

Tale of Mystery

CHAPTER IV.
A BRIBE.
(Continued.)

"You must excuse my illness," he said, when at length he regained self-possession, speaking as in a voice of pain and weakness. "I am subject to these attacks—they are at my heart—when agitated or excited. In the moment, I was so angered by your words perhaps not unjustifiably angered, you will allow; and for the moment my heart threatened me. Now I am myself again. My illness has passed. I pray you to excuse me if I have caused you any uneasiness."

"You did not," returned Dessie, cuttingly. "I thoroughly understood the nature of the attack."

"A mistake such as you have made Miss Merrion, would excite anyone. If it had been made, and the slander uttered by a man, it might have cost him his life."

"By poison do you mean? I should not be surprised—if you had the opportunity."

"I do not understand your reference, if you mean—"

"I will explain," interrupted Dessie. "It was poison you used to murder M. Duvalier. That is what I mean."

"But he was not a man to be taken twice off his guard."

"I have had the pleasure of meeting you only once before to-day; and I am at a complete loss to understand, therefore, what motive you can possibly have in making this extraordinary mistake in regard to me. Perhaps you will tell me."

"It is no mistake. My motive is defence of my friend from a man I consider so dangerous as yourself."

"Well, I can only assure you that you are labouring under an extraordinary delusion; and I know no more than this chair how you come to associate me with the wretch whose name you mentioned just now—Lespard."

"You mean you want to know how I recognise you," said Dessie, with direct logic. "That is my business. It is enough that I do recognise you and intend to use my knowledge."

"You speak rather in riddles, Miss Merrion. I presume you mean by using your knowledge that you intend to try and separate Mrs. Markham and me for some purposes of your own. You will not find it an easy task to persuade her to believe what is an untrue charge against me, which I shall not have the slightest difficulty in meeting at any time and in any way she may wish. The position of anyone who has falsely accused me will not be a very agreeable one than in her opinion."

"You mean I shall forfeit her friendship if I cannot make my words good? Yes; that is exceedingly probable."

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"I am not a vindictive man, Miss Merrion. I do not wish that Dora should lose a friend who is so staunch as you evidently are, since your staunchness for her leads you to take a step of this kind. I say, hazardous kind; I assure you on my honour as a gentleman that you are profoundly and absolutely mistaken. I pledge you my word, further, to give you any proof of your mistake that you, or anyone acting with you, like to ask for. More than that, I shall bear no grudge whatever for the mistake—I will set it down to that chivalrous goodness of heart which is constantly impelling people to make the strangest errors. But I do not wish that Dora should be distressed and pained and shocked by hearing that I, her affianced husband, have been thus accused; and that you, her dearest friend, have made so vile a charge."

"What is your objection?" said Dessie, rather thinking a odd than putting a question. But he took it up readily and answered promptly.

"I have no objection except to satisfy you of your error; and to save you from the humiliation of having your strange delusion exposed." He paused a moment and then added: "I am not mistaken, I think, in saying you are engaged to be married to a barrister, Mr. Cheriton, is it not? Well, I suggest to you to tell him. I will accompany you, if you like; and then he can name the best and readiest means of proving to you my identity. Were I in France, I could offer you five hundred proofs in an hour; but here—"

He stopped and shrugged his shoulders. Dessie looked at him steadily, as if to try and read his motive; but he met her gaze without flinching, and with a calm assurance that baffled her.

"I need no proof of your identity, I know you," she said, firmly.

"May I ask on what ground you base this most strange belief? What has caused it?"

"No. You may not. At least I cannot answer. It is enough that I know it."

He knitted his thick brows a moment in thought and then got up from his chair and said in a sterner and more forceful tone than he had yet used:

"Well, Miss Merrion, I have done my best to save you from the unpleasant consequence of your own extraordinary blunder. I have resolutely kept in check my natural resentment. But I can do no more. I have offered to convince you privately of your unwarrantable blunder; and you must accept the consequences of your refusal. You must take what course you please. For my part, I shall see Mrs. Markham at once, and tell her what you have said. Will you be good enough to have a message sent to her that I desire to see her at once on urgent business, or shall I ring for a servant?"

He walked towards the bell as he spoke, and laid his hand on it.

His assurance made Dessie waver. Was it possible that she was mistaken? Fifty stories of curious and wonderful resemblances flashed across her thoughts. Ought she not to make quite sure before speaking?

He was watching her closely, and noted her indecision.

"Come, come, Miss Merrion, we have carried this farce far enough. Will you send the message to Mrs. Markham, or shall I?"

She frowned in her dilemma. A moment later he said firmly:

"I will wait no longer," and with that he rang the bell sharply.

"You will give me these proofs?" she asked, quickly.

"You have refused them. I prefer my way now," he answered, abruptly.

"These things are better faced at once."

"I will accept your offer of the proofs, if you like," said Dessie, almost as the door opened, painfully conscious of the weakness implied in the concession.

"As you will then," answered the man with a bow and a flash of triumph; but it is only at your re-

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"Then the servant opened the door. 'There is nothing wanted, the bell was rung in mistake,' said Dessie. The servant bowed and withdrew, and then the Count turned calmly to Dessie and said:—

"An I what do you propose to do? Dessie's momentary indecision was destined to cost her dear. At first she could not make up her mind what course to pursue; but her lover came into her thoughts.

"You mentioned Mr. Cheriton's name," she said, and then stopped abruptly. She was about to propose going to him. But that would open up such a wide, new field of investigation into her own past, that it startled her. She had yet to tell Tom her past life, and preferred to do that in her own way and her own time. Moreover, she was quite unwilling to let the man, who was now eyeing her so intently and with such a threatening expression, learn that she was the girl for whom he was seeking, and to whom the jewels had been passed on.

