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PLAYED FOR HIS LIFE.

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say that he was a man of considerable of your majesty at this infernal game." intellectual power. But Sultan Murad in his play had two fallings. He liked so had with thee as that I will tell thee to have an adequate stake on the event what thou shalt do. Thou shalt on thy of the game, and he could very ill

brook defeat. These weaknesses are always trying. but in the case of so powerful and absolute a monarch they rendered the game one of exceeding danger. To lose pretty constantly meant ruin; to win Under these circumstances it besame difficult for his majesty to find an adversary, and an invitation to a con-test came to have as fatal a significance and to be as much dreaded, and, if possible, avoided, as the post of grand vizier had been in the reign of Selim the Grim. So many had lost all they possessed, and some their lives in-to the bargain, that every high officer of state shunned as far as possible the dangerous honor of facing his master across a chess board. Naturally, no official could with more difficulty escape the ordeal than the grand vizier himself, and, indeed, it was owing principally to this cause that so many occupants of this high post had rapidly succeeded one another during the reign

It so happened that the present grand vizier was as keen on enthusiast for the game as the sultan himself. This had been probably his chief recthe cost nor the hazard.

of Sultan Murad.

He played on with varying fortune, but generally losing, until he had more perilous, staked and lost everything he possessed. At length the or could scrape together.

tan saying to him, "Well, grand vizier, from encountering these timorous and and what dost theu venture on this new game?" he enswered ruefully: be proclaimed that any man might "My Padishah, except the garments in challenge his majesty to a game of which I stand before thee, and which are thine aiready, there is of a truth | challenger staked his own head against no one thing I possessed that I have the office of grand vizier. not staked and lost, and only by the At the time of issuing the proclama-

Sultan Murad was devoted to the | bounty of thy majesty shall I and Fatgame of chess. To say, without flat- ima, my daughter and only child, find tery, that he was a good player is to bread or shelter, so great is the skill

"Come, vizier," said Murad, "if it be part stake thy daughter, and I on my part will stake the loveliest odalisque in my harem, and ten thousand gold pieces to boot, and we will play yet another game

The grand vizler heard this proposal to stake his daughter, his only child, too often might easily mean death. with dismay; but he knew his imperial master too well to venture a refusal. Therefore they played, and he lost. Then the unhappy father, in the bitterness of his heart, said: "Oh, sultan, have my head only, and that is at thy mercy, but if thou wilt on thy part stake my daughter, whom thou hast

> "Vizier," said Murad gravely, "the stakes are hardly even, but if thou wishest it-so it shall be."

just won, I will wager my head against

And once more they played and again

the vizier lost, Then Murad laughed and said: "Be not alarmed: I give thee thy last stake, for thou has never flinched, but has ever played boldly and well; only this understand, we have played our last game, and thou holdest thy office only until I appoint another in thy place."

After this final defeat of his courage ous and indomitable grand vizier, Murad was hard put to it to find any ommendation for the office; and being suitable opponent to face him at the a born gambler and of a constitution- chess board. All men shirked the dan-ally bold and reckless nature, he was gerous honor, and the unhappy vizier always ready to play, counting neither or pacha commanded to undertake the perilous duty found it difficult to guess whether victory or defeat might prove

At length the sultan bethought him of a plan which seemed to promise At length, one afternoon, on the sul- more diversion than could be obtained unwilling adversaries. He caused it to chess, the conditions being that the

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tion there lived in Adrianople a family

intellectual capacity. reached this retired and secluded fam- said, significantly: "Grand vizier, toily, and the son, whose name was Osman, and who had long been a devoted

To this both father and mother vehemently and very naturally objected and tried by every argument they could hast played a bold game and won it; think of to dissaude him; but the yet I know too well the character and young man would not be gainsaid, and disposition of Murad to be able sinat length he set out on his dangerous

When Osman was ushered into the tomorrow thou mayest only too probpresence of the sultan and the object ably be defeated, and slain." of his coming explained, Murid himself felt some regret that so handsome his life in a combat apparently so un-

