

many reasons to disagree with him. embarrassed, bloc ran his fingers through the pile of the carpet, his anxiety about what the judge had said had let him forget his inferior status towards the lawyer for a while, he thought only about himself and turned the judges words round to examine them from all sides. bloc, said leni, as if reprimanding him, and, taking hold of the collar of his coat, pulled him up slightly higher. leave the carpet alone and listen to what the lawyer is saying. in the cathedral a very important italian business contact of the bank had come to visit the city for the first time and was given the task of showing him some of its cultural sights. at any other time he would have seen this job as an honour but now, when he was finding it hard even to maintain his current position in the bank, he accepted it only with reluctance. every hour that he could not be in the office was a cause of concern for him, he was no longer able to make use of his time in the office anything like as well as he had previously, he spent many hours merely pretending to do important work, but that only increased his anxiety about not being in the office. then he sometimes thought he saw the deputy director, who was always watching, come into k.s office, sit at his desk, look through his papers, receive clients who had almost become old friends of and lure them away from him, perhaps he even discovered mistakes, mistakes that seemed to threaten from a thousand directions when he was at work now, and which he could no longer avoid. so now, if he was ever asked to leave the office on business passengers. tom was remarking upon the hardihood and utility of the labourers at the moment when a fountain of water was issuing from a broken pipe, which arose as high as a two pair of stairs window, a circumstance which quickly drew a number of spectators around, and, among the rest, tom and his cousin could not resist an inclination to spend a few minutes in viewing the proceedings. the irish gentlemen, who made two or three ineffectual attempts to stop the breach, alternately got soused by the increased violence of the water, and at every attempt were saluted by the loud laughter of the surrounding multitude. to feelings naturally warm and irritable, these vociferations of amusement and delight at their defeat, served but to exasperate and enrage; and the irishmen in strong terms expressed their indignation at the merriment which their abortive attempts appeared to excite: at length, one of the paddies having cut a piece of wood, as he conceived, sufficient to stop the effusion of water, with some degree of adroitness thrust his arm into the foaming fluid, and for a moment appeared to have arrested its progress. blood an owns murphy, cried he, scoop away the water, and be after handing over the mallet this way. in a moment the spades of his comrades were seen in round rubin a letter or billet, so composed as to have the signatures of many persons in a circle, in order that the reader may not be able to discover which of the party signed first or last. action to accomplish his instructions, while one, who was not in a humour to hear the taunts of the crowd, very politely scooped the water with his hands among the spectators, which created a general desire to avoid his liberal and plentiful and took the senseless leech out of the arms of the soldier, who lifted him over the window sill. kaschta was on the point of following him, but before he could swing himself over, the beams above gave way and fell, burying the brave son of the paraschites. pentaur had his insensible friend carried to his tent, and helped the physicians to bind up his burns. when the cry of fire had been first raised, pentaur was sitting in earnest conversation with the high priest; he had learned that he was not the son of a gardener, but a descendant of one of the noblest families in the land. the foundations of life seemed to be subverted under his feet, amenis revelation lifted him out of the dust and set him on the marble floor of a palace; and yet pentaur was neither excessively surprised nor inordinately rejoiced; he was so well used to find his joys and sufferings depend on the man within him, and not on the circumstances without. as soon as he heard the cry of fire, he hastened to the burning pavilion, and when he saw the kings danger, he set himself at the head of a number of soldiers who had hurried up from the camp, intending to venture an attempt to save rameses from the inside of the house. among those who followed him in this hopeless effort was katutis reckless son, who had distinguished himself by his valor before kadesh, and who hailed this opportunity of again proving his courage. falling walls