readily:

"It was but an early fancy, and such things die. They have not met in two years; they shall never meet again."

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custing its way through the clouds; far up on the hill-top flamed the lights of the castle.

"Oh, Ged of the sorrowful, save me, though it be by death!" she cried again, bending her head until it lay on the sill of the window.

As she prayed thus, a sudden sheet of lightning rent the darkness, following the glare came crashing reverberations of thunder.

The whole world seemed to quiver under the light, to reck and reel under the thunder; then fierce, howling winds tore

"You have dared?" began the old man angrily.

"The utterly miserable dare all things," was the low reply. "Yes, I told him of my Bertrand—my lover, whom you sent from me. He only laughed; that laugh was arnel and mocking, it slew my last hope, for I, a poor, weak girl, can find no strength to combat 'two merciless men, Does not the sunset glow look like your child's blood to you to-night, my father?"

With a muttered erectation, Vincent Ray flung down the curtain, shutting out the crimeson of the dying day.

"I forbade you to mention Bertrand Leslie" he oried. "The beggar, who dared ask me for your band! the empty handed nephew of Lord Errol, who could discbeyed me, and told your folly?"

"It told Lord Errol that I loved Bertwand; to you, who sacrifice me without scruple, I owe, know no duty. Now if you will leave me, I will rest."

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With a frown the old man left her, perhaps some remorse was gnawing at his."

And he was right. Two years later Inex became the wile of Bertrand, Lord Errol; who dided.

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The man to whom. Vincent Ray had promised his daughter on the morrow, was tall and swarthy, with flashing restless eyes, isopetunus lijes, which could take very oruel ourves, but never become genute; a low brow, with stiff masses of black hair above it, and brawny, restless hands.

Such men have hidden in mountainpasses, waiting for the belated traveler who had gens or gold; such men have never loved happily; yel, a love fierce as that of the ultrue for the dove was seething in the veins of Lord Errol for Inex Ray, as he stood before her father, his dark face attred, his flashing eyes glesming like unsheathed rapiers in the lamp-light.

"You told me your daughter, had loved no man," he said, without a word of greeting: "you gaid she was but abyatimid bride, who could be won to love her husband. To-day, she prayed me to husband. To-

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Vincent Ray turned cold, remembering what Inez had said:

"Will it not seem a grave to you that pale of ancient architecture, where your child will be buried?"

But it was too late to draw back now; so he rang for wine, and ast long over it with his guest, who quaffed gobies after goblet, as the Persians did nightly in ancient times.

It was late when Lord Errol mounted his flery hunter, and atorm-cloud were piling in the sky. His face was fushed with the wine he had drank, and as he bade his host good-bye he laughed ringingly.

"Greet my fair bride in the morning, and say to her that love has never so guarded or cherished as mine shall her. Good night."

Inex, from her window above, heard the loud voice, the harsh laughter, and her very lips turned white.

As the hunter bore his master rapidly through the darkness toward the coastle lights on the hill, the calm of her face was broken, and hot tears flowed over it. She clasped her hands suddenly, and held them toward the darkneed sky, "Oh, my Father, save me!" she cried. "I was afflicted with rheumatism, and had drent processed we!"

Through the silence she could hear the hoof beats, ringing and sear; a jagged lance of lightning played in the seast, cutting its way through the clouds; far up on the hill-top flamed the lights of the castle.

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