But first, by the order of the sultan, at his invitation Osman partock of it with him. Then, after a period of suppose that thou hast power to re-rest during the mid-day heat, the fuse?" chessmen were brought out, and amid a circle of high dignitaries and officials of the palace, the youthful stranger faced his imperial lord and essayed the difficult, and, as it appeared to all present, the foolbardy task of checkmating

Only five moves had been made during the breathless silence, when Osman caimly pronounced the word "checkmate," and on inspection the fact was

clearly established. All were astonished. And the sultan. amazed and almost stupified, was filled

"What!" cried he, "beaten and in portance five moves, by a mere boy! What is the meaning of this? Say, what deer of enchantment has thou been able to accomplish the feat?"

"Sire," cried Osman, "this opening of the game is a new one. Being competely unexpected, it has given me, for this time, the victory, which I can never hope to again attain over so great and experienced a player as your majesty.

These words somewhat mollified the sultan, and after having sat silent for a few minutes, his wrath being partly appeased, he said: "By whatever means the victory has been gained, incontestably it has been won, and since thou must have paid thy forfeit had thou lost, Allah forbid that thou shouldst fail to receive the reward that

He thereupon commanded that Osconsisting of three persons—father, man should be arrayed in the gorgeous mother and one son. The latter was a robes of the office; and summoning all young man of pleasing manners, a good the officers and high dignitaries of the presence and of remarkable energy and scraglio to the hall of the throne, he presented Osman to them as grand The news of the sultan's offer had vizier. Then, as he dismissed him, he

morrow we will play again." In the evening Osman sat in the ofstudent of the game, had just announced to his father and mother his
determination to proceed to the capital

father, by his invitation sat at meat

for the stake you played for at first,
and then, you remember, you won in
father, by his invitation sat at meat

five moves, and easily enough." and put his life on the hazard of the with him, and they discussed what had passed and what was to be apprehend-

> "Osman," said the Reis Effendi, "thou cerely to congratulate thee. Today thou art victorious and grand vizier,

"Reis Effendi," answered Osman, each must yield to fate; but for my and intelligent a youth should risk part, I have no intention of playing a game against the sultan tomorrow. "Thou hast no intention!" cried the

Reis Effendi, in amazement, "Nay, but sumptuous repast was served, and he has the intention to command thee to do so, and art thou so simple as to "I am hardly so country bred as to

suppose that," said Osman; "nevertheess. I venture to hope that I may be able so to order things that Murad shall not demand a game again to-

'And how is that to be accomplishdemanded the Rels Effendi. What dark scheme is this thou hast n hand?"

"At present I have no scheme completed," said Osman, "but only the outine or idea of the tactics which must be restored to. My aim must be to get some affair of such urgency and imbefore Murad tomorrow morning that he will have neither the leisure nor the inclination for chessmon hath helped thee, or by what pow- playing or any other form of amusement. In the concerns of so great an empire"-

Before Osman could complete the sentence an attendant entered and anounced that an old man was waiting without who desired earnestly an inerview with the grand vizier.

"It is late," said Osman, "but if he e an old man, doubtless he must have an adequate reason for coming at this hour. Let him enter."

When the applicant entered the apartment, what was Osman's astonishment to behold in him no other than his own father. After having been warmly welcomed by both Osman and the Reis Effendi, the old man was that he had undertaken so long a jour-

"My son," he replied, "after the departure neither thy mother nor, sooth mitted. to say, myself could control the anxlety and apprehension we suffered on thine account. Therefore, having sold made his delay? Was he gloating over the ring-the last remaining valuable in our possession-in order to provide the small fund necessary for my journey, I followed thee to learn the result of thy rash attempt. Happily, it appears that thou hast won and not lost the game, yet whether thou art not still in imminent peril is much to be

Now Lies in Ruins "That thy son is even now in extreme eril of his life there can be no queson," said the Reis Effendi. "Tomorrow he must again play, unless, indeed, he can manage to divert the sultan's attention and alter his declared intention. But in what way such a diversion is to be accomplished I cannot

