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spectrum of deadly

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~~If the reader should feel some curiosity about~~
~~If, by now, you are ready to question the means by which we enter~~
~~the ~~book~~ means we are to enter~~
 into the thoughts of a person so fine as Klara, ~~it is worth remarking that~~
~~question is worth posing. Such ~~an~~ ~~as~~ incursions~~
~~have never existed when we deal~~
 when deal with men and women who are ~~most well~~ protected by the Gudgefs,
~~indeed we take care not to approach~~
~~are to ~~be~~ to ~~employ~~~~
 Gudgefs, we so search for some extension of our normal arts, ~~our satiric~~

~~these Guardian Angels,~~
 arts, if you insist. We take care not to approach when the Gudgefs are on alert.

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Generally, we do well to wait for such openings ~~start~~ ~~to~~ ~~such~~ ~~guard~~ ~~unless there is an emergency and we are ordered to make an~~ ~~as are provided for example by emotional crises.~~

~~entrance. Given no special opportunity (such as an emotional crisis) we do~~

Hysteria is often an ~~open~~ ~~to~~ ~~some~~ ~~for it is~~ ~~avoiding~~ ~~to the~~ ~~Cudgels~~ ~~their~~ ~~acts~~ ~~temporarily~~ ~~4~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~taught~~ ~~prefer to~~

Otherwise, we look to leave good people alone even as the Cudgels usually avoid contact

~~(not of emergency)~~ ~~Prudence tends to prevail~~ ~~with our most committed clients~~ ~~The available disbursements for these~~ ~~whether the cohorts are divine or satanic, prudence~~ ~~prevails.~~

~~Forced~~ ~~whether divine or satanic~~ ~~divine and satanic~~ ~~occasions of entrance are not often spent on improbable~~ ~~attempts~~

In the face of improbable
outcomes.

however, When an incursion is necessary, we wait ~~until~~ ^{for} the Cudgels ^{to be} are absent or asleep. ~~Even good spirits need their rest~~ ~~from~~ ~~or asleep. To use a crude analogy, three shifts are rarely employed daily, for~~ ~~At such times, small~~

an ordinary enterprise. Small raids that leave no ugly traces are feasible,

On the other hand, we are not altogether therefore, on many occasions void of special acts

Let me not pretend, however, that we function ^{that} so completely by rote.

we have our talents, for example choose to Even a lower-tier devil can usually transform himself for a short period

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into—let me term it so—an angelic ^{presence,} mode. Since we are hardly bona-fide,
~~that is not enough to gain~~ ²⁾ ~~direct entrance into,~~ ^{collateral}
 we cannot enter a blessed person's mind, but, still!—we have ^{other} means.

~~Often, we~~
 We can, ^{that} pretend to be the gentlest of angels, ~~we~~ can inspire a mood of ^{secret} much
 beneficence ^{to be true,} (false beneficence, but it can ^{leave the person feeling} feel as balmy as Spring, lovely.

^{balmy}
 enough to ^{inspire} ~~inspire the good object of our attention to~~ prate and prattle. So

~~often~~ ^{the} the vulnerabilities of ~~their~~ hearts are offered up in a flood of good
 feeling, ^{happy words and laughter}

^{did not present any}
 Moreover, Klara ~~was not a case of~~ (outsize difficulty. She was

brought, we can remember, to a high state of concupiscence on the night

that Adolf was conceived, ~~and~~ ^{who} who would assert that no devil entered her

then? Indeed, I ~~do~~ ^{on} have the suspicion, ~~no~~ rather, I will actually say that I

live with the firm supposition that the Maestro himself attended those

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festivities. So Klara is not without her carnal depths, which is to say that a-

~~A good if usually concealed part of herself can appreciate that carnival of~~
^{SA} ~~is ready to~~ ^{fundamental} ~~with~~

~~vite of~~ stinks and grunts and glories ^{which} ~~that~~ does take place whenever God and the

~~are ready to~~ ^{(these} devil sweat together in the swamp and paradise of sex, ^{which may be why}
~~and clean-smelling)~~

people who are ^{strikingly} ~~significantly~~ ethical ^{do not usually possess} ~~do not offer any~~ striking physical

~~Not enough of us is present to be found in the~~
 appeal to the mass of other humans.

