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ng man, succred provokingly as he re-crued her gaze. He shrugged his boulders as he answered readily and idly, though with a slight foreign 'Upon my word, you really are ver; eautiful, Lola. I'm not a bit surprised that other men fall in love with you.
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my wife already, of course." He ended
with a laugh that might have marked

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any phase of feeling, but there was a threat veiled in the light tone of the question which followed, "And what "I care not what then." was the answer, spoken with angry emphasis. "I know what you mean, and I care nothing. You mean that you will add informer to your other characters and try to send my father to the galleys. The same chivalry which let you live on me urges you to whip me with a fear for my father's safety. Would to heaven I had dared you at the first and never put this cursed fetter on my life." She was playing nervously with her wedding ring as she spoke.

Her husband eyed her curiously with-

out letting any sign of annoyance at her words appear and replied with the air of one who is merely balancing the pros and cons of a given course: "I wonder if I did make a mistake with you when I stopped you going on the boards. A speech like that to the gods ought to draw many pounds a week to any house. You want a triffe week to any nouse. You want a triffe more gesture. If you're going to say it again, either hold up the 'fetter' and flaunt it in my face or dash it on the ground. The gallery likes gesture. Don't forget. But you'd better not rehearse here because the rock is not very wide and if you chuck mach of your wide, and if you chuck much of your wide, and if you chuck much of your jewelry about some of it's pretty sure to roll down into the gorge, and what goes over there won't come up again. But there! What's the need for me to

doubt your powers of acting? Haven't I seen you lead a dozen men on—aye, and to the very verge—only for us to use 'em up in the end? You're a born actress, Lola, with limitations and in a cer-"I'll act no longer, then," returned go your way. I'll go mine."

"And your father can go his eh?
Poor old chap. You're very hard on
him Lola, very hard indeed. To send him to the galleys in that way, and at his age too.''
His cold, sneering indifference goaded her almost beyond the point of endurance, but she fought down her rage. "I have come out here to tell you that this kind of life must end. I''-"And a devilish uncomfortable place

you've chosen,' he said, interrupting her and laughing. "Here we are on a lonely crag, with these villainous fir trees on one side and a sheer dip right down to the bottom of the ravine on the other and a sky that looks as though nothing short of a miracle could stop in ending down buckets of rain inside five minutes. I wish you'd be a bit thoughtful. If you want to do an uncomfortable thing, you might at least choose a comfortable place to do it in. Look here! Let us go to some hotel and have it all out there quietly over a bottle of wine."
"I know what you mean by all this. You think to sneer me out of my present mood. I mean to speak here and now. I came here on purpose."
"What! Here up on this infernally

bleak Devil's rock, stuck right in the middle of the Schwarzwald? What rubbish, Lola! Do be consistent. Why, when the train started this morning we had not an inkling that we should be brought to a standstill at this roadside station, with three hours to wait for the next train, so you couldn't have come on purpose, as any fool can see."
"When I knew we had to stop so

long, I resolved to bring you here to say what I had to say."
"All right," was the answer, and the husband glanced round as if resigning himself to an uncomfortable experience. "Devilish dramatic surroundings and devilish dangerous, too," he mut-tered, glaucing over the side of the rock into the abyss that yawned below, some 200 or 300 feet down. "Might be devilish convenient, too, if you wanted to get rid of an uncomfortable friend. Well, wife, wife, go on," he said, sitting down on a point of the rock and looking round to shrug his shoulders again and smile. "You've brought me to the dismal depth of a Swiss wood in order to thrill me with a terrible tale of defiance. Very well; thrill away. He seemed determined to make light of the interview and to mock his com-panion's indignation and emotion. But

he watched her all the time, despite his assumed indifference, with lynx eyed vigilance.
"I repeat, this life shall end," she cried, after a moment's pause, bursting into quick, vehement, emotional utterance. "Shall end, do you hear? I will be your decey no more-your slaveyour tool. I will no longer lure men in-to the meshes of the net your cruel hands spread for their ruin. You and I shall part. Do you hear, part, now and

ing, looking at her with his head a lit-tle on one side and his eyes half closed. "All right. Goodby," he said at length, turning away to whistle.
"What, not gone yet?" he added after a pause in a tone of surprise. "Pray ther sat in close consultation in the old the sat in close consultation in the old

as necessary to you as your beauty is to
me. There was never any other bond
between us and never will be probably,
but you can't break it. And you must own that I've done well for you. You live on the best of the land; you've never staid at any but the best hotels; you spend what you like on dress; you spend what you like on dress;

grimly, "I'd have had him found by those who'd have made sure he was "He is dead, father, never fear. I tel. you I went back and staid at the hotel

close to the place for ten days, making cautious inquiries everywhere. If he had escaped, I must have heard of it." The old man was silent a moment, muttering and mumbling and shaking "But you don't know it, Lola. You

haven't found his carcass."
"Well, he is dead to me at any rate. Our paths shall never lie side by side again. He never held me at all, as you know, save for my fear for you. I am not afraid of such a thing as that." She tossed her head with a gesture of

to yield any amount of gold, and if I know love in a fat fool's face when I caress and shook his head with a half see it he's mad on you and he'll give half his wealth if only you give me the "You ought to be glad I'm going to die at last, Lola," he continued. "I've been an unconscionable time over it "Stop!" cried the woman hotly.
"May I rot if ever I move a finger to but that fool of a Dr. Lubin says I can' help you again. If you want to rob men, go and do it like other thieves. Be at least a man and don't skulk be Be at least a man and don't skulk behind my petticoats. I'll never speak to living, I should like to know, caged up in a hole like this, and in bed, and not hind my petticoats. I'll never speak to that German again, I swear."

