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Kind and affectionate as Trefusis was to her, yet it seemed to her as if he did not display enough tenderness to smooth away the doubts and difficulties with which she was beset. She longed to ask him if she thought it was wrong that they should marry, yet feared to hear his answer, for if he thought it wrong, nothing on earth would make her marry him. To go against her own conscience would be nothing as compared with allowing him to go against his. How odd it seemed, she thought, that now that Doreen had disappeared nothing seemed clearer or easier, and Avril longed for the days gone by, when she had only been able to dream of him as a far-off possible joy, and that dreaming had sufficed. When they were together they never mentioned Doreen, yet the very avoidance of her name created a something between them that, if it was not reserve, was at least a dividing element. It seemed to both that if they married without a perfect understanding they would be miserable afterwards, yet neither dared ask the question for fear the answer should dash the cup of happiness from their lips. In these days Mr. Hardin came very rarely to the house. Things had never been the same between them since they had taken that ride together. Avril felt that he disapproved of her and that he was right. Yes, as she thought more and more, as she read more and more, she felt certain that it was contrary to the law of Christ.  
"Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."  
And there was another text that troubled her:  
"For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? Or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?"  
Could it be that God had intended Arthur Trefusis to suffer for his wife's infidelity and to try and rescue her from the position in which she had placed herself, from the temptations that surrounded her, instead of invoking the services of the law in order to push her further down into the mire. "For better or for worse." Did these words mean only the uncertain fluctuations of the money market, or did it mean the standing by each other in the day of temptation, of trial, of sin, even realizing that the "worse" drew them ever closer together in that eternal binding of heart and soul which God had decreed. Yes, something told her that there could be no happiness in the building of one's happiness on the bleeding battlefield of another's life, a battlefield that had seen defeat and where a disillusioned heart lay bleeding. She made up her mind to give up Arthur, something told her that this was what she ought to do, and somehow it seemed to Arthur Trefusis as if he had always expected her to do this. To her amazement, he did not do as she had expected, and insist on her keeping her promise.  
"The same thought has come to me," he said. "It would be cruel, would it not, to Doreen, to marry immediately?"  
Doreen, Doreen, was that name always to come between her and Arthur? To her it seemed as if Doreen hovered, wiped out, annulled, formed yet a more powerful barrier between her and Trefusis than she had done as his wife. A dull anger rose in her heart, which made it easier to say:  
"It is not a question of immediately. I feel sure it is better to part altogether. It could not be right for us to marry at all while Doreen lived."  
Her voice was cold. She had been ready to defy the world's opinion for him, why had he not raised himself to equal heights of sacrifice? He looked at her astonished.  
"Do you think that?" he asked. She did not think it. She only knew that it was all the world thought or pretended to think, and that from the very unpleasantness of the step she was taking it must be a right one. It was wonderful how the thought of losing Avril roused Trefusis.  
"Wrong or right," he went on, "I must marry you, I can't do without you."  
She was thankful for his words. They were alone in the billiard-room at Redleigh. The household had gone to bed, and good creature Mrs. Chichester had left Avril to finish a game of billiards.  
"Oh, I am glad you said that. I was beginning to think that you no longer cared for me."  
What did Doreen, divorce, or anything else matter while Trefusis had his arms round her? While he realized that he had been made for domestic life and could not let Avril go. He also realized that Avril was hurt by his want of impulsiveness. He had been wrong to expect her to wait. It was mere hedging with his conscience that made him demand delay. If it were wrong, what difference would six months, a year, two years, make? Was it, could it be that they wanted Doreen to die? The thought made him shiver. It was as if he had turned a dog from his door and not satisfied, but wished to see it run over in the street. And when she was dead, when the two without that shadow between them would be alone together with their love, could her disappearance destroy the thoughts that had been in her lifetime, the marriage of their souls and thoughts that had been consummated before Doreen was even divorced. Without knowing it, what Trefusis shrank most from was the marriage service, yet she dreaded the repetition of the words that had been said over Doreen, while Doreen still lived. She had broken her vow, but did that exonerate him? Because a wife steals, is a husband innocent because he steals too? Because a wife murders, can a husband stab the first comer and be guiltless? In those days Trefusis studied the Bible, and sought the society of serious Oxford men whose company he had not frequented for years and thrashed out the question, reserving for himself the power of acting according to the standard of his own world. There was only one person who understood the position between them, and that was George Hardin. He came sometimes to the house. He had the keen perception of the unerring discrimination of those who live quiet lives. He was one of the watchers of the world. He had grown to know and like Trefusis, who was constantly at the Chichesters' in the double capacity of father to Mouché and the fiancé of Avril. He saw clearly enough that an act of heroism on the part of Avril was all that was required. What that act would cost Avril he did not know. He felt that if she did not complete that act she would not be what he thought her. But she never mentioned her engagement to Hardin, so he had no opportunity of speaking his thoughts. He smiled to himself as he thought of what the country would say if they knew that he longed to lecture Avril on moral and religious right.  
