. "Go on-get out!" Barjan frowned a little helplessly clothing, and was pawing it over fever-

"Good God-yes!" he burst out

"But I'm not satisfield, Nicolo, for the love of Mike, keep your temper, and let's get to the bottom of this. "For some reason you seem to think it was Dave Henderson. I know it wasn't; but I've got to know what started you off on that track. Those clothes...." 'But I've got to know what to the slowly enumerated the vari-ous articles of dress worn by the actual victim of the explosion. He looked at

intering you on on that track. Loss our privation of the action of the

To be continued tomorrow

Narcotic Squad Chief a Father Herbert S. Forrer, Chief of the Narcotic Squad here, is being congratulated today upon the birth of a second daughter. He received the news from his home in Chicago. Mr. Forrer has been in charge of the Federal narcotic work here for a year. Succeeding Colonel work here for a year, succeeding Colonel Will Gray Beach, who was sent to clean up cities in the West. Mr. For-rer's first daughter, Elizabeth, is two years old.



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"That's too bad !" said Barjan with front door. In at s too bad. Suid Harjan with front door. Well, why do they not come-eh?" deliberately in a chair at the bedside. he muttered impatiently. "Why do "I guess, then, you're the only man in they not come?"

they not come?" San Francisco who doesn't." He relapsed into silence, but he no longer lay there placidly with his eyes closed. A strange excitement seemed to be growing upon him. It tinged the skin under his beard with a heetic flush, and the black eyes glistened and glinted abnormally, as they kept darting ob-jectiveless glances here and there around the room. San Francisco who doesn't." You fool." Nicolo Capriano rasped for three years—and I wish to God you had been, too." He choked and icvolently. "I tell you this is the first levolently. "I tell you this is the first Don't sit there with your silly, snirk-ing police face, trying to see how snart

. Perhaps half an hour passed, and ing police face, trying to see how sumrt then the sick man began to matter you can be! What information do you

expect to get out of me like that? When I know nothing, I can tell nothing, can

"Will they make me send for them —the fools!" He apostrophized the foot of the bed victously. "No, no— it would not be as safe. If they do not come in another hour, there will be time enough then for that. You must wait, Nicolo, The police have always come before to Nicolo Capriano, if they thought old Nicolo could help them— and with a homb—hn, ha—to whom else would they come—ch?—to whom—..." He was instantly alert. Some one before to get out of me has that? When I know nothing, I can tell nothing, can 1? Who was the man?" "That's what we want to know." "The was instantly aler. Some one bed.

" Capriano's even were on the foot of the He was instantly alert. Some one bed.

one outside there now. He heard the "Three welock this morning." Bwhere outside there now, the heard the doorbeil ring, and presently he heard Teresh answer it. He caught a con-fused nurmur of voices. The thin is pluck at the coverlet. A minure fugers were working with a quick, jubilant motion one over the other. The black eyes, half closed again, fixed expectantly on the door of the room opposite to the foot of the bed. It spectantly on the door of the room opposite to the foot of the bed. It opened, and Teresa stepped into the

The she does of the bod. If the bed again.
opened, and Teresa stepped into the room.
Th is Lieutenant Barjan, father."
The said, in a low tone, "He wants bomb explosion in the park."
So?" A queer smile twitched at the bis words off short, and eyed the plain-old homb hing's lips. He beckoned to lis daughter to approach the bed, and, he demanded, with well-simulated suidant sho obeyed, he pulled her head down den suspicton. old bomb king's lips. He beckoned to ciotuesnan data his daughter to approach the bed, and, he demanded, with well-simulated sui-his daughter to approach the bed, and, he demanded, with well-simulated sui-his daughter to approach the bed, and, he demanded, with well-simulated sui-to his lips. "You know nothing, me-eh? I trust none of you." "Feresa-nothing' Understand? Noth-"Dend!" ejaculated Barjan almost hysterically. "Good God-dead! Didn't table you he was blown into unrecog-

Teresa-motining: Understand? Noth-ing except to corroborate anything that I umay say. You did not even know that there had been an explosion until he spoke of it. You know nothing about Ignace. You understand?'
"Yes," she said composedly.
"Good!" he whispered. "Well, now, see him. Tell him that I do not want to see him. Tell him that I won't see him, that I won't be bothered with him and his cursed police spies! Tell him that'.
"What do you mean to do. father?" "Ha, ha-you will see, my little one head again. "We do not forget our debt to Tony Lomazzi. No' Well, you will see? Tell the cunning, clever Barjan to go away?"
"He watched as abe left the room; and then, his head cocked on one side to istealthily out and without a sound slid the newspaper that was jving in front
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listen, the blue-tipped fingers reached stealthily out and without a sound slid the newspaper that was lying in front of him under the bed covers. "I am very sorry 'be heard Teresa nanounce crisply: "but my father posi-tively refuses to see you." "Ou, he does-does he?" a voice re-turned in bland sarcasm. "Well, I'm very sorry myself then, but I guess

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