

BELI MENIHI

Povest iz prve polovice XII. stoletja
spisal IVAN ZOREC

Zdaj je Majnhalm s stene snel meč in ga položil na desno ramo Hotimiru, ki je medtem pokleknil.
"Na — meč!" mu je dejal zelo slovesno. "Paši si ga zmerom moško, suči ga vselej junško za čast in pravico! Zakaj meč je znamenje moči in časti!"
Hotimir je vstal in si opasal meč, medtem se je zbral in je potlej dejal: "Bog mi pomagaj, da si bom zmerom svest tega in da bom ostal vreden do brote in odlike, ki ste z njo osrečili mene in moje in odklovali vso vas in vse tlačane svoje velike, mogočne gosposčine...!"
"Preteti Hotimir—res je kavelj...!" je Henrik zamrmral in natočil medice in dal vrč najprej Majnhalmu in ta Henriku in Ditriku, ta pa Trlepu; naposled ga je dobil še Hotimir in dejal, preden ga je nagnil:
"Na zdravje, na čast vaše plemenite, lepe neveste, naše bodoče gospe —"
Henrik se je z obema rokama

udaril po kolnih in je navdušeno rekel: "Kavelj —!"
"Hvala ti, o Hotimir!" mu je Majnhalm stisnil roko. "Glej ga, ti edini si se je spomnil, ko bi bil smel misliti na katero drugo! Tudi tega ti ne bom pozabil — hvala ti!"
Trlep je kar rdel, tako se mu je dobro zdelo.
"Kdaj boš napravil svatbo?" se je Majnhalm nasmehnil.
"Za vami, gospod grof. Nočem vas prehiteti."
"Ne, ne, o Hotimir!" se je Majnhalm branil. "Želim, da nič več ne odlašaj, predolgo že čakaš — in preteško!" se mu je namuznil.
Hotimir od veselega, nepričakovanega iznudenja ni vedel, kaj bi rekel.
"Storil bo po vaši želji, gospod grof," se je Trlep vteknil. "Samo vedeti mi daj!" mu je gospod segel v roko. "Povabi v svate vso vas, da bo vedela, kdaj se je ženil moj najljubši svobodnjak! In vedi še to, da ti za svatovščino, darujem pitanega vola, tri mehove vina in en meh medice!"
"Pa pravite, da so ženske

— Ta je bila prehuda še za Trlepa samega, ki je bil trde skorje.
"Le kaj se ti je vnelo v temle Majnhalmu, ki je bil zmerom robas?" je tiho ugibal, ko sta s Hotimirom pompljala z gradu in žvenketala z mečem. Naposled se je nasmehnil:
"O ti zaletel svobodnjaški, ali si mislil, da boš kdaj takole hitel z gradu?"
"Aha...!"
"Kaj aha? Saj me še ne poslušajš ne! Pa ne, da bi že danes k župniku vlekli Živko?" se je smejal. "Že ni župnik kje daleč na lovu, pred mrakom bi vaju že utegnil zvezati!"
"Zmerom me dražite."
"Ti in Majnhalm, oba sta bolna. Majnhalm vsaj ve, kaj dela, ti pa še veš ne več, ali si na svetu."
"Kaj ste mi že rekli prejle?"
"Da je ženska nevarna, posebno če je zapeljiva; nevarna kakor voda in ogenj!"
"O, ne vsaka!"
"Zanka je človeku vsaka ženska, srce ji je polno zvijač, roke so ji železne vezi!"
"Nič ne bo: ne dam se plašiti!"
"Saj ne mislim nate, tale Majnhalm mi blodi po glavi. Sprevrjel se je, še spoznal ga ne bi več! In, glej, najbrž je tista nevesta lepa kakor zarja, dobra kakor kruh in modra kakor stiški menihi, sicer se Majnhalm ne bi bil sprempil tako do dna."
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Hotimir je res že čez nekaj dni vse pripravil za svatbo. Sam stiški opat ju je zvezal v šentvidski cerkvi. In kar vesel je bil mlade dvojice, ki se je dobila po tolikih ovirah in srčnih bolečinah.
"Loputni jo!" je Trlep zunaj cerkve stegnil jezik. "Da te bo imela rajši!"
Hotimir je po šegi nevesto malo udaril v opomin, da je prešla v njegovo oblast.
"In zdaj počeni, da bomo videli, kako je priročna!" je ženina še spominjal na šego. Mladi mož je res počeni na kamen ob zvoniku, Živka ga je sezula in spet obula, mati pa ji je medtem odstrigla lase v znamenje, da je postala zgolj mo-

ževa last in da se posihmal mora pokoriti le njemu.
Svatje so se na iskrih konjih drevili domov, opat je srečen in zadovoljen gledal za njimi.
"Da bi bila dobra in srečna...!" je želel mladima zakoncem.
In je veroval, da je Mati božja uslišala njegove molitve in izprosila srečo za Hotimira in milost spoznanja za Višenjske.
"O naša ljuba Gospa, presvetega Srca, prosiš se dalje zanje Boga — bodi jim zavetnica...!" je pobožno vzdihnil.
In je šel na stavbišče v Stični in je molil, da bi Devica Marija izprosila sreče in blagoslova tudi delu, ki napreduje tako počasi.
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Zedinjenim državam se primanjkuje zadostna zaloga maščob in olja, — in nam primanjkuje največ industrijskih maščob. Mnogo, ako ne večina stvari, ki jih vsi uporabljamo ali nosimo, potrebujejo v izdelavi industrijske maščobe, ali pa proizvodov industrijskih maščob kot na primer milo in glicerini.

Torej, ne bi vnaprej vršili to dobro delo in hranili in izročili vsak funt obrabljenih maščob, ki vam je mogoče?

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Skrb je tiščala tlačana, žival in priroda sta bili otožni — vse je težko čakalo polajšanja.
"Kaj bo?" so tlačani obupopavali. "Nobene poklajze za živino nimam več."
"Tudi jaz sem že razkril kozelc in pokrnil slamo."
Marsikaj se klali živino, da ne bi poginila od lakote.
"In spomladna sev se bo zamudila kar preveč."
"Da, star mesec je o ves bi lahko sejali, pa še odjuge ni."
"E, lastovke so se vrnile, v hosti že grulijo dviji golobi — tudi zime more biti konec."
"Naj bi je bilo kmalu!"
Čez dan, dva je nenadoma res potegnil tak jug, da je lasal strehe in žvižgal po hosti.
Hiša svobodnjaka Trlepa v Malem Gabru, zdolaj zidana, zgoraj lesena stavba iz močnih hrastovih brun, je tisto dopoldne bila polna družinčadi in vasovavcev. Nekateri so se tiščali velike peči, drugi so delali. Popravljali so sedla in čevlje, jarme in pluge, belili toporišča, grabljišča in kosišča; tudi kolovrati so brneli in motovila cvillila, za statvami pa je sedela prva dekla Marijana, čedna, še mlada ženska, in prido tkala, snovalnica ji je trkajoče tekala med nitmi snutka.
Piš je zunaj naraščal in žvižgal okoli vogalov.
"Le meni verjemite, obesil se je kdo, sicer hudič ne bi plesal tako viхро!" je rekel star hlapec in odložil ogoljeni žil,

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"Izsekali in izgajali pa so vendarle že ves hrib," je drugi hlapec vedel. "Lepih njiv si bodo udelali, moča jih ne bo zamakala, po ves dan bodo imele sonce."
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