
GREEN CHALK

word 'it' not 'her.' I can forgive him for marrying the face; I can pity him when he discovers that the woman behind the face isn't exactly to match. Don't interrupt me. Probably you haven't begun to discover about the woman yet, because the face has dazzled your eyes. Your mind is so imbued with the Claudia you imagined her to be after your eyes had seen her face that it cannot realize its mistake. Are you very angry with me for telling you this?"

"Yes."

"I don't care! Why don't you go away if I'm making you so angry?"

"Because I'm waiting for Claudia."

"Of course you are, I'd forgotten. Dear, beautiful, stupid Claudia! She's probably in bed by this time."

"I don't think so. Gondoliers generally take their passengers by the longest possible ways; you see, they charge more for long distances than for short ones."

"Naturally."

"I'm having a new experience," Philip remarked, because it seemed as well to speak about things of no importance, considering Grace's mood.

"Are you?"

"I've been ten minutes in your company without seeing you smoke. Have one?"

He held out his case.

"No, thanks."