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Novelle, Kapitel 1

Ein dichter Herbstnebel verhüllte noch in der Frühe die weiten Räume des fürstlichen Schloßhofes, als man schon mehr oder weniger durch den sich lichtenden Schleier die ganze Jägerei zu Pferde und zu Fuß durcheinander bewegt sah.

Die eiligen Beschäftigungen der Nächsten ließen sich erkennen: man verlängerte, man verkürzte die Steigbügel, man reichte sich Büchse und Patrontäschchen, man schob die Dachsränzen zurecht, indes die Hunde ungeduldig am Riemen den Zurückhaltenden mit fortzuschleppen drohten.

Auch hie und da gebärdete ein Pferd sich mutiger, von feuriger Natur getrieben oder von dem Sporn des Reiters angeregt, der selbst hier in der Halbhelle eine gewisse Eitelkeit, sich zu zeigen, nicht verleugnen konnte.

Alle jedoch warteten auf den Fürsten, der, von seiner jungen Gemahlin

Abschied nehmend, allzulange zauderte.

Erst vor kurzer Zeit zusammen getraut, empfanden sie schon das Glück übereinstimmender Gemüter; beide waren von tätig lebhaftem Charakter, eines nahm gern an des andern Neigungen und Bestrebungen Anteil.

Des Fürsten Vater hatte noch den Zeitpunkt erlebt und genutzt, wo es deutlich wurde, daß alle Staatsglieder in gleicher Betriebsamkeit ihre Tage zubringen, in gleichem Wirken und Schaffen jeder nach seiner Art erst gewinnen und dann genießen sollte.

Wie sehr dieses gelungen war, ließ sich in diesen Tagen gewahr werden, als eben der Hauptmarkt sich versammelte, den man gar wohl eine Masse nennen konnte.

Der Fürst hatte seine Gemahlin gestern durch das Gewimmel der aufgehäuften Waren zu Pferde geführt und sie bemerken lassen, wie gerade hier das Gebirgsland mit dem flachen Lande einen glücklichen Umtausch treffe; er wußte sie an Ort und Stelle auf die Betriebsamkeit seines Länderkreises aufmerksam zu machen.

Wenn sich nun der Fürst fast ausschließlich in diesen Tagen mit den Seinigen über diese zudringenden Gegenstände unterhielt, auch besonders mit dem Finanzminister anhaltend arbeitete, so behielt doch auch der Landjägermeister sein Recht, auf dessen Vorstellung es unmöglich war, der Versuchung zu widerstehen, an diesen günstigen Herbsttagen eine schon verschobene Jagd zu unternehmen, sich selbst und den vielen angekommenen Fremden ein eignes und seltnes Fest zu eröffnen.

Die Fürstin blieb ungerne zurück; man hatte sich vorgenommen, weit in das Gebirg hineinzudringen, um die friedlichen Bewohner der dortigen Wälder durch einen unerwarteten Kriegszug zu beunruhigen.

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