In any event, we knew Klara well enough to
~~be like~~

~~In any event, if Klara was hardly one of ours, still, she was hardly~~
~~unapproachable. It was, after all,~~
 nonetheless approachable to the degree I have described. Moreover, we

~~and perhaps could claim~~
 were familiar with her moods. Live with a family long enough and subtle,
~~in the family sense that we~~
 even unique, means of approach will present themselves. I can say that we

~~knew her well enough from without to be in to many of her thoughts~~

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*Judith - change every year + Garena to TSG - and TSG was
 Change every ~~Coronation~~ ~~to Coronation~~
 when Klam was so happy*

Enough. The glory of the spring day I have just described was a
 with Paula and the flowers happened to
 coincide with the Coronation of the Coronation
 herald to much more than the modest beauties of Hafeld. The Coronation of

That of
 young Czar Nicholas the Second and his young Zarina, Alexandra, *happened*
 they enjoyed the same splendid weather,
Indeed, the
to be taking place on the same day. The weather was incredible throughout
 for a number of days, and I recall that even when
For the most part such good

Europe for much of that period. Good days continued, and when I came

these back to Hafeld in early June, the fine days continued, and this good weather
 well-being is rarely *As a devil, my* blessed by the weather,
 but the long sunny days of June were pleasing to
 was pleasing to me, for our activities at the Coronation had been crowned
 me. *They* They enhanced my recollection of
 our activities at the Coronation which were finally
 crowned with some success, a special delight for devils of relatively high rank like
 that had *penetrated* a special delight. Devils of
 relatively high rank like *penetrate into the higher*
 myself who are elevated enough to perceive the logic of our activities (much
been often, we do, even when the Maestro is not
 forthcoming on questions of strategy. *It is also*
 of the time). Our morale, in consequence, is vulnerable to failure and highly

like react more
 stimulated by success, more so than lesser devils who, at their best, are wise

to follow orders blindly. In contrast to them, I need to know when our *will*

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turn out well,
and projects ~~do~~ result in an overt and positive conclusion. It is a mistake to

assume that devils are more free than humans of the fear of failure, or that

we are less vulnerable to ^{poor} ~~bad~~ turns of mood. ^{On} ~~To~~ the contrary! Since our

pleasures are ^{rarely} ~~less~~ sensual and our pains ^{can be drenched in} ~~more full of~~ foreboding—we pay a

good price for the power we do possess. ^{If we know how to}
^{inspire dread in men and women, it is because}
^{in that condition so much of the time.}

¶ All the more reason then to be pleased not only with the acumen of

the Maestro, but with my own ^{display of insight in Moscow}
^{in the days after the Coronation.}

¶ As already indicated, I had been one of the first to give warning that a

direct attack on the ^{coronation event} ~~coronation~~ itself was not likely to succeed. We had, of

course, developed a number of promising approaches ~~that were now in~~

place. Nowhere ^{else} ~~else~~ in Europe could we ^{post} ~~have~~ as many agents and

^{as in Russia.}
clients. Often they were of high rank. We possessed many a ^{Grand Duke} ~~Count and~~

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~~and Duckers~~
~~Let~~ among the several branches of the Romanov family and we ^{certainly} infested
 the secret police. ~~I believe we would have outnumbered~~
~~It would say that we would outnumber~~ the Cudgels ~~in~~.

~~came to a roll call of supposedly loyal officers in the~~ ^{in the} Okhrana. ^{We kept} There were

~~many~~ Ministers of State who were as abjectly loyal to us as hounds

slavering over a bowl of kibble. I could go on. We were well-installed in

all the royal families of Europe, as well, not to mention the ~~divers~~ nobility,

^{or} plus the generals—often the same. The nouveau riches lay before us like an

open field. ^{Tycoon} ~~A majority of the~~ magnates were among our most valued clients.

^{therefore,} ~~So~~ when it came to calling upon potential participants, we ^{know} ~~were~~

^{on Coronation Day}
~~Confident that~~ we could bring off some major disruptions to the day of

~~coronation~~. As I had every reason to suspect, one of the two Metropolitans

who would preside over the ^{ceremonies} ~~event~~ belonged to us, and indeed, no priesthood

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on the continent was more infused with our influence, ^{we had a many} ~~than the full~~ ^{of} ~~horde~~ ^{a cohort of} ~~of~~
 (half-mad monks in Russian Orthodox ^{churches and monasteries} ~~ranks~~. (In addition, we had ~~our share~~
^{no small share} ~~of~~ of the most militant anarchists, nihilists, and terrorists ~~at some fine~~

concentrate of them were ^{already} ~~ready~~ to attempt an assassination of the future ~~czar~~
 before or during ^{the} ~~his~~ coronation.

