

For Better or For tors were now chatting loudly with Worse."

CHAPTER XXVI. "I Want My Wife."

"Your wife!" ejaculated Osborne his face suddenly white, his lips drawn tightly. "You-you must be mad, Lashmore! That lady is Miss Eva Lyndhurst, Sir Talbot's daughter. Yes; you must be mad, must be the victim of some hallucination!" Herndale drew himself up and smiled contemptuously.

"It is evident that Mr. Osborne has solved the problem," he said, with a sneer. "This person is evidently out of his mind.'

other, as if he thought they were all joined in a conspiracy against him.

be now. Have you not had my letter?

almost calm. She, too, had at first for thinking that she was his wife. victim of as extraordinary a delus-

come away, but Eva would not do so. "Let me speak to him," she said.

your wife?"

everything when we are alone."

Again he made as if to take her in his arms. Eva shrank back with a faint cry of alarm. Herndale stepped saying quickly, as he did so:

"Take Miss Lyndhurst away!"

excitement; one or two ladies threatened hysterics. Herndale stood, with his arms folded, looking at Lashmore with an affectation of tolerant con-

"Who is this person?" he demand

Lashmore put Osborne aside and egarded the other man steadily. "I am Lord Herndale," he said very uietly, but so distinctly that every

ne heard the words. Herndale's pale face was distorted

"I think that settles the matter," he said. "The man is mad." With shrug of his shoulders, he turned and

"Come out of this, Lashmore," said Osborne; and to Osborne's surprise borne to take him outside. Withou word Osborne called a cab, almo now and then at the bent figure of the man who crouched in the chair as if overwhelmed and utterly broken up;

at last he said very gravely: "I am waiting for your explanation, Lashmore. Here! drink this, and for God's sake pull yourself to-

with an unsteady hand; his throa was parched, every vein in his body

"She is my wife," he said hoarsely. "I left her at Quirapata-we were married near there! Heaven, how "There is some terrible mistake." Her can I keep calm! I am cruelly found it difficult to speak; then she cruelly wronged in this world. I tell drew herself from her aunt's support, you she is my wife! I met her in father's place, Ripley Court-I told "I am Eva Lyndhurst You know her there that I loved her. I was Lashmore's passion rose again, not ask her to marry me-I went to "Eva! Can it really be you speaking make my fortune. It was agreed bevoice, that if I were blind I should wished to do so. She came; we were married-were"-his voice choked and broke for a moment-"were happy together. She was broken-hearted

> when we parted. I mean, when I Osborne stared at him with wonder

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and sinks to nothing beside the other." He drew a long breath. "I want my wife!"

The words, quietly spoken as the ooking steadily into his bloodshot eyes, said:

oata for her. Miss Eva Lyndhurst is speak! Listen to me for two minutes say that she is not your wife. And Lashmore, don't you see, don't you realize, that Eva Lyndhurst is th woman I love?"

Lashmore started and glowered at

him fiercely. and out there in South Africa at the

"There is some hideous mistake," he you think a man doesn't know his own wife?"

"I should say he would, that h must," assented Osborne; "but-hold on, hear me out!-take the circum been brooding, longing for her; you have been obsessed, as many a ma is, when he is madly in love with a half-light-Lady Lorchester's lights are always shaded with those stupic jump to the conclusion that she is your wife. You get excited, and lose must not speak of her.

Eva Lyndhurst, Sir Talbot Lynd hurst's daughter. My wife did not to name!" he said. "By Heaven! it's a sane trick; in fact, I don't think

een out of England. I have spent nours in her society-why, I have

"And I say that she is my wife, that I left her at Quirapata!"

Osborne uttered an exclamation. have it!" he cried. "We can soo settle the matter!"

"Cable to your wife, asking if she there, at home, at Quirapata, O

and Lashmore, with an unstead "Are you well?-Harry."

And gave Osborne's address. They left the office, and Osborne linked his arm in Lashmore's, and led

him to Trafalgar Square. "Let's keep in . the cool a little while," he said, "I feel as if I were walking on my head. We won't say all the sympathy I'm capable of. Naturally, I hate that man. Herndale, and it would be a happy hour for me

mind on the subject, told him of Mr.

"Levison! Of course!" said Osborne. "He came to me; it was through me that he found my Uncle George. Why, Lashmore, I'm delighted to find that I've got a hand in this, that I have been of some slight service to you. I hope to heaven I can be of more! What a small world it is! No wonder you and I were drawn

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"Levison thinks so," replied Lashmore. "There is no doubt in my mind or his. But it will be a hard

Osborne was silent for a moment or two; then he said thoughtfully: "I am not so sure. Levison hinted shady about our friend Herndalesay, that is the name I ought to call

"Not yet," said Lashmore gravely. 'I have not established my right to i

"If there is anything shady in the

"I will go home now," said Lash-

night deny her name, though she myself in your place, and I know exyour shoes; mad enough to do any inboth be the better for each other's

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"Tanks." I saw them for the first ti 14th of September, And mist of dawn gave them stra tours-made them stand ou

the trenches like fantastic vian beasts. They were truly monster sters made of armour plat roughly painted over with daubs of paint which, wh from a distance, fused int nts that harmonised with wide steel links gripped and transported the trav across marshes, trenches holes. The small turrets each side were armed with ing guns. The interior cages and the crew enclo as in submarines were in one could hear the muffled of powerful engines and fee breath coming from the of the monsters in spirals vapour, reeking of petr

vanished in the air. The Tanks, also known pillars" were rolling towar tle field, breaking throu formed by miles of barbed up and down hillocks with ing ease. Long, low and with the crude colourings earthenware, they bore a semblance to caterpillars: man-eating caterpillars wi crawl slowly on the slimy

ng bodies and smashing The sun shone through t al mist, bathing the chaotic of burnt woods, ruined vi fields turned into endless vivid red light. I looked undulating line of valleys prairies and fancied that of the Tanks covered the im tle field and stretched out, menacing, until it reached and settled on Bapaume! Liquid fire, asphixiating ga

matory gas. The Germ tists invented the most cowardly weapons for use of tle field. Like diabolical they enclosed deadly fumes

