

'Margaret,' The GIRL ARTIST

The Countess of Ferrers Court.

CHAPTER XXIX. He stooped down and looked at her

aface. "Say that again," he said, eagerly.

"You will consent? You will go with me?"

She rose, and with both hands steadily:

"Yes, I will go with you."

"You-you will? Oh, my darling!" and he made to take her in his arms. but she put out her hands and kept him off.

"Yes," she said, in a low, dull voice I will go with you. I see it is useless to fight against you."

"It is, it is!" he assented, intently. "And you will come to the cathedral-"

lesson; "come to me here at five o'clock, and-I will be ready."

He knelt on one knee, and taking

an oath. I have proved it, have I will wipe out the past, I will surpy! At five! Go now and lie down, dearest! You will need all your long and a swift one. A few hours which my love shall make one dream of happiness! Go, dearest! At five!

He led her to the door; she drew her hand from his hot, burning fingers, and pressed it on her forehead. then as she opened the door she turn-

"I will remember," she said. will be ready when you come!"

CHAPTER XXX.

Ten minutes after Lottie fell senseless beside the stone steps of the Palace Augustus, a slight, girlish figure which almost concealed her face, thin hands that hung limply at he

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the salutation with a gentle inclina-

As she was walking along in the

starlight, a strange feeling of peacefulness, that for all its serenity had something of elation in it, pervaded white face. Then, looking at him her. She had just come from visiting real wife! a child down with the fever, which is as characteristic of Naples as its bay, or its volcano, and the blessings which the mother of the little one had call-

> stars, she could bring herself to think of Blair with a feeling of forgiveness and tenderness which she had not, as yet, been capable of.

In this life he could never be her own again, never; but perhaps in that mysterious after-life toward which they were all drifting he would in he had loved her, even while sinning against her, she felt convinced; and silent streets, his face came before her, and his voice rose in her mentory with a strange distinctness. In Had Blair deserted her again? fancy she was back again at Leyton her spirit in the dark street, and illuminated it with a curious sadness that

murmured, looking up at the stars, very much as he had done about an hour before, "we shall never meet again here on earth, but who knows what may await us up there?"

Lottie huddled up in a scarcely distinguishable mass beside the doorway of the Augustus Palace; she stopped immediately, and kneeling beside the unconscious girl, spoke to her gently. ment of the heart, and raising her or I shall go mad! I tell you I can

Wake me! for Heaven's sake, wake lief being the fur lining of the hood ening the worn shawl and chafing the

lown the street.

Margaret beckoned to them. After a glance, they were keeping on their way; but she called to them, and hearing her voice their manner changed, and they hurried forward

"A poor girl who has fallen swoon," explained Margaret.

"Looks like dead, signorina," said the man, shrugging his shoulders Italian fashion. "Best fetch the police; dead people give trouble to the most innocent."

"Oh, no, no; she is not dead, in

deed!" said Margaret, earnestly. "That's not what you said when the signorina nursed you through the ague, ungrateful pig!" exclaimed the man's wife, with charming candor 'What shall we do, lady?"

"If I could get her somewhere ou of the street," said Margaret anxious-

"Like enough," said the man. "It's most popular complaint, lady!"

"I'll take her to our rooms, signor

ina," said the woman promptly. "Lift her, Tonelli!" The husband obeyed with half sul-

and Margaret, after dispatching the man to her house for wine and food and setting the woman to light a fire, threw her fur cloak over the girl, and

girl she had rescued, the woman who wrecked her life. There, lying motionless and senseless, was Blair's

She set the lamp down and stagger-"The signorina is tired and ill!

exclaimed the woman of the house gazing at her sympathetically. "Will not the signorina leave the girl to my To-night, as she looked up at the care, and go home to rest? You wear

"No, no!" said Margaret, fighting against the weakness which threatened to master her. "It-it is only little faintness. Is the fire all right? bring, and bring it up to me?"

The woman left the room, and Margaret once more bent over the un-

how came she to be lying in the street in rags, and evidently half-famished?

All the while she was pondering tion of these times, in all their glor- and life back, and presently the woious coloring of happiness, fell upon man of the house came up with the

Margaret succeeded in getting some through the white lips, and after while Lottie opened her eyes. They them, and she tried to raise herself upon her elbow, staring wildly at what in the east Lottie awoke. she took to be a vision.

"Do not move,' said Margaret, softly. "You are weak and ill. Drink some of this wine."

Lottie took the cup and drained it

At first she thought that the girl was "Give me anything to wake me from dead, but she detected a faint move- this dream. Do you hear? Wake me,

> "Try and keep quiet," said Margar et, soothingly; but at the sound of her

voice Lottie only grew more excited. What is it she says? I know I did it! I plead guilty, my lord! But it was not me only. Where is he? Where ! Austin Ambrose? He is worse than he who put me up to it-and now he leaves me to starve! Yes, he did! He. threatened me, told me that he'd have me charged, and that he'd swear he knew nothing about it. Where is Austin Ambrose? He is worse than I am my lord!"

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ed; but presently she started up with a cry of terror and clutched at Mar garet's arm.

"Blair! Blair!" she shrieked, and a to the floor, for she recognized in the could scarcely suppress a cry. "Blain will be killed! I heard them say so had dealt her the blow that had Quick! Find him-stop the fight! The prince will kill him. Blair is no match for him-I heard them say so. Oh for the love of Heaven, don't stand there doing nothing, but find them and stop them!"

The woman of the house crent the bed, and looking down curiously shrugged her shoulders

"She is English, lady, is she not

said Margaret, scarcely knowing what she answered. "Will you go for the to me at once?"

Lottie caught the word doctor, and raising herself on her elbow, held out her hand imploringly.

"Oh, never mind me!" she panted. "What does it matter about me? It's Blair-Blair you must save! Don't you believe me? I tell you I heard them talking about it before I fellwhere was it?" and she put her hand

Margaret sat beside the bed, with one of the girl's wasted, burning hands held tightly in her own.

She could not think-the meeting was too strange and mysterious to permit of her doing that-but she sat in a kind of dull stupor, even after the doctor had come and gone again. The night passed away, and morning dawned, and with the first streak

That she was no longer delirious was evident by her eyes, but she turned pale and started, as they fell upon

"It was no dream, then!" she said, in a low voice, covering her face with her hands. "It was really you who

"Yes, it was I," said Margaret, sadiv and shyly, for it came flashing upon her that this woman, after all, was Blair's wife. "I am glad you are beter. I will go now," and she rose, a

Lottie put out her hand. (To be Continued.)



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