

Katharine's Sacrifice

Katharine hesitated. There was a ring of sincere contrition and penitence in Barbara's voice that touched her noble, generous heart to the quick.

"Forgive you, yes, Miss Mostyn," she said, gently, and with a weary sigh, "though your words pained me deeply."

"What did I say?" Barbara clasped her hands in mock dismay. "Oh! I remember. Something about Lord Otway, wasn't it? Oh, well, I know you will forgive that, too. I went to meet Lord Otway, and when I saw him talking to you in the distance?"—Barbara uttered this lie glibly; "it made me get into one of my sad, wicked tempers, you know," she added, with a well-assumed air of frankness. "Dear Lord Otway is one of my very best friends, and you never told me you were acquainted with him, you funny child."

"I did not think of it," Katharine answered, simply, her pride thawing gradually beneath the warm, pleasant manner Barbara had adopted.

"Oh, no, of course not." Barbara drew her thin lips still tighter across her white teeth, longing to strike this girl's face with any weapon that would destroy its beauty utterly and forever. "That was very natural, and of course, I was just a little surprised to see you together, but"—she paused, and then held out her hand with a smile—"but you must forget all I have said to you, Miss Brereton. I have a great deal on my mind, and once this fete is over I shall be different. I like you so much—so very much. You will not leave me, will you? If you only knew how badly I want a friend."

Again there was that artful break in the cold, shrill voice, and Katharine was won entirely.

"If I can be a friend to you," she began.

Barbara uttered a little exclamation, and then suddenly lifting herself on her toes, she kissed Katharine's pale cheek with a Judas kiss.

"If—ah! then you relent, you forgive me—you will remain to be a comfort, dear!" with another kiss. "How can I thank you?"

Katharine looked bewildered for a moment, but quick to sympathize and to receive sympathy, she flung her arms about Barbara's tight-laced figure.

"Love me!" she murmured fervently, feeling that in her greatest hour of tribulation this girl had come to be a comfort to her, to soothe her wretched, anguish-torn mind. "Love me, only love me!" she said, earnestly. "I, too, am alone in the world. I, too, need a friend. Give me your love, dear Miss Mostyn, and I shall be thankful, indeed."

An hour later Miss Mostyn was in the hands of her two maids. As the delicate pink muslin gown was removed, she suddenly put her foot on it.

"Throw it into the fire," she commanded Olympia sharply; "I shall never wear it again!"

"She put her common arms round me," she murmured, viciously to herself, thinking of Katharine. "That indignity shall be repaid, with all my thoughts to her—where the moment comes."

And then she prepared a gorgeous toilet, destined to snare and attract Lord Otway that evening, while Katharine, alone in her room, was offering grateful thanks to the Providence who at this moment of sorrow had sent her such a friend as Barbara Mostyn.

CHAPTER XIV.

A message was brought to Katharine as she sat in the twilight.

"If Miss Brereton was not too tired, would she kindly go down later on to the ball room, as Miss Mostyn would like her to play some waltzes?"

Patty delivered the message at the same time that she carried up Miss Brereton's dinner, for as yet Katharine had never joined the others for this meal, and she could not repress a tiny sigh of envy as she gave it.

"Praps you'll dance, too, miss," she said.

Katharine smiled a wan smile. "You forget I am lame, Patty; besides, I shall never dance again."

"Lor', miss, what a thing to say! Never dance again!" You so beautiful and so young! Why, you've got all your life as to yet to dance in!"

Patty was quite roused on the subject. She adored Katharine, and was always lost in admiration of her loveliness.

The maid's brisk chatter was lost on Katharine. She was standing by the open window, thinking and thinking.

The more she recalled Lord Otway's words, the more frightened and horrified she was. The mention of Gordon's name was like a black shadow on her already gloomy path.

How—had he become acquainted Ormande, and how had he the courage, the diabolical wickedness, to utter such lies to one so frank, so noble, so good as Ormande was?

"Has he no fear? Does he not dread that all may be discovered?" she asked herself over and over again; and then, as she stood alone when Patty had gone, she suddenly clinched her hands together. "I feel afraid—afraid!" she murmured nervously to herself. "I seem to be linked with him in this wrong. If—if he is so bold now, will he not be bolder, will he not drag me forward, too? Oh! what shall I do?"

And then the memory of Barbara's kind words returned to her to soothe her.