The man turned a shade pale now and bit his lip. Then he swore under his fair mustache, and his voice was no longer steady when he spoke. He began to fear that she was in earnest and this made him angry.

"I will make you do what I wish,"

"I will make you do what I wish," "I will make you do what I wish," he said, and he laid his hand on her apart over there, I expect," he added, with a smile that made his wrinkled

features inexpressibly ugly. Lola said nothing. She shook it off with a toss of contempt.
"Bah! Do you think I am afraid of "I hope you don't think I'm going to make a fool of myself about dying," he you?" she cried. "Do you think I have ever done what you wished because I said querulously, noticing her manner "You wouldn't have me turn whit feared anything you could do to me? You poor, conceited fool. I'm no more afraid of you than of a rat!" And she livered and send for a pack of priests laughed derisively.

At this all the color left his face with

rage. He gripped her wrist firmly and held it while, with a threatening brow, he said in a voice harsh with anger, "Unsay that at once or your father "I have made no plans yet, father. I have only thought so far that you and I would be much happier together now."
"Then it's time you did think, that's "You coward!" she cried, and, stung by the words and the gesture into a paroxysm of rage, she raised the light umbrella she was carrying and struck him with all her force across the face while wrenching her wrist from his all. Your face and form are good enough to win you half a kingdom if

> don't try to go too fast."
> "I don't want to tulk of myself." "I don't care what you want," was no testy reply. "I do, and I mean to. Listen. Drop the name of that infernal scoundrel and act as though that part of your life had never been lived. Play beautiful ingenue. Be my daughter, Lola Crawshay, once more, and as soon as I'm dead do what those cursed relatives of mine would never let me dogo back to England. They'd have stopped my allowance if I'd gone back, but when ing orphan—probably dressed for the part, mind—they'll take you in as sure-

ly as you will them. I've written a letter for you to the only one among 'ewho ever showed she had a heart, old Mrs. Villyers, and if you play your cards as my child ought to you'll make her home yours and her introductions be the means of starting your campaign. She's so deadly dull and religious that the world will cash her intro luctions at sight to any amount just a banks will Rothschild's checks. I've you'd probably run away from that brute as soon as I was in my coffin, and I've written down here a list of all your eligible relatives, with such hints as

The girl stamped upon the man's white, strained fingers. in his surprise and dismay at the blow he stumbled hastily back, and, losing his footing, slipped over the edge. As he fell he managed to catch with one hand at the ledge of the rock and remained hanging by one hand over the dark, deadly abyss. For an instant he hung thus, looking up at her, his face sak white and wet with fear and rage, while he made frantic efforts to get a hold with his

other hand. Before he could do this, however, the girl, mad with the rage he had stirred in her, raised her foot and stamped her heel with all her force upon the man's white, strained fingers. He uttered a loud, sharp cry of pain, and, unable to retain his hold, disappeared over the face of the rock. It happened so suddenly that the young wife stood gazing at the place where he had fallen like one dazed

with horror. But it was only for an instant. Then she drew herself up and raised her head as if with an instinct of defiance.

She waited some time and listened. Then she bent forward and called to him, 'Pierre, Pierre!" and she was pleased when no answer came. Lying down at full length, she tried to look down into the gorge, but a slightly projecting breast of the cliff prevented her from seeing to the bottom. Finding that, she moved away and went to another spot and tried to get a glimpse of the place into which he had fallen. She thought she could see him lying far down below, but the light was thickening with the growing storm, and she was not certain. But she made no effort to get help, and, when she had waited until the time came for her to leave, in order to catch the 'rain at the station she walked away

quickly. She was glad and her heart was for always. I will be no wife of yours beating with an infinite pleasure that the future, and if I can avoid it, so the man who had gloomed and ruled the man who had grouned as and deadened her young life was dead.

He had been too hard a taskmaster for her not to be thrilled with a sease when she ceased waited before answer-with his head a lift.

er a pause in a tone of surprise. "Pray don't stop on my account. Any show of politeness between us would be such a superfluity of foolish pretense." And he resumed his whistling.

Presently he stopped and, getting up, went close to her and spoke in a different tone, seriously and directly:

"Look here, Lola! Don't make a fool of yourself. You can't leave me. You know that well enough. My silence is as necessary to you as your beauty is to

tumble over cliffs, and yet the devil finds a soft place somewhere for them to fall. If I'd been there,' he added

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hear of him again," she added.
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The girl rose impulsively at this, and taking her father's hand kissed it and then kissed his face and smoothed some men do—but don't let 'em lead you over the Rubicon. This German pig that of the white locks which had strayed down from under his skullcap over his we're stalking now may be the last we need trouble about. He's rich enough He suffered rather than enjoyed the

and pretend to wipe out all the record of a full life well lived and well enjoyed with the cant of half an hour! Psh! Butthere! That'll do about myself. I'm thinking more about you. What will you do?"

you only use them properly, and your pluck—well, it's as stanch as mine. You'll go far if you choose. Only mind



ting round them. I've no money to give you except a few bank notes, but I can give you a family, child, as good as any way with them you're not my child."
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