"If that be the case," said the old stand us in good stead. On my way I tragic and inevitable result. that appears to be hatching in Roumalia, the early knowledge of which

city when the fire broke out. The stock saved from the ruins "Thou art indeed fortunate," said the Reis Effendi. "to be in possession of cannot be accurately estimated in value yet, but it is already that information. His majesty will without no less than within the hall itdoubtless be alarmed and his attention known that a good many thousand dollars' worth escaped from engrossed by the details of such a pro-

apacity as grand vizier, was closeted concerning the projected rising and the design of the rebels to march upon the

On hearing of this account, Murad, seized with panic, talked of raising a lence. One of the soldiers stationed at arge army and at once marching upon the door followed unconsciously the exthe disaffected province

your majesty will permit me to express my opinion. I should say let no man fell clanging on the marble steps. know of this conspiracy, for even the rumor of insurrection is apt to unsettle men's minds and spread the infection of revolt. The plan of the conspirators at present is secret; let is never be declared; crush it in the bud. At this stage a very small force will suffice, even as the beginning of a fire, which neglected would waste a city, may be quenched with the contents of a bucket. Let your majesty take 500 Janissaries with me, proceed with all speed to Adrianople, and two hours after my arrival the leaders of the plot will be executed and the movement will be at an end.'

and the advice given him by his new Within an hour the grand vizier, friend, the Reis Effendi, observed sim-

ply: "The game of chess is adjourned. The grand vizier, on reaching Adrianople proceeded immediately to the house of the governor of Roumalia and had him executed on the spot. Having also put to death several of his creatures and officials who had been guilty of the grossest tyranny and ex-tortion and all those who had in any way been implicated in the projected rising, he replaced, to the great joy of all, his father in his former position of governor of Roumalia and hastened back to report to his majesty that the province was now perfectly contented and loyal.

The sultan was delighted with the promptitude and energy of his new grand vizier. He began from this time to rely on his judgment and to take time Osman ruled the empire with unquestioned authority and conspicu-ous success. Murad often commanded of his grand vizier at the chess board, but the stakes to be played for were always fixed within the bounds of reason and moderation, and whether the games were lost or won-and Osman was too prudent often to win-the terrible claws of the imperial tiger

remained sheathed in velvet. One afternoon he took occasion on winning a game to address Osman as "My good grand vizier, I notice that in these little friendly contests of ours you seldom win. Now, I like not to play with one who puts

mocking smile he continued: "Probably the stakes are now too trivial to make it worth while for you to exert your full powers. This must be reme-I, on my part, will stake one of my daughters; you shall, if you win, have her to wife, and with her a dowry of two hundred purses of gold. And you on your side must, I suppose, play

"Your majesty," said Osman, who saw at once that the temper of the sultan had changed, and who entertained no doubt but that his own fate was already determined upon, "whatever stakes you decree must, of course, be accepted, but this time I have no new gambit to pit against your unrivaled and ever victorious skill."

The sultan appreciated the complient, but it did not cause him to alter his decision.

The afternoon of the next day was fixed as the time appointed for the playing of this fateful game. During the interval Osman pondered deeply on the best course to pursue in the predicament in which he now found himself. He was in little doubt that even though he should win this game, another equally momentous would follow, and that nothing could avail to keep his head, on his shoulders if Murad had, as he shrewdly suspected, determined to get rid of him. Yet it was clear that, under circumstances, to win would probably be less immediately fatal than to lose; it might for a short time delay, if it could not avert, the end that eemed inevitable. Therefore, when ,on the following afternoon, the Grand Vizier faced the sultan at the chess board each of these good players sat down determined to win if he possibly could manage it. They were not alone. A large number

of the great officers and high officials of the state and the palace sat watching the game which might so suddenly terminate the brief and brilliant career of one of the players. Every move was followed with the keenest interest. The game was fought with great skill and indomitable patience by both con-testants. It lasted long, and the chances of victory and defeat still held an even balance.

