

Her Hidden Destiny

CHAPTER XX.

Barbara had drawn her veil closely over her face as she passed out of the hotel to the arched entrance where the dargart was waiting. Her movements were languid and inert, and this time she did not refuse Walter Bryant's assistance, but let him almost lift her into the vehicle.

The market-place, with its bright gas-lamps, looked quaint and attractive, as they drove off; the shops in the High street were all brilliantly lighted up. Barbara's companion was silent for some time, but when the lamps were left behind, he slackened speed, and addressed her.

"Well, did I speak the truth?" he asked, and his voice and tone brought all her misery.

"I spoke the truth to me," she replied, bitterly, "but you lied to him."

"He smiled slightly."

"Why should I hold my peace?" he asked. "Why should I make myself a party to a fraud? I have not his reasons for doing so."

"You promised him."

"A man makes many a promise under compulsion which he does not intend to break," he replied coolly. "Why should I pretend to be a dupe when I know the truth?"

"He would have shown more mercy in the telling than you have done," she muttered.

"Doubtless—he is in love with you; I am not."

"He is in love with me?" she exclaimed, with a sudden bitter laugh. "He knows me too well for that."

"Yet he loves you," he calmly rejoined. "Oh, Lord Keith need not be jealous. Robson has no intentions of making you an offer; if he did make you one, there would be no chance of your accepting it."

She was silent. The insolent words scarcely moved her; her wound was so deep that she did not need pin-pricks. "What are you going to do?" he asked, after a pause.

"To do?" she repeated vaguely, for a moment not understanding his question.

"Yes; what are you going to do?"

"There is but one thing possible for me to do," she answered. "I must tell the truth."

"Ah!" The monocle dropped from his lips, with a distinctness which was full of expression.

It was followed by another silence, after which he asked:

"Have you decided? Have you sufficiently considered what you will do if you carry out your present decision and tell the truth?"

"There is no other course open to me," she replied wearily.

"Is there not? That is folly. If I do not betray you, no other will, since no other knows of this but Robson—and he will hold his peace."

She raised her eyes and looked at him, but there was no light in them to see the expression on his face.

"I do not understand," she faltered.

"I will explain," he said. "Give me your attention for a few moments. Our time is short, and we must settle this question before we return to the house."

"I am listening."

"If you give your secret to the world," he began in a short pause, "you lose everything—name, position, wealth. You will have to renounce your engagement and give up all chance of retrieving your low birth; you will become poor, ignominious. Either you must live on Lord Elsdale's charity; doubtless he would extend it to you in a measure. Are you cold, that you shiver not? In either case your life would be hardly a pleasant one. They think of the world's scorn, of the joy of those women jealous of your beauty and triumph, of the homage you receive, of the proud position you will occupy as Lord Keith's wife—or, rather, as Lord Elsdale's mistress."

I should have said, the position you would occupy if you became his wife. I fear you are very cold," he added, with feigned solicitude, as a shiver ran through the slender form beside him, a shiver of intense misery, not of cold.

"What satisfaction can it be to you to increase my pain?" she cried. "What wrong have I done you that you take pleasure in my misery? Oh, think how hard it is for me! I have been so happy! I am so wretched now!"

"I take pleasure in your pain," he cried. "Heaven forbid! I pity you, from my soul; and it is because I do so that I ask you to pause before you take any decided, irrevocable step. Remember, once you betray yourself, all is lost."

"All is lost already," she said bitterly.

"All is not lost, and you need lose nothing if you choose."

She started slightly, and in the gray dusk her eyes were turned upon him questioningly.

"You have but to hold your tongue," he resumed, "and you may retain your present position as long as you wish to do so."

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EXEMPTION AND FREE WATER ASKED

The Canning Company from Toronto Will Locate in London.

The manufacturers' committee reported to the city council last night that after consultation with Messrs. Allen and Bates, of the Toronto Canning and Preserving Company, who are desirous of establishing a factory here, it is deemed advisable to submit a bylaw to the people at the next municipal election, exempting the company for a fixed amount on the tax and also granting the concern free water.

Mr. Allen was heard by the council. He stated that all his firm desires to locate here is the exemption and the free water. The firm will employ 100 hands and probably more. The company has secured a site in the northwest corner of Rectory and Simcoe streets.

After some discussion it was decided to submit such a bylaw to the electors in January next. The company will be looked after this year as far as any taxes are concerned, and the assessor, commissioner, and the city place a lien on the company's plant and site, so that it may be inserted in the bylaw. Free water means that the company will be supplied with water at the cost of pumping.

Mr. Bates said that he was satisfied with the agreement.

BURIED IN GRAIN

A Windsor Mill Foreman Smothered to Death in Bin.

Windsor, April 17.—Buried beneath several thousand pounds of grain, the body of Charles Forton, foreman of the mill elevator of Hiram Walker & Sons, Walkerville, was found late this afternoon.

Mr. Forton was found in a bin, having been smothered to death.

No one saw the accident.

Deceased was 45 years of age, and is survived by his widow and eleven children.

SPRING ADVICE

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Not exactly sick—but not feeling quite well. That's the spring feeling. You are easily tired, appetite variable, sometimes headaches and a feeling of depression. Or perhaps pimples and eruptions appear on the face, or you have twinges of rheumatism or neuralgia. Any of these indicate that the blood is out of tune, that the interior of winter has left its mark upon you and may easily develop into more serious trouble. Don't dose yourself with purgative medicines in the hope that you can put the blood right. Purgatives gallop through the system, and weaken instead of giving strength. What you do need is a tonic medicine that will make new, rich, red blood build up the weakened nerves, and thus give you new health and strength. And the one medicine to do this speedily and surely is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of this medicine makes new, rich blood which makes weak, easily tired and ailing men and women feel bright, active and strong. If you need a medicine this spring try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and you will never regret it. This medicine has cured thousands and thousands in every part of the world and what it has done for others it can easily do for you.

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52 inches by 3 1-2 yards	75c
54 inches by 3 1-2 yards	75c
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48 inches by 3 1-2 yards, superior quality	\$1.00 and \$1.25
Three extra fine qualities, 60 inches by 3 1-2 yards, a pair	\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75
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The population of Morocco can only be guessed. No census has ever been taken. The best authorities estimate the inhabitants to number about 7,500,000.