As for Avril, she was simply passing from the period of girlish dreaming into the period of realistic facts. What all pass from the one period to the other, but the process is not pleasant. She realized that the happiest time of her life had been before Doreen's divorce, when all the uncertainty of the future gave scope to a hope that yet had a dream in it. Now the situation resolved itself into this. Was she doing a wrong act in marrying Arthur? Was Arthur in love with her or anxious to break off the marriage? There was something in his hesitancy that she could not understand, but it was not that his love was waning. What she could not grasp was that God only makes Himself manifest through mere perceptions of the brain and heart. It is the only way He speaks to us.  
By common accord, or what both assumed to be so, they agreed to put off the wedding for another six months and London bet heavily that it would never take place.

**WOMAN AND MOSES**  
obtaining employment. It was not likely that even a shop would take her without a reference, and even in that capacity, how ignorant she was. She began to realize that knowledge of technique is a greater power than talent.  
"I don't suppose I should even be able to turn a barrel organ properly at first."  
Things were not so pleasant now. The money was ebbing out. Rosalie had already made a mysterious visit to London with a diamond ring, which returned not, and Doreen realized that Madame Jaqueline would see no more for gowns.  
"I always thought there were compensations in all existences," she said to herself, "but mine has none," and when at last she was assailed by influenza and had to take to her bed, it seemed indeed as if there was nothing to live for, for Rosalie, although devoted, was getting intensely bored with the life at "Esther," and as the dim futurity of moneyless service which loomed in the distance. In these days she realized the full bitterness of her situation, and one cannot blame her if the dark thought of suicide crossed her brain now and then. Would she ever have the courage, she wondered, to take her own life? What she could not understand was how people could call it a cowardly act.  
"Why, I don't believe I would ever have the pluck to do it," she wrote to George Farquharson, who was her chief, if not the only, correspondent in those days.  
This letter terrified George Farquharson and brought him to Eastbourne, laden with fruit and flowers, bon-bons and cigarettes. Doreen's eyes filled with tears. These nothings filled her with emotions. It was like the old days. She held the lovely flowers to her face, almost kissing them as she inhaled their fragrance, long enough to hide her feelings, but they were very glistening eyes that turned to George Farquharson.  
"How can I thank you?" she said, and the change in her voice, more than anything else, told George of the wave of trouble that had come over her and of the impress it had left.  
"I shall not know this dreadful hole," she said, "with all this wealth of flowers. Oh, you don't know what good you have done me, and yet—"  
Her voice broke. Involuntarily George looked round the poor little sitting room, and he thought of the turquoise boudoir in South Audley Street.  
"Life was pretty down on women," he said, and a fierce feeling of resentment against Trefusis rose in his mind. It did him good to tell Doreen that Arthur's wedding was put off, and Doreen could not have been quite human if she had not felt a little glad.  
"Why should they have it all their own way?" she asked herself. But it was unsatisfactory of George Farquharson not to be able to tell her why it was put off.  
"No one quite knows," he said. "You know they haven't come to London this season?" (Doreen felt glad of this for Mouché's sake.) "I believe all the parsons have been at her and told her it's wrong. Their own vicar wouldn't do the service or something, and some people say he isn't so keen on it as he was; anyhow, she looks bad enough, quite thin and much older. I ran down there the other day."  
"Oh, did you see Mouché, tell me. Tears were very near the surface again."  
"Of course I did, looking as fit as a fly, and—"  
"He hesitated, perhaps she would not like to know it."  
"Yes, and what? Tell me everything." The voice was anxious. Was the child unhappy, she wondered?  
"Well, I was going to say that she seems awfully fond of Miss Chichester. They are very good to her."  
"She too has forgotten," she said to herself, and it seemed as if a great dark wave pushed the past right back, engulfed it completely.  
"What are you going to do?" It seemed an obvious question. Doreen sitting for ever in the little room which seemed made of horse-hair, seemed an impossibility.  
"I wish you would tell me."  
"Why don't you go abroad?"  
"That is what Rosalie wants me to do," she said, laughing. "Apparently, broken hearts are in the same category as diseased lungs. A winter abroad is supposed to mend both."  