It was the Grand Vizier's turn. He moved his piece, when suddenly flashed upon him that the move was mistaken one. Virtually it sealed hi fate. Unless the Sultan should by some extraordinary obtuseness overlook the opportunity afforded him, three moves would at once terminate the game and cut short the life of Osman. pressed to say how it came to pass He dared not raise his eyes from the board, lest his glance should involuntarily betray to the Sultan his consciousness of the blunder he had com-

> For some time the whole assembly sat silent and motionless. The sultan the assurance of victory and purposely prolonging the anxiety and apprehen-sion of his victim, or could it be possible that he had really failed to serve the opportunity provided for him

The pause continued so long that Os man ventured at length to raise his eyes to his adversary, Rather than suspense it would be preferable to know the worst. As he looked up a strange sight met his gaze. The Sultan sat with his head bent down; the afternoon was sultry and at the very crisis of the

battle he had fallen asleep! There was little doubt that when he woke the first glance must reveal the opportunity that was presented to him. Meanwhile none dared to disturb him, and the unhappy Osman was compelled at noon to dispose of the immense stock that was stored brought intelligence which may now fortitude as he could command, the

spoke or stirred. With calm, unruffled may prove of great value to the sultan and watchful till the Sultan should demeanor, truly Oriental, they sat silent awake and deign to continue the game which his sleep had so suddenly interrupted. Silence reigned in the court self.

At length the call to prayer of the Muezzin on the mosque resounded When, next morning, Osman, in his through the heavy air: "Come to pray er, come to prayer. God is most great, with Murad, he hastened to impart to God is most great. There is no God but him the intelligence he had received God." Still the Sultan siept, and no one in that bejewelled crowd dared to disturb his slumber.

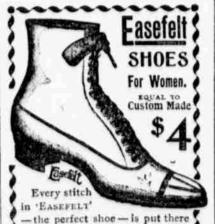
At last an incident that none could have foreseen occurred to break the siample set him by his imperial master Osman, however, said calmiy: "If and fell asleep, and suddenly his scimiter, falling from his relaxing grasp, All looked up with amazement-all

except Murad. Then Osman rose and touched the Sultan lightly on the shoulder, and he fell forward with a crash among the chessmen-for he was dead.-San Francisco "Argonaut."

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Lina cannot be dismissed as a vulgar impostor. Her pretensions, at any rate deserve to be looked into. They are wonderful enough. Mile, Lina, for in-stance, is the best subject Col. de Rochas has so far come across for demonstrating the phenomenon he terms the "exteriorzation of sensibility." When in a trance her sensibility leaves her body and can be localized by the operator in any object he desires within a few feet of her. If this object be pricked or otherwise manipulated Mile. Lina experiences exactly the same sensation as if the act had been performed on her own person, whereas her body while she is in this state is wholly insensible. It may be objected that this sort of thing might be grand vizier, and bade him start at artist's model. Then Col. de Rochas feigned. Cot. de Rochas, however, once on the mission he had proposed. and M. Jules Bois discovered her vouches for several cases in which devouches for several cases in which deception would seem to be out of the question. On one occasion, for examcapital; Osman, as he parted with his hypnotic trances, a state in which she plc, the sensibility of Mile. Lina had performs wonders that must be seen to been transferred to a photographi plate. Various experiments were made and then the subject was brought back, as it was thought, to her norma condition. After the lapse of a considerable time Mile. Lina was suddenly eized with shivering, and then with riolent sickness. It was found that similtaneously with the appearance of these symptoms M. Fluer, to whom the photographic plate belonged, had immersed it, unknown to the rest of the company and in a dark room in a dis-tant corner of the house, in a chemical bath, and was developing it in the usual way-a process which had afflicted Mile. Lina with a sort of seasickness.

In another curious set of experiments nusic played an important part. It was found that when a piano was played within hearing of Mile. Lina while she was under the hypnotic influence she adopted attitudes suitable o the music played. In every case the attitudes were so strikingly beautiful and apposite as to excite the admiration of the operatic artists and painters who had been invited to witness the experiments. Here, again, the ausicion might arise of deception, though there is no reason to believe that Mile Lina has ever had any musical or dramatic training. But direct proof has been forthcoming of the genuineness of the phenomena. A Polish musical composer who witnessed some of the experiments asked to be allowed to apply a test that would satisfy him that lile. Signature of Charle.

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