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"The Princess Florenza!" repeats Lord Cecil grandiloquently. "What a splendid title for a romance, isn't it, Carrie?" "The Princess Florenza!" says the at-tache. "Really! Lady Ferndale is for-tunate to have secured the great mys-very over which we are all exciting our-selves." "The armitic and the secured and cheese "Yes" and a leame to tell you that the "Yes: and leame to tell you that the

"Yes?" asks the countess, serenely, "Tesl" askouther, Lord Kenworth. We are in total ignorance of all that is going on is town, whereas you are just fresh from the gay city. Enlighten our darkness! Who is the Princess Floren-"Ah, if I could tell you that, Lady Fitz-Harweod, I should reekon myster a remarkably well-informed individual. She is, as I said, a mystery. No plished—""And an adventuress," puts in the "And an adventuress," puts in the

Philippa, who has a taste for romance, and eyes Lord Kenworth with calm in-terest. "In this, Miss Harrington, that al-hough she is well introduced no one

"In this, Miss Harrington, that al-though she is well introduced no one knows whence she really comes, or to whom she belongs. Some say she is the daughter of an Italian prince—one of the Romanos of Florence,—others that her people are of the ancient Polish ne-gime. At any rate no one disputes her claim to the title."

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that suffice

But Philippa is all agog. "And I suppose this princess is very beautiful, Lord Kenworth?"

Lord Cecil laughs. "That serves you right, Carrie! I felt sure Kenworth would retaliate with a compliment. But go on, Ken." "I don't know that there is any more to say," he responds.

efore he starts, sir? The earl laughs. "Yes; and I came to tell you that the uncheon-bell rang a quarter of an hour

"Mad an adventuress," puts in the And-so, with general laughter, they untess, gently.

"Ohn an auventuries, pars and an auventuries, draws the gray domino round her slim form. It is the night of Lady Ferndale's fancy ball, and the Harwood party are

voice as low as his, and with a sudden light in her eyes. "Do you thick I am likely to forget it? What a wretched-happy, miserable-delicious night it was? I wonder whether you will ever under-stand how my heart sank when I came down the little stairs at home and saw you in your slippers! I had so counted upon your going? Cecil, I came very near to hating you at that moment!" He laughs, and, under pretence of try-ing on the black mask, just touches her check with a lover's kiss.

piness, turns toward him with a smile. "I beg your pardon, Lord Kenworth, that band again my hair will could be the stairs with her black who descends the stairs with her black of reposeful ease which is a neutr-r forgive either you or me—I can feel it tottering already." Thus adjured, Lord Ceel sinks into e hammock-chair and leans back with an air of intense enjoyment. No stery of a mysterious princess is near to his hand; he can see and touch her, and that suffices.

only to be expected to put in an appear an γ , remain for an hour, and then be all lowed to return, post-haste, to his be loved dispatch-boxes.

Lord Cecil wears the dress of a Nor-nan troubadour, and looks with his beautiful. Lord Kenworth?" Lord Kenworth is in the diplomatic service, and has learn this much of his art; that it is the worst of all possible politeness to praise one woman't beau-ty before others of her own sex; so he shrugs his shoulders. "She has that reputation," he says, with such a guarded air that Carrie laughs, and even the countess smiles. "Admit," says Carrie, 'that she is a vision of loveliness, Lord Kenworth; I see you think so." "I may have done so, Miss Carrie," he says, with a little pointed bow. Lord Ceeil laughs. "That serves you right, Carrie! I felt sure Kenworth word retainte with a compliment. But go on, Ken." "Do you remember the fuse And worry.

es droop. "Yes, oh, yes, very much." "And I hope you will enjoy this," says

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tude." Then they alight and enter the hall, brilliantly lit, and crowded with a mat-ley mob in a variety of costumes. The lights, the music floating toward them from the ball-room and the inces-sant passing to and fro of gorgeously livered servants, cofuse Carrie for a moment, and her little hand closes with a under tightness on Lord Coel's arm. moment, and her little hand closes with a sudden tightness on Lord Cecil's arm. He returns the little pressure reasur-ingly, and looks down at her with his calm, loving glance: he likes her all the better for her freshness and unsophisti-cation, and even the sudden shyness that sweeps over her has its distinct charm for him. "What a wonderful scene. Cecil." she 'What a wonderful scene, Cecil," she

whispers, looking round cagerly. "It is like fairy-land, like a wild dream of all like fairy-land, like a wild dream of all sorts of historic personages, places, and periods revived! Where are we going now?" for he leads her toward a door-way at the end of the hall, through which the guests are passing in and out. The Harwood party has become sep-arated and broken up in a minute, and they two are left behind. "We must go and make our respects to Lady Ferndale; she will be in the anteroom," he savs.

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"She would be," answers Lord Kenworth, "but she will not permit here see in London?" says Philippa.
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but I warn Lord Kenworth that if the princess does not prove very wonderful and extraordinary, I shall, for one, to bitterly disappointed." "I also," ays Lord Cecil. "But I think we can trust Lord Kenworth: he has seen too many wonderful people to rake false hopes. But isn't it rither strange, Ken, that you, who have never met this striking personage?" he adds, carelessly. "No," replied Lord Kenworth. "She has been living in strict privacy until she came to London. But talk of going all cover the words have mere met to words. How one?" "Do you think you will know me?"

adds, carelessly. "No," replied Lord Kenworth, "She has been living in strict privacy until she came to London. But talk of going all over the world, here comes my mus-ter," he says, as the carl is scena p-proaching the group with a well-worn dispatch-box. "I wonder whither I and bound for now-Paris, St. Petersburg, Romer." "Neigher," says the earl, who has

danger, bein by the car.

"No, Lady Fitz-Harwood. I don't think that is it. She refused one or two good offers—to my knowledge." The countess smiles. "And your knowledge. Lord Kenworth is comprehensive and unimpeachable." "Why, mother, we are all learning to turn compliments," says Lord Cecil. "Then-then," says Philippa, whose "Then-then," says Philippa, whose curiosity is still unsatisfied.—'then why is such a fuss made about her?" "Because she is a remarkable person-age," replies the attache. "There is something about her?." "Oh, come, Ken?" from Lord Cecil, accompanied by a ripple of incredulous langhter from the rest. "They says," goes on Lord Ken-worth, with admirable gravity, "that her style is perfect, and that though her toffet is simplicity itself it is in its way a masterpiece." "Wonderful woman!" exclaims Lord Cecil, stretching his long legs. "And we are to meet this moderm mys

the three witches in 'Macbeth.'' ''To say nothing of the princess,'' re-marks Philippa, dryly. Lord Cecil laughs. ''I had nearly forgotten the great mysterv.''

"But I had not," said Carrie. "I am looking forward to seeing her most anx-iously. I wonder whether she will be as beautiful as Lord Kenworth evidently considers her. We shall see!"

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