"At all events, I have the comfort of knowing I am safe here for a time. Thank heaven, she has shown herself as she really is—a wayward, lovable, spoilt child—that she has begged me to remain. Had she not done so, I must have gone, for in her anger she said such terrible things." The color flamed into her pale cheeks for an instant, and then died away. "I must be patient with her, and forgive her everything, for—Ormande's sake. I must remember that it is she whom he loves, she who will be his wife. Heaven grant it may be given to me to help her to be worthy of him, to elevate her up to his level. He—deserves a good, noble wife, and if it lies in my power I will give her to him!"

Her hands closed over each other with a convulsive grasp, while a sob broke from her lips.

"I will give her to him," she repeated; then suddenly she flung out her hands with a gesture of despair, and crouching down, buried her face on the cushioned seat of the window ledge. "My love—my dear, dear love! And I sent you from me to-day; I spoke harshly; you will never know what it cost me, dear. I am a lonely sorrowful girl, and you speak to me gently, comforting me as

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Reports of the earthquake were received from all stations along the Mobile & Ohio as far south as Cairo, Ill. No more damage has been reported from any point.

Evansville, Ind. An earthquake at 3:45 this morning shook Evansville. Houses rocked and cracked and pictures on the walls swayed. Many people were awakened. A rumbling noise accompanied the disturbance. The movement seemed to be from southeast to northwest.

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Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 27.—The Fall Assizes opened in Lindsay at 1 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Justice Britton presiding.

The trial of Joseph Hunter for the murder of his wife, Ross Hunter, on August 7th, was proceeded with. Mr. George T. Blackstock, K. C., represented the Crown and Mr. E. F. Johnston, K. C., the defense.

Mr. E. F. B. Johnston claimed that the case of Hunter is similar to that of Harry Moir at London. Moir, who was a member of the regiment at Wolseley Barracks, London, shot a sergeant and made good his escape, eluding the police for some time. At the trial the defense put in a plea of insanity and Moir was sent to the asylum. It was established that he was subject to epileptic fits. Mr. Johnston to-day put forth the same argument in regard to Hunter, claiming that while attending school in his younger days he was subject to these attacks. He would like to have the trial adjourned so that more information might be gathered. He would like to subpoena some of Hunter's former school teachers.

Mr. E. F. B. Johnston stopped. "You have brought your music, dear; that is right. Will you come to us?"

At least four of the men made a step forward to take the pile of music from Katharine's hand, but Lord Otway was first, and his face flushed with delight that would come, as he said, to any instant, his fingers touched the velvety softness of her fair arm.

"Are you rested?" he asked, in quick, low tones; but Captain Derwent, who had lagged behind, eager to get an audience to Katharine, somehow heard the words, and a curious look came into his eyes as he all at once recognized in this black-robed form the fac-simile of the one who had evidently held such power of attraction for Ormande earlier in the day.

"It is that is the way the wind sets, is it?" the young officer thought to himself, as he quickened his steps, and left Lord Otway alone with Katharine. "By Jove, I don't wonder! I never saw such a face before." It's poor chance Mistress Barbara has of being Lady ThaneCourt in the future, I'm thinking. As if anyone would ever look at her beside this girl. Why, it's like looking at a badly-got-up barmaid beside an exquisite statue."

Barbara turned at this moment and saw Ormande bending eagerly to Katharine, and speaking in a low voice.

The dart of two vicious eyes could have power to slay, Katharine would there and then have fallen to the ground a dead woman, but fortunately she was ignorant and even unconscious of the fact that Barbara was looking at her, and she was aroused from a moment of inexpressible happiness—happiness that would come as Ormande's voice murmured in her ear—by Barbara's clear, shrill tones:

"Now, Miss Brereton, please; we are quite ready."

"Will you let me turn over?" Ormande urged, eagerly; "yes, Miss Brereton, please do. I read music very well, I assure you. I won't make any mistakes, and I am not going to dance, you know. Oh, not because I think it wrong, for indeed, I am as fond of a waltz as any one in the world; but—but I don't feel inclined for dancing to-night; I am a lit-

Yukon Gold Output.

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—The report of the Commission for the Yukon shows an increase in the gold output amounting in value to \$440,000. The report also states that vegetables are being raised in the territory, and some grain, principally for fodder.

Accidentally Killed.

Claresholm, Sept. 26.—Albert Harry Swerdfeger, a farmer living near Bowville, was killed near Elliptore yesterday by being thrown off a load of lumber. He was crushed in the wagon passing over him, crushing in his lungs.

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