

A NOBLE CHARACTER.

NOT FOR HIM THE PRIDE OF PLACE,  
CHAMPION OF THE HUMAN RACE,  
~~VICTIM~~<sup>Victim</sup> OF THE TYRANT'S SPITE,  
AND THE NOBLES' RANCOROUS MIGHT,  
THE LIFE HE CHOSE WAS ONE OF SEEKING,  
TORTURE, MISERY, DEATH, AND BEATING -  
WITH THIS INTENT TO TEACH THE PEOPLE,  
THAT ALL ARE BROTHERS, FREE AND EQUAL,  
LEADER OF A REBEL BAND.

HE SOUGHT, AT LAST, A FOREIGN STRAND,  
FLEEING FROM THE TSAR'S DARK DUNGEONS,  
THONG AND RACK AND HANGMAN'S BLUDGEON,  
BUT THE PEOPLE, RESOLVED TO SMASH,  
THE TYRANTS' CHAIN AND FLEE THE LASH,  
FROM SMOLENSK TO FAR TASHHENT.

CHAFING, WAITED FOR THE STUDENT,  
THEY WAITED FOR HIM ALL TO RISE  
AGAINST TYRANT TSAR AND NOBLES' PRIZE,  
TO CLAIM THEIR RIGHT - TO OWN THE LAND,  
AND FOREVER MORE FOR TRUTH TO STAND,  
AGAINST THE BONDS SO TRIPLE TWINED  
DARK DECEIVERS OF THE HUMAN MIND,  
MARRIAGES, CHURCH, AND FAMILY TIES,  
THAT FILLED THE OLD WORLD WITH TRICKS AND LIES.

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