At Last.

***** CHAPTER 1.

"Geraldt. el"
'Yes, aunt."
"What answer did you give Arthur archum this afternoon?"

"The only answer I could over pos-ably give him."

you mean to tell me, Gerale, that you have positively refused

New," and the gentlo eyes were rused for the first time and rested on the frate countenance of her aunt, for I could nover, here marry him." How long do you intend going on the time tirefulling, defining me at 1 ret

mg my wishes at naght?
"I always try to conform to your
cason ble wishes, aunt, but in this
estance I cannot accede."

reason up wishes, aunt, but in this instance I cannot accede."

An wangry gleam shot from Mrs. Wentworth's dark eyes, and the lines deepened, firound the hard, set mouth as she moved uneasily in her luxuriant armethatr.

"Have you considered, Geraldine, all that you surrender in discarding this brilliant notch, the position, the wealth, the social standing that would be yours? Geraldine" she cried, almost beseedingly, "you must, you shall marry him?

"I cannot, aunt, I care nothing for his wealth, "The quiet tope carried conviction.

"You must be mad! No other girl in the whole of Establic would think of refusing Arthur Fareham!"

"You must be mad! No other girl the whole of Eastshire would think refusing Arthur Farcham!" "It is useless to speak of it, aunt. y I sakl belore I could never marry in."

num."
"It is because he is not one of your Papists that you will not marry him. Is not that 12?"
"Even if Arthur Farcham were a Catholic, I should not marry him, for I do not wish to marry at all, and it distresses me when you mention the subject."

upect."

Mrs. Wentworth's anger rose highand higher and in the excitement
e sprang from her chair and stood on
e fleartrug, rage and disappointant depicted on her sharp, angular
atures.

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I know what it is, Geraldine: I is sitted your motives. You think a will inherit all that I have and in bestow it with a lavish hand on any priests and numeries; but rest unred of this, none of the Wintzhi's money shall over be devoted to sha purpose. I have quite made up mind to that!"

I know what is the property of your pried in the consciously Geraldine's lip curled. Indeed, ann't third depleads of your paint to that!"

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o questioning! "You shain not be to be out." Arthur Fareham implored me to o use my himenec with you, to to you me more on the subsequence of the

worths anger increased, for she per-reliced that what was intended to be an overpowering calamity, was only

worked singer increases, for sine per-celved shirt what was intended to be an averpowering calamity, was only the constant of the per-decent of the constant of the con-dense of the constant of the con-tract in my boson. But what could it what is my roward for nursing a cer-pent in my boson. But what could it expect, see added, scornfully, "from the daughter of a miserable French ministrel?"

The flush on Geraldino's check gave place to two thrining spots as she that place to two thrining spots as she that induction.

ed to her aunt and satul with quiet hauteur,
"You may say what you like to me, but I will not allor, a slur to be thrown on my befored father's moments of the same of the sam

arrived only just in time to receive the last look and dying bleesing of her fond parent.

Our wheined with grief, dieraldine tried to console her aimost inconsolable mother, but also the delease constitution of the strucen widow new or railled from the terrible blow, and before the expiration of one short year Gerndine stood again besit, the open grave and saw her much loved parent, united once more in the cold embrace of death.

Feeling that her ond was approaching. Madamo de Perrier had sent a message to her sister to come to her, and implored her with her dying feraldine, to give her the shelter of her home, exterting from her at the same time the promise not to interfere with her religion.

Had Geraldine been of unpreposessing upparance. Mrs. Wentworth would not so readily lave a ceded to her dying jetter's request, but she was struck by the graceful elegance of her fair young niew, and quick as lighthing it finshed across the mind of this ambitions woman how in a fow year's time this young girl with her distinguished appearance and winning face, would have the power the circle of so-

ow in sole possession of his effects and great wealth,
After the first years of her widow hood were ore, Mrs. Wentworth, who loved adulation and fintery, entertained sumptuously, and left uo stone unturned to make her parties an unqualified success, but the absence of some one young and more attractive tian herself syns kenly felt. The joung people voted her a bore, and the older ones could plainly conceive the actifity of her nature in spite of her siforts to appear anniable. She could not shut her eyes to the fact that plainly there was something wanting which she herself could not supply, and to her chargin as time went on she saw her acquaintaneas—ricined sac had offen-dwindle away till at last she found herself stranded, with only a small cited of stronhants

left to render her homage.

Taking in at a giance Geraldine's attractiveness she unhesitatingly assured the dying mother that she need have no fear for the future of her child—that her howse henceforth should be Geraldine's home. Comforted somewhat by this assurance, the dying mother peacefully breathed her last.

the only true friends she could look to. She therefore begged her aunt to the hor go back to St. May's Convent. After. Wentworth to whom the sight of mourning and sorrow was datasteful, gladly gave her consent. It suited her for terables to get over her tours and sorrow away from her, teradine in a few years hence, under a different enget, was what she wished for turned to St. Mary's, and there amids the pone off surroundings and loving sympathy of her bolored nuns, time at last awanged her grief.