George Farquharson was helpless face to face with her evident bitterness. All he could do was to repeat: "It does seem a beastly shame, upon my word it is!"  
When he had gone, Doreen realized that he had left her a little gleam of joy from the outer world. On the table lay a bundle of magazines and books. She lighted one of his cigarettes. "What a dear, thoughtful boy it is." She felt very glad that evening that she had had the courage not to blight his life, yet with it came a tingling of her heart-strings lest she should lose him.  
"It was a very noble act of mine," she said to herself as she cut at the leaves of one of the novels he had

story-books some great good would befall me, but it will be just my luck if he goes and marries someone and forgets all about me."  
"The last thing before she went to bed, she wrote to the proprietor of a theatre she had once met, asking him if he would engage her."  
"They are not so particular," she said to herself, "and if I don't do something soon, I shall go mad."  
CHAPTER XV  
For the first time since she had grown up Avril realized what was the beauty of a summer in the country. It could not be said that she was miserable. It was more a disappointment, a disenchantment that pervaded her being, a disappointment and disenchantment which Mouché left her very little time to brood over. The two were inseparable, and, if Avril was accused of spoiling the child, she had at least the satisfaction of knowing that she was keeping faith with Arthur, and lavishing on his child the love she would so willingly have lavished on Arthur. He had paired for the season, and was still abroad. He wrote her letters that varied according as his heart or his conscience came uppermost. And she responded to his mood, sometimes even writing to him to ask him to break off the marriage. To such letters he would answer, by telling her that it would destroy his whole life, and from very hunger for his love, she would return to the old state of things. As the months went by the image of Doreen grew fainter. Away from England he heard less about her and longed more for home and Mouché, but it was Mr. Chichester who brought things to a crisis. With a determination that surprised Mrs. Chichester, and which astonished the household as much as if the moon, discovering some hidden volcano that was not extinct, had taken upon itself to twinkle. He told his wife that he wasn't going to let that fellow Trefusis play fast and loose with Avril any more.  
"Does he want to marry her, or does he not?"  
Mrs. Chichester, brought to bay, murmured that she thought they understood each other.  
"Well, I'm dashed if I do," was Mr. Chichester's remark. "Now they've been engaged for nearly a year and there is nothing on earth in the way. 'Tisn't as if she hadn't a penny to her name," he went on, in the proud consciousness of being able to give her a couple of hundred thousand pounds on her wedding-day. "What on earth is the fellow thinking of? I'm none too keen on the marriage as it is." "Well, it's only eight months since he divorced that woman."  
"What's that got to do with it? She's not any more divorced for waiting."  
There was some truth in this statement.  
"I daresay he thinks she will marry presently."  
Mrs. Chichester hardly knew what she meant by this remark, but she had imbibed some of Avril's ideas of late.  
"Upon my word I don't see what the woman's marrying has got to do with it. They may wait for ever if that's what they're waiting for."  
"Of course, it would make it easier then."  
But Mr. Chichester didn't enter into the hidden meanings of Mrs. Chichester's remarks. Either she was divorced or she wasn't. Either Trefusis wanted to marry his daughter or he didn't. Which was it? And finally, after a long talk with Avril, it was decided that Mr. Chichester should write to Arthur Trefusis and break off the marriage. He had wanted to write and ask him what he intended to do, but Avril would not hear of this. Wearing as the long position was for some finality to the position, she would not have it that her mother forced his hand, nor let him think that she failed to enter into the different tangles of his perplexity.  
She wrote to him too.  
"Do not, I beg of you, (I think that I am weary of waiting," she wrote. "I know quite well all you must feel, if you are content as it is, so am I, I only wonder whether you would be happier free, if, after all, it would not be more right of us to break off our engagement."  
With what anxiety she awaited the answer to that letter, no one knew but herself. What would he do? Was he anxious to get out of his engagement? Would he think they were bringing pressure to bear? Would he marry her because he thought he must not delay any longer?  
"My husband thinks it is not quite fair on Avril," Mrs. Chichester had written, and the letter was handed to him on a sun-flooded balcony at Nice. His first feeling was one of irritation that his peace should have been invaded. Why would nobody ever leave things as they were? It was all so comfortable as it was. The freedom, the peace, the liberty, and in the distance, Avril waiting to welcome him with Mouché, when a longing for domesticity came over him. Avril's letter was still more disturbing, because he could not read between the lines. Did she want to be free, he wondered, or did she feel really that it was wrong? What a help it would be if the Bible had been clearer, or if some one knew what people were meant to do. Why on earth had Doreen made such an ass of herself?  
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