

**THE MAN
WITH HALF
HIS FACE
REMOVED**

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“ When we are no longer able to change a situation – we are
challenged to change ourselves. ”

Viktor E. Frankl

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Imagine me, sat there at the table eagerly expecting my food, alfresco no less!

I'm forced to stare across the emerald-blush tablecloth at my dining companion who, for all his trouble, has joined me quite uninvited at my evening retreat.

His snarly, old mien would appear grotesque to some, I imagine. The gravity of his wounds suggests more than a mere altercation at some late night bar. Torture perhaps? The work of psychopaths?

Both are true, I suspect.

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