^{Nonetheless} ~~I~~ found myself opposed to such ventures. Arriving in Russia after so
 long a period of concentration upon relatively minor activities in ^{so many} ~~many~~

^{cities} ~~small~~ ^{hardly} ~~city~~ and towns of Austria, I was ~~not~~ prepared for the air of Russia. It

was intense! Not only were there ^{hordes of} ~~more~~ devils present to stir the hearts of

^{half} ~~half~~ the people ^(half-) (at the least!), but Moscow and St. Petersburg were occupied

by a greater ^{assembly} ~~congregation~~ ^{horde} of angels than I had encountered before. And all were

doing their utmost ~~from shift to shift~~! Moreover, I had never felt the

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presence of the D.K. so directly. If He often seemed stupefied by the

uncountable and daily number of successes and failures in His Creation,

nonetheless, the Old Artificer ~~the Old Artificer~~ (one more word for the Dummkop ~~was~~)

~~was~~ ^{was} exceptionally near, or so it seemed, wherever we turned.

For the longest time, I had ~~grown used to being aware~~ ^{been accustomed to thinking} of Him as no

more than an Abstract Presence, ~~testy~~ ^{who could be} ugly on occasion (by way of His

Cudgels), but ~~far enough away~~ ^{removed} to enable us to work in relative freedom. His

Nearness was not a factor. Here, it was. God wanted this coronation to

succeed! I felt it in every one of my ^{special} senses. He had chosen a battleground

where He was determined not to lose, ~~and I had never before~~ ^{Indeed, never before had I} encountered

such intensity of dedication among the Cudgels. I was certain we would

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pay heavily for every success we obtained. To put it simply, this lay upon my judgment with all the weight of a hard fact—a stone too heavy to lift.

I did not speak at first in the ^{high} Council to which I was admitted. I had to discover for myself whether I dared to present myself ~~to the Master~~ as a figure of responsibility in any way worthy of consideration by ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{great} ~~the~~ ^{learn} ~~the~~ ^{Macstro} (for that was ^{a survey} ~~certainly an expedition~~ into unknown places.) All the same, I was

obsessed with a question: ^{What} ~~What~~ could be the reason for such unparalleled commitment of ^{the Divine Forces? In the beginning,} ~~divine interest?~~

I did not even have a workable thesis.

~~Obviously, no routine could help me to find a workable thesis. Until~~

Until ^{every variety} this event, the Dunmkopf had invested His Substance in all sorts (of people

and places. He paid attention to Monarchists and Republicans, to the most

established aristocrats and to ~~the~~ revolutionaries who were ready to die for

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^{their overlords,}
 the honor of overthrowing ~~them~~. (He had also encouraged many a human to
 offer public service to democracies. He hardly ignored the Pope and the
 Vatican (but then, neither did we!) He was open to the calls of liberty and
 to the injunctions of autocracy. As the Maestro once remarked, "He plays at
 this social game as if it is another facet of His approach to evolution. He
 goes by the crudest rule of thumb! 'Make your mistakes,' He says, 'but do
 pay attention to who wins. ^{Then you will} ~~Corollary:~~ see what works, ^{well, after all,} ~~well.~~ He did, after
^{did he} ~~all~~ give free will to homo sapiens, ^{Obviously the poor Dummkopf} ~~in order to obtain~~ ^{came a clearer notion of}
^{wanted to come a little closer to obtaining a}
^{notion of} what He had created."

Whether the Maestro was or was not playing with his sense of irony,

^{valid}
 I had to assume this was a diagram for us to retain of the roots of history

^{assuming}
 Yet, ~~if~~ it was, I now had to conclude that the Dummkopf was leaning—no,

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put it more accurately—the D.K. had come over completely, for the ^{moment} ~~time~~ at

least, to the conviction that the best way for His world to work was through

a successful hegemony of the ^{Gzar} ~~Gzar~~ and the Russian Orthodox Church.

Install ^{him} ~~them~~ powerfully, and let ^{him} ~~them~~ rule over the vast if inchoate ^{both} ~~strengths~~ ^{energies} of the Russian people.

