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Brugnon, you rascal, you're laughing! Aren't you ashamed? What'd you have, my friend, I am what I am. Laughter does not prevent me from suffering; but to suffer will never prevent a real Frenchman from laughing. And whether he laugh or shed tears—first of all he's got to see! Long life to Janus Two-face with his ever-open eyes! . . .

Colas Brugnon.

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DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

- LILULI, ILLUSION—fair-haired, slim, small—big blue eyes, candid and sly; slender, girlish arms, a smiling mouth that shows her little teeth; a musical voice, the sound of which has power to stir the soul. She glides rather than walks; she seems to float in the air. She wears a fanciful Botticelli dress of periwinkle blue, trinmed with a wreath of green and golden leaves.
- CHIRRIDI [CHIRRIDICHIQUILLA, that is to say: Little Swallow-voice]. TRUTH—a dark gypsy type, with flaming eyes, supple, quick, violent—knows how to wield both tongue and knife. Harlequin costume, with a big black scarf, which, thrown over her shoulders, falls in two points like the closed wings of a swallow.
- THE GODDESS LLÔPTH [OPINION]—A dumb part. Hallucinating apparition of a barbarous and Hindeo idol, at once coarse and sumptuous—black and gold—copper face.
- THE BEAST [of Durer] her escort. Dumb part. Cathedral devil. Color of an old gargoyle, black and mossy.
- MASTER-GOD—handsome, majestic and dandified old man; long white beard with patches once fair, now turned green; slightly Levantine accent; noble gestures which re-