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## PART SECOND

### XXIII

**T**HE glow of dawn was already beginning in the sky when, on the night following the dinner at Golúshkin's, Solómin, having briskly walked about five versts, tapped at the wicket-gate in the tall fence which surrounded the factory. The watchman immediately admitted him—and accompanied by three watch-dogs, of the sheep-dog breed, who wagged their shaggy tails in broad sweeps, conducted him with solicitous respect to his detached wing.—He was, evidently, delighted at the safe return of his superior.

“What made you come home by night, Vasíly Feodótitch? We did not expect you until to-morrow.”

“Never mind, Gavrílo; it is pleasanter walking by night.”

Good, although not altogether usual, relations existed between Solómin and the factory-hands; they respected him as their superior—and they treated him like an equal, like one of themselves: only, he was knowing in their eyes!—“What Vasíly Feodótoff has said,”—they were wont to explain,—“is sacred! for he has passed through