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CHAPTER V.
A DARING ATTEMPT.

Dessie was not to wait long before she had a startling and terrible proof of the desperate lengths to which her antagonist was prepared to go in prosecuting his scheme, and removing any obstacle that stood in his way.

The equivocal relations which the untimely arrival of Mrs. Markham produced between Dessie and the Count were too distasteful for her to suffer them to continue one unnecessary moment. She was not prepared to denounce him at once to her friend as Rolande Lespard; she was confident in her belief, but wished to be absolutely certain and to be in possession of proof. Nothing short of that would open the love-sealed eyes of her friend. But neither could she bring herself to allow the man to remain in the belief that she would take the disgusting bribe offered for her silence.

It was not easy, however, to find an opportunity to speak to him alone. He did not remain long that morning; and as soon as he was gone Mrs. Markham plied her with questions, which Dessie found somewhat difficult to parry, as to what

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she and the Count had talked about in their long conversation.

"I am so glad you like him better," she said, when they had gone upstairs together and the widow was changing a dainty morning wrapper for a walking coat. "I was sure you would when you got to know him better. He is the dearest and best fellow that ever lived. Don't you think so now?"

"You can't expect me to go so far as that, Dora."

"No, I don't want you to. But he is a dear fellow, isn't he?"

"Well, that is scarcely the epithet I should use either," said Dessie, with a smile.

"What epithet would you use then?"

"I don't know him thoroughly

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she saw the Count approaching from the other. She quickened her pace therefore, and passing the house met him.

"I should like one word with you," she said, curtly.

"A thousand if you will," he answered, raising his hat and bowing. "Shall we turn and walk, or would you like another appointment? I shall always be charmed to be a friend of yours now, Miss Merrion."

"I have not sought your friendship, thank you," said the girl, coldly, "and will not accept it. What I wish to say now is that I repudiate entirely the vile offer you made this morning to bribe me. I only let you speak without interruption so that I might know how far you would go. I have only this to say now: If you dare to come again to Mrs. Markham's house I will denounce you at once."

His face grew very stormy, and a heavy frown forced his black thick eyebrows together. But his voice was courteous and even as he answered:

"Do you mean that, unequivocally and absolutely? Is there no consideration will induce you to wait at least until I have an opportunity of getting proofs from France?"

"When you have them," said Dessie, contemptuously, "then by all means come. But not till then."

"You will live to repent this bitterly, Miss Merrion. You have put upon me a wholly undeserved disgrace; and if I accept your terms it is only because I wish to spare the woman who is to be my wife, and whom I love with all my heart, from the pain and sorrow which such a malignant accusation from a friend like yourself would cause her. I wish you had been as considerate. When we meet next, I shall have the proofs you want."

Then, to Dessie's intense surprise, he raised his hat, turned and walked away. She had not for an instant believed that this single stroke would have so immediate an effect. But when she saw him pass out of sight round the corner of the square her spirits rose, and as she ran up the broad steps of Mrs. Markham's house she smiled in high glee.

To be continued.

There was nothing for it but to wait, therefore—and delay must mean that she must either go on letting the man believe her as wife as herself—willing to sell her best friend for a price—or run some personal risk by deceiving him.

Without more than a minute's hesitation she chose the latter course. She would tell him at once that he was mistaken in her, and warn him to keep away from Dora. She resolved also to urge Tom Cheriton to come back as soon as possible; and made up her mind to go and stay at South Kensington until the crisis was over. She accordingly made all the necessary arrangements and packed such clothes, books, and papers as she would need for a stay of some weeks if necessary. The rest of her papers she locked in a little safe she had.

That done she wrote to her lover, telling him what she meant to do, and urging him to return to town as soon as possible, because there was a very important matter about Mrs. Markham's Count in which she wished to consult him. "I have made a discovery about him that frightens me and I am at a loss to know quite what to do. I want your help and advice; and I don't want you to get into trouble by making blunders, as, of course, you'll think I'm likely to do. If you want to save me from an ugly intrigue, hurry back."

Then she returned to South Kensington, hardening her resolve all the way, to tell the Count de Montalt what her intentions were. He must keep away from South Kensington until Tom's return, or she would tell Dora openly whom she believed him to be.

Chance helped her to an excellent opportunity of doing this. As she turned in at one end of Edgcombe Square

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