

## 'Margaret, The GIRL ARTIST, The Countess of Ferrers

CHAPTER VII. It was a peculiar look, critical,

Court.

bends on a patient who is a curious and she looked at him anxiously. and, perhaps, difficult case.

chair, and fidgeting with the handle

answering, said:

"Why should I exasperate you?" he responded calmly, coolly. "Are you

sought his face eagerly, impatiently.

"To Leyton Court," he replied. "To the earl's," she said. "I thought

to the earl." "Well, has he done anything for

him?"

A look of relief shone in her eyes. "He offered to lend him-or give him-the money he wanted, but Blair

"He refused? That was like him!"

the materials for a quarrel. It seems If I could not have you for myself, that, finding the journey tedious, Blair I was ready to serve you as a grand enlivened it by fighting with one of vizier serves his sultan, or a slave his

came into her eyes. "Yes, that is Blair all over! And

the earl heard of it?" "Yes," he said, slowly, "he heard

just outside the Court gates, he was he said. "I undertook to help you to hicavily. not altogether pleased. Blair's ac- gain him, asking for no definite re-

"He shall tell me! He shall tell ity." ner cheeks mantling, her eyes glow- I will grant it," she said, "you know ing. "I-I have never seen him that."

"I daresay he would gratify any his response was uttered with a sig-

want to waste time quarreling about him. I want to hear all-all that o

"I came to tell you," he said, slow "The earl, notwithstanding his

"And—and Ketton must go?" "Ketton must go the way of the

"Ketton gone: there is not much

He did not reply, but his silence

and as he rose and fetched it, taking her lips closed and opened. "And then it leisurely back to his chair, she beat he will come to me! He must come!

sit there silent, if there is anything

"Never mind that!" she broke in out as if she had not spoken he went on in his cold, impassive manner.

"I had the presumption to offer you "Yes," he said, slowly; "he has been lenough to imagine that your smiles and your sweet words were intended prise. poor, and that you were rich. You sae paused; something seemed to stop "I am glad, glad!" she murmured. recalled me to my senses by a laugh.

she said, with a touch of pride and like position, that of a rejected suitmaster. You accepted my offer. It was not I you wanted, but another

man; that man was Blair Leyton." "You-you put it plainly," she mur-

He looked over her head. "Yes. Truth is natural, always," ward, but trusting to your generos-

me!" she said, looking into vacancy, "You shall ask for what you like.

"Yes," he said. "I know that," but

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"You and he were engaged.

porcelain fell crushed by her fingers.

"It will spoil the set," he remarked

She was white to the lips, and her

above her head with an air of sur

her utterance for a moment-"he is

"If he is to be believed, he is mos

'very much in love-head over heels

to her soft, pink palm. Then she

stopped suddenly and looked at him.

"The daughter-no, to be exact, the

granddaughter of the earl's house-

keeper," he said, slowly, as if he en-

She panted and drew her breath

"A servant!" she exclaimed, and

she laughed, a cruel unwomanly

"By no means," he said. "She is,

according to Blair, and he is a fair

judge, a lady. She is an artist, and is

copying the pictures in the Court

Her face grew white and anxious

"What-what is her name?" she

lemanded, and her voice was hard and

He took an ivory tablet from his

nome; reminds one of Faust, doesn't

"Margaret Hale," she repeated

slowly; then she came and stood in

white, even teeth, "And he-von say

He shrugged his shoulders.

pocket and consulted it.

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in love with this girl?"

He sat silent for a moment.

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eneated, meeting his cold glance, He stood regarding the wall above

Slowly, impassively, he paced down

reaching the hall, which happened to be empty, he paused, and with his foot on the doorstep, he turned round

It was a peculiar smile and diffcult to analyze, but supposing a man had caught a wild animal in a trap and had left it hard and fast, to be killed at his leisure, that man might smile as Austin Ambrose smiled as Graham's house in Park Lane.

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