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This is
the beginning¹³
of Tape 2.

It's a small house, but would be ~~most~~ attractive if it were not situated
across the street from the cemetery ~~and~~ in Leonding. On the other hand, the

price is reduced to a point where they can afford it. ~~Moreover,~~ ^{and since} Leonding is
~~only~~ ^{just} five miles away from Linz, ~~so its inhabitants, Alois expects, will possess,~~
~~feel so far away from the active life~~

~~some sophistication.~~
~~of a decent-sized city.~~

~~while not comfortable to be so close to~~
Klara is depressed by the cemetery, ~~yet~~ ^{that} the village church is also

~~is not without~~
across the way, and the house ~~does have~~ charm: a tile roof, a half-acre of

~~and~~ ^{surround the garden,}
land, ~~and~~ a fine garden with a number of maples and oaks. ~~She is fascinated~~

~~has contributed to~~
by trees. To her, ~~a godly spirit is present in the shaping of their limbs~~ ^{is so}
~~varied and artificial that a godly spirit must~~
~~will always feel move~~
Nonetheless, Klara feels at odds with the result. ~~She has an intense~~

~~It is~~
fear of the town ^{as} if Leonding could prove dangerous. Part of this

have
been
present.

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uneasiness is due to ^{her friendship with} Preisinger. He had been so nice, and so agreeable, and, ^{yes}

^{so} yet he was strong. ^{She considered that dangerous for herself,} ~~He had to be dangerous.~~ She knew that he was part of an

^{had aroused an} excitement she had never dared to consider as ^{satisfying} possible for herself, not, at

least, since her early days with Alois, and here, on the streets of Leonding,

she ^{senses that} feels a knowledge in the townspeople ^{know a little more than} that is beyond her former

^{she does about} ~~some of~~ the more treacherous ^{sides of life.} ^{places} experience. She has certainly lived in any number of more sophisticated

than Leonding ^{when she worked for the old land, and Buanauf}

places, Vienna, ~~first~~, then Passau and Linz, but she was never ready for them.

to live in those places. ^{They were a good deal} ~~her family, that was all, now, she might be ready for~~

Now, she feels as if Leonding is ready for her. So, for a time, she keeps very

close to the house. Her outdoor activities, for the most part, are soon

new
experiences
in
Leonding.

restricted to visiting the shop of Josef Mayrhofer who is not only the Mayor

of Leonding, but owns a fine grocery. There she buys vegetables two or three

times a week. She dresses neatly for the occasion and is always friendly to

Herr Mayrhofer, but invariably, she says, "I can't stay. There's so much work waiting for me."

What complicates her dealings is the ^{unavoidable conviction} belief that she gave herself over to the Devil in that ^{one} terrifying moment when she was convinced that Alois had just killed Alois-Junior, — or, so she had seen it.

Such oaths, taken by pious people, are, of course, of great value to us.

Of course, ^{can} in time, the oaths become analogous to compounds that exhibit a ^{which are} diminished to a ^{does} the daily atmosphere, ^{do} (half-life after exposure to air. She does, however, still feel in some danger for ^{peril}

her soul, ^{enough to keep} and so her commitment to work is ^{as} more intense ^{as} than ever. She

believes that will still save her from the Devil.

^{All the same, she is} In truth, she's quite attracted to Mayrhofer. He is more worldly ^{than} Preisinger and that ^{could be} is just as dangerous. He's ^{is attracts her enough} the second man since her —

to ~~annoy~~ ^{to annoy} the fear that if they give marriage to Alois who interests her at all, and she fears that if something were too friendly, ~~ever to begin between them~~, she might ruin this good man.

For me, ^{that} ~~it~~ is a comedy. I know ~~that~~ nothing will happen. Mayrhofer is

almost as proper ^{as} Klara. Moreover, he has met Alois and ^{already they} ~~they have certainly~~ ^{are it feels like they} gotten along. It's next thing to a new and natural friendship. Alois is ^{drawn} ~~attracted~~

to a man who is smart enough to be a Mayor, and practical enough to own a prosperous store, and ^{in turn,} Mayrhofer respects Alois's years as a

Particularly, ^{his promotion,} Customs' man. Before long, they drink together ^{regularly} in the tavern.