Three years sped by all too quickly for Geraldine, and the time arrived at last when site had to return to her aunt's he se to take her place in the world, Sae'l indeed was the loave-taking to both nuns and pupils, and with tear-bedewed checks Geraldine turned for both the mount of the second of the power in the second of t

into it thing any assentiation, when y fielding guid obedient to the nutr's wishes in all things are when they calculated with udty and conselection. The second of the se

arrice when she could open her arms to receive her, and blading her to macten without delty when the appointed hour chould come.

Kneeling for the good priest's blessing, Geraldine repaired to the cluurent to prepare acresif for the devout reception of the sacremeats.

After Mass she knelt for the last time at Our Lady's sitar and poured forth her whole soul in prayer, asking that darn Mother to watch over her and guide her in all her ways.

With eyes brinful of tears, Geraldine's gaze lingered in fond farewell on the church she loved so well, the sanctuary and after ralls where she had go often received the bread of life, the after of Our Lady, the statues of the sanctuary, which had go often received the bread of life, the after of Our Lady, the statues of the sanctuary, which had soothed her troubled soul when yeary of the vanity and empliness of her ann'ts frivolities, she had sought solnce had comfort in the pence of the eanctuary.

Hurrying back to the house that was to be her home no longer, tieralthe partook of a slight breakfast, gatheed together her belongings and wrote a note to her aunt thanking her for all she had done for her direction of the received in the residence of the received in the residence of the received in the received had sought the process of her only the pence of the

ges lift before her, but Who had had that His yoke was swent and His burdent light?

She was warmly received by the received mother, and deraddhe repaired at once to the convent chapel, where, throwing herself on her knees before the Prisoner of Love, and with eyes fixed on the tabernace door-at lead? she exclaimed, "at hast?" she exclaimed, "at hast?" she exclaimed, "at hast?" Time went on and at the end of thirty years Geruidine, or Sister Amatasha, as she was called in religion, was as action and reclose in all her deeds of charity as the first day she she received the novice's will. Time deeds of charity as the first day she she received the novice's will. Time had left but few traces on her countenance save to mature the sweetness of her expression. She had been away to make her novitiate, and after making her profession returned to Nazerth. House to earry out her work of clustly—at one time southing the dying, smoothing the pillow of the aged and feeble or listening with a patient car to some wayward childs stomplaint. With both young and old she was always the consoling angel, the bearer of comfort. During all these yoors not one word land, by the superioress addience, constant, but it is let letters were invariable "it ruled unquested, but arrable "it ruled unquested, but arrable "it religious she felt must be deard, and grace in time would tone the stomy heart.

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All Eaststire was in a pante, the people were wild and frante. The people were wild and frante. The great Ensking company of Wont worth, Baxter & Co., had failed, and ruth, atter and complete, stared no merous families in the face. Many people from tan high to affinence had to endure the lowest dopths of porty. No greater sufferer was there in this dire distress than the proud rich woman who was so weddled to her wealth and the things of the world. After the panic had subsided, Sizer Anastasia wrote an affectionate lotter of condoince to her annt, to which the lawyer replied, saying no one know anything of Mrs. Wentworld's whereabouts. After the dread to be turned to stone, and it was alfficient to obtain access to her; but after they managed to make her undorstand that she was completely and utterly ruined, that overything must be surendered—her house, furniture and all her belonglings—her state of desperation was terrible to behold. However, the next day she had disappartendered her house, furniture on all her belonglings—her state of desperation was terrible to behold. However, the next day she had disappartendered her house, furniture on all her belonglings—her state of desperation was terrible to behold. However, the next day she had disappartendered her house, furniture on purpose, All endeavors to find the hissing lady and proced futile.

Sister Anastasia was horrified and grit stricken at such terrible news of her poor annt, who was now advanced in years, but she put nore confidence than ever in God's powerful protection.

then ever in tools position.

She redoubled her prayers and offered up all her northfeations for the
sole end that her cunt might be
brought "back oven at the eleventh
tour to her Saviour's feet. She had
learn well the lesson how to watch,
pray and waft.

"Sister Anastaeia."

"Yes, mother."

"Yes, mother."

"I want you to undertake the night duty in the infirmary."

Sister Anastaeias face brightened—nothing did she like better than keeping the middigat vigil. The still house for the night she loved to devote to prayer, the exterior calumess corresponded to the peace that relgated within her, and when her meditations were interrupted by the mounings of some poor pittent, Sister Anastaeia would everfully leave the inequal to contemplation to attend to the peace of the season of the peace that the feather anastaeia would everfully leave the results of the peace that the feather meditate danger, I have the season of the peace that the feather manelate admitted the day before vesterday has become very foreight kind restless. She had slond that before vesterday has become very foreight kind restless. She had slond that before vesterday has become very foreight kind restless. She had slond that before vesterday has become very foreight kind restless. She had slond that before vesterday has become very foreight kind restless. She had slond that before the now in your charge."

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