^{It so} ~~Should that be true~~, it was an amazing decision! Russia ~~that land so~~ ^{feeling with} ~~It was what we lacked for,~~ invested with corruption and overriding injustice! ^{both} ~~We~~ always counted on

injustice. ~~It was the lead, the focus, the Open Sesame of our endeavors. It~~

^{served to} ~~It~~ was the yeast that ~~inspired~~ hatred, envy, and the poisoning of love. If we

had a rule of thumb, it was to encourage injustice wherever ~~and whenever~~,

we could. ^{So often} ~~So often~~ that was our basic approach to humankind. For rare was

the man or woman who did not ^{possess} ~~show from childhood on~~ an intense sense of

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the injustice done to them each day in contrast to the warmth and clarity

they offered to others? *If was a tap root to every adult - even more, to every child*

The more I looked for an explanation into the motives of the D.K., the more it began to seem likely that an answer receive the confirmation
 As I pondered this question, it seemed likely that the specific answer was to be found in the young man who would become the next ~~leader~~ *leader*. While

we prided ourselves on having a keener appreciation than the Dummkopf of

the flaws and potentialities of men and women, nonetheless, the D.K. (like

many another monarch) had ^{own} His vanities in this respect and would have

argued, doubtless, (if debate between the Maestro and Himself were

possible) that the history of human nature had been altered most profoundly

by the advent of Jesus Christ into the ~~unwashed~~ ^{unwashed} daily life of the masses.

We were prepared to disagree. We saw Christ's efforts ending in

failure (with all due respect to the brilliance of the aftermath exercised by

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when He came around to
the D.K. in claiming credit for a crucifixion He had certainly hoped to avoid.) "God," our Maestro was always ready to inform us, "was cheating on the rules of the game. Free will for humankind is meaningless if there is divine interventior, but leave it to the Old Goat! He wanted secretly -- I suspect He even kept this secret from Himself—to establish His Kingdom on earth in a most literal sense, a Kingdom with His Son as the living monarch. He most certainly was not anticipating the disaster that befell my poor kid brother, *Jesus*."

Tsai
It was becoming ~~over more~~ evident to me that the D.K. was placing some new and very great hopes in the character of the young man who would soon be crowned as ~~Czar~~ *Tsai* Nicholas the Second. You may be certain

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that I proceeded to learn as much about him as was possible under the

constrained circumstances. "All right, leave what you can," said the Maestro. "That's a fix assignment for you." ~~I did not know it was being promoted~~
 For example, I could not find a way to get near to Nicky (yes, indeed, ~~on left on a siding but in any event I soon~~
~~learned that it would not be easy to get near~~
~~to Nicky. Yes, Nicky. (That is,~~
 that is how everyone in his large family referred to him). Nicky had two

brothers, two sisters, a beautiful Danish mother (the widow of his recently

dead father, ~~Bar~~ Alexander the Third), four Grand Dukes as uncles, one

Grand Duchess as an aunt, and a host of cousins and in-laws who, for the

most part, so far as one could discern, were surprisingly fond of ~~Nicky~~ ^{him.}

I could, as I say, not come near. I had never met a human being more

guarded by squadrons—~~yes~~ ^{for certain}, literally, squadrons!—of angels from, you may

be certain, the highest ranks of ~~Divine~~ ^{His} Security. I was told as much in

advance from the first of our monitors to receive me, and my one venture

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into solo reconnaissance to test such observations more than confirmed ^{his} ~~them~~

adjurations. It was a loss. I can tell a great deal about any man or woman ~~if~~
whom I can approach
~~I can get into the same room with them.~~ Our senses—our, on occasion.

most diabolical senses are acute—sniffing a human being from the other

end of a room, I can detect as much as any animal with a sure olfactory

passage. My eyes can perceive defects in the corner of a nostril or the

subtly distorted curve ^{along} ~~in~~ the whorled ridges of an ear. These are not senses

with which I ^{care as} ~~can~~ afford to live ^{with} ~~constantly~~. But they are available when

needed. Our continued existence would become a heaven all too frequently

plummeting into
~~alternating~~ with hell if our sight and taste and smell, not to mention our

sense of touch and hearing, were always at such an exquisite level of

readiness—no, we call upon such faculties only when needed, yet we can