~~So the flirtation with Klara is altogether subdued.~~ All the same, ^{this} ~~the~~ flirtation between Mayrhofer and Klara remains alive if ~~altogether subdued~~, and so it continues to enjoy the comic elements. A delicate sense of evil is ~~so~~ ^{nourishing} to proper

people. Mayrhofer, of course, considers himself a man of honor, and if ^{he has} ~~he~~

^{become friends with} ~~he~~ befriends Alois, he will never go near Klara. In turn, that is ^{acceptable to} ~~fine~~ with her.

^{Mayrhofer} Moreover, he has a jealous wife who is enough of a shrew to be forever pointing her finger. "All those women"

^{laughing} saying to her husband, "All those women who come to the store, ^{she says,} just throw ⁽¹⁷⁾

^{and we just waiting to throw}

themselves at you." Indeed, when he was younger, Mayrhofer did ^{have one snaf} cheat on

^{offhand,}

one occasion, his wife found out, and his life has been a misery since.

So, it is easier for all concerned when the two men go out ^{at first} occasionally

^{they} to drink in the local tavern, ^{but soon} (Mayrhofer confesses ^{however,} that given his

^{as Mayor,} position ^{his office,} is ~~down~~, he does find the tavern a little too raw for him, and so, after

some deliberation, he decides to invite Alois to a Burger-Abend, ^{an evening} That is, a

^{from the town} burger-evening, an occasion on any one of four ^{evenings}

where some of the best men in town can get together any

~~evenings a week~~ ^{where} ~~more substantial~~

one of four evenings a week, each evening specifically at one of the four best

^{one of the best four} and each venue is situated at a different

inns in town. The gatherings, explains Mayrhofer, are informal, and are only

^{solely} held for the purpose of good talk and good company among ^{these chosen} the prosperous

citizens of Leonding. The object, as Mayrhofer explains, is not to get drunk,

in fact they've had a few members who turned out ^{most unhappy} to be sots and sooner or

evenings
a
week
when
the
more
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men

later, "these fellows were asked not to attend any longer. We did it ~~all~~ as

politely as possible, but it is essential, Alois, that ~~one~~ ^{a man must} never get too tipped on

these occasions. Merriment and good manners ~~might~~ ^{could} as well be our motto ^{if we felt the need} 9

"Oh, I agree," said Alois. "That ^{is} the essence of fine company."

So Alois ^{was} (introduced, ^{and went} ~~goes~~ through the considerable tension of

^{sitting in} keeping up with these local gentry, ~~does~~ ^{he most certainly did} not get tipped, and ~~returns~~ ^{did return} perhaps,

^{several} two or three times a month in order to keep up his friendship with Mayrhofer

^{now refused to} who ~~will not~~ go to the tavern with him more than once a month ^{there had} now after one

^{been a} (dreadful occasion when a drunken lout ^{had} tried to insult the Mayor ^{and in} before being ^{turn this malcontent had been} insulted by the tavern owner and ordered to leave.

During the day, Alois ^{now spent} ~~spends~~ his time working ^{in the} on a little garden by the

house, or ^{at} on his bee-hive. He purchased a Langstroth box ^{and boudit} which he endows

^{to house within} with a small population. It is his desire to keep it ^{all} on a most modest scale, a

^{now was}

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hobby. As he explains ~~to~~ Mayrhofer, "Just some honey for my family's use,

and gifts for friends—that will be sufficient." He is determined not to get

involved with ~~such~~ ^{apian} commerce again. At Hafeld, the venture ~~came close to~~ ^{had come so}

taking over all of his thoughts. "It is equal to being enslaved by a force larger than oneself."

"So is the Mayoralty," replies Mayrhofer.

Alois, in time, ~~becomes so~~ ^{does become} impressed by the Burger-Abends, ~~that he~~ ^{indeed}

^{enough to buy} buys a book of Latin quotations ^{which he} and tries to memorize ~~a few~~. His greatest

problem these days is boredom ^{(and its loyal assistant—}
^{poor memory!)}

The greatest counterbalance against the yaws of long, eventless

afternoons at home is to play with Edmund. His little boy is charming, more

charming indeed at four years of age than any of the other children have ever

been, and Edmund hangs by him at the beehive, in fact, Alois has insisted that

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Klara make the boy a veil and buy white pants to go with a white shirt and white gloves. Klara protests: The boy is too young, she tells him, but Alois insists on it, and so the two of them are out at the hive a great deal.