Her companion could not help seeing her hesitation, he jumped to his feet and with a gesture of energy and said:—

"Nothing will suit me so well. Permit that I send at once for a cab, and we will go together to his chambers and lay the facts before him. It is better for your sake that this make of yours should not go beyond the narrow circle. Will you be ready at once?"

Dessie bit her lip in mortification. He was playing a part. She knew that well enough, and believed that he guessed she knew it. But the chance of the moment was against her, and she was unable to accept the very test which a few minutes before she herself had proposed.

"I shall take my own time and means to prove the truth of what I have said," she answered; and a feebly reply it was, despite the firm, sharp tone in which she spoke.

At this the Count threw himself down in his chair again, and tossed up his hands with a gesture of surprise.

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"I will do much very much for a friend of my Dora's—but do not you yourself think that this is asking too much? I am bound, in defence of my own honour, to request that man you seem to know, this Lespard; and they will be able at once to point you out the mistake."

His eyes were riveted on hers as he put this daring proposal—made with a double object: To seem absolutely sincere in his innocence, and to ascertain whether the reasons which kept Dessie from telling her lover would also keep her from telling the police—and when he saw her wince, he got up again with the same assumed readiness to start at once.

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The Democrats Return to Power

£200,000 Offer to Mr. Bryan.

WASHINGTON, April 4. Amid delirious excitement the Democrat Party began its term of legislative power to-day, when the new Congress was opened in special session. For sixteen years the Democrats have been in the minority, among the 10,000 spectators who thronged the halls and corridors of the Capitol were hundreds who were children when the last Democratic speaker occupied the chair.

The wives and daughters of men being, following the precedent set during the turbulent scenes of the closing of the last Congress, were accommodated with seats on the floor of the House, through which the President, successively passed amid the thunderous applause of the onlookers.

Foremost among them was Mr. W. J. Bryan, the thrice-defeated Presidential candidate, who held a hand shaking reception of new and old members of the party. Mr. Bryan was fresh from an interview with prominent citizens of Memphis, Tennessee, who have invented a novel answer to the problem, "What shall we do with our ex-Presidents and defeated candidates?" Memphis decided to capitalize the popularity of Mr. Bryan for his own benefit and it is known. It proposed to pay him £200,000 if he will consent to transfer his residence and the printing and publishing offices of his weekly newspaper The Commoner from Lincoln, Nebraska, to Memphis. Mr. Bryan has declined the offer, which however, will be repeated at a banquet to be given him on Thursday.—Daily Mail.

Ellaville, Ga., April 8.—Dawson Jordan, Charles Pickett and Murray Burton, negroes, were lynched near here early to-day. They had been accused of the murder of Newton Eason, a white man, on January 2, and were held on a corner's order.

The jailer was awakened by several men who told him they had a prisoner to place in jail. He admitted them and was immediately overpowered and forced to unlock the cells in which the negroes were. They were taken to the outskirts of the town and hanged and shot.

FENCE BLOWN DOWN.—Most of the heavy bonded fence surrounding the sanitary stables was blown down in Wednesday's storm; men are now repairing it.

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A Competent Witness.

Lawyers who make it their business to badger witnesses sometimes display a lack of caution in the selection of their victims, as is plain from the following story. It will be read with pleasure by those who believe that even an innocent witness is entitled to fair treatment in courts of law.

A very nice-mannered, respectable woman was in the witness-box. She kept a cheap boarding-house, and it was the desire of one of her guests to be dishonest that had brought her to the court to make him pay his board.

"How old did you say you were madam?" Inquired the lawyer, with no reason on earth.

"I did not say, sir," the witness responded.

"Will you be kind enough to say, madam?"

"It is none of your business." "Objection sustained," smiled the court.

"Um," said the lawyer, rubbing his chin, "how much did you say the defendant owed you?"

"Five pounds."

"And for how long was that?"

"Five weeks."

"That's a pound a week, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Five weeks at one pound a week is five pounds, I believe you said?"

"Yes, sir."

"Isn't that an extravagant price to pay for board in that locality, madam?" Inquired the lawyer, severely.

"He didn't pay it, sir," answered the witness, beginning to turn.

The lawyer gave a little start of surprise; then he became indignant.

"Don't be facetious in the witness box, madam," he said, assuming a tone of warning. "This is a serious matter. I have asked if your prices were not exorbitant, and you have seen fit to answer lightly, madam. Now, madam, I ask you in all earnestness if you mean to tell this court that your prices are moderate, and that if I should come to your house to board you would charge me a pound a week? Answer directly, madam," and the attorney sat back in his chair and assumed an imperial manner.

The witness was not at all abashed. "No, sir," she said, simply. "I would—"

"I thought not, I thought not," interrupted the lawyer, rubbing his hands.

"No, sir," continued the witness, "I would not charge you at all. I would make you pay in advance."

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Piano Solo—Mrs. Norman. Song—Mr. W. D. Edwards. Recitation—Rev. James Bell. Song—Mr. Frank Miller. Instrumental Solo—Miss T. Power. Song—Miss Elsie Edwards. Recitation—Mr. Baldwin. Song—Miss McKinley. Song—Rev. James Bell. Trio—Messrs. Hart, Andrews and Ebary. Song—Mr. T. Pottles.

After the concert was gone through, the next on the programme came tea which was kindly provided by the ladies. After tea was finished Mr. I. C. Morris thanked the ladies and gentlemen who helped to make the sociable so successful. Mr. W. R. Stirling seconded the motion made by Mr. Morris and said it was the best sociable Onward Lodge ever had. At 10.30 the singing of the National Anthem brought the sociable to a close.

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