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ANNABEL; OR THE TEMPTATION. CHAPTER II.

MRS. DOBSON'S LODGING-HOUSE—JIM POTTS COMES OUT IN A FAVOURABLE LIGHT. "Nonsense, nonsense, I tell you," laughed Philip again. "I did nothing, but what I should have been reprobated for not doing. Then I am not the only one who was of service. There's the young lady who was with me; she rendered him very important assistance. And there's yourself, Jim, who rendered essential aid. So if your notion is to hold, all three would—"

"Not a bit on it, sir!" exclaimed Jim, very emphatically. "Wot is the gen'l'man beholden to me for? Nothing at all, sir. All I did was to go for the cab; and Lord bless ye, anybody could have done that. As for the young lady," added Jim, with a twinkle in his eye, "I considered I was including her when I put you in the gen'l'man's will. I hopes you understand, sir; and no offence taken, sir?"

"Offence! No; but how am I to understand you?" returned Philip. "Oh, sir, I've got a bit of an eye in my head, and can twig things when I see 'em, which is very right and proper, sir—very right indeed; for a nice young lady I never clapped eyes on, and when I see her a wipin' the gen'l'man's face so gentle and tender, I thought she was a very angel, and nothin' less, sir."

"Ha!" cried Philip, with a laugh, though the laugh was accompanied with a palpable blush. "You have been drawing inferences, have you?" "One, sir; and it ain't a wrong one I'm very sure. In course it's very rude in me, sir, to make such a observation, but I means no offence, sir—not by no means whatsoever."

"And no offence is taken, I assure you," rejoined Philip. "I don't know how it is, Jim Potts, but you inspire me with the most unbounded confidence. I have a conviction that I can trust you—that you are true as steel—that you wouldn't say a false word or do a mean action for the world. And to show you how high my opinion of you is, I don't mind owning to you that you are not far astray in your idea. There is an affection subsisting between Annabel and myself, and she is as nice and good as you have hinted."

"I give you joy, sir, I do indeed, of having got such a treasure as the heart of a beautiful and good young lady like her; and I thank you, sir, for the good opinion you have picked up of me. I ain't agoin' to say as how it's right or wrong. I have my faults and failings as well as most people, but I tries my best to do right, sir; and as for the confidence you have given me, sir, you'll find it all the same as if you had said it to that fire shov'el; and I am very proud and grateful, sir, for your speakin' so kind to one who is in such a different station from yourself, sir."

"Station! Is nothing here, Jim, nothing," said Philip, earnestly. "I'm not everything, and yours I find worthy of my rank, even the most exalted. May I ask what is your occupation?" "Ask and welcome, sir. I puts my hand to anything—I ain't very particular, so as it's honest. I have been a good many things in my time. I have a bit of restlessness, sir, and like to see the world, so I move about here and there, and always find work of some kind to keep me going. I haven't been long in Liverpool, sir, only two months, and have got a job in one of the warehouses—not a great thing, sir; but I hope to find something better when I have time to look about me. Perhaps, sir, you and I may happen to have further acquaintance."

"We must, Jim; we positively must," replied the youth. "You and I seem to suit each other exactly." "Thank you again, sir; and who knows but when you are manager of some large warehouse, I may have a post under you. I wouldn't think of movin' off, sir, if I had you for a master."

"Ah, well, Jim," said Philip, with something like a sigh, "the prospect of such a thing as that is not very bright at present. I have not succeeded in obtaining what I wish, and may be forced to accept something ampler." "Never despair, sir," cried Jim, hopefully. "A gen'l'man like you is sure to get on and get up. I'm not a bit afraid of you, sir, not a bit. You are meant for the top of the tree, and you'll reach it."

At this point of their conversation they were interrupted by the entrance of the doctor from the bedroom. "Well, sir," asked Philip, anxiously, "what is the gentleman's state? Is he badly hurt?" "Very seriously, indeed," replied the doctor, gravely.

"Not—not dangerously?" added Philip, scarcely, doctor, you do not apprehend that—that he will sink under it?" "I hope not, and indeed do not anticipate any immediate danger, if my directions are attended to, and he is properly nursed, as I have no doubt he will be. But a shock such as he has sustained to a man of his years is extremely likely to shorten his days. I question very much if he will ever quite get over it. Good night. I shall call in the morning and see him."

The doctor being gone, and the unknown having sunk into a quiet sleep, Philip and Jim were also preparing to depart, but Mrs. Dobson would not hear of their going till they had a bit of supper with Annabel and herself. Jim protested resolutely against sitting at table with a lady and gen'l'man, and would indeed have gone off at the first proposal of it had not Philip graciously detained him.

"Lord bless you, sir," he scolding his head in puzzled hesitation, "I ain't used to such a thing as that. I would not for the world take on a false appearance, or give out for anything but what I am." "And that is a warm, generous fellow, whose heart is in the right, and who has a nobleness of soul that would adorn any rank," said Annabel, as with her own hand she set a chair for him, and positively constrained him to take it.

"You're wery, kind, Miss, and it's wery good of you to say that," said Jim, his honest face blushing all over with mingled pleasure and confusion. "But station is station, and breeding is breeding. That's wot I say, and I know I am not fit company for Miss o' yer, Miss. But howsoever, as you won't be refused, I'll not be stiff, and I know you'll overlook all mistakes."

"Nonsense, Jim," laughed Philip. "You have too much modesty, man." "And which I am not displeas'd to see in him, Mr. Philip," observed Mrs. Dobson. "I am very sorry to see too much the other way now-a-days, but I hope as how you will all take a hearty supper, after what has taken place this night. Dear me, dear me, I wonder who the strange gentleman can be?"

This was, however, a question which in the general state of ignorance could not be answered, and by common consent it was agreed to